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DIVERSITY CELEBRATED AT MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Rahway Public Schools

Franklin Elementary School in Rahway hosted its highly anticipated annual multicultural night in the spring, a vibrant event that brought together students, staff, families, and community members to revel in the rich tapestry of cultures within the school community. The focal point of the event took place in the school's gymnasium, where a remarkable turnout of 50 families actively participated in the multicultural showcase, representing a beautiful display of unity and cultural pride. The event showcased an impressive 24 different countries, each celebrated through thoughtfully designed posters, informative materials, and engaging cultural artifacts.

Families enthusiastically shared their ethnic cuisine, creating an aromatic and flavorsome experience for all attendees. The air was filled with harmonious melodies of music representing different cultures, creating a lively and festive ambiance that resonated throughout the gymnasium.

Adding to the evening's excitement, participants dressed in traditional clothing, adorning the event with a kaleidoscope of colors, patterns, and styles that reflected the vibrant diversity within the school community. The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout, with a strong sense of community and appreciation for diversity permeating every corner of the school.



Photos by Rahway Public Schools

In addition to the gymnasium festivities, the cafeteria served as a stage for the captivating performance by Steppaz with Attitude. They wowed the audience with their energetic step routine, showcasing their skill and precision. The Debutants of Rahway awed onlookers with their mesmerizing twirling performance in the gymnasium later in the evening. And, Pushcart Players brought the magic of theater to Franklin School, delivering an exceptional show in the auditorium.

Franklin Elementary School proudly embraces its cultural diversity, fostering an inclusive environment where every individual is valued and celebrated. The annual multicultural night serves as a testament to the school's commitment to promoting cultural awareness and understanding, with such a huge turnout taking part in this extraordinary celebration.



(above) QR code for video of 2023 Multicultural Night at Franklin Elementary School.



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“AFRICAN ACCENTS” CELEBRATES AFRICAN FABRIC MONTH IN SEPTEMBER

The Cultured Expressions Sewing & Quilting Studio in Rahway is marking African Fabric Month in September with a special event at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge on September 7, 2023. Studio owner Lisa Shepard Stewart will share her passion for the unique textile arts of the Continent, and how to use them creatively. Learn how and why the fabrics are made traditionally, and view some of the most recent projects she has made with them. Sewing skills are NOT required to enjoy this informal presentation of creative ideas and inspiration. “Of course, if you ARE inspired to learn to sew after the presentation, we do offer beginner classes at the studio, and lots of virtual classes”, says Lisa.

African Fabric Month promotes the beauty and cultural significance of textiles like bogolan (mudcloth), kente cloth, adinkra, batik, ankara

prints and more. Their suitability and versatility for DIY enthusiasts ranges from fashion and quilts to home décor, crafts and gifts. Embellishments like Krobo beads and brass accents from Ghana will also be shown and discussed as the perfect finishing touches for any project.

(NOTE: The lecture is FREE but advance reservations are required; please call Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413)

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LEWIS STREET MARKET CONTINUES IN AUGUST

The Lewis Street Market made its return in July and will continue in August. This pop-up market is located behind the pavilion at the intersection of Lewis St. and Augusta St. and offers a unique outdoor shopping experience, featuring a variety of local artisans and businesses.

The charm of Rahway’s local business community is on full display with vendors offering an assortment of goods including handcrafted gifts, fashionable clothing, trendy accessories, fresh produce, and more. Whether you’re searching for a special gift or looking for something unique, the Lewis Street Market has you covered.

The Lewis Street Market will be taking place on August 11, and August 25 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Visit RahwayIsHappening.com/market to view a full list of vendors that will be participating.

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JETER AND RICHARDS TRIUMPH IN CONTEST

Rahway Public Schools

Two exceptional students from Franklin Elementary School, enrolled in Ms. Jordan's 5th-grade class, have emerged victorious in the esteemed Protect Me With 3+ Poster Contest. Marquie Jeter secured an outstanding 1st place, while Kendall Richards claimed a well-deserved 2nd place in the Middle School division of the competition. This remarkable achievement highlights the creative talent and dedication of these young individuals.

