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(above) Emily and George (Mackenzie Martin and Aidan Murphy) find a connection in "Our Town". Photos by Michaela Pereira

Although still months and a few snowstorms away, Spring is in full bloom in Rahway High School's theater department thanks to the creative efforts of Theater Director Jensyn Modero. Beginning with her successful production of Thorton Wilder's "Our Town" which premiered on December 2, 2016 at Hamilton Stage, 'Ms. Mo' has fashioned a season of student performances based in great part "on people connecting with other people." The most recent was her Theater I students' presentation February 8 of "Check, Please" during Cabaret Night at RHS. Modero boasts that the performance went "better than planned" and that the audience "enthusiastically connected to the contemporary

Submitted by: Rob Kinch

'Ms. Mo's' choice of theme is firmly rooted in her belief that "there is a need for people to feel wanted and connected to others in today's world where technology alienates rather than unites." Variations on this theme are further explored as she provides her Theater II students, as part of a Spring project, with a special opportunity to design, produce and direct, as well as act in, a trio of plays. Students will display their versatile theatrical talents on May 19 and 20 at 7:00 in a Showcase Performance at RHS when they present abridged versions of "Steel Magnolias", "Barefoot In The Park" and "Penguin Tango." To

style of the writing."



Photos by Joseph Mudrak.

(above) Jim Ligon lights the fire of creativity in Theater II students.

further support and guide the students in their efforts Mr. Stephen Svoboda, playwright of "Penguin Tango", has offered to come and work directly with the students on preparing for the world premier high school performance of his play right here in 'our town', Rahway.

In preparation for their assuming all the creative roles which comprise the total theatrical experience, students are currently being given the opportunity to challenge their imaginations through the creation of their own original plays. Once again, their teacher has secured the talents of yet another expert in his field, Playwright / Actor / Director Jim Ligon of Writer's Theater of New Jersey, to assist them in putting their ideas down on paper. Mr. Ligon has graciously offered his services for a four day 'residency' at the high school to work with the students as they essay the role of playwrights.

After completing their first two classes under Mr. Ligon's guidance, students were in agreement that his help was, at the very least, invaluable! He continues, "When we talk about what makes them angry or sad or happy, what moves them, where their curiosity lies, the answers are as unique and individual as they are, and it empowers them to express themselves in ways they've not considered before."

Ms. Modero and her Theater II class proudly invite the entire Rahway community to join them at Hamilton Stage on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 for a staged reading of students' original plays performed by professional actors! The love the students have for their craft will be obvious to all who share in the evening's performance, a perfect complement to this season's theme!







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We are excited about our new partnership with NJEA and the Sustainable Jersey movement. Our district wide "Green Team", supported by the Superintendent and the Board of Education, is a "grassroots" effort that will grow as it provides positive health and environmental impacts for our students, staff, and community.

With this contribution NJEA has provided

\$500,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. "NJEA is proud to continue to work with Sustainable Jersey on this important program that directs resources into our schools," said NJEA Secretary-Treasurer Sean Spiller. "It is our job to help create a new generation of engaged citizens and leaders. By emphasizing the value of sustainability, we also help ensure that we leave a better world for our students." In addition to the grant funding, NJEA supports Sustainable Jersey for Schools as a program underwriter.

"Sustainable Jersey grantees help advance our continued goal to create a more sustainable New Jersey and world," said Donna Drewes, co-

\$500,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. "NJEA is proud to continue to work with Sustainable Jersey on this important program that directs resources into our director of Sustainable Jersey. "We look forward to the innovative projects and work that these schools and school districts will accomplish and we will share the tools, models and activities with other schools across the state."

Proposals were judged by an independent Blue Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

The Rahway Schools project will involve both waste reduction and energy savings. This grant will allow us to install high efficiency hand dryers in all large student lavatories in all six schools. This replacement of paper towels will dramatically reduce paper usage and provide a more sanitary environment.

