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WALTER E. ULRICH MEMORIAL POOL DEDICATED



Union County Freeholders Walter McLeod and Walter Boright, Freeholder Chairman James Connelly Welsh and Director of Engineering and Planning Armand Floetti discuss ceremony plans.



Mrs. Bernice Ulrich, Walter Ulrich Jr. and Freeholder Boright at dedication of pool last Saturday.



The Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool.

by Pat DiMaggio
The Rahway River Park Pool has a new name. As a tribute to and in fond memory of a man whose life exemplified the highest ideals and principals of public service, the pool has been officially renamed the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool.

County and local officials gathered at Rahway River Park last Saturday to pay homage to former Rahway Councilman and Union County Freeholder Walter E. Ulrich, who recently passed away. The Pool Dedication Committee was led by Freeholders Walter McLeod and Walter Boright.

Walter E. Ulrich commenced his tenure with the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1963, serving as a member for 15 years. He was elected to the Office of Surrogate and began his duties in 1979. He left this post in May 1982 to accept an appointment by Governor Kean to serve as assistant director of the New Jersey Department of Human Services.



IN MEMORY OF DR. KING... Rahway Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association Local 33 presents \$1,000 donation to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Committee. From left, John J. Robertson, General Chairman; Tom Lystash, Assistant Finance Chairman; Ruby Eggers, Treasurer; Capt. Ed Taylor, President, Rahway FMBA 33, and firefighter David Taylor, Vice President, Rahway FMBA 33. Not present for acceptance of donation, Thomas Grayhill, Finance Chairman.

Cancer treatment facility coming to city Residents object, citing hospital parking problems

by Pat DiMaggio
A Georgia-based investment corporation plans to build, own and operate an advanced cancer care treatment center on land leased from Rahway Hospital. I.C.C.A. Investments Inc. was granted a use variance by Rahway's Board of Adjustment earlier this month.

Richard Width, an attorney representing I.C.C.A., said the center would provide advanced radiological treatment comparable to that offered at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York. Patients will be able to receive the latest, most up-to-date radiological cancer treatment locally instead of being transported out-of-state, said Width.

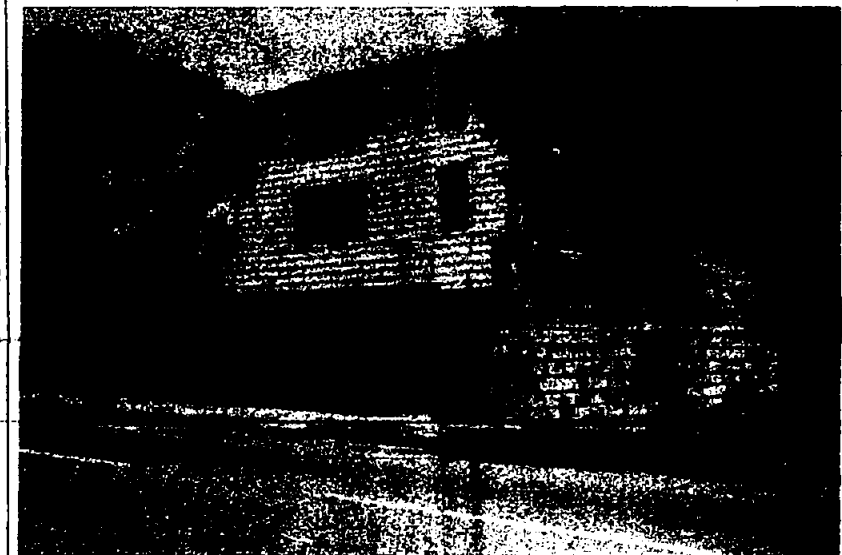
The 7,200-square-foot, one-floor building will be located on Jefferson Avenue and Trussler Place on land leased from the Rahway Hospital Foundation. Two houses presently located on Jefferson Avenue and owned by the foundation would have to be removed, said Width.

I.C.C.A. Investments Inc. owns and operates a number of these facilities, including one in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. John Desch, a traffic engineer hired by the investment group to study the proposed site, said there would be little or no impact on traffic in the area because the center would treat only three people per hour during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saul Schacter, a local realtor, also said there would be no negative impact on property values in the area. "Realtors stress 'hospital area' when selling homes in that area," he said. "The hospital has a stabilizing influence that preserves property values."

