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### **OVER 200 HUNDRED ARTISTS ENERGIZED CULTURE CRAWL**

Submitted by Amy Garcia Phillips

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, Rahway's downtown was happening! The streets were transformed by artists of all genres, bringing color, sound and movement to every corner of the mile footprint. Councilman Jeremy Mojica commented that "this year's Culture Crawl brought crowds that rival Rahway's Hot Rods and Harley's event" (an annual car and bike festival that boasts crowds of nearly 10,000 people).

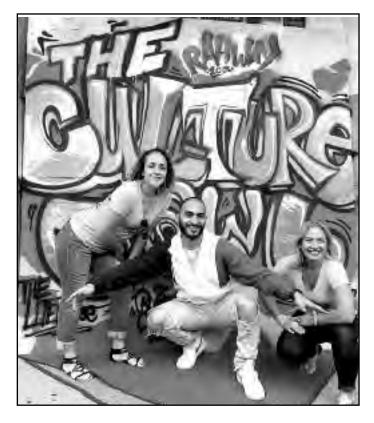
Culture Crawl was a free one day arts festival taking place throughout the entire downtown of Rahway. Starting at City Hall Plaza youngsters took part in yoga, twirling, art and many other activities organized by Jennifer Truncale in the Kids Path to One Love area. Sharing the Plaza was Shakira Johnson's Make Art @ OMG! Plaza, inspiring women and girls to create something great, with a special appearance and performance by Rahway's Rising Star Kristina Bonisisio.

While shoppers enjoyed the Vendor Village, the Train Station Plaza was hopping with music at the Wizdom Media Main Stage by bands Rasha Jay, Mizu, The Wishy Washy Band, Brian Rothenback & The Adventuring Party, the Afraid Brigade and Red House Blue House. Hannum's Harley-Davidson's hosted their up-Cycle Art Exhibit featuring art created from bike parts! Cherry Street, curated by Ateiler Rosal art gallery and framing was alive with artisans, spoken word, art exhibits and music by Kayka, Sweater Pills and the Redwinged Blackbird Band. On Main Street, The Litehouse's Four elements of Hip Hop included two live graffiti murals and CubaNu's outdoor Latin party was the perfect spot to grab some quick bites, a drink and maybe even a dance!

This year at Northfield Bank, the Wannabe's hosted a Hip Hop dance party, inviting passerby's to join them for line dancing. The music at the Arts Park was kicked off by Hollow Molly Acoustic, followed by Kailey Rocker, Vessel of Truth, Lauren Cooks St. Gark and the Loamers, Heavy Flow and Brian Beckford. The Gallery Space, curated by Earl's Girls, from Earl's Cuts and Curls, Dana Holland and Tajiana Spann, brought the intersection of Irving and Seminary alive with inspiring music, colorful art, unique vendors, ancestry readings and even a parade.

Rodney Green Jr. from Exitium, a step and contemporary dance company, assisted in producing a full schedule of dance performances including Step, Contemporary, Salsa, Kuchipudi (a traditional from of East Indian Dance), Bellydance, Broadway Dance, Bollywood, Hip Hip and Hip Hop Fusion. Some highlights of the dance performances included a Dance-A-thon Fundraiser for Myeloma Cancer hosted by Rahway Dance Theater and a Step workshop hosted by Rodney Greene Jr.

Lisa Vandever from CineKink curated the Rahway Reel Short



(above) William Lopez, co-owner of the Litehouse, in front of the graffiti mural created on Main Street during the festival.

Film Festival. Each hour had a unique theme: Kids Kartoons; True Stories; Imaginings; Jersey Fresh; and, for those festival goers 18 years and older, Risque Biz. These will be shown again throughout 2019 in case you missed them the first time!

Many other artists contributed to the energy and vibrancy on the sidewalks including the Rahway Paws Pop-Up Dog Park and Poetry Outside of the Pit, hosted by Big Mike of ACP Arts, both on Hamilton Street and the large Frida Kahlo, created out of yarn by artist Linda Grant.

This year festival goers could enter their team in the 8th Annual Amazing Rahway Race, a scavenger hunt that spanned the entire festival. Contestants were charged with recovering a "stolen" piece of Rahway artwork.

