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RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL VOWS TO FURTHER SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN

Submitted by Rob Kinch

On Tuesday, June 9, current and former Rahway High School students organized and lead a candlelit march.

"It is our duty to speak out and peacefully stand in unity to make certain that none of our children continue to experience racism in their lifetime." As she reflects upon "the needless death of Mr. George Floyd at the hands of the police and those who have died before him," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Camp vehemently affirms, "The Rahway School District can and does denounce this and ALL violence towards people."

Citing the School District's Mission Statement: "With diversity as our strength, the Rahway School Community shall...prepare all students...to become independent and self-sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in the global community," Dr. Camp affirms, "We all have an obligation to our children to work together to ensure that we create change."

Also steadfastly resigned to being the drivers of change and speaking out in the voice of unity, are the students of Rahway High School (RHS). Arranging a candlelight march from the

high school parking lot to Rahway City Hall the evening of Tuesday, June 9, current and former students Story Young, Cenera Moore, Amir Lembrick, Emery Myers, and Tymek Jones aver, "One candle can only do so much, but united we can light up a town." Through their passionate efforts, the community of Rahway was peacefully aglow that evening with the heartfelt spirit of solidarity against the evils of racism.

"I always observed the terrible things that happened around me," attests co-organizer and RHS senior Story Young. "I had been silent for too long," she admits. "With the murder of George Floyd, seeing not only the nation come together to demand justice for the man's stolen life but also the world as well, it was time to be the change you want to see in the world."

"I believe the responsibility of youth consists of when to put down your phone and join the world around you!" She continues, "There is only so much we can do as the youth of America sitting behind a screen; I encourage them to feel compelled to educate themselves, their friends, their families to join a protest, to form a youth council in their community, to make their voices heard because we, as youth, are going to be the change this world sees."

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"Amir, Enera, Emery, Tymek, and I began planning this event June 3; this gave us enough time to advertise, accept donations, coordinate with volunteers, prepare statements, and mentally prepare," offers Ms. Young. After their initial expectation of having at least 300 attendees, the student organizers realized that their expectations were about to be surpassed due to the numerous flyers shared, myriad questions received, and the many offers to volunteer. "At around 7:15 p.m., crowds of people came rolling in to the RHS parking lot; it seemed never ending," she explains.

As the marchers made their way through the town on route to Rahway's City Hall, the organizers watched their numbers increase as community members rapidly began joining the march line. Upon arrival at City Hall, they were greeted by nearly 100 additional Rahway citizens. "The organizers and I were so overcome with emotion seeing so many people coming out in support; it made the night even more powerful," shares Ms. Young. "My heart was glowing and I was so proud of our community, of my community!"

When asked from where her sense of responsibility had come to have her voice heard, Ms. Young was swift in offering credit. "My parents have always been incredibly supportive; they help me to share my voice with the people

around me. My education helped me grow my vocabulary and form sentences, while theatre gave me freedom to be myself without fear of judgement, to stand up in front of crowds and sing my heart out and express my emotions."

Thanks to their moral courage and strength to speak out, the student organizers realized an especially poignant success. Although lit by the candles of many, the evening shone with only one light...that of a community united in spirit.

Lauding the efforts and accomplishments of her district's students in creating this remarkably unifying and meaningful march for change, Superintendent Camp takes a moment to consider some serious issues. "As educators who stand against racism and inequity, the question for the Rahway School District becomes, 'Are we successfully teaching our children kindness, empathy, and acceptance of others? Are we successfully teaching our children to stand up for their constitutional rights?'" She offers sincerely that, "Considering the efforts of Story, Amir, Cenera, Tymek, and Emery who organized and delivered an impactful BLM demonstration – the answer to those questions is an emphatic YES! I personally experienced the demonstration and I am so proud of their actions to bring about real change in our community. Their depth of character is truly reassuring that the future is in good hands with our RHS graduates."