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS:

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CITY OFFICES WERE HOUSED IN MANY LOCATIONS UNTIL 1982

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

From the time of our city's incorporation (1858), city offices had been housed in a variety of buildings wherever and whenever office space became available. Although the need for a city hall building was discussed many times over the next 130 years, a structure purposely built as a city hall did not become a reality until 1982. The movement of city hall offices from one location to another is an interesting story and is part of Rahway's history.

To begin, one must go back to March 12, 1858, when the New Jersey State Legislature granted incorporation papers to the City of Rahway. A month later, on April 19, the citizens of Rahway went to the polls and elected city officials. Edward R. Rogers was elected to serve as the first mayor. The initial meetings of council were held in Washington Hall, an old, three-story building that was built before the Revolutionary War. It was located on Main Street just south of the corner of Monroe. How long the council met in Washington Hall or if any city offices were ever located there is not documented.

The first building to actually be referred to as "city hall" was another old building (circa 1760) located on the corner of Main and Bridge Streets. City officials would meet at this site until 1867. Forty-five years later, in 1912, the structure was razed to make way for the elevation of the railroad tracks.

In 1867, a brand new three-story structure was being built on the corner of Main and Monroe to serve as the new home of the Rahway Savings Institution, and city officials were offered the opportunity to move into office space on the second floor. The Rahway Savings building would serve the city well, but in 1912 discussions began concerning the issue of raising funds to build a new city hall. Rahway's mayor at the time, Thomas A. Fyffe, had stated, "The need for a city hall is acknowledged by all and the lack of one is a matter to be deplored." The wheels of government turn slowly, however, and by the time adequate property became available, the country was engaged in World War I, upsetting the financial resources available to the city. At the same time, conditions in the bank were becoming cramped and rent was high, so a search was made for a new home. City officials did not have to look far. Right next door to the bank was a recently vacated dry goods store that had been owned by the Gries brothers. In early 1918, the brothers had moved to larger quarters on Cherry Street making their former location available. City offices were immediately moved in and would remain there until 1932.

Mayor Adolph Ulbrich, in his State of the City Address given in January, 1930, advocated plans for a city hall that would include police and fire departments. Everyone on council knew the plan had merit, but they also realized "This was not the time." The country was in the throes of the Depression and Rahway was suffering through its own period of financial crisis. In 1932 a development took place that would once again influence the relocation of city offices. The Citizens' National Bank, which had been located in the Woodruff Building on the corner of Irving and Lewis merged with their neighbors from across the street, the Rahway National Bank. The vacated Citizen's Bank was newer, had more room and also housed a large safe which would be ideal for securing city records. City offices quickly moved into the Woodruff Building, their 5th home. It wasn't the home everyone dreamed of, but it would suffice until the financial picture changed. The building would serve as city hall for the next seven years.

By 1940, Mayor John E. Barger formed a committee to meet with the Board of Education to decide the fate of the old high school building on Campbell Street. The school, built in 1909, was to be vacated after June as



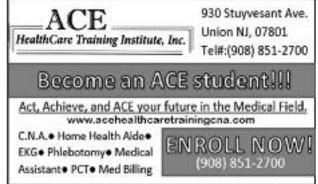
(above) Many can still remember the Rahway City Hall when it was located in the former high school building on Campbell Street. After city offices left in 1982, the building was converted into condominiums.

classes would be moving into a brand new high school on Madison Avenue. The move to Campbell Street seemed logical and prudent. Walls were cut through and partitions put in place changing former classrooms into department offices. The auditorium would serve as council chambers. The police department would be moved into the six room annex directly behind the building. By October, the city offices were moving into the former school.

The new home served the community well, but it was an older building and within ten years maintenance bills began to mount. It was estimated that modernization of the interior and structural needs to the exterior could reach \$25,000. By 1958, the centennial year of the city, a master plan for the city was drawn up that called for a new building that would include a city hall, a police department, an auditorium that would include recreational facilities, a library, and a public works garage. It was quite prophetic that the proposed site was listed as the corner of Main Street and Milton Avenue, just opposite the Methodist Church.