There was so much to see as you walked the sidewalks and visited the businesses in the downtown.





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### **SEWING STUDIO ANNOUNCES NEW CLASS SCHEDULE & EVENTS**

Studio celebrates its first year in downtown Rahway with updated workshop offerings and upcoming events. Located at 1417 Main Street, the Studio offers African fabrics by the yard or by the piece, along with kits and precuts geared quilters & crafter, and imported to embellishments, curated by owner and instructor, Lisa Shepard Stewart.

Hands-on workshops are a special feature of the Studio, and registration for classes from November thru January is now open. Along with popular projects like the Color Block Batik Handbag, Improv Quilt Piecing, Africanized Denim and Sewing Machine 101, new class offerings include Waistbeads, Creative Collage and (revised) Pillow Perfection.

In addition to the scheduled workshops, customized classes can be arranged for groups of three or more, and the Studio is available for private sewing and jewelry making parties, too. "Gathering with friends to create something special with African textiles or beads is a fun alternative to paint-n-sip party themes, and we have projects and party options to fit every skill level and budget," says Lisa.

Be sure to stop by the Studio during its "Holiday Boutique" days on November 23 & 24 (also known as Black Friday and Small Business Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Custom-sewn wall hangings and handbags, beaded bracelets, quick holiday project ideas, sewing machines and affordable make-it-take-it projects will be featured, and light refreshments will be served. "We love working with The Rahway Arts and Business Partnership and the Rahway Chamber

The Cultured Expressions Sewing & Quilting of Commerce on Downtown events like #smallbusinesssaturday -- both are great resources for any Rahway business," she added.

> The following Saturday, December 1, officially marks the Studio's first anniversary, and everyone is welcome to join in the festivities from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. including giveaways, giftswith-purchase and "sip-n-shop" mimosas!

> Regular Studio hours are Wed 4-8 p.m.; Thurs 12-6 p.m.; Fri 12-6 p.m. and Sat 10-6 p.m. For information on workshops and events, see Lisa or Edie in the Studio at 1417 Main Street, visit CulturedExpressions.com/studio or call 866-MUDCLOTH.



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### **THE HISTORY OF** WHEAT (TRITICUM)

The history of modern western civilization would not have been possible without the cultivation of wheat.

Ten thousand years ago ancient people in Asia began to farm 'wild emmer' wheat in the area known as 'The Fertile Crescent' which includes Turkey. This was a major step forward for the 'origins of agriculture' but it was hard to release the seeds from the tightly enclosed glumes which encased the grains so it had to be handpicked, a slow and tedious process. Emmer wheat is no longer in widespread use.

Five thousand years ago humans, most likely women\* who did the farming, cultivated a wheat with softer glumes. This made it possible to harvest the grains by 'threshing.' Threshing enabled people to gather the grains by beating the wheat with sticks, making the process much faster. This new food source permitted tribes to settle in one area, farm and build villages, towns and eventually cities. This discovery marks the beginning of modern western civilization.

In the modern era with the introduction of many other food sources from around the globe, wheat is the second most widely grown crop in the world, rice being number one and corn number three. There are over fifty thousand cultivars of wheat in existence. Different varieties of wheat are used to make bread, pasta, cakes and pastries. Wheat is also used to make couscous, beer, vodka and bio-fuel.

Wheat is a member of the grass family. Humans cannot digest raw grass like many animals do but we do eat other parts such as the seeds. Today there are about ten thousand species of grasses worldwide. Other grasses we consume include rice, corn, sugar cane, oats, rye, millet and others.

Today in America wheat is highly controversial because it contains a protein called gluten, which can trigger a harmful immune response in predisposed individuals. However, for people who tolerate it, wheat, especially whole grain wheat, can be a rich source of various antioxidants, vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

Whole grain wheat is much higher in nutritional value and dietary fiber than processed wheat. The processing to make white flour





(above) Past 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

removes most of the positive nutritional value of the grain.

Throughout the history of Western Civilization the fortunes of powerful empires depended greatly on the annual harvest of wheat. Today we take it for granted. Something to be thankful for as we celebrate the holiday season.