(above) *Rahway Lights the Pathway to Change.*

Photos by John Marks, Rahway Public Schools



(above) *Story Young lends her voice to the spirit of the march.*

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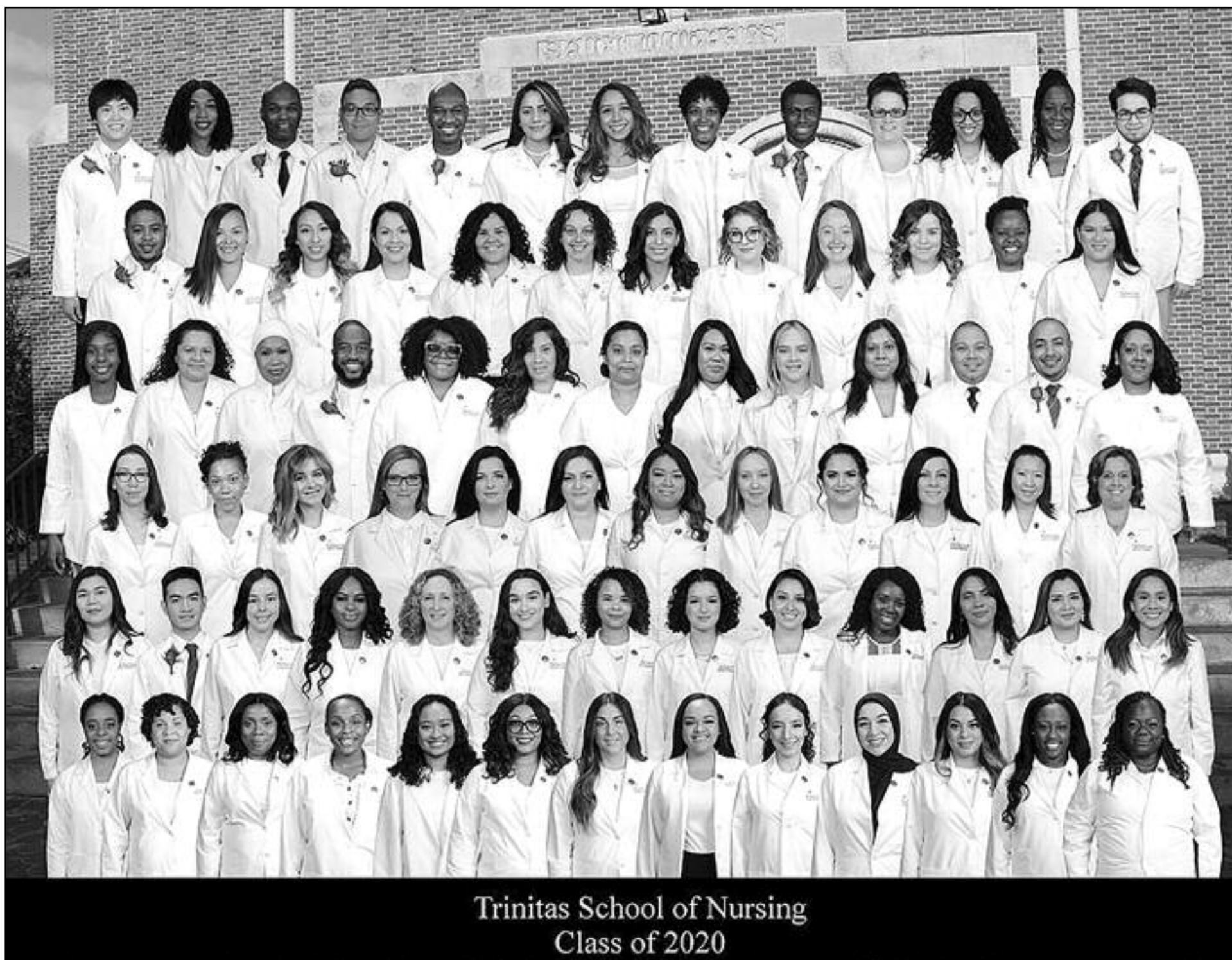
Seventy-nine students including Rahway residents Daryan A. Alves, Estaury Delacruz, and Anisah F. Mayers, received their nursing diplomas from the Trinitas School of Nursing for what would have been the 162nd Convocation Ceremony on May 28, 2020. Although a typical ceremony was not held, 68 women and 11 men became eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam.

