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STUDENTS SEND SURPRISE THANK-YOU TO RWJ STAFF

Clark Public Schools

Valley Road Elementary School recently donated food and shared posters with words of support to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) Rahway through the StillHere4Heroes campaign. Donations were made possible through the school's Pajama Day fundraiser.

The fundraiser, organized by school counselor Sarah Badillo and special education teacher Lauren Prost, asked students to donate money in exchange for wearing pajamas to school. "This is our 2nd Annual Pajama Day, which is one of my favorite events because it recognizes the tireless efforts of those in healthcare. We raised close to \$600 and purchased snacks and treats for healthcare workers to help show how much we appreciate all their efforts and long hours," stated Mrs. Badillo.

The Student Council, advised by Mrs. Badillo and Mrs. Prost, encouraged their classmates to participate in this event by speaking to their homerooms and making weekly announcements. The StillHere4Heroes campaign was created to honor the healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to serve their communities. The campaign also hoped to spread encouragement and demonstrate how those outside of the hospital truly value all that they do. Mrs. Badillo added, "Valley Road School is honored to have the opportunity to participate in the StillHere4Heroes campaign and is so grateful to have February 17, 2022 designated the Valley Road Day of Kindness at the hospital."





(above) School counselor Sarah Badillo with the snacks purchased with money raised by Valley Road students to thank Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital workers for their dedication and service.

Photos by Clark Public Schools

Maddie Warshauer, Development Associate at RWJUH Rahway stated, "I wanted to extend one more thank-you to Valley Road School for the extremely generous donation. Our staff was so appreciative and felt so honored to receive such wonderful goodies. The students' cards and posters are hung in our cafeteria for the whole hospital to enjoy."

(left, l-r) RWJUH Rahway VP of Development Heather Hays, Valley Road School counselor Sarah Badillo, RWJUH Rahway Development Associate Maddie Warshauer, and Valley Road Principal Joe Beltramba pose with a portion of the items Valley Road students sent to thank healthcare workers.

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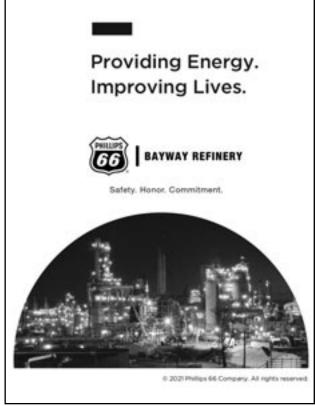
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(above) Rahway Food For Friends would like to thank and acknowledge the CFBNJ. Rahway Food For Friends is proud to partner with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey".

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Sponsor, register to play or support now! "As a nonprofit we rely on fundraisers and donations to bring the services to the women. The golf outing is our second largest fundraiser. It is a great event with fun had by all," said Gail Driscoll, Josephine's Place's executive director, adding "Last year we had a sold-out event. That's my hope for this year too!" There are many ways to participate: be an event sponsor, play golf, take a chance on 50/50 tickets and raffles, donate or join us for lunch and/or dinner.

Event highlights: outdoor barbecue luncheon, shotgun golf tournament, beverages all day, outdoor cocktail reception/dinner-on-the-grill, awards, raffles and a silent auction!

Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club is a premier golf course and is experienced with golf outings while always adhering to health and safety guidelines.

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Can't join us but want to show your support? There are many sponsorship and donation options available.

Since our creation, women have found a safe haven at Josephine's Place - a welcoming and peaceful environment where they can connect with one another and develop the skills they need to succeed for themselves, their families and their communities.