The Protect Me With 3+ Poster Contest, organized annually by the New Jersey Department of Health and the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey, aims to foster health awareness and promote preventive measures among students in grades 5-12. This prestigious contest provides a platform for young artists to showcase their artistic abilities while addressing critical health issues.

Marquie Jeter's captivating poster, which secured the 1st place position, brilliantly conveys the importance of immunizations and highlights the key message of "Protect Me With 3+." Through a compelling visual narrative, Marquie effectively communicates the significance of receiving the required vaccinations to safeguard one's health and well-being.

Kendall Richards' impressive poster, earning the 2nd place distinction, artfully emphasizes the role of preventive measures in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. With a creative composition and engaging imagery, Kendall's artwork prompts viewers to adopt healthy habits and protect themselves from potential health risks.

The success of Marquie and Kendall in the Protect Me With 3+ Poster Contest is a testament to their talent, dedication, and commitment to promoting health awareness among their peers. Franklin Elementary School takes immense pride in nurturing such remarkable individuals and providing them with a supportive educational environment.



(above) Marquie Jeter and Kendall Richards

Photo by Rahway Public Schools

RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

DON'T BLAME THE ARROW FOR MISSING THE TARGET

Just like tens of millions of other Americans, you were looking for relief from your chronic knee pain. You thought Viscosupplementation injections might be the answer, but the results were disappointing and painful. Don't assume the treatment wasn't right. That could very well be like blaming the arrow for its path to the target when the problem might be the archer. If you didn't get the pain relief you were hoping for, chances are your injection treatment was off target. Unlike blind injections or even ultrasound targeted treatments found elsewhere, **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** now for a RISK FREE consultation.



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. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **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 discomfort to come.
- **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 sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

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 incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy 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.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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THE FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE

GEORGE A. CASTRO IV (21) SELLS RECORD-BREAKING \$4.36 MILLION DOLLAR MANSION

By: Abraham Friedman

CASTRO - When it comes to the world of business, there is no mistaking that attaining success is anything but an effortless feat. Simply charting a clear-cut way to do so necessitates utmost tenacity and discipline, and to then realize such a goal pivots on consistency. This is precisely what can be said in regard to Real Estate, where one's expertise in communication and character must stand at the forefront of every endeavor, making it a demanding profession, regardless of age. Thus, it's nothing short of outstanding when the youngest in the industry work their way up to greatness, and in regard to those who have gone as far as to break records, look no further than George A. Castro IV of Premier Homes who, at just 21 years old, has realized unprecedented triumph in his career through a most recent transaction worth millions, making a name for himself as the true future of real estate.

Having been acclaimed time and again for his unwavering dedication and ingenuity as a businessperson, it is beyond doubt that George Castro has made impactful strides within the Real Estate industry, and the vast recognition brought about by his latest sale of a new residence is no exception. Located at 420 Ludlow Avenue in Spring Lake, New Jersey, the property was built by "AllertonFox Construction", one the biggest commercial construction and development companies in Manhattan, New York, and is but one of many multi-million dollar homes throughout the prestigious neighborhood.



As with all his previous work, George enthusiastically took this unique opportunity presented to him, procuring a contract on the property under 30 days from the original listing date. The residence was initially listed at \$3,995,000, and was ultimately sold for \$4,367,000, a whopping \$372,000 above the original listing price. While this in itself is an exceptional accomplishment, it is made even more significant by George's remarkably young age, recognized as the most ever expensive residential sale by a 21-year-old in the entirety of the United States.