“The Trinitas School of Nursing is so proud of the second graduating class of the new decade, Class of May 2020,” said Rose Santee, Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing, which

is affiliated with Union County College, and also awards Associates in Science Degrees to the graduates. “We are very proud of our students, our faculty and staff, and our photographer, Grace Photography, for doing this professional work during a very challenging situation and practicing all precautions including screening, social distancing, hand-washing, and masking (except for graduates at actual photo taking but still socially distant).”

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To prevent dog bites, Union County Postmasters recommend the following responsible pet ownership tips:

- Obedience training can teach dogs proper behavior and help owners control their dog in any situation.
- When the letter carrier comes to your home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.
- Dogs can be protective of their territory and may interpret the actions of letter carriers as a

threat. Please take precautions when accepting mail in the presence of your pet.

- Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, receive little attention or handling, or are left tied-up for long periods of time frequently turn into biters.

By following these few simple tips, pet owners can significantly improve neighborhood safety for everyone.

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Recently, the refinery granted \$50,000 to Trinitas as part of a larger \$3 million donation across its communities that happen to be located in the “hot spot” of the pandemic.

“Phillips 66 has been extremely supportive over the years and continues to help us take care of the community,” said Nadine Brechner, Vice President and Chief Development Officer.

“Especially now, their support will directly save lives by enabling us to purchase supplies crucial in our fight against COVID-19.”

According to Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery General Manager Chris Gallo, more than half of the \$3 million allotment has been granted to healthcare providers including Trinitas.

“We feel strongly that these organizations — which have staff on the front lines serving our neighbors who need it most during the COVID-19 pandemic — is where our corporate relief funds must go,” said Gallo.

At Trinitas, the greatest need at the moment is personal protection equipment, such as masks, face shields, gowns, booties and hats. It will also

defray the cost of a new ventilator, which runs about \$35,000, as the response to COVID-19 has created a shortage of the machines.

The number of COVID-19 cases being handled at Trinitas makes up 3.5 percent of New Jersey’s total cases as of Friday, April 17.

“It feels good to have an organization like Phillips 66 in our corner,” said Gary S. Horan, President & CEO of Trinitas. “While this is clearly one of the greatest challenges Trinitas has faced in our long history, we are confident that we will come out the other side of it knowing we’ve made a difference. We’ll also remember that we had great support along the way.”

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Thanks to the generosity of Literacy New Jersey volunteer tutors, the celebration included a raffle of \$1,700 in gift cards, with students earning raffle tickets based on the number of ESL classes they attended. The raffle was the highlight of the night for students, many of whom have faced difficult challenges due to Covid-19. Students also received award certificates for 50+ instructional hours, with some students

completing over 100 hours in the program.

The majority of students attended classes at the Elizabeth Public Library until closure due to Covid-19. Not to be deterred, students and tutors quickly transitioned to online platforms such as Zoom, Skype, and Whatsapp to finish out the year and successfully complete their studies.

Literacy New Jersey generally provides daytime and evening classes at libraries throughout Union County. In addition to English

classes for immigrants, Literacy NJ offers GED prep classes and support for adults who struggle with reading and writing.

Online classes are planned for the fall semester. For more information about the Literacy New Jersey program, or becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Barbara Bagger, Program Director at 908-486-1777 or bbagger@literacynj.org or visit the website at literacynj-unioncounty.org.



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I knew from the moment you answered your office phone and we spoke a few minutes, that you were going to be the agent to list my home. You were very polite, professional and enthusiastic. You were just as pleasant when we met. I also want to thank you for keeping me up to date throughout the entire transaction. I will definitely recommend you to someone who needs a good realtor.*

- T.C.

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I'm very happy that I decided to use you as my real estate agent. When we met, I explained to you that since I'm an investor, I normally don't use an agent, but my property was a unique style & I needed professional assistance. All of your recommendations were very instrumental in getting my property sold.*

Thank you - I. T.


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JAPANESE KNOTWEED (FALLOPIA JAPONICA)

Indigenous to Japan, knotweed was originally shipped westward by the German botanist Philipp von Siebold. When Siebold sent a variety of plant specimens to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew in August 1850, including Japanese Knotweed, he had no idea what he was unleashing on the world.

