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## Residents face 93-point tax increase

### ...and that's after budget reduction

by Pat DiMaggio  
Residents will be faced with a 35-point tax increase

from the sale of City owned property, tax points have been reduced to 35 points or

the budget below the State allowed cap by \$90,621. When the budget was first

Based on the tax rate before the recent revaluation, residents would be faced with a total increase of 93 points: 41 points for local schools, 17 for the County budget and 35 for municipal purposes. Tax rates without the revaluation per \$100 of introduced in March, it was more than \$1 million over

assessed value included \$4.09 for the schools, \$1.48 for the county and \$3.44 for the City for a total 1989 rate of \$9.01. The tax revaluation ordered by the State will be in effect for this year. The average home in Rahway is now assessed at \$147,000, up from last year's average assessment of \$40,000.

Under the new assessments, the tax rate is .97 for the schools, .35 for the County and .82 for the City for a total 1989 revalued tax rate of \$2.14 per \$100 of assessed valuation. A public hearing and possible final adoption of the budget is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 in council chambers, City Hall.

**Residents may compute their new taxes by multiplying their new tax assessment by .0214.**  
**Example: \$147,000 assessment times .0214 equals \$3,145.80 per year in total taxes.**

for municipal purposes, 17 points for the County government and 41 points for schools purposes, for a total increase of 93 points, when Rahway's City Council adopts its 1989 spending plan tonight.

The total municipal budget is \$19,123,081 compared with \$18,345,353 for 1988, an increase of \$777,728 or 4 percent.

When first introduced, the budget resulted in an increase of 78 tax points for City services. After budget cuts recommended by the mayor, the receipt of \$1.1 million in distressed cities aid and the receipt of funds

\$132 on a house assessed at \$147,000, for municipal purposes, according to Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett.

Reductions have brought 'Wishers' to play soapers'

On August 12, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey will host a benefit softball game against "Guiding Light," the daytime soap. It will be held at Ed Weber field in Union, and will commence at 1 p.m.

For more information, call "Karen," 862-9349.

## City budget to be adopted tonight

### Loss of distressed cities aid partially recovered; police, firemen immune from lay-off

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's City Council held a special meeting on July 19 to amend their budget in anticipation of finally adopting the 1989 spending plan.

The council approved an agreement for Distressed Cities State Aid in the total amount of \$1.1 million. Rahway applied for \$2.7 million in distressed cities aid and

later amended that amount to \$4.6 million.

In April, Rahway was notified they would receive \$700,000. The new agreement calls for a total of \$1,110,000 in aid for the City. Last year, Rahway received \$1.4 million. "At first we were disappointed," said Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett. "But when we saw the list we noted that Rahway came out first of all comparable municipalities for state aid."

Monies from distressed cities aid carries the provision that there be no layoffs of police or fire personnel, according to Hartnett.

The council also approved resolutions authorizing the use of \$120,000 from the sale of urban renewal land, \$7,000 as anticipated revenue from the Suburban Cablevision lease agreement, \$101,000 from County Environmental Health Act Funds, \$3,312 from a recycling tonnage grant, \$4,882 in revenue sharing funds, \$267,110 from the proceeds of the sale of City-owned property and \$4,556 from the Division of Motor Vehicles-Police Department Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.

All of these monies will be used as anticipated revenue in the City's 1989 budget

which will be adopted at a meeting to be held tonight (July 27) at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.



Bill Hoodzow

## Familiar local sports figure named to Hall of Fame

by Pat DiMaggio  
A Rahway resident has recently been commended for his years of involvement in the amateur sports world by being named to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

William Hoodzow, a former Board of Education member and long-time member of the Sidelines, was recently notified of his selection to the Kansas City, Missouri Hall of Fame. Hoodzow was cited for the 5500 baseball games he officiated during his 50-year career.

He has umpired in 14 states and four foreign countries including Germany, France, Iceland and Canada. Hoodzow also umpired during the 1976 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Among the honors Hoodzow has received for his dedication to High School and college sports is inclusion in the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981, the Rahway High School Hall of Fame in 1983 and the N.J. State Baseball Umpires Association in 1987.

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## Board of Ed to apply for \$271G skills-improvement grant

by Pat DiMaggio  
At its regular meeting on July 18, Rahway's Board of Education voted to apply for basic skills improvement grants.