Castro emphasizes the importance of his medium of both marketing and selling, a crucial variable in his mastery of Real Estate. In the case of most Realtors who are selling million-dollar properties, they often focus solely on the market and local areas surrounding a particular residence, which is considered an outdated means to advertise to affluent buyers. Meanwhile, George has been marketing luxurious properties to purchasers not only from New York but several states throughout the country and even overseas. It is exactly this which differentiates him from the majority of agents. "There are many rich and affluent purchasers in Manhattan who live in small apartments but are paying hundreds upon thousands of dollars in rent," he states. With his concentration on efficient and contemporary ways of selling, George has been able to hone into this market and grant a myriad of buyers, whether near or far, the opportunity of purchasing opulent homes in New Jersey.

With his record-breaking achievement, George Castro's eminence in the tri-state area's Real Estate scene is ever-increasing and has been actualized by the aptly named "Wonder Boy" in the short span of only 3 years, at that. First setting foot in the industry at 18, his talent in Real Estate was put to the test by the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought change to our lifestyles, and hence, the state of the business. George rose to the challenge without hesitation, honing his potential with ceaseless determination to be greater than meets the eye. "If you're looking to think at all, you might as well think big, and in the Real Estate industry, it's important to always look to have the upper hand" he says.

By virtue of his prowess and passion for Real Estate, George Castro has come to establish himself not only as a distinguished professional in an industry marked by competition but as a paragon of his age. Through 2022 and beyond, he has earned numerous commendations as a top agent in the Premier Homes company and the state of New Jersey. More than that, George is the youngest realtor to have received the 2022 Gold New Jersey Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award, further underscoring his ascendancy in the industry, all through skill well beyond his years.

In recent times, opportunities for prosperity have been sought out on a progressively larger scale, giving rise to new and innovative talent more so than ever before. However, it is George Castro who has proven that the scope of one's success hinges on the individual mindsets of those who strive for it. As he strongly believes "There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking. Usually those who are the most competent and committed, are the ones that rise to the occasion."

TATIANA RIVERA RECEIVES PTA SCHOLARSHIP

Rahway Public Schools

Tatiana Rivera, a graduating senior at Rahway High School, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from Franklin Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association. The scholarship was based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, future plans, and a written essay on how their experience at Franklin School helped to shape them and their future plans.

Tatiana is a top student at Rahway High School. She has earned a weighted GPA of 5.1 GPA and is ranked ninth in her class. She was involved in a number of extracurricular activities, including Rahway's winter and spring track and field and cross-country teams. She was also a member of the National Honors Society, along with the Science, Math, and Social Studies National Honors Societies.

After high school, Tatiana plans to attend Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She plans to major in biology and then pursue medical school to become a pediatrician.

"I am so grateful to the Parent Teacher Association for this scholarship," said Tatiana. "It will help me to pay for my education and pursue my dream of becoming a pediatrician."

The Parent Teacher Association is proud to support Tatiana's academic and professional goals. "Tatiana is a bright and talented young woman with a bright future ahead of her," said PTA President Shavon Smith-Simons.



(above) Susan Dilollo (PTA Treasurer), Tatiana Rivera, Nicole Tisdale (PTA Secretary), and Shavon Smith-Simons (PTA President)

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Submitted by Christina Petti

The Rahway Elks Veterans Committee hosted another wonderful lunch at the Firehouse restaurant in Rahway, NJ on Friday, June 23rd for veterans from the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park. This is our favorite type of event to host because it is so important to listen to the stories these veterans tell and they love the time out. This time we had six Elks volunteers, 11 veterans (including three Elks), three hospital aides, and four family members.

This lodge has always followed the New

Jersey Elks Veteran's Committee's motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

If you are interested in attending one of the future lunches as a veteran from Rahway, please contact the Rahway Elks via phone at 732-388-1075.

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SENIOR CLASS RETURNS TO FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Rahway Public Schools

Rahway High School seniors from the Class of 2023 returned to their elementary school, Franklin Elementary School, on Thursday, June 15. The students walked the halls and were greeted by a cheering student body.

The seniors were all smiles as they reminisced about their time at Franklin School. They talked about their favorite teachers, their favorite memories, and the friends they made. "It was so nice to come back to Franklin School," said one senior. "It brought back so many good

memories."