If you take a walk in any local town, county or state park today you are likely to stroll past fields of knotweed, especially near ponds, lakes and streams. All over Europe nations are on knotweed alert including Latvia, Germany, Hungary, Austria and Switzerland.

Knotweed presents a pleasing appearance to the eye: heart-shaped leaves, bamboo stems and pretty, little white-flower tassels in late summer and autumn. What is less obvious is what lays below the ground. The "crown" or "head" of a knotweed infestation can be the size of a bull's head, with scores of roots radiating out from it like strands of hair.

Due to its tireless and unstoppable army of unseen roots, knotweed spreads outward forming clumps 65 feet wide and 7 foot high. Superficially resembling bamboo this plant has a relentless killer instinct, overwhelming native plants and forcing out wildlife. If you look through horticultural literature, and you will see knotweed described as "thuggish," "ferocious," "invasive" and an "indestructible scourge." The stems create dense thickets impossible to walk through.

Amazingly there are very few male knotweed plants in the wild. The females depend on their massive root systems to propagate new plants.

Where it once resided mainly in the wild,



(above) Japanese Knotweed creates massive impenetrable clumps of canes 65 foot wide and 7 foot high.



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

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today it terrorizes private gardens and homes, forcing its way up through every crack imaginable, in patios, concrete paths, and even in walls and floors.

If Japanese knotweed is spotted on your property action to control and remove it should be taken immediately. What's more, getting rid of it is a task beyond the average gardener. It can take up to five years of regular chemical blitzing before the knotweed all-clear can be sounded.

Uncontrolled knotweed infestations can negatively impact the value of homes and property.

For more information contact your local cooperative extension or go online to Penn State Extension; Knotweed.

Happy Gardening & Keep Keeping Safe,

James

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FIFTH GRADER WRITES 1,000 THANK YOU LETTERS



Submitted by Lisa Lospinoso Lampert

Isabella Milano, a fifth-grader from Franklin Elementary School in Rahway has been really busy. She single-handedly wrote 1,000 thank you letters for the staff at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway. It took her about four weeks to complete this project, but it was something that she really wanted to do for the frontline workers in her community. She attached a package of Lifesavers with each handwritten letter before delivering them to the health care workers. Her school is really proud of her heartfelt project and kindness.

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CANCER SURVIVORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Submitted by Ruthanne Brown, American Cancer Society (Northeast Division) Media & Publicity Senior Volunteer

I'm a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, writing on behalf of cancer survivors and their caregivers. I write out of concern for this sector of the population because of the effect Covid-19 has had on them. Eleven percent of New Jersey's Covid fatalities have been individuals who were already battling cancer, then later contracted the virus. This pandemic has caused a myriad of obstacles for cancer patients who've been recently diagnosed or who require continued long-term care.

87% of cancer patients are experiencing disruptions in treatment and testing regimens. This crisis has made it difficult to maintain contact with health care providers, all of whom are overwhelmed and overworked at this point in time. Regular access to treatment is difficult

to come by, which increases the probability for cancer cells to spread or even return in some patients. A number of research studies have been temporarily suspended; not a good thing when time is of the essence. All of this, plus the financial burden of paying health insurance premiums and medical co-pays is causing widespread anxiety for patients and caregivers alike.

We collectively, must stand together to protect our most vulnerable members of society. We must make this a priority. We must NOT leave cancer patients behind.

I implore readers to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society. Over the past three months, gifts from donors have decreased dramatically. Many ACS fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled. However, please know we are ALWAYS here for you with

cancer help and information when you need it. Call us ANYTIME day or night at 1-800-227-2345 or visit us on the web www.cancer.org.

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We at the American Cancer Society are optimistically looking toward the future. Our dedicated volunteers are working on a safe social distancing plan so we may host community events soon. We are especially excited about "Bark For Life of Central NJ", our statewide Dog-Walk & Festival to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Visit our webpage RelayForLife.org/BarkCentralNJ to make your donation to the American Cancer Society. Check back often for event updates and cancer related information.