\*Scientists believe that woman also created language elevating human existence forever. Happy Thanksgiving,

James





### **RAHWAY'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM DATES BACK TO 1851**

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

The desire to educate the children of families who lived in the Rahway area dates back to a time before the American Revolution. In those early years, and during the decades that followed, the 3R's were taught in religious based schools or private/select schools and it wasn't until 1851 that a public school system was organized.

In 1785, the Society of Friends (Quakers) constructed a school house next to their meeting hall on Main Street opposite Cherry Street. The Quakers would move into a larger meeting hall in 1805 and build a larger two-story school next to their new hall. It was located on Irving Street on the site of what is presently the RSI Bank.

From the early 1800s until mid-century, private or select schools were established in all neighborhoods. One prominent school was the Athenian Academy, built in 1833 on the corner of Main Street and Commerce Street (Emerson Avenue). Other private schools included the White School House in lower Rahway by Leesville Avenue, the Academy on St. Georges Avenue near the cemetery, the Milton District School also on St. Georges between Elm Avenue and Milton Avenue, and the Six Roads School on St. Georges near the railroad crossing. Mrs. J. Lincoln Phelps' Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies was one of several schools for girls that were on Seminary Avenue, a roadway aptly named because of the presence of these select schools. A school for African-American children was opened in 1844 on Central Avenue next to the Ebenezer AME Church. This latter school still stands and is in the process of being restored as an African-American history museum.

Public schools became a reality in 1851, but only after three years of heated debates and discussions. One side felt the fragmented educational programs in Rahway would be greatly improved by consolidation. The other faction, led by officials representing the private schools, wanted to keep the status quo. In the end, the advocates for unification garnered the





(above) The first Franklin School was on Union Street and served as a grammar school for 71 years.

most support and a public school system was established.

Within the year, Washington and Columbian Schools were built. Both were one-story, four room wooden structures that were almost identical in appearance. Washington was located on the corner of Grand Avenue and Lawrence Street and Columbian was on New Brunswick Avenue and Hazelwood Avenue. Later in the same year, Franklin School, a three-story, nine room brick schoolhouse was built for the children in upper Rahway. It was located on the north side of Union Street between Church Street and Ludlow Street. All three were graded schools for boys and girls. In 1873, the Third Ward School (renamed Lincoln School in 1899), was opened as a high school with rooms for grammar school students on the first floor. Lincoln served as a high school until 1910 but remained a grammar school until it was razed in 1965. The site on which it stood, Central Avenue just east of St. Georges, is now a park with a playground and five municipal tennis courts.

In 1897, both Washington and Columbian were razed to make room for the new Washington and Columbian Schools. As with the original schools, the new versions were constructed following the same architectural plans. Both were two-story brick buildings with eight classrooms and basements. Washington was razed in 1983 to make way for the Walter Schaffhauser Senior Apartments. Columbian still stands and operates as the Rahway Day Care Center.

Following the end of World War I there was a sharp increase in the number of school age children necessitating the construction of new, more modern buildings. Old Franklin School had become terribly obsolete and was finally razed in 1922 after serving the community for seventyone years. The new Franklin opened in 1922 with all the up-to-date features of post-war schools. Located on St. Georges Avenue between Harrison Street and School Street, it was a onestory brick building with sixteen rooms surrounding an 808 seat auditorium and gym. A two-story section over the front entrance contained a drawing room, science room, and teachers' room. Roosevelt School and Cleveland School were both built in 1928 as more buildings were needed to keep up with the "Baby Boomer" population. Located on St. Georges Avenue



(above) The "new" Washington School was built in 1897 and was razed in 1983.



(above) Madison School was opened in 1953 to serve the children of the new housing developments behind the high school.

between Lake Avenue and Stanton Street, Roosevelt was originally built to accommodate 410 students with ten rooms, a gym, and a 562 seat auditorium. Cleveland was a full two-story building modeled in the same fashion as Roosevelt with fourteen classrooms, a 444 seat auditorium and a full gym. It was built to serve as many as 420 students.

A second "Baby Boomer" student population explosion occurred post World War II putting a serious strain on the six existing grammar schools. To help alleviate the overcrowded conditions, Madison School was built and would primarily serve the children from the new housing developments on the west side of St. Georges especially those living behind the high school. Ground was broken for the sixteen room school on February 18, 1952 and was ready to open on the first day of classes, September 8, 1953.