The Franklin students were excited to see the seniors in their caps and gowns. They cheered and clapped as the seniors walked by. "It was inspiring to see the seniors," said one 6th-grade student. "They look so grown up and accomplished." The visit was a great opportunity for the seniors to reconnect with their roots and for the Franklin students to see what the future holds. "It was a great day," said acting Principal, Dr. Kevin Robinson. "It was a reminder of how important it is to give back to our community."



(above) The seniors are heading to a variety of destinations after graduation. Some are going to college, trade schools, and joining the military. The seniors that came to visit were David Castro, Kayla Dobzyn, Kayla Fleurantin, Patrick Gliwa, Betzabeth Herrera, Paola Lopez, Sarahy Luna, Gianna Marchica, Brianna Martinez, Joshua Munoz, Celine Nguyen, Jayden Nguyen, Kimberly Reyes, Tatiana Rivera, and Gabriel Saire. Franklin School is very proud of these fine young adults and wishes them all the best as they embark on their future.

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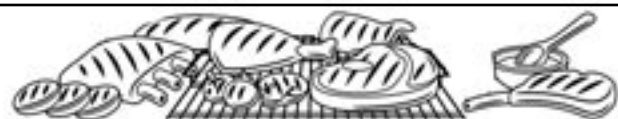
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WHEN THE GREAT ATLANTIC HURRICANE OF 1944 ROARED INTO RAHWAY

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

The mere mention of the names Hugo (1989), Floyd (1999), Katrina (2005), and Sandy (2012) is sure to cause angst. These names are likely to evoke recollections of monsoon-like rains, heavy flooding, falling trees, loss of electric power, and perhaps even injury and death to those who experienced their wrath.

Today, aware of the effects of global warming, most Americans have come to expect that devastating storms such as these will not only continue to occur but will occur more regularly. Back in 1944, however, the concept of a warming planet was unheard of and disastrous storms were considered once-in-a lifetime events. On



(above) Clear-up began the morning after the storm. Elm Avenue lost many of its large trees. The photo shows Elm near the corner of Esterbrook.

September 14, 1944, the residents of Rahway experienced such an event: a hurricane so mighty that it would be remembered as the fiercest storm to strike the city to that date.

The Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944 (It had no name as hurricanes were not officially given names until 1950) was a powerful tropical storm that left a trail of destruction over nearly 1,000 miles along the Atlantic Coast from North Carolina to Maine. The storm developed east of Barbados on September 7th and by the 9th had strengthened into a fully formed hurricane. After doing major damage to the south-eastern states and to the towns along the New Jersey Coastline, the hurricane hit Rahway on the night of Thursday, the 14th.

The storm roared into the city with blasts of winds of 80 to 100 mph accompanied by heavy rain. In the business district, large store windows were blown out leaving a trail of glass along the sidewalks. Signs hanging over store fronts were torn from their moorings. High voltage wires around Merck & Co. and another on Broad Street that supplied power for the Pennsylvania Railroad were severed, the latter producing vivid flashes of sparks whenever the wind-tossed wire struck its metal stanchion. Telephone service was lost and lights in most neighborhoods were knocked out leaving many residents without power for six days. Safety patrols had to be stationed by the downed wires to keep the curious away.

But it was Rahway's grand trees—the pride of the city—that experienced the worst of the wind. Over 800 trees were felled, blocking streets, damaging homes, taking down electric wires, smashing cars, and making it impossible to get around the city. Elm, Seminary, Central, and Lake Avenues lost many of their majestic trees. The tall, old oak in the rear yard of the Girl Scout House (now the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum) fell across Westfield Avenue pulling down wires and blocking access to St. Georges Avenue. Few trees were lost in Rahway County

Park, but at least 25 of the largest trees in Rahway Cemetery were uprooted.