COVID-19 SCAM WARNING

The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs is alerting consumers to be aware of a number of apparent scams related to COVID-19. To avoid this and some of the tactics being reported as possible scams, the Division recommends:

Don't let CDC imposters into your home. Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are not going door-to-door seeking information or conducting surveillance on COVID-19. Imposters should be reported to local authorities and the Division.

Don't fall for fake cures. Beware of in-store or online advertisements for products that claim to cure or prevent COVID-19 or other similar offers. No cure or preventative medicine has been approved for sale.

Look out for phishing emails. Cybercriminals may take advantage of global concern and interest in COVID-19 to try to convince email recipients to open links or attachments that may direct them to malicious websites or deliver malware. Stay away from COVID-19 related information that does not come from a trusted source, to avoid exposing your personal information.

Keep in mind not everything online may be factual. The internet is full of information, but be mindful of its accuracy. As false reports spread regarding the origination and spread of COVID-19, rely only on trusted sources for information.

Be wary of unsolicited calls. Whether they are offering health insurance, including to supplement Medicare or Medicaid benefits, or a cure or treatment for COVID-19, refrain from sharing your personal information over the phone, unless you have initiated the call.

Avoid internet adoption scams. Scammers are falsely misrepresenting themselves as CDC employees, and asking victims to send money overseas to adopt a pet being held at a quarantine station. The CDC does not quarantine pets or would not ask for payment to bring an animal into the U.S.

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FIRST TO THE FIRE – A HISTORY OF THE RAHWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Records of local town meetings dating back to the late seventeen-hundreds mention the payment of wages to a constable who was entrusted with duties that included sounding an alarm if he spotted a fire. Upon hearing his signal, men would run to the scene hauling buckets of water. This was Rahway's only method of fighting fires until 1813 when the citizens, seeking better fire protection, acquired a hand-drawn water pump. The new piece of apparatus was little more than a tub on wheels with a hand pump that still had to be filled by the bucket brigade.

In 1815, after failures to control several fires, Washington Engine Company #1, Rahway's first volunteer squad, was established to more effectively utilize and more efficiently maintain the pump. They stored their equipment in a garage-type structure by the Monroe Street Bridge near the corner of Dock Street. In 1840 the company moved to a larger building on Main Street located on the approximate site of the present fire headquarters. In the early 1860s Washington Company erected Rahway's first firehouse, a brick building on the corner of West Milton Avenue and Augusta Street which was in use until the 1970s.

The first apparatus capable of drafting water from the river was purchased in 1826 by Franklin Engine Company #2 which had its beginnings in 1823. By 1868 Franklin Company built a modern station on Seminary Avenue that was in use until the late 1970s. The city later sold the building which still stands after having been renovated into a multi-purpose property while maintaining the façade of the old firehouse.

Along with the Washington and Franklin Companies, the Eagle Engine Company #3, organized in 1835, would build their station on Main Street in the 1860s using the same building plan that was used for the East Milton station. It

was located between the railroad tracks and Elizabeth Avenue on the site where it stands today. Independence Hook and Ladder Company # 1 (1850), Eagle Hose Company # 3 (1856), Washington Hose Company #1 (1856), and Franklin Hose Company # 2 (1856) would come into existence as new apparatus was acquired.

After the city was incorporated in 1858, these volunteer groups turned their equipment over to the city and became subject to the ordinances of the municipality. By 1859 the Rahway Fire Department consisted of three hose companies, two hook and ladder companies, and one hand engine company. Two-hundred and five volunteers made up these units. Twenty-five men were assigned to each hose company, fifty to the engine company, and forty to each hook and ladder company.

Before the end of the nineteenth century, several other companies were organized, some took on new names, and some dissolved. The Vulcan Engine Company #4, organized in 1858, was manned by the employees of a carriage spring factory. The Liberty Engine Company #5, in action from 1858 – 1874, was run by a group called "The Rangers." The Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company existed for only three years (1875 – 1878). The Eagle Hose Company reorganized in 1883 and became Protection Hose Company #3. The Washington Hook and Ladder Company, the Washington Chemical Engine, and the Lincoln Hook and Ladder Company #2 were the last of the volunteer units to organize.