"Our drop-in center on Elizabeth Avenue has grown over the years. We are so very fortunate to have the space to offer classes and programs to

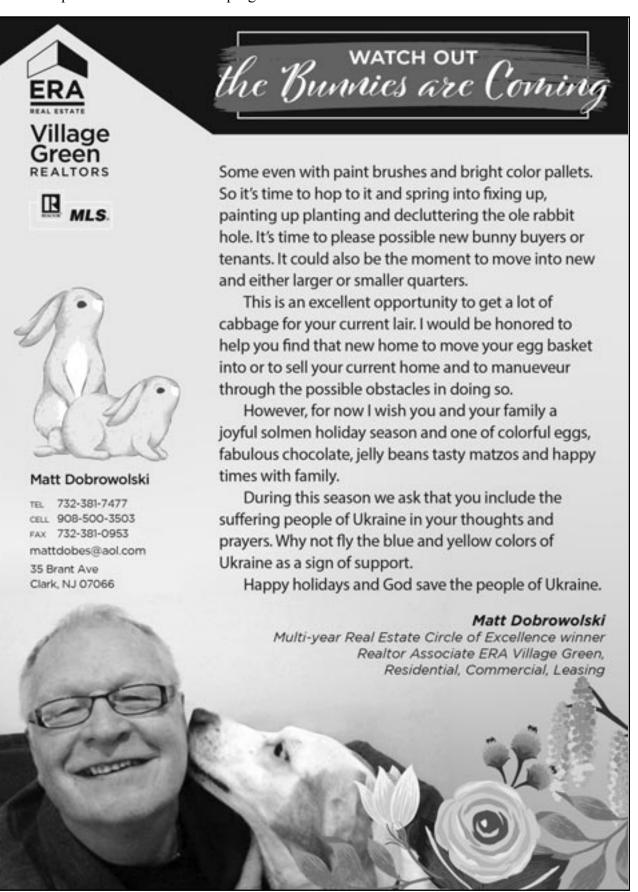
meet the needs of the women. Our services are free," said Driscoll. While women continue to discover Josephine's Place, the ever-present need for volunteers is increasing.

The topics span a wide variety of subjects such as computer literacy, quilting, English, arts & crafts and exercise. The center also hosts support groups for victims of domestic violence and parents of autistic children, among others. One aspect of Josephine's Place is its focus on health and wellness, in particular physical fitness.

In its 19 years in existence, Josephine's Places has made its mark on the community and has been recognized as an asset by government officials and fellow nonprofit organizations. Established by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Josephine's Place has grown into its own independent 501c3 nonprofit organization.

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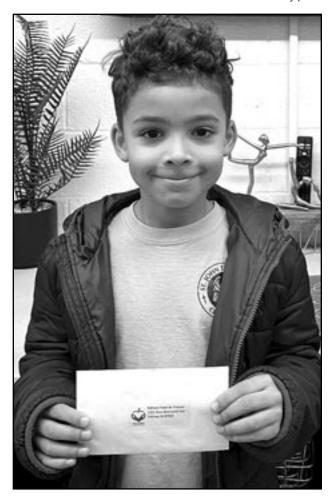
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KAYDEN WHITFIELD HELPS COMMUNITY

Rahway resident Kayden Whitfield wanted to do something for others during each week of Lent and asked his parents how he could help. Kayden chose four places to present a donation to that are very special to him, including Rahway Food for Friends where he and his mom volunteer, Rahway Community Action, where he is an alum of Helping Hands Learning Academy, and Angel Paws animal shelter, which is where is furry brother was adopted from. He is grateful for the work each of those organizations do to help so many in our community. Courtesy photo



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Rahway Public Schools

Ms. Jennifer Jimenez's kindergarten class at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently had a heartfelt lesson on social-emotional learning. She began the lesson by talking about the importance of being kind to one another, which is something they do every day in their classroom.

She asked questions such as, what do you think compassion is? What do you think empathy is?

The kids had so many different answers. It was a great discussion. Ms. Jimenez realized that they understood compassion really well, but empathy was a little harder for them to grasp. She then substituted empathy for kindness and that helped them to understand the concept better.