The city now had a master plan, but there would be little serious discussion concerning a "Civic Center" or even a new city hall until the late 1960s. In the election of 1969, a new mayor, Daniel L. Martin, was elected who strongly believed the city had to have new facilities, including a new city hall, police department, and fire headquarters. Considering the history of this topic over the past 110 years, the path forward would not be easy. In the period from late 1974 through early 1979, over thirty votes were taken by council on issues involving the new complex. Added to the debates in council, the Rahway Taxpayers Association opposed the project and petitioned against it. When the smoke cleared, however, the project went forward and ground was broken on April 28, 1979 ending 122 years of dreaming, debating, and delaying. A formal dedication was held on Saturday, June 26, 1982, finally giving the citizens of Rahway an actual city hall/police department complex of which they could point to with pride.









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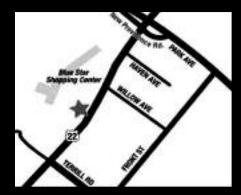
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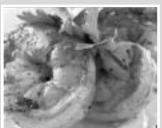
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Anthony Service, Rahway High School Class of 2016, has enlisted in the United States Air Force and graduated from Basic Military Training (BMT) in November 2016. He will be graduating on March 20, 2017 from Security Forces (Tech School) at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio Texas. He is an Auxiliary Police Officer for the City of Rahway and is looking forward to starting a career in law enforcement. Anthony will be stationed in the middle east in the spring of 2017 and is serving his country proud. His family is very proud of him and supports his decisions to serve our country and community.

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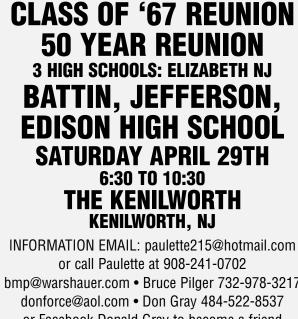
The Blue and Gold Club at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway collected 46 coats for their annual coat drive. Students that are a part of this school based club, volunteer their time throughout the year to organize and take part in various projects to help their community.

The coats were delivered to Jersey Cares, an organization which helps people in New Jersey. This is the 20th year that Jersey Cares has collected coats. This year, they plan to collect and distribute more than 35,000 "gently used" winter coats to men, women, and children in need throughout New Jersey. Over the past twenty years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted and distributed more than 500,000 coats to New Jersey residents through their annual drive. Companies, churches, fire departments, police stations, schools and other organizations set up sites across the state to collect coats. Coats are then delivered by collection site representatives to the nearest container site. Volunteers then sort the donated coats at the container site and bag them for pick-up, after which nonprofit organizations pick up their coats and distribute them to people in need. For more information about Jersey Cares, check out jerseycares.org.



(above) Blue and Gold Club members, Kaitlyn Dobson and Paola Lopez. These girls did a great job. They were very helpful in assisting with the collection and delivery of the coats.





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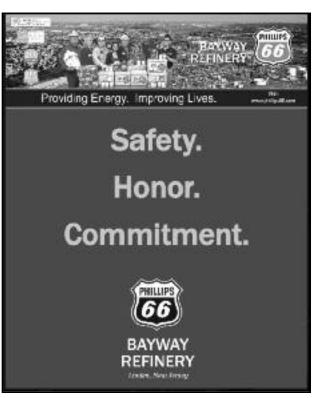
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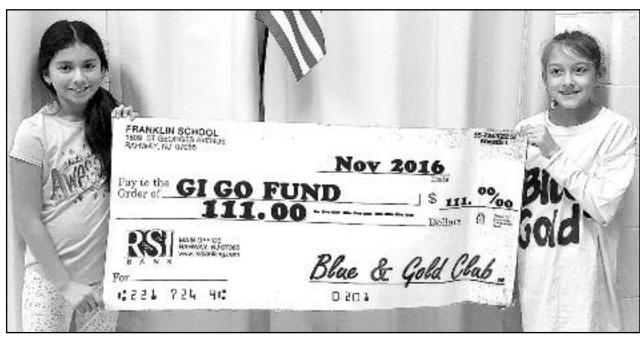
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THINK TANK

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As part of the Little Hats, Big Hearts program, babies born at Trinitas during the week of February 7 received a red knitted or crocheted hat, and a kit full of heart-healthy information for mom and baby. The kit includes tips on raising healthy children, heart-healthy workouts that can be done at home, recipes, and information on congenital heart defects.