Madison School, the last grammar school to be built in the city, turned 65 years old in 2018 and, although the other three remaining grammar schools have seen the passing of many years (in four years, Franklin will be 100), they have all aged gracefully. Major renovation projects to refresh the interiors and exteriors of each have periodically taken place to keep them up-to-date. Also, beginning in 1959 when Roosevelt was enlarged, modern additions have been built on the original structures of the four schools. Today, they are facilities equipped to provide a quality education for the children of Rahway and will remain so well into the 21st century.

Visit The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum 1623 St. Georges Avenue, Rahway, NJ online at: merchantsanddrovers.org



### **RAHWAY PRESCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS TO 3 YEAR OLDS**

#### Submitted by Rob Kinch

You're never too old to learn, nor are you ever too young. Such is the unwavering belief of Rahway's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Camp, who has now opened the colorful preschool door to the marvels, mysteries, and magic of learning for her district's captive audience of 3 year olds.

"I have very straightforward educational goals for our littlest learners," affirms Dr. Camp. "I want them to be happy coming to school and, especially, for them to love learning new things."

Camp also wishes to share with parents her focus on setting their youngsters on a path which would facilitate their future success in grammar school.

"Early childhood education is critical in laying the foundation for later learning," stated Dr. Camp. "It is in the early years that the stage is set for a love of learning in general and for literacy specifically." The Superintendent's overarching goal is "to get all of our students reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade – with that goal accomplished, we would see so many academic difficulties for the students in grades 4-12 disappear."

With the success of the expanded half day to full day preschool program for the 2017-2018 school year, made possible by last year's \$2,700,000 grant from the State Dept. Of Education, Rahway District reapplied this past winter for 2018-2019 school year monies so it may now include 3 year olds in its preschool program. Up tp to this point, the District had only provided preschool for classified 3 year olds. Once again Rahway School District was granted additional funding, this time in the amount of \$3.5 million.

In the late spring/early summer of 2018, the

State DOE reached out to the District and asked if it could do more. Dr. Camp explains, "At that time we had a small waiting list and so we applied for and were granted an additional \$888,000! This will take care of most of our current waiting list - we will provide for the 4 year olds first and then as many 3 year olds as we can accommodate."

Thanks to having previously forged a community partnership with Rahway's JFK Community Center, a licensed daycare provider, as a venue for the District's full day preschool program for 4 year olds, Dr. Camp offers, "We raised the level of preschool education across Rahway." She is now pleased to announce the District's additional community partnering for the new school year with Rahway's YMCA, Rahway Daycare Center, and with St. Thomas the Apostle Church to effectively broaden its preschool program.

Dr. Camp also notes, "Since our community partners also do infant/toddler care, we therefore raise the standard of care for our youngsters as well. Without these valued community partners, our district would not have adequate room to provide the maximum amount of quality preschool education for our littlest citizens."

Constructed originally to serve as an educational center, St. Thomas Church can now offer Rahway's youngest students the benefits of 3 classrooms, 1 indoor play station, 3 teachers and 4 paraprofessionals. Says Rt. Rev. James Hayer of St. Thomas and Vicar General of Eparchy of, "It's a joy for us to welcome Rahway's students and teachers because it allows our property to be more fully utilized for the purpose for which it was intended, and it allows us to provide a unique service to the community in which we live and pray."



(above) Facing their future with promise.



(above) Superintendent Camp gets down with education!



(above) Preschooler discovers music can be a 'cymbal' of learning.



(above) Tiffany Beer guides preschoolers to discover all learning starts with a story.

St. Thomas preschool teacher Janice Ouattrocchi finds the opportunity of being the first to introduce her young learners to the wondrous world of education "exciting" and eagerly anticipates "seeing so much growth at the end of the year."

Snuggled in two educationally engaging preschool classrooms in Rahway's YMCA, each with its own teacher and paraprofessional, one can find smiles, laughter, energy, wonder amid a colorfully inviting world of books, blocks, sand tables, paints, and gadgets. Preschool teacher Esther Mendez, who is very clearly loved by her little scholars, is powerfully driven by "their curiosity" and "their desire to engage in all they do."