(above) "I Am Human: A Book of Empathy" by Susan Verde. Ms. Jennifer Jimenez read the book aloud while the kids sat on the rug, then they talked about people they have been compassionate or kind towards. They continued to talk to their friends about the topic at their tables and they drew some wonderful pictures. It was an important and very successful lesson that the kids enjoyed.



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Michael S. Romano, Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge, will give opening remarks. Among others, Raymond A. Giacobbe, Mayor of Rahway, members of Rahway City Council, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and other members of his staff, and the Grand Lodge of New York will be in attendance.

New York Freemasons will be displaying an apron that the Marquis de Lafayette owned and wore.

All trail markers are tracked and approved by The Lafayette Trail, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

Please arrive early to park on the street or in the nearby Rahway Parking garage.

For more information about the event, contact Michael S. Romano at (908) 764-3248 or email him at therion 110@gmail.com.

To learn more about Lafayette Lodge No. 27 Free & Accepted Masons, visit lafayette27.org.



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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance. Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause notential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

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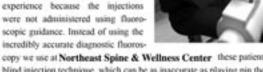
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- . Stiffness Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- . Loss of muscle strength This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- . Joint deformity Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- · Creaking Joints Can be painful and a sign of more
- · Sleepless nights Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of

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Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the



copy we use at Northeast Spine & Wellness Center these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

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Despite these facts and my efforts: dozens of these during construction", trees, our "Oldest Residents", are killed in our local neighborhoods each year. Among the many losses: Most importantly, you will recognize what will harm Shade, Solace the Filtering of our Air and Water, the a tree. Make a commitment to share this information oxygen they provided, ...they also release the Carbon with your children and friends. they have accumulated for hundreds of years.

On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help

save some of the trees in our area. I showed him dozens of trees in Westfield, New Providence, Summit and Scotch Plains. He used the word "disgusting" to describe what he saw. In his report You don't have to believe in Climate Change or he writes "that many of these trees can be saved if

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WHERE'S WALDO OR BETTER YET WHERE IS AL-DO

Rahway Public Schools

The clever Cleveland Staff came up with a terrific way to celebrate Principal Al birthday. Giambrone's recent Principal Giambrone has been the principal at Grover Cleveland School for over fifteen years. If you've gotten to know him, he has quite a sense of humor. So when it came time to celebrate his birthday, the staff took a page right out of his book. The idea for the theme "Where's Waldo" actually came from Principal Giambrone, who was inspired by a school whose staff dressed in the famed "Where's Waldo" costume. Principal Giambrone shared this idea with the School Leadership Committee when the group tossed around ideas back in September for Halloween. The team turned the idea down in favor of the more popular "Among-Us."

Realizing the defeat in their leader's eyes, the team shifted their focus to doing something special for Principal Giambrone's birthday.

Around Christmas time, a plan was devised, and emails went out to the staff asking for everyone's participation in purchasing the "Where's Waldo" costume. As they say, "mum's the word," the plan was set

It was now time for the birthday reveal. I'm sure February 18th will go down in Principal Giambrone's memory book of top birthday celebrations. As he entered the building that morning, there was a three-foot by four-foot picture of him hanging in the doorway. An eightby-ten sign then greeted him with his face affixed to a "Where's Waldo" sign. As he opened the second set of doors, he was greeted by several staff members who eagerly awaited Principal Giambrone's arrival dressed in their "Where's Waldo" costume. By this time, he was met with overwhelming feelings of gratitude as he saw that his entire eighty-plus staff members were all dressed up. The fun didn't stop there, keeping with the theme "Where's Waldo," the staff

plastered hidden pictures of Principal Giambrone throughout the school hallways. The students got a kick out of finding their beloved principal's image hidden on bulletin boards. Before the morning bell rang, staff and students sang happy birthday just before the staff took a group picture on the stage.