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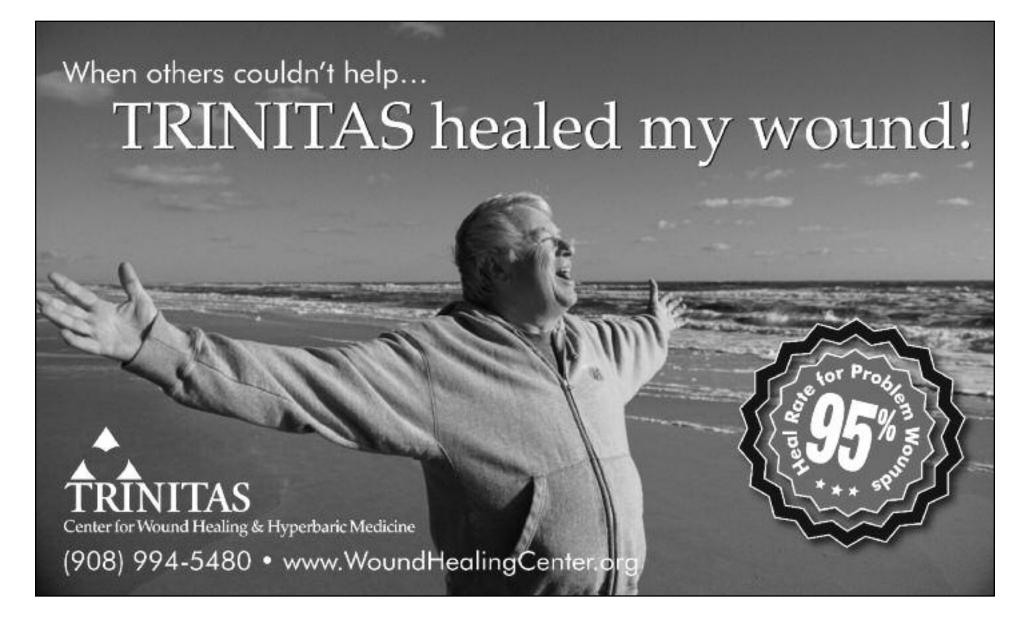
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(above) Babies born at Trinitas in February will receive a red knitted or crocheted hat, and a kit full of heart-healthy information for mom and baby!







RAHWAY GARDEN CLUB

Join us at our next meeting

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AFRICAN VIOLETS

African Violets have long been the most popular flowering houseplants in the country and will continue to maintain this distinction far into the future. African Violets are not actually violets but are a genus (species) "Saintpaulia" related to Gloxinia, originally from Kenya and Tanzania, Africa.

One reason for its popularity is its ability to flower in indirect light and easy care. African violets are short plants with rounded or slightly pointed leaves with flower stalks emerging from the center. Flower colors range from white, pink, red, purple and blue with a yellow center. There is also a creeping variety which is less well known. Flowers have five single petals although now double flower are available as well as fringed and multi-colors varieties which seem to be created every day. Even variegated leaves of white and green can easily be found.

The abundant flowers bloom well with indirect sunlight all year long which help make African violets as popular as they are. They also prefer modern indoor temperatures of around sixty five degrees which is ideal. Most houseplants prefer cooler temps at night. Additionally a fully mature plant only requires a three to six inch pot making them ideal for window ledges, shelves or coffee tables. All these traits make African violets perfect flowering houseplants plant for almost everywhere in an apartment or house with enough indirect or good artificial light.