Jennifer Alfonse, Program Supervisor of Early Childhood Education for Rahway Public Schools, shares in the excitement she witnesses daily thanks to these new community partnerships. She takes great pride in "having the ability to work with a phenomenal group of district administrators and staff, all committed to the mission of providing the best possible early learning experiences for the preschool children of Rahway." She continues to cite that it is their dedication to this mission "that drives each expansion opportunity, each new classroom opening. and each new community collaboration."

One need look no further than the smiles in the eyes and the bounce in the step of the 378 youngsters now enrolled in Rahway's preschool for 3 and 4 year olds to understand that each little one is wandering happily down his or her path to discovering the joy of knowledge and the success it brings. Sure, there may be a stumble or two along the way...but that's okay too. There is no shortage of caring hands alongside to lift them right back up.

Tiffany Beer, Rahway Schools' Director of Curriculum and Instruction for all subject areas including preschool, is eager to make this promise to parents, "What we are able to offer our students and families will benefit them for all years to come. Preschool is the foundation for all future education." Photos by Joseph Mudrak



(above) Program Supervisor Jennifer Alphonse points a direction for a young scholar.



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### SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCOUT REGATTA

Students at the Crossroads School in Westfield participated in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," the school's summer version of their annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. In a raingutter regatta two students race handmade sailboats down a narrow channel, whoever reaches the end of the channel first is the winner. The students can decorate and name their boats before the race.

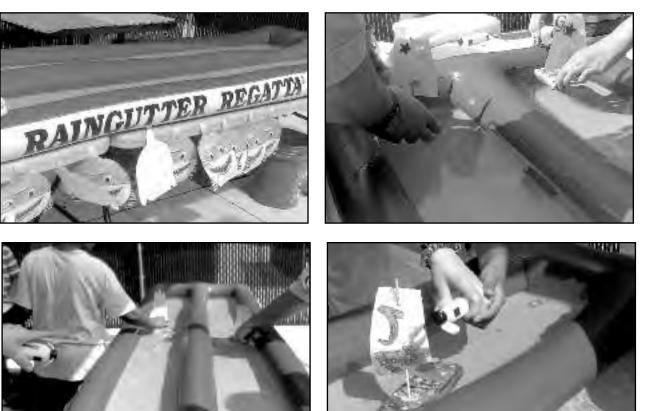
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Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school

social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234; for Black River, Fishawak, and Sussex, please contact Program Executive Michael Loughman at michael.loughman@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x 226.

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(above) Students from Crossroads School in Westfield participating in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," where they raced handmade sailboats down a narrow channel.



### **UCEDC ANNOUNCES NEW TRAINING OFFICER**

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A 12-year Army veteran, Ed had a long career in small business consulting and accounting services. He also spent six years in higher education, helping a small college through the national accreditation process.

Proving that you can never stop learning, Ed is currently working on a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Ed will offer training workshops in Spanish as well as English and is busy developing new curriculum to broaden our array of topics. Check the UCEDC on-line calendar, ucedc.com/events, for the inaugural session of "Year-End Tax Prep for Small Businesses" sometime in the Fall.

You can reach Ed at 908-527-1166 or eramirez@ucedc.com.

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(above) Ed Ramirez, New UCEDC Training Officer.

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## **TERRIFIC TEDDY DAY**

Students at Roosevelt School in Rahway celebrated Respect Week the first week of October. Monday was Terrific Teddy Day and many wore their favorite Roosevelt Spirit wear.

Everyone learned about the No One Left Alone Program, and they signed a pledge promising to include others in the classroom, on the playground, and in the cafeteria.



(above l-r) Back row: Mekhi Stevens, Nia Harris, Mrs. Prakapas, Carter Deleveileuse-Witas, Yazlyb Martinez, C.J. Gallinger; Front row: Anthony Robertson, Abigail Kuczynski, Cayla Amon.

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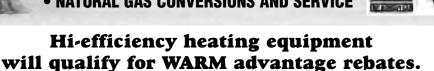
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### **ROOSEVELT SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN RESPECT WEEK**

Submitted by Deborah Prakapas October 1 - 5, 2018, was 'Respect Week' in New Jersey and in Roosevelt School in Rahway.