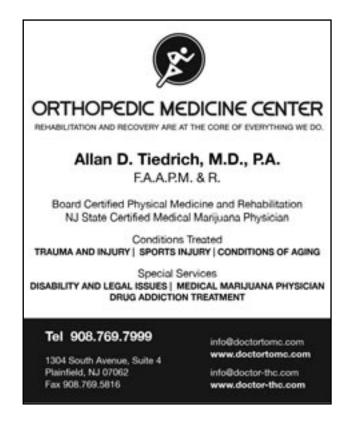
Principal Giambrone was quoted as saying, "I can't believe you guys did all of this for me, thank you." That sentiment alone made the group's efforts worth it.

This was a great moment. Principal Giambrone is a special guy, and he should consider himself among the great school leaders around the world. He's created a climate and culture in his school that is resilient to many of the issues education is currently facing nationwide. Kudos to Principal Giambrone and the staff and students over at Grover Cleveland School for coming together and working together to make their school the best it can be.



(above) The staff at Grover Cleveland School recently surprised Principal Al Giambrone for his birthday by dressing in Where's Waldo cosutumes.

Students participated by finding hidden pictures of their principal around the school.





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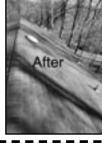
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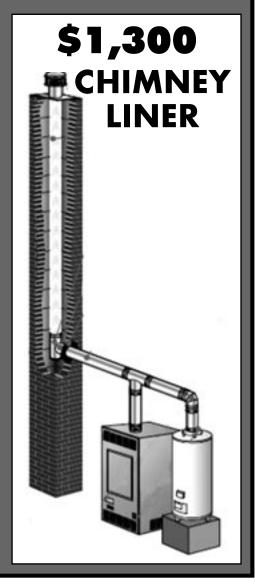
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RAHWAY RESIDENT, ARTHUR KEEFE, SAILED ON ILL-FATED TITANIC

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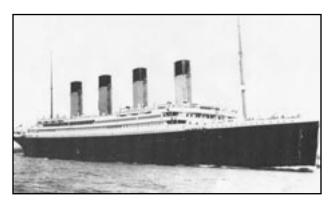
The tragic story of the sinking of the Titanic 110 years ago this month, is familiar to people from all parts of the globe and one that has captivated the interest of generations. No fewer than 150 books and more than two dozen films have recounted the event, attesting to the fact that the disaster evokes universal emotions of human empathy and pathos. The stunning tragedy of the giant liner sparks deeper feelings when there is a closer connection to any one of the doomed passengers. Such is the case with Arthur Keefe, a familiar and popular resident of Rahway's east section, who perished in the icy waters of the North Sea as the magnificent ship foundered and disappeared beneath the waves.

The White Star liner, Titanic, began her maiden voyage on Wednesday, April 10, 1912 carrying 2,200 passengers and crew members. The size of three football fields in length, it was the largest and most elegant steamship the world had ever known and one can only imagine the feeling of excitement and anticipation as the ship made ready for its eight day journey. Passenger Arthur Keefe was returning to America after spending two months on a business/pleasure trip through England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. A bachelor, Keefe lived on Monroe Street with his widowed sister and was known around the city as the "Mayor of East Rahway." Prior to embarking, he sent postcards to his friends that he would be sailing from Southampton on the Titanic and would arrive in New York Harbor on Wednesday, April 17.

Even though Keefe was traveling as a thirdclass passenger and was not allowed to enter many of the exclusive first-class areas, his days on the Titanic were more than comfortable and the journey was proving to be an extension of what had been a pleasant vacation. He felt a part of the grand experience simply by walking on the main deck of the "Floating Palace'. His berth was rather Spartan, but as he didn't spend much time below decks, he found it an adequate space for sleeping. And he would sleep soundly for the first four nights as the vessel rocked gently on the rolling sea.