Several residents of the "hospital area" asked the Board of Adjustment to deny a variance. "This is an R-1 zone," said Bernice Akerman, Kaminski Drive. "We pay enough taxes, we don't need this facility."

Downtown development starts with two razings



by Pat DiMaggio
Two buildings will be razed in the downtown business area in a first step to making improvements. Rahway's Municipal Council approved a resolution at a special meeting held last week authorizing the acceptance of a bid for demolition of 1583 and 1585-87 Main St.

The buildings are privately owned but have been condemned by the City. Peter Juzefyk, Elizabeth, has been contracted for the demolition at a cost of \$22,500. Costs will be passed onto the owner of the property as a lien, said Mayor Jim Kennedy. "These buildings are the first to be addressed in the downtown area," he noted.

Sam Shafraan, president of Rahway's Chamber of Commerce, said plans are also underway to allocate some of the parking problems downtown. At present, residents are not allowed to park during the early morning hours of 4 to 7 a.m. on Main and Irving Streets to allow the street sweeper to come through. "This provides a hardship for people who live in the downtown area," he said.

As part of the Chamber of Commerce's Central Business District Plan, which encourages additional housing over the first floor of retail stores to encourage the presence of people in the downtown area, the chamber is studying the option of alternate-side-of-the-street parking. "We are trying to get the City to sweep every other day," noted Shafraan, which would allow residents to park on the opposite side of the street.

Shafraan said the chamber is soliciting opinions from the community, and will send out a flyer to people in the area asking for comments. The plan may be enforced by November, he noted.

Investigation of holdup on

Rahway police are investigating a robbery which occurred on Wednesday, July 24, at about 9:45 a.m. in the vicinity of Irving and E. Cherry Streets.

The victim told police that he had just parked his car and exited it to go to one of the stores when he was approached by two black males — one 5 feet, 6 inches with a husky build, and the other 6 feet, 2 inches with a thin build, both between 17 and 20 years old.

The taller of the two indicated that it was a holdup, the victim said, while the shorter one shoved him and removed \$10 from his shirt pocket.

Police said the pair also attempted to remove a gold chain from the victim's neck but was unsuccessful in doing so because the victim fought them off.

Both suspects fled on foot north on Irving towards Poplar Street, police reported.

Anyone with information or who witnessed this incident is requested to call Det. Paul Moo at 388-5600, Ext. 445, or the Rahway Police Hotline at 388-1553.

Family Festival Day coming on Aug. 10

On Saturday, Aug. 10, at Rahway Veterans Memorial Field, the Rahway YMCA is sponsoring Family Festival Day.

This alcohol-free day begins at 10 a.m. and will be comprised of Softball Games featuring TV3, the local cable station, versus the Rahway Teachers Association at 2 p.m., and at 3:45, the Rahway Police, led by Chief Barry Henderson and PBA President Eugene DeCarlo, versus the heavy-favorite Rahway FMBA, led by Albert Knox, J. J. Jordan and Bill McQueney. Other games will be announced later.

Blood pressure screening free

A free blood pressure screening is being offered for Rahway residents at the Rahway Public Library on the first Thursday of every month from 4 to 7 p.m. The next blood pressure screening will be on Thursday, August 9. The screening is free and open to all. For more information, call 388-1553.

The featured attraction of the day will be a Donkey Softball Game. Celebrity riders from Union County will attend and participate in the game. Already signed to ride are Rahway Athletic Director Tom Lewis, businessman Butch Kowal, Rahway High School graduate and University of Georgia Basketball Coach Mark Stonaker and Rahway Mayor Jim Kennedy.

Soda, barbecued chicken, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers will be the food of the day. Cotton candy and Italian ice will also be available. Many other attractions are being planned. Bring the family on a fun day and support the Rahway YMCA.

Tickets are available

the YMCA, 4000 Main St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. For more information, call 388-1553.



FAMILY FUN DAY'S READY TO GO... Gago Galo, owner of Paper Chase, Clark, presents Mike Brothers, YMCA Board member, with donkey sponsorship check and Peter Kowal, Chairman of Family Festival, accepts sponsorship check from William Smeltzer of Smeltzer Construction.