All week the students and staff participated in Wednesday was Be a Dreamer Day, and Roosevelt students to express every day. school.

activities that represent a value we want all everyone was invited to wear their pajamas to



(above) Clockwise from Mrs. Prakapas' 4th grade class starting at 12:00: CJ Gallinger, Mekhi Stevens, Jayden McGougain, Corey Williams, Yazlyn Martinez, Emily Garcia, Abbie Kuczynski, Cayla Amon, Carter Deleveileuse-Witas, and Anthony Robertson.

Photos by Rahway Public Schools.



(above) On Tuesday during Respect Week, the students at Roosevelt School in Rahway wore their favorite sports team gear to show they are kindness all stars. Picture from Mrs. Prakapas' 4th grade class are (l-r, back row) Nia Harris, Anthony Robertson, Carter Deleveileuse-Witas; (front row) Cayla Amon, Abbie Kuczynski, Yazlyn Maritnez, and Corey Williams.



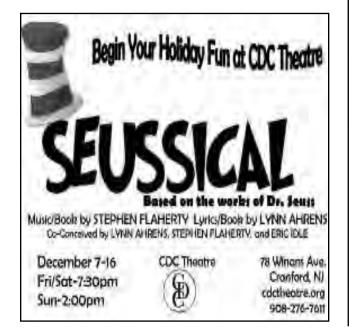
### THE CELEBRATION SINGERS WINTER 2018 CONCERT: "ONCE UPON A DECEMBER"



The Celebration Singers would like to invite you to our winter concert which will be held on November 30th and December 1st, 2018 at 8 PM at St. Michael's Church located at 40 Alden Street, Cranford NJ. Our "Once Upon a December" concert will feature songs from the movies "Frozen", "White Christmas", "Polar Express", and many more. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our website, celebration-singers.org, or at the box office at the night of the concert. Any questions concerning the performances can be directed to our email at celebrationsingersnewjersey@gmail.com or to our landline at 908-552-4656.

The Celebration Singers are multi-generational ambassadors of song drawing music from a breadth of genres and cultures. The Choir's commitment to artistic excellence and its engaging and dynamic style provide its diverse singers and audiences with a compelling musical experience. The Choir lends support through music and participates in the cultural life of the community.

Funding for the Celebration Singers is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council for the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.





### SHINING STARS PRESENTS FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS SHOW **SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT TO TAKE THE STAGE ON NOV. 30TH**

By popular demand, the Shining Stars cast we are able to have a Christmas show this year," will take their amazing talents to the stage for their first ever holiday show. The "Shining Stars Christmas Spectacular" will feature special needs individuals and their high school "buddies" from around Union County in a fun night of singing and dancing to the greatest songs of the season.

The show is set for Friday, November 30, 2018 at the theatre at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. All tickets are \$10 for general admission in advance - \$15 at the door, and are available at ShiningStars.booktix.com.

"We are extremely excited to present our firstever Christmas show," said Shining Stars Network's Founder and the show's Co-Director Sally Curci. "We've been thinking about doing this for several years, and adding this event to our very successful "Evening of Shining Stars" talent show will give our expanding cast another chance to shine on stage. It will be a great way to start the holiday season."

added Co-Director Nicole Greene. "All of the performers cannot wait to perform once again. We really are a family, and we can't wait to start the holiday season with our show."

In their 7th year, Shining Stars Network (SSN) has produced a yearly spring talent show called "An Evening of Shining Stars" which has grown into one of the area's must-see events. This past May, over 1,000 audience members watched the "stars" light up the stage at the historic Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The Shining Stars are set to return to UCPAC for their 8th annual show on Friday, May 3, 2019.

"As excited as we are about our upcoming holiday show and our new relationship with Union Catholic, we are also thrilled that we will be back at the Union County Performing Arts Center for our "Evening of Shining Stars" extravaganza," noted Shining Stars Network President Mike Curci. "That was a night we will "We are incredibly grateful and excited that never forget and our talented cast and incredible

volunteers are looking forward to creating more great memories for everyone in our next two shows."

The shows are produced and presented by Shining Stars Network, a registered 501(c)3 non profit organization that shines the light on the special needs community through the performing arts.