With all of the destruction, Rahway was fortunate not to have any fatalities. However, there were several close calls. A couple living on St. Georges Avenue barely escaped injury when a large tulip tree fell and crushed their front porch—the trunk of which landed three feet from where they were sitting. An Elm Avenue resident, intent on moving her car from the street to a safer spot, froze on her front porch steps when she witnessed a huge elm fall and completely crush her vehicle.

Compounding the destructive event, the river had reached high tide just as the rains came. Homes on Allen Street, Union Place, Haydock Street, and Dock Street were flooded, and residents had to be rescued. Several groups volunteered to help the victims. Rowboats were commandeered from the Rahway Yacht Club to aid in the evacuation and temporary shelters were set-up at police headquarters, the Eagles building, and the First Presbyterian Church.

Community efforts were also made during the clean-up which started almost immediately after the storm abated. A labor force was enlisted which included 30 men from the New Jersey Reformatory and 60 high school students who were given a day off from school on Friday to help remove the debris. The crew would work all day Friday, Saturday, and part of Sunday. Vehicles and drivers needed to carry away the heavy limbs, trunks, and branches were supplied at no expense by Merck, National Pneumatic, Monte Christie, Regina, Quinn and Boden, the Colonial Coal Co. and the reformatory. By Friday evening, all streets were opened to traffic, and by Saturday night, most branches and trunks had been removed and carted away.

While Rahway has since experienced a number of more devastating storms—most notably Sandy in 2012—the Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944 would live in the memories of the postwar generation for decades.

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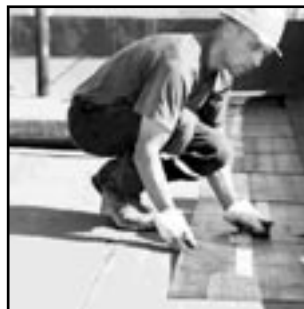
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The VFW is a non-profit military organization for Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many of these veterans are World War II, Korea, Viet Nam or Gulf War service men and women. The VFW is a service group that helps veterans and their families apply for and maintain their benefits. Members of Post 7363 are from Rahway, Clark, and neighboring communities. Our hope is to keep Post #7363 as a viable location in the community for veterans to gather, get help, and share their common experiences.

If you can't make the show consider a donation to help us reach our goal of \$200,000 over the next year. Checks change be mailed to VFW Post #7363, 6 Broadway, Clark, NJ 07066.

HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL - AUGUST 5

City of Rahway

The Heart of the City festival taking place on Saturday, August 5 from 12:00-6:00 PM on E. Cherry St. Heart of the City aims to shine a spotlight on the immense talent of the local Black and Brown community in the New Jersey area, with an emphasis on Rahway creatives.

The festival promises to be an exciting event filled with a variety of activities, perfect for the whole family. Attendees can look forward to a diverse range of vendors, including small businesses and talented artists showcasing their unique creations as well as performances by local musicians and a live DJ to keep the energy going throughout the afternoon. To truly highlight the sense of togetherness that this festival aims to provide, there will be a community art project that all are welcome to participate in to express their creativity.

"We are excited to bring the Heart of the City festival to Rahway once again. This event not only showcases the exceptional talent within our arts community but also highlights the diversity that makes Rahway such a special place. We encourage everyone to join us in celebrating our local creatives, supporting small businesses, and making connections that will continue to strengthen our city," said Mayor Giacobbe.

Since its inception, the festival has been committed to celebrating diversity and providing a platform for underrepresented artists and entrepreneurs to showcase their work. Through

this celebration of cultural heritage, the Heart of the City Festival brings individuals together as part of Rahway's downtown arts community. Heart of the City is a not-for-profit event that aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for artists, local businesses, and attendees while uplifting creative endeavors.

In the event of inclement weather, a rain date is scheduled for Saturday, August 12. For more information, please call the Rahway Recreation Center at (732) 669-3600 or check:

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BAYWAY COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Bayway Community Advisory Panel (CAP), an organization of local community members and industry representatives including Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Infineum USA L.P., Linden Cogeneration Plant, Veolia North America, and Linden VFT LLC, recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 13 local students in the municipalities of Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island.