Considered an easy to care for plant, it is important to remember that African violets come from a warm climate. Water them with room





(above) President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995. Visit 'Keane Gardener' blog at: keanegardener.blogspot.com

temperature water. Cold water causes yellow spotting on the leaves .Also avoid wetting the leaves when watering. Watering plants from the bottom is a good practice and let them dry out between watering. Overwatering can cause root rot, the most common cause of death of all houseplants. Also avoid drafts. Move away from cold drafty windows and air conditioners.

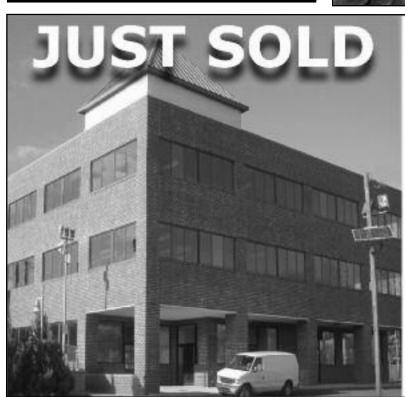
Easy and fun to propagate, you can take a leaf with the stem from the center of the plant and root it in water or potting soil. The outer leaves are too thick and do not root easily. Once rooted African violets grow quickly to flowering size. Off shoots from the main plant are best removed and to its own pot.

Requiring a rich soil mixture, you can purchase African violet soil premixed or you can blend your own, but they will not grow well in regular potting mix.

For more information on African violets visit the website of the: 'African Violet Society of American' (www.AVSA.org)

Happy Indoor Gardening,

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STILL HARVESTING IN JANUARY AT THE RAHWAY **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The tomatoes and cucumbers and flowers are long gone but in some of our town's gardens the cold weather crops are still growing. "The garden is quiet but not fully asleep" noted local Realtor, resident and passionate gardener Bob Markey. "I'm at my Community Garden plot on January 26th and I'm harvesting swiss chard and mustard and parsley. They'll be in my fresh salad with tonight's dinner."

The Rahway Community Garden located on Central Avenue was created in 2009 and is completely organic having 28 plots that are available for rent on a first come-first serve basis to Rahway residents. The Rahway Recreation Department administers the garden rentals. The plots are very popular and they are generally fully rented each year with a back up list.



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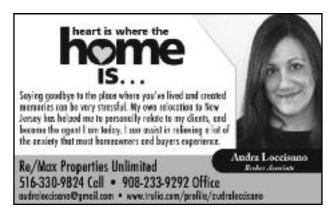




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The next Chamber meeting is Thursday March 23rd at 6:30pm at Luciano's Restaurant, 1579 Main St., Rahway. Anyone interested in joining the Chamber, hosting a meeting ,or giving a presentation can call the Chamber office at 732-675-5140. This meeting is being held after work hours to accommodate businesses that find it difficult to make the usual morning meeting (8:30 am at the Masonic Lodge on Irving Street).

(right) The first Rahway Chamber of Commerce membership meeting of the year was held on January 26, 2017 and was hosted by Tony Ferraro of K&K Recognition Awards. The guest speakers were Edwin Rosa of the Union County Economic Development Corporation, and Brian Remo of the Union County Performing Arts Center.

(pictured) Tony Ferraro of K & K Recognition Awards and Audra Loccisano, president of the chamber.



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(above) On January 31st and February 1st, Rahway Knights of Columbus Council #1146 hosted spelling bees at St. James Catholic school in Springfield and St, John the Apostle school in Clark. The winner at St. James was Sean Valente and the winner at St. Johns was Isabella Socha-Suarez. First, second and third place winners were presented with Barnes & Noble gift certificates.