On the fateful night of Sunday, April 14, Keefe's life and the lives of every passenger on board would forever be changed. approximately twenty minutes before midnight, with most in their sleeping quarters, the Titanic, cruising at full speed, scraped the side of an iceberg. Frigid water rushed into the ship setting in motion the events of the unbelievable catastrophe. Few heard or felt the collision and fifteen minutes passed before first-class passengers were stirred from their beds. Most who were made aware of the accident were certain that although damaged, the mighty ship was in no real danger. Third-class passengers did not get word of what had become a serious situation until 12:30 a.m.

Books and movies have told the story of the panic, chaos, confusion, and horror that took place over the next two hours. Of the 2,200 persons on board, 1,500 lives were lost. Stories would come forward that give a terrifying



(above) The "unsinkable" Titanic

glimpse of the desperate scenes witnessed by survivors including two accounts of the final moments of Arthur Keefe's life. One survivor reported that as the ship was going down, everyone started jumping off. He saw Keefe, who he recognized from a previous meeting in the third-class dining area, jump. The man followed Keefe over the side. For several deadly minutes they frantically splashed about in the freezing water fighting to stay alive. Providence must have smiled on them as he and Keefe were pulled into a lifeboat. Unfortunately, Keefe died in the arms of his rescuers. His body was dropped back into the water with the hundreds of others whose bodies were becoming eerily silent and still. A second survivor recalled seeing Keefe in his pajamas standing on the main deck just before the ship went down. He recognized Keefe by the bald spot on the back of his head and also by a heavy gold ring he wore on the little finger of his left

In the days following the disaster, the steamer Mackay-Bennett, was sent to the site to retrieve bodies and bring them to Halifax, Nova Scotia for identification and burial or release to their families. By the end of a month-long search, over 300 bodies, or about two tenths of the number who perished, were found. Unrecognizable bodies were buried at sea with religious services.

In Rahway, the full force of the horror was felt in the probable loss of one of its citizens. On April 18, flags throughout the city were placed at half-staff to "mark the city's part in the grief



(above) Arthur Keefe's body was never recovered, but his name was placed on the family monument. For some reason, Keefe's sister added the O'to his last name.

which has overspread the entire world." A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated in memory of Keefe on Wednesday, April 24 in St. Mary's Church.

In late April, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Keefe's sister, traveled to Halifax with hopes of locating and identifying her brother's remains. Questioning various undertakers, she was told that no one answering her brother's description had been picked up.

The body of Arthur Keefe was never found. His name was later inscribed on the family monument in St. Mary's Cemetery.









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EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP - APRIL 23

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2022 with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30 and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 23rd (with a rain date of Sunday, April 24th). The clean-up



(above) Some interesting things have been pulled out of the river during the annual Earth Day River Clean-up events

will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey throughout Rahway River Park. Please plan to stop by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. to register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information.

Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities but we specifically will ask folks to always work in small groups for safety purposes with folks socially distanced.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished. It is also fun and educational, especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 20+ years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, including girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river.

The clean-up will generally be between 9a.m.

till noon, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up, and this year there remains substantial debris in the floodplain from Hurricane Ida last fall. The team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, longsleeved shirts, gloves and boots, waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom), this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the river bank. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail rivercleanup@comcast.net.







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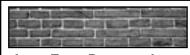


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Rahway Public Schools

Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently spent a week celebrating Read Across America. Throughout the week of February 28-March 4, students took part in many different and exciting activities that centered around reading. Various administrative supervisors, board of education members, retired teachers, and community members came to the school as guest readers to surprise the children. Some classes created their very own books. Older students read to younger students. Others, inspired by the book Bartholomew and the Oobleck, made oobleck—a gooey substance comprised of cornstarch and water that serves as both a science experiment and a fun time!

One day, students were invited to partake in a heritage show and tell. Some wore traditional

dress from their paternal countries; others shared meaningful items that celebrate their heritage.