All of the high school seniors will be pursuing Process Technology or Engineering degrees in various disciplines (Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical) this fall at college. The winners from Elizabeth are Joe Alves, Ismael Fuentes, and Bryan Larin.

Joe Alves is a senior at Frank J. Cicarell Academy in Elizabeth, NJ.

Joe is an intelligent and conscientious student who is full of curiosity to learn new things. his analytical approach enables him to absorb difficult concepts in science effortlessly. His work habits reflect his qualities of being a team member and being extremity kind and helpful.

Joe has been an active member of some prestigious clubs in school like National Honor Society and Italian Honor Society. He has been enthusiastically involved in Civil Air Patrol activities outside school. His aspiration for higher education has assisted him in maintaining valuable standings in the current academic year. Joe will be pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering. Joe is responsible and proactive therefore a deserving candidate of the Bayway CAP Scholarship sponsored by Infineum USA, LP.

Ismael Fuentes is a senior at Frank J. Cicarell Academy in Elizabeth, NJ.

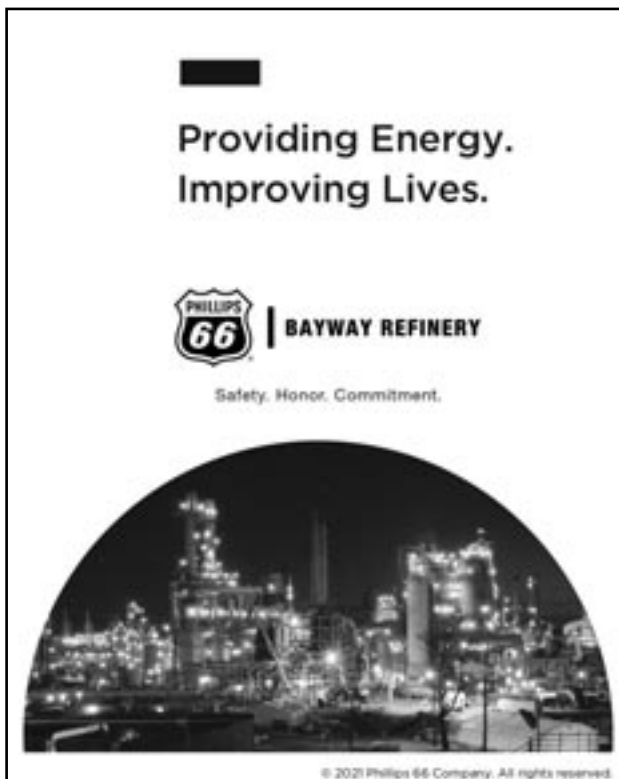
Ismael has been a student exhibiting great enthusiasm, intellectual curiosity, and scholastic aptitude. He takes mathematical changes very well and tries to succeed in whatever he pursues with dedication. With his mature approach to his responsibilities and superior knowledge and involvement in the school, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership. Ismael has developed a

strong sense of confidence. He is a good team leader who always leads his team with confidence and respect. He works very well independently as well as group setting. Ismael will be pursuing a degree in Computer Science.

Ismael was strongly recommended for a Bayway CAP Scholarship sponsored by Infineum USA, LP congratulations!

Bryan Larin is a senior at Frank J. Cicarell Academy in Elizabeth, NJ.

Bryan is a skilled student that is willing and motivated to accept challenges as they relate to academia. Bryan is a mature young man for his age. He adapts quickly and has superior abilities that are favorable for his success. His unselfishness to help others far exceeds most of his peers. The subject of mathematics and calculation had always remained a strength in Bryan's learning. Bryan will be pursuing a degree in Physics. It is with great pleasure to award Bryan with a Bayway CAP Scholarship, sponsored by Infineum USA, LP.