By 1911 there were seven volunteer companies, each a loyal brotherhood that took great pride in their commitment to protect the citizenry by being "first to the fire." Their esprit de corps was so strong, they were known to reject the assistance of other units from both inside and outside the city limits when fighting a blaze. One

such incident occurred on May 30, 1911 when a large fire broke out at the Royal Manufacturing Company located on East Grand Avenue just east of the railroad tracks. As the Rahway boys were battling the fire, an employee of Royal, fearing combustible material stored in an adjacent out-building might be touched off, contacted the Elizabeth Fire Department requesting help. Before long, horse-drawn engines from Elizabeth came charging down Grand Avenue. When they reached the site, several fireman dropped their hoses, stopped the out-of-towners, and confronted them declaring, "Your services are not needed and not welcome." The Elizabeth firefighters were outraged but turned and left. At the next meeting of the Elizabeth Council the Rahway volunteers were admonished for their "ungentlemanly behavior."

After the Royal fire, nine of Rahway's largest manufacturing companies approached the Common Council requesting they institute a paid fire department. It was their position that such a change would give them better protection and savings in insurance costs. In twelve years, a paid department would become a reality and the volunteer units a part of the past.

In mid – March, 1923, Mayor James B. Thurber reintroduced discussions of revamping the fire department. The volunteers were outraged and filed a petition to recall the mayor. After much debate and political haranguing, a majority of commissioners sided with Mayor Thurber and on May 18, 1923 voted to establish a paid department as a better way to "insure the safety to lives and property." The department would consist of a chief, two assistants, six firemen, and 100 call men. This latter group would consist of former volunteers. Rahway's first chief, Walter Ritzman, would be paid a maximum salary of \$3,000.00 a year. Annual salaries for the two assistants would be \$2,300.00, the six firemen would receive \$1,500.00, and each call man \$300.00.

In the years that followed, the department has continually upgraded and expanded its equipment and improved and increased the training of its firefighters. From the 1920s and into the 1950s, three stations were in operation (Seminary, Main and E. Milton) until 1956 when the Maple Avenue station was opened to cover the large housing developments that were built in the western part of the city. In 1977 a new fire headquarters was built on Main Street at the corner of Emerson Avenue that along with the Maple Avenue station were capable of handling the needs of the entire city. The three original stations were abandoned.

Today's department is fully equipped with two modern engines, a 95' ladder truck, and an assortment of specialized rescue vehicles needed for responding to all types of fires and floods. Rahway's fifty-one firefighters protect the city 24/7 by working four shifts with twelve members covering each shift. All are EMT trained and operate as first responders for EMS. They are also trained in Haz-Mat, confined space rescue, and swift water rescue.



(above) The volunteer firemen of Washington Engine Company #1 pose in front of their East Milton Avenue firehouse circa 1880.