Also, make plans to join the Shining Stars cast members for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 10th at the Clark Recreation Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, N.J. from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, orange juice and hot chocolate will be served, and the cast will be performing songs throughout the morning. Get autographs and have your photo taken with the stars. Tickets are just \$8 per person and \$25 for a family of four.

For more information on the shows or to learn more about Shining Stars Network, log on to shiningstarsnetwork.org.





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### **MODA330 SELECTED ONE OF TOP 35 HAIR SALONS IN NJ ON YELP.COM**

Moda330, located at 2165 St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, has been named one of the to thirty five hair salons in New Jersey on Yelp.com.

Yelp is a website where visitors review and critique businesses. The crowd-source forum has a sophisticated rating system that measures dozens of signals to form recommendations. The algorithms look at items in reviews like quality and customer satisfaction.

Owner Kimm Dotro started Moda330 in 2004. She built a strong business with a huge focus on customer service, passion, skill, and always accommodating everyone.

Mosa330 has an excellent team of stylists who wants to make their customers's hair dreams come true!

The staff is trained in all aspects of hair including Balayage, highlights, lowlights, ombre and corrective color and many different kinds of keratin treatments to suit all customers' needs. They transform looks with high quality hair extensions.

Dotro has produced how-to training tapes and has been featured in several trade magazines.

Moda330 welcome new clients and appreciate our loyal customers. They are open early mornings at 6 a.m. by appointment only. They are also open on Sundays and Mondays to accommodate clients. Visit Moda330 on facebook and instagram for more information and photos @moda330thesalon.





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#### YELP REVIEW BY ARUNA A. OF RAHWAY:

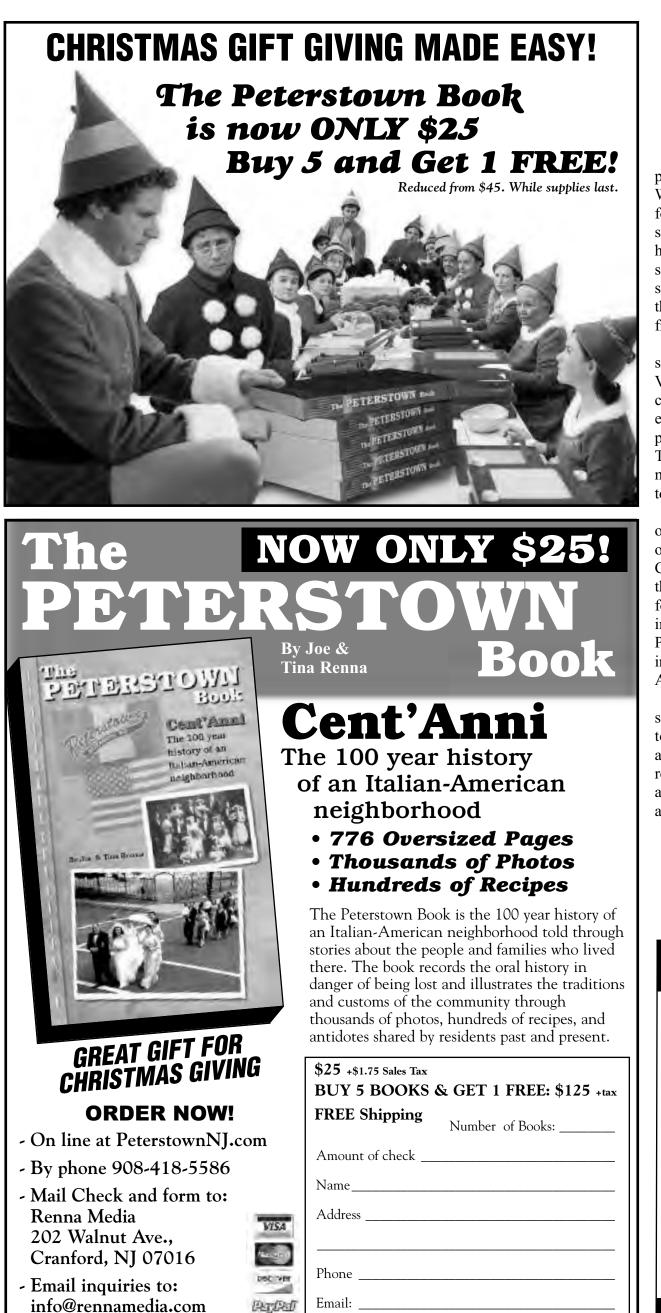
I made an appointment for a hair cut, color, and blow out using Yelp - my first time doing such a thing - and boy was I impressed. I have always found it hard to find and keep a stylist in NJ, they seem to move around alot. Additionally, women's hair coloring and cutting is always so expensive - even more so when you have as much hair as I do. I was pleasantly surprised when the quality of work, the price, and the customer service here was GREAT.