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(above) Congratulations and best wishes to all the 2023 CAP scholarship winners. Elizabeth winners: Joe Alves, Ismael Fuentes, and Bryan Larin; Linden winners: Jaiden Jones, and Evelyn Ojeda; Rahway winners: Pearl Davis, Destiny Ledgister, and Camilla Monterrosa; Staten Island winners: Aaron McDonald, Anthony McDonald, Terrance McDonald, Evan Randeniarachchi, and Joseph Dalton.

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Part 1 New Jersey Ticks in 2013

October is an active time for adult ticks and it is important that we stay diligent with their detection. Even an Indian summer can cause these tiny creatures to become active when we often let our guard down.

In New Jersey we have four hard body ticks; The American Dog tick, the Brown Dog tick, the Lone Star tick and Deer ticks. It is the Deer tick, also known as the 'Black legged tick' that causes humans in our area the most concern due to the possible transmission of Lyme Disease.

Early tick detection is the surest way to avoid problems. This simply means taking a visual exam of yourself and your children every day. Deer ticks need 24-36 hours to transmit the Lyme Disease bacteria. An adult Deer tick is about the size of a sesame seed. Now with more and more deer roaming through our area we need to increase our guard.

Part 2 New Jersey Ticks update 2023

In June 2018, a man from Yonkers, NY brought a tick he found on his leg to his doctor. Surprisingly it wasn't a known local tick. This tick was a recent introduction to America, first discovered just one year before, the Asian Long Horned Tick*. Unlike many other ticks, long horned tick likes mowed lawns and is not deterred by direct sunlight. When investigators inspected the man's lawn, they discovered an alarming number of these ticks. The female is able to reproduce asexually which means she doesn't have to find a mate to fertilize her eggs.

New introductions of other ticks from the Gulf Coast have alerted researchers and doctors to the growing danger they might bring. It is now more

important than ever to do a complete tick body search after spending a day outside.

If you do find a tick correct removal is very important. Remove the tick carefully with tweezers and put it into a container with a moist cotton ball (an old prescription bottle works best). A good tick sample is essential if your doctor decides to have it tested. Make sure you have removed the entire tick including the head which can cause infection if you leave it in.

Do not put rubbing alcohol on the tick as it will kill the bacteria and that tick will no longer be viable for testing.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Garden Helpline of Union County can identify your tick for you. Bring the intact tick to the Union County office at 300 North Ave East, on the 2nd floor. Please call before going to make sure someone will be there to accept your sample. For more information call 908-654-9852.

Rutgers suggests you always call your doctor when you are bitten by a tick. They will know the best course of action to be taken.

*Information on the Asian Longhorned tick is from the NY Times, Joseph Goldstein.

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James



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

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(above) In a process called "questing" this Deer Tick waits patiently for a suitable host to pass by. A deer, a dog or even a human might be its next blood meal.

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The Gateway Family YMCA, together with The National Council of Negro Women-Rahway and the City of Rahway, celebrated Rahway Creates, a 2-week city-wide student art exhibition spreading awareness and engagement of the arts in the local community. The opening ceremony and exhibit were hosted at The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ.

The Rahway Creates art exhibition featured work from local Rahway youth, alongside established artists providing recognition, encouragement, and exposure to the young artists at the YMCA. The goal of the exhibition was to provide exposure for the local artists and to promote art awareness among the greater Rahway community.

“Our YMCA understands the importance of the Arts for cultural expression, innovation and emotional well-being,” stated Melynda A. Disla, President/Chief Executive Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA. “We are happy to partner with local organizations who share this commitment and celebrate arts and culture in our diverse communities.”

The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch also provided art workshops, allowing Rahway families to participate together in different art forms. In collaboration with Carolyn Dorfman Dance, the Y held Dance Union Festival workshops, in person and virtually, that were open to the local community.

This program is made possible in part by a 2023 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union

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For more information on The Gateway Family YMCA visit tgfymca.org or contact The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057 or rahwayinfo@tgfymca.org.



(above) *The Gateway Family YMCA Celebrates the Arts with Rahway Creates*



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Carol Mullen, "Monarch," collage, 18x3x.5 in.