BAYWAY COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL (CAP) OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS

For the year 2017, the Bayway CAP has elected to offer High School Seniors who are residents of Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island the opportunity to be awarded a CAP scholarship. Seven (7), one-year scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each to students in the four municipalities represented by the CAP. This scholarship is open to candidates who will be pursuing a college, university, career or vocational school education in the Industrial, Process Technology, or Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, Environmental, Computer) fields. Please see your high school guidance counselor for more

For the year 2017, the Bayway CAP has information and the application forms. Deadline ected to offer High School Seniors who are for submitting applications is March 13, 2017.

The Bayway CAP is a committee of community representatives from Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island including neighbors, educators, retirees, public officials, emergency responders, and environmentalists who attend quarterly meetings that serve as a forum for dialogue between the community and company representatives from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Infineum USA L.P., Linden Cogen Plant, Veolia North America, Eastman Chemical Company, PSEG Power LLC and Linden VFT LLC.



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On St Patrick's Day, March 17th, we will have our annual corned beef event. Sandwiches \$7.00, dinners \$10.00, eat in or take out. Pick up orders can be placed at 732-388-3990. Hours will begin at 11:00 am. Proceeds from both events will be added to the Council's charity fund.

MUNCH MADNESS

Munch Madness: Rahway's food truck, barbecue and basketball extravaganza is back for its 3rd year on Saturday, April 1 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Starting inside the Rahway Recreation Center (located at 3 City Hall Plaza) The Court Jesters Performing Basketball Team will be putting on a show for all to see! Admission is free.

At 2 p.m. the party continues outside in the City Hall parking lot which will feature over a dozen food trucks, a barbecue competition, and more surprises! After this cold winter come out and have some spring fun!







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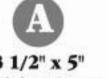
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THE CAT IN THE HAT VISITS FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following quote by the infamous Dr. Seuss "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." was heard throughout the Franklin Elementary School's auditorium the morning of February 7th as the School Library Media Specialist, Susan Farrar, read the story, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, by the beloved author. Ms. Farrar prepared this assembly for students in Kindergarten through third-grade to prepare and encourage them to participate in the annual Six Flags Read to

Succeed Six Hour Reading Challenge. Once students have completed the challenge to read a total of six hours throughout the month of February, they qualify for a free ticket to the Six Flags Great Adventure amusement park in Jackson, N.J.

As the assembly was coming to a close, low and behold, but who should appear sneaking in from the back, was no other than the New Jersey Education Association's the Cat in the Hat!

The very much loved Cat in the Hat made this special visit to support Ms. Farrar, and to share

its secret to becoming a better reader with the students, which was simply put "Read!, Read!, Read! The students were thrilled to receive a visit from one of their favorite fictional characters and are motivated to complete the reading challenge, as well as, please the Cat! After the assembly, the Cat in the Hat posed for photos and visited several students.

As the students were leaving the auditorium, the Cat in the Hat honored each student by giving them a "high-five". It was a wonderful morning had by all!



(above) Staff in grades Kindergarten through Third could not resist a picture with the Cat!

RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH 2017 EVENTS

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"Coming to America: The Great Waves!"

Saturday, March 11 at 11:00am.

Walter Choroszewski presents the history of immigration to America from the first Colonial wave through the second mid-1800s wave of frontier expansion, culminating with the third Great Wave that passed through Ellis Island Immigration Station in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

A Women's History Month Celebration

Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm.

A history of American women in song with Linda Russell.

Afternoon Movie for Adults

Wednesday, March 15 at 2:00pm. The Dressmaker (2016) Rated R.

Knit & Crochet Club

Thursdays, March 2 & 16 at 6:30pm.

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarn.

Work on a project or learn a new technique!

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Friends Meeting

The next meeting will be held on *Thursday, March 9 at 6:30pm*.

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at the library at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Book Bingo

Wednesday, March 15 at 1:00pm.

Match up titles to win books and other prizes! This program is open to adults (age 18+). Everyone wins!

Readers Circle Book Club

Wednesday, March 15 at 2:00pm.

Join us for the discussion of My Family and Other
Animals by Gerald Durrell.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Tech Week

March 6-10

Join us as we celebrate Teen Tech Week 2017 in our new Makerspace! Stop in Monday through Thursday at 3:30pm to check out an exciting DIY activity!