The board appointed Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette and Assistant Superintendent Nicholas Delmonico as the authorized representatives in applying for a Basic Skills Improvement Grant of \$271,165 to be used in the areas of Chapter I communications and math, and for a grant of \$316,657 to be used in the area of Compensatory Education communications and mathematics. Both programs are fully-federally funded.

The board also approved the submission and operation of an Inexpensive Book Distribution Program, in the amount of \$2,356, under Reading-Is-Fundamental, to be conducted at Roosevelt School and the Intermediate School during the 1989-90 school year. Three-quarters of the amount will be federally funded; one-quarter will come from external sources.

In other business the board:

- Appointed James Eden as night custodian at the High School at \$18,413.
- Appointed Carl Stanton as night custodian at the Intermediate School at \$18,413.
- Approved a voluntary

transfer of Paul Davis, High School night custodian, to district/High School custodian.

- Accepted the resignations of Carol Villanova, special education teacher at Roosevelt School and Elizabeth Slevin, speech-language specialist.

- Appointed John Young III as special education teacher at Franklin School at \$34,725, and Claudia Ahlstrom as a math basic skills teacher at the High School at \$26,314.

- Transferred Sharon Pace, kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt School to half-time kindergarten at Roosevelt and half-time kindergarten at Franklin School.

- Transferred Kathleen Devlin, basic skills teacher at the High School to elementary basic skills.

- Applied to the county superintendent for an emergency librarian certificate for Denise Addona.

- Rescinded the appointment of Bernadette Costanzo to the extra service position of High School newspaper advisor.

- Approved the following extra service positions: Bernadette Costanzo and JoAnn Nazzaro, newspaper co-advisors, \$650 each; Alison Brunton-Doolley, High School play assistant, \$850.

- Reappointed Linda Stout, elementary school nurse, from the Reduction-

In-Force list, at \$26,471.

- Accepted the resignations of Rocco Collucci, Edith Rieder and Elma Blackwell, and appointed Ronald Stevinson, Rose North and Gwen Samuels-Herbert, for extra services positions for the HSPT Summer Program.

- Accepted Flow-Thru Funds in the amount of \$18,360.

- Accepted the resignations of Diane L. Slavin, marketing education teacher/coordinator at the High School, and Elma Blackwell, special education teacher at the High School.

- Appointed Donna Farrell as Adult School secretary at \$8,500 per hour.

- Approved Patricia Bradshaw to develop a summer elementary science curriculum.

- Approved the continuation of employment of Millie Arjemi, Child Study Team extra service clerk/typist.

- Granted a leave of absence for Maureen Hladinec, High School clerk.

- Declared as surplus one 1976 Dodge van.

- Appointed Lenore Peak as a speech correctionist at \$27,123.

- Appointed Janice Green as a speech correctionist at \$29,239.

- Appointed Kerri Kober as a basic skills/math teacher at the High School at \$24,700.

## Fishing Derby Aug. 9

On Wednesday, August 9, the Rahway Recreation Department will sponsor its annual Fishing Derby. It will take place at Milton Lake Park, which is located on Midwood Drive in Rahway.