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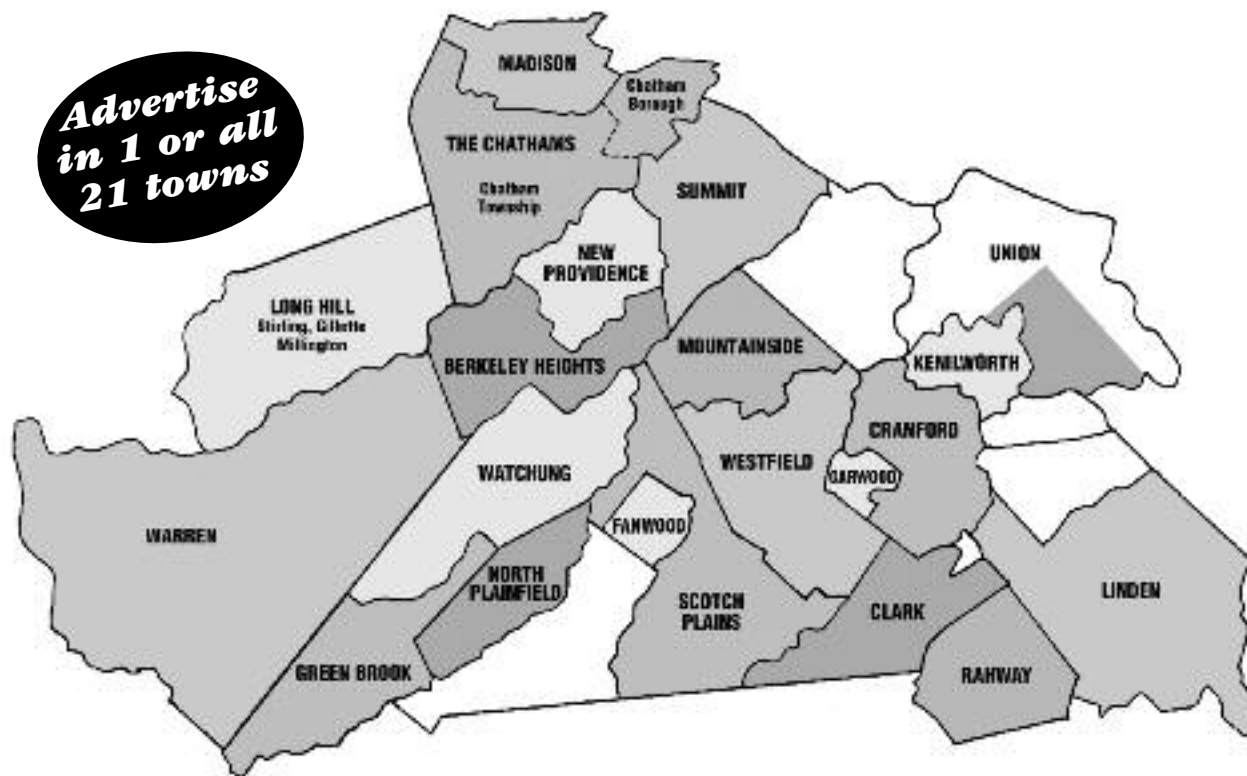
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Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

The Arbor Day Foundation certified Rahway as a Tree City USA Community in 1997 with two primary requirements: Form a Tree Board and Enact a Tree Ordinance.

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Dewars White Label	750 ml	\$19.99
Dewars White Label	1.75L	\$32.99
Gentleman Jack	750ml	\$29.99
Gentleman Jack	1.75L	\$52.99
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Grants	1.75L	\$23.99
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Jack Daniels	1.75L	\$45.99
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Jack Daniels Fire	1.75L	\$45.99
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Jameson	1.75L	\$54.99
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Johhnie Walker Blue	750ml	\$185.09
Johhnie Walker Blue	1.75L	\$379.99
Johhnie Walker Black	750ml	\$32.09
Johhnie Walker Black	1.75L	\$59.99
Johhnie Walker Double Black	750ml	\$34.99
Johhnie Walker Red	750ml	\$19.99
Johhnie Walker Red	1.75L	\$32.09
Macallan 12yrs old (double cask) ..	750ml	\$61.99
Makers Mark	750ml	\$27.99
Makers Mark	1.75L	\$49.99

GIN

Beefeater	1.75L	\$35.99
Bombay Sapphire	1.75L	\$36.99
Seagram's gin	1.75L	\$17.99
Tanqueray	750ml	\$21.99
Tanqueray	1.75L	\$36.99

COGNAC & BRANDY

Courvoisier V.S.	750ml	\$26.99
Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$46.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	750ml	\$42.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$80.99

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Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$39.99
Duggan's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$24.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$36.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$22.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$40.99

VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.09
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.09
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$27.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$24.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$27.99
Grey Goose (all types)	1.75L	\$49.99
Ketel One	750ml	\$19.99
Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.99
Luksusowa	1.75L	\$22.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Pinnacle (80 proof)	1.75L	\$17.99
Skyy	1.75L	\$21.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$18.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$30.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$12.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.09

TEQUILA

Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$29.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$42.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$85.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$34.99

BEER

Becks (12oz) 24pk	24pk	\$24.99
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Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$19.99
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Coors Lite/Miller Lite loose bottles ..	24pk	\$19.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$22.99
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