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City of Rahway to Honor Black History Month with Diverse Range of Educational and Inspiring Events Throughout February

Rahway, NJ – January 23, 2024 – Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council are proud to announce the City of Rahway’s lineup of exciting events in celebration of Black History Month. From art exhibits to historical talks and live performances, the community is invited to join in honoring the rich cultural heritage of African Americans throughout the month of February throughout our great City.

On Sunday, January 28, the Notes from the Underground: 6th Annual Celebration of African American Artists Exhibition opens with a free reception from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Rahway Senior Center, located at 1306 Esterbrook Ave. Featuring artists Beverly McCutcheon, Jeff Brooks, Steve Green, Tino F. Cook, Maria Luis Estrela, and Kaaren Patterson, the exhibit runs from January 28 to February 23, 2024.

From February 1 through February 29, the Harriet Tubman: The Beacon of Hope traveling monument will be on display at City Hall Plaza with an official Community Celebration taking place on Saturday, February 3, starting at 2:00 PM at the Rahway Recreation Center, located at 275 E. Milton Ave.

The Art Talk: Quilts That Speak in the Story Telling Tradition takes place on Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Rahway Public Library at 2 City Hall Plaza. This Art Talk is presented by art instructor and adjunct professor Ray Horner Jr. who will explore the narrative of quilt making, illustrated by artists like Faith Ringgold.

On Saturday, February 10, Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum, located at 1632 St. Georges Ave. will be hosting an American History Talk & Cemetery Tour that will delve into the role of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) in the Civil War and discuss about Rahway's connection to African American soldiers.

The Urban League of Union County will be hosting a College Fair on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Rahway Recreation Center, located at 275 E. Milton Ave, featuring over 15 historically black colleges and universities, New Jersey state schools, workshops, and seminars.

On Friday, February 23, the Prime Time Music Series featuring blues-rock guitarist and vocalist Junior Mack returns Rahway Senior Center, located at 1306 Esterbrook Ave., at 8:00 PM. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

Finally, the Cosmic Adventures: Astronomy Experience closes out Black History Month on Saturday, February 24 at the Rahway Senior Center with sessions to explore the night sky and learn about Stellar Navigation inside a traveling planetarium taking place at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM. This event is limited to Rahway residents, recommended ages 8+.

“I am thrilled to invite our community to join us in honoring Black History Month with a wide variety of events that were designed to educate, entertain, and inspire. Let us appreciate the art, history, and talent that shape our great city and come together in the spirit of diversity as we continue to strive for a brighter future for all,” said Mayor Giacobbe.

All City of Rahway Black History Month events are free, however several require registration.

Visit www.CityofRahway.com/BHM for more details and to register.