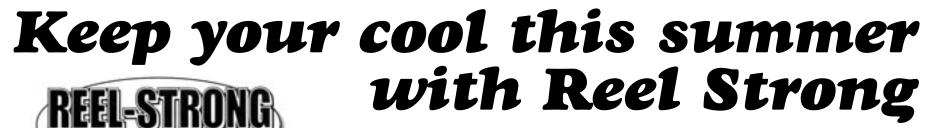
The week ended with the entire student body going into the hallway to read a book, which formed a "reading train." The culmination of the week saw everyone jumping up onto their feet for a fun schoolwide dance—the Cupid Shuffle.

It was a memorable week that helped support the school's initiative to foster a love of reading among its students. As part of this initiative, the school has given out about 220 reading medals to students from kindergarten through sixth grade for filling up their reading logs so far this year. Of course, helping students develop a love of reading is a year-round objective, but Read Across America provides a special week to focus on a variety of fun, exciting, and inspiring reading activities.

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RAHWAY TREE SURVEY 2022

As you drive around Rahway this spring and summer you may see groups of people gathered around trees in bright yellow vest with clipboards. They are professional tree experts taking a survey of all the street trees in The City of Rahway.

After deciding that a tree survey was long overdue, the city applied for and received a grant. Now a professional team is in action throughout the city. This survey is expected to take months, perhaps into the fall.

As a spokesperson from Mayor Giacobbe's office explained, "Rahway has an extensive population of shade trees and they provide us with many environmental and health benefits, but only when carefully planned for and maintained. Our Department of Public Works is in the process of conducting an extensive tree inventory, accounting for the size, species, and condition of every tree on public property."

According to Lauren Ferrigno the tree inventory will accurately record the number, location, size, species, condition, maintenance needs of every street tree in Rahway. During this process the city will also be able to determine:

- Available "vacant" planting sites
- Record growing conditions of each tree
- Available new planting sites
- Identify needs for pruning, removal, planting, and pest management

This process will allow for city officials to move forward with the possible formation of a Shade Tree Board or committee, spearheaded by concerned citizen Bob Markey. responsibilities of a future Tree Board are now in discussion.

Perhaps together, a Tree Board and the Department of Public Works will exercise control over the regulation, planting, care, and control of the trees and shrubbery located along the streets, public places, and parks of Rahway. Other factors of the tree survey will allow for the Shade Tree Committee to determine what types of trees can be planted in specific areas to ensure proper pruning can take place and there are no barriers with overhead utility lines based on the height of information' Tree planting request form, or call the trees.

Rahway is a designated 'Tree City USA'.

cities, towns and villages have received this status. There are four requirements to become a Tree City: (1) A tree board or department (2) Having a community tree ordinance* (3) (4) Celebrating Arbor Day.

As part of Rahway's commitment to this goal, the Department of Public Works actively works with home owners to select, plant and maintain street trees on their property.



(above) Groups of tree surveyors can be intimidating if you don't know who they are. Please inform your neighbors, family & friends.

Trees in our region have been devastated the in the past few years. First by the Asian Longhorned Beetle which killed many maples, a favorite for autumn color. Next by the Emerald Ash Borer and now by the Spotted Lantern Fly. That was followed by multiple hurricanes including super storm Sandy. Sadly, the toppling of so many trees put fear into many homeowners who removed otherwise healthy trees.

The untold tale of those storms is that millions of trees in New Jersey did not fall and that storms are a natural way of culling weak or compromised trees.

The good news is that there are many trees that grow under 20 feet high. They fulfill the requirements of taller trees, for shade and respiration but don't interfere with electric overhead wires and are safer than massive trees.

Tree experts in Rahway are well qualified to discuss these details and help you decide which street tree variety is best for your property. Your only responsibility is to water it, especially during the first year which is crucial for the healthy root growth of all plants.

If you would like to request a street tree you can find the application on Rahway's website, (www.cityofrahway.org) under Rahway Public

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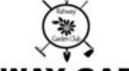
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> Keep Rahway Green & Beautiful! Happy Spring, James



(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



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