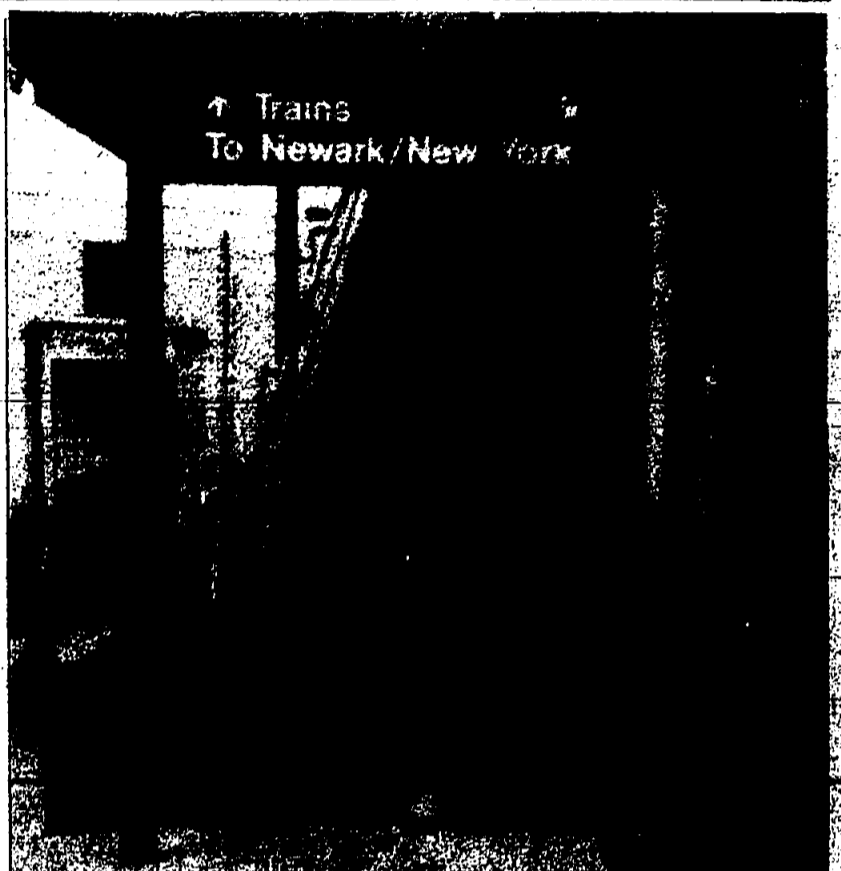
The derby is open to Rahway residents, boys and girls, ages 14 and under. Registration will take place at Milton Lake from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on August 9.

Fishing time is 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., with prizes being awarded at 7:30. Poles and worms will be given out at registration.

The raindate is August 10.

## Mrozek on Dean's List

The University of Delaware has just announced its Dean's List for the Spring 1989 semester. On it is Dianne Leigh Mrozek of Princeton Ave., Rahway, who is majoring on accounting.



HOW LONG? ... NJ Transit commuters and senior citizens are reportedly unhappy with the blocked stairway at the Rahway train station, causing a long detour trek to get to the boarding platform. Unsafe condition of the stairs is the reason. Help may be on the way, but the timetable is indefinite.

## Patience urged on temporary inconveniences at Rahway station

### Gagliano visit holds promise for NJT action

by Pat DiMaggio  
Residents who have recently been inconvenienced by repair work underway at the Rahway train station can hopefully look forward to some long term improvements.

Councilman Alex Shipley, chairman of a committee formed last month to look into conditions at the station, reported the results of a meeting held last week with Thomas Gagliano, executive director of N.J. Transit.

Shipley, along with committee members Councilmen Chester Holmes and Michael Esposito, toured

the station last month and checked overpasses to form a list of needed repairs.

"Over the years, councilmembers tried to do what they could to alleviate the problems," said Shipley. "In some instances things worked out well and in others they found only temporary improvement. By contacting Mr. Gagliano, we decided to start at the top. We hoped this meeting would help us to plan out more long range repairs and improvements."

Gagliano, Alan Gardner of Merck & Company, Community Development Direc-

tor Thomas Connell and members of the committee met last week and toured the station.

"Committees in the past started from the bottom up," explained Shipley. "We felt we wanted to start at the top and that Mr. Gagliano should see our problems first hand."

Shipley said Gagliano was surprised when he discovered how many people used the Rahway station, the 9th busiest in the state.

Some of the problems cited included the repair and repainting of overpasses,

gutter work on underpasses and the pigeon problem.

"We don't know the answers or solutions, but we have to look for answers," noted Shipley. "It is a major undertaking and there is a lot of money involved."

A future meeting is planned in three weeks, according to Shipley, when specific problems and long-term solutions will be discussed with Gagliano.

"We have to give the railroad reasons why they should fix the place up," he said. "It has to be to their benefit to put money into this operation."

HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN...  
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388-5600

DRUG TRAFFIC REDUCED... Walter McLeod, Mayor of Rahway, and Jack McGrath, Housing Authority Executive Director, are shown with the cooperation of all involved law enforcement agencies, drug traffic at this complex has been almost completely eliminated. The Neighborhood Watch concept with tenant cooperation has been successful in bringing down and hopefully eliminating drug traffic.