Teen Screen Presents

Monday, March 13 at 5:00pm in our auditorium.

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NJ Makers Day

Saturday, March 25. TBA.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:30am 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29.

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Storytime & Craft

Thursdays at 6:30pm 3/9, 3/16, 3/30 Join us for this fun storytime & craft. Ages 4 and up with caregiver:

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

Thursday, March 2 at 4:00pm.
Celebrate the zany stories of Dr. Seuss. Includes a storytime, craft and snack. All ages.

Potato Chip Tasting

Tuesday, March 14 at 4:00pm.

March 14th is Potato Chip Day! Enjoy sampling a few chip types and pick your favorite. Ages 5-12.

Kids Movie

Saturday, March 18 at 2:00pm.

Come to the library for an afternoon movie! Call the library for the title. All ages.

Lego Club

Thursday, March 23 at 4:00pm.

Make something out of Legos and put it on display! Ages 5+.

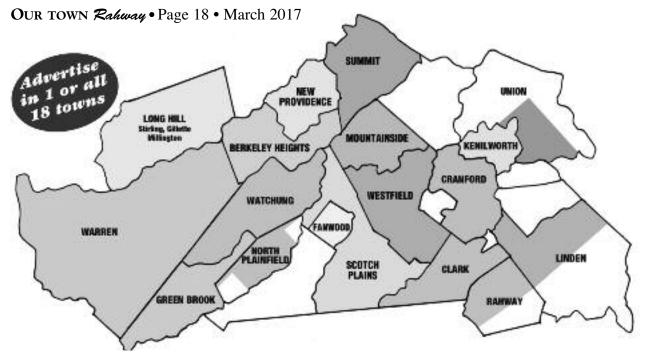
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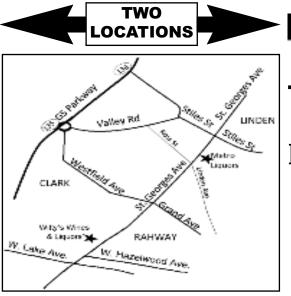






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Black Box (All Types)		
Blackstone (All Types)		-
Bogle (Chardonnay and Merlot)		
Bolla		•
Caymus Napa Valley (Cabernet Sauvignon)		
Carlo Rossi (Chablis, Burgundy, Sangria, Blush)		
Carnivor (Cabernet Sauvignon)		
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde		-
Cavit (All Types)		
Chateau ste Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet and Merlot		
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay		
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling		-
Clos du Bois Chardonnay		-
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot		1
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny PortoConcha Y Toro Frontera		
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Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Coppola Diamond Chardonnay		
Corbett Canyon (All Types)		1
Cupcake (All types, except Prosecco and Moscato)		
Don Perignon		
Dreaming Tree (All Types)		· .
Eco Domani (Pinot Grigio)		-
Fish Eye (All Types)		
Flip Flop (All Types)		
Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red)		
Freixenet		
Gato Negro (All Types)		
Gazela Vinho Verde		
Ghost Pines (Merlot and Red Blend)		-
J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon		
Josh Cabernet Sauvignon		
Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon		
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay		
Kim Crawford (Sauvignon Blanc)		
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)		
La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir		
Liberty Creek (All Types)	.1.5L	\$ 7.99

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Luna di Luna (All Types)	
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml \$ 9.39
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Noble Wine 337, 667	
Papi (All Types)	
Real Sangria	1.5L \$10.99
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Robert Mondavi Private Select	
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Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	
Rombauer Chardonnay	
Ruffino Chianti	
Ruffino Chianti	
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	
Ruffino Chianti Gold	
Ruffino Tan label	
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	
Senor Sangria (All Types)	
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet	
Simi Chardonnay	
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay	
Sutter Home (All Types)	
Tom Gore (All Types)	
Woodbridge (All Types)	
Yago Sangria	
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