I can't wait to go back.

#### YELP REVIEW BY ANGIE S. OF CRANFORD:

After 3 yeas of trying new salons and different stylists I found someone who knows how to cut curly hair! Kim cut my daughter and my hair this past weekend and I'm extremely happy. We briefly explained what we each wanted and she just made it happen. My daughter's hair is wavy and mine is curly. I told her I wanted it to be big and with volume and she delivered. I was complimented so much. Thank you Kim! My daughter cut about 5 inches off and also was extremely complimented on her new cut.





#### FREE FILM SCREENING NOV 6 For Mark Wahlberg's 'Instant Family'

Complimentary tickets are available for a private screening Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 of Mark Wahlberg's upcoming movie Instant Family. Set for official nationwide release Nov. 16, the film shares the story of Pete and Ellie who, in the hopes of starting a family, turn to the foster system. When they decide to adopt three siblings, including a rebellious 15-year-old girl, the couple soon learns the ins, outs, joys and frustrations of parenthood.

Presented by the Social Status Co., the screening begins at 7 p.m. at Westfield's New Vision Rialto Theatre. To secure up to four complimentary tickets, log on to eventbrite.com/e/instant-family-westfield-njpreview-screening-tickets-51088082831. Tickets are first-come, first-served and attendees must arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the screening to claim their seats.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County is among several area organizations partnering with the Social Status Co. to be on hand to provide information on their work for local children and teens in the foster system, and how the community can get involved. The event is in association with Paramount Pictures and WIT PR, and also includes A Birthday Wish and Special Angels Adoption.

CASA of Union County recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children placed in foster homes or residential facilities. Volunteers are sworn in by a judge and given court-ordered access to a child and report findings to the judge.

For details on training to become a CASA volunteer or getting involved in other ways, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org or (908) 293-8136.



### **RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2018 EVENTS**

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#### **Discovery Studio - Crochet Club**

Thursdays, November 1 & 15 at 6:30 pm. Bring your hooks and yarn. Work on a project or learn a new technique! Program is free for teens and adults.

#### **Third Thursday Movie**

Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 pm. BlacKkKlansman (2018) R | 2h 15min | Biography, comedy, crime starring John David Washington and Adam Driver.

Friends' Group Meeting
The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at the library at
7:00 pm on Thursday, November 15.

Adult Holiday Craft

Saturday, November 17 at 11:00 am. Join us to make a lovely holiday craft to give as a gift or to keep! FREE, 16+ welcome and registration is not required.

#### **Readers Circle Book Club**

Monday, November 19 at 2:00 pm. Join us for the discussion of Notorious Victoria: the Life of Victoria Woodhull by Mary Gabriel.

### **TEEN EVENTS**

Discovery Studio for Teens Monday, November 26 at 6 pm. Mod-Podge Canvas.

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#### **Tween Scene**

Thursday, November 8 at 4:00 pm. Come to the library for a fun project especially for tweens. Ages 8-12.

#### Preschool Dance Party

Friday, November 9 at 11:00 am. Dance to the music and play some instruments! Ages 6 and under.

#### **Junior Lego Club**

Tuesday, November 13 at 11:00 am. Come play and build with the library's Lego Duplo collection. Ages 2-5.

#### Kids BINGO

Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 pm. Play some BINGO and win some prizes! All

ages. Family Fun Night

Monday, November 19 at 6:30 pm. All ages.

#### Pajama Storytime

Monday, November 26 at 6:30 pm. Come to the library in your jammies and hear some stories! All ages.





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