Melissa Stern, "Deflated," 2020, sculpture, 43x18x17 in.

Lisa Ficorelli-Halpern, "Joy, after Reynolds," 2023, oil on canvas, 42x38 in.

Giants, Dragons & Unicorns: The World of Mythic Creatures is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (amnh.org).

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Submitted by Jon Joshua

On July 15, more than 20 Elks from the East Central District, consisting of Lodges in Stirling, Summit, Springfield, Mountainside, Cranford, Union, and Rahway sponsored a picnic at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home in Edison.

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CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH AUG 24

City of Rahway

The Mayor's Summer Concert Series continues on Thursdays through August 24 in front of the Union County Performing Arts Center, located at 1601 Irving Street. These free performances feature a star-studded line-up of musicians to shine a spotlight on Rahway's unique arts scene with a diverse mix of genres, perfect for all music lovers.

On August 3 at 8:00 p.m. is La Pachamambo, a 10-piece Latin orchestra dedicated to the meticulous restoration and revival of salsa, mambo, and boogaloo hits of days gone by. Channeling the likes of Hector Lavoe, Celia Cruz, Ray Baretto, and beyond, La Pachamambo instantly transports audiences to New York City in the 1960s and 1970s where salsa was born.

On August 10 at 8:00 p.m., award-winning and Grammy-nominated R&B artist, Brian McKnight will bring his talents to Downtown Rahway. With 16 Grammy Award nominations and numerous chart-topping songs, McKnight has established himself as a musical legacy with over 30 million albums sold worldwide. His most well-known hits include "Back At One," "6, 8, 12," and "Anytime."

On August 17 at 6:30 p.m., Rusty Monks will open the show with their one-of-a-kind fusion of

Blues, Jazz, Funk, Rock, and Latin Jazz. This ever-changing ensemble, led by seasoned NYC performer and artist Housecat Nick, will provide funky beats and catchy grooves that will get the crowd moving. AB Salute House will close out the night with Rahway's own DJ JusttheDj and DJ Naeem Johnson. House music continues to grow in popularity in Rahway's music scene with AB Salute House at the forefront to keep the party going.

On August 24 the series will come to a close with a high-energy night of rock and roll starting at 6:00 p.m.. NJ's Hottest Hard Rockin' Cover Band, Day One, will open the show and break out hits from the 80s all the way through today's music. The Midnight Rock Show will go on second and unleash a memorable concert-style performance that is a true nod to the 70s FM Rock Radio DJs and deep album cuts. The show will end with an opportunity to relive the magic of Freddie Mercury and Queen, as the nation's top Queen tribute band, The Kings of Queen take the stage with a live performance that the legendary band would be proud of.

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As part of their final investigation for the school year, the students in Mrs. Jaqueline Fagan's second-grade class had an unforgettable experience observing the captivating journey of painted lady larvae. The students witnessed the larvae grow, pupate, and finally emerge as beautiful adult butterflies. This hands-on activity allowed them to observe the various stages of complete metamorphosis and compare the behaviors of butterflies.

Photo by Rahway Public Schools



(above) Butterfly release

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8/7/2023 @ 6:00 PM

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Groovy Teen Monday

8/7/2023 @ 6:00 PM

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Toddler Time

8/8/2023 @ 10:30 AM

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Summer Teen Activity

8/9/2023 @ 2:00 PM

All Together Now Summer Teen Program activity in the Discovery Studio!

Saturday Afternoon Trivia

8/12/2023 @ 1:30 PM

Join us in the library auditorium Saturday, August 12 beginning at 2:00 pm for an afternoon of trivia hosted by Danny Vargas. Registering your team is recommended but not required by contacting the reference desk. For adults 18 and over. Grand Prize will be a gift certificate to the world famous Waiting Room.

Groovy Teen Monday!

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Summer Teen Activity

8/16/2023 @ 2:00 PM

All Together Now Summer Teen Program activity in the Discovery Studio!

Crochet Club

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