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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome back to Carteret Press! In this issue, we take a look at how the Borough's continuous investment in infrastructure has led to a billion-dollar redevelopment zone on the waterfront and in the Downtown Cultural Arts & Business District. Under construction is 21 Washington, a mixed-use property that will bring 153 apartments, a parking garage and 4,885 square feet of first-floor retail to Downtown Carteret. Still to come is the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, a movie studio, hotel, restaurants, retail, and residential on the waterfront and more downtown mixed-use and residential properties.

In this issue, coverage also includes:

- A look at the Borough's recent reorganization with the swearing in of officials
- A profile of Councilmember AJ Johal, the Borough's first-ever Indian-American council president
- Carteret Public Library's new FamilySearch genealogy resource
- A look at a recent donation from ShopRite

to help make Carteret schools more safe

- News you can use about IRS tax credits for solar panels
- A CPAC Spotlight on Marshall Tucker Band, whose 50th anniversary tour makes a stop at the arts center on March 11.

Speaking of CPAC, just a reminder that the inaugural Carteret PAC Central Jersey Marquee Awards will take place there on May 17 in celebration and recognition of the talent and achievement in musical theater in high schools throughout Middlesex County.

Also, a great way to promote your business or event to all Carteret residents is to advertise in Carteret Press. Each issue is delivered to every home. For more about advertising, contact the Public Information Office at 732-541-3835 or makinb@carteret.net.

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Mayor Daniel J. Reiman starts 21st year in office

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman, 46, began his sixth consecutive four-year term on Jan. 6, as he was sworn in by New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin at the 118th Borough Council Reorganization Ceremony. Also sworn in during the ceremony at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center were councilmembers Vincent Bellino and Jorge Diaz, who also was named council vice president. Councilmember AJ Johal was named the Borough's first-ever Asian Indian-American Council President (see profile of new Council President on page 7).

Mayor Reiman is the first person in the history of the Borough to be elected to six consecutive four-year Mayoral terms. Originally elected to the borough council in 2000 at the age of 24, Mayor Reiman went on to become the youngest person ever elected mayor in Carteret at 26 in 2002.

"For 118 years, since we left Woodbridge, residents of our Borough have come together to reflect on our shared past and chart our course for a successful future," Mayor Reiman said. "And today is no different. We stand on the shoulders of over a century of councilmembers, mayors and volunteers who swore an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their office. We stand in the shoes of countless civic-minded residents who willingly accepted thankless appointments to serve their community on various boards, in agencies, as police officers, firefighters, OEM or any other position in our Borough. Today we stand as part of Carteret's rich and storied history, and today we make a history of our own as the first administration to stand in the doorway of a third decade of service."

Mayor Reiman highlighted a few of the additions and improvements his administration has overseen during his tenure, many of which will be completed during his next term. They include:

- Possession of its first 149-passenger ferry boat, the Theodore Roosevelt, and the construction of a second boat in partnership with NJ TRANSIT utilizing a \$6 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration and a \$1.060 million grant from the state Department of Transportation
- Initiation of a ferry service, its landing, and a state-of-the-art Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, which will feature a ferry terminal, restaurants, retail, a banquet center, and office space
- Expansion of the Downtown Cultural Arts & Business District, as well as an increase of world-class shows and community programming at the state-of-the-art URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- Park improvements to expand passive and



Mayor Daniel J. Reiman is pictured at the 118th Borough Council Reorganization Ceremony on Jan. 6 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center, where he began his record sixth consecutive term.

active recreational opportunities for all residents, including those with special needs, particularly on the waterfront with an expanding Riverwalk, dining opportunities along Veteran's Pier, and enhanced live performances in Waterfront Park

- Major investments in municipal infrastructure, such as repaved streets and repaired sewers and storm-water systems.

"These initiatives will continue to attract commercial development, union construction jobs, and long-term good-paying jobs for residents," Mayor Reiman said. "One is the proposed film studio project on the former DuPont chemical site. Once completed, this \$1 billion union project will not only feature a film production facility, but also hotels, dining, shopping, with many other opportunities for our residents.

"These developments will allow us to continue to hold the line on municipal taxes," the Mayor continued. "We are in one of the strongest financial positions of any municipality in the state. Not only have our taxes gone from one of the highest in the area to one of the lowest, but we will have the largest surplus in the history of the Borough, allowing us to move into the years ahead and move into the future on a solid financial footing that will benefit residents for many years to come."

Under Mayor Reiman's administration, Carteret has pursued and received hundreds of millions of dollars in grant funding, as well as more than \$1 billion in private investment. The administration also has won landmark awards and settlements against past chemical operators who polluted and abandoned parcels of property in the Carteret Industrial and Waterfront zones.

For more info, visit Carteret.net/news.

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AJ Johal Named Borough's First Asian Indian-American Council President

Since first elected to Borough Council in 2016, AJ Johal, 52, has worked hard for the community. That hard work paid off when he recently was named the Borough's first Asian Indian-American council president.

"It is a great honor to serve as the first-ever Sikh-Punjabi council president in Carteret," Council President Johal said. "Throughout my tenure as councilman, it has always been my philosophy to work hard and serve the community, and this new position allows me to continue this. Being proud of my heritage allows me to be an example for the future generations as to what is possible to achieve."

Prior to his new position, Johal had been elected the Borough's first Asian Indian-American member of the council, as well as its first Asian Indian-American board of education member. He said that experience prepared him to be Council President.

Johal's long history in the Borough has seen him rise from Middlesex County vocational student and gas station attendant to the owner of several gas stations, including two Race Stars in Carteret, as well as several other properties.

"I have fulfilled the American Dream through hard work, humility, determination, and never giving up," the Council President said. "Starting from nothing in this country was a tough process, but I believed in the dream and continued to chase it. The American Dream is an ever-evolving idea, and I continue to work with the same passion that I initially had in pursuing it, to help better my town and community."

As Council President, Johal said one of his greatest priorities is to create similar opportunities for the youth of Carteret by working with community leaders and members to foster creative ideas into effective projects.

Believing in youth is an important part of creating a better tomorrow, the Council President said. "Investing in their education, recreation and well-being are top priorities," he said. "As council president, my goals for the community also include continued progress to a better Carteret through development and investment in the members of our community, providing resources and enhancing borough infrastructure. I have spent the majority of my life in Carteret and am dedicated to making it a better place for all of our residents."

Council President Johal said he is excited about the many waterfront and downtown redevelopment projects that are ongoing or planned for the future because they will provide jobs, other opportunities and innovations to a burgeoning Borough enjoying a



Carteret's first-ever Indian-American Council President AJ Johal is pictured with Mayor Daniel J. Reiman during the 118th Borough Council Reorganization Ceremony on Jan. 6 at the arts center.

cultural and economic renaissance.

The Council President said that what he enjoys most about working with Mayor Daniel J. Reiman and fellow council members is the shared vision and bond they have formed over the years.

"We all work together closely and collaboratively in order to help create a better town and environment for our community," he said.

That wouldn't be possible for him, he said, without the loving support of Jasleen, his wife of 30 years, and their two grown children, both of whom are medical doctors.

Their encouragement and confidence in him is invaluable, he said.

"They step up and take on responsibilities because they believe in our mission to help serve the community," the Council President said.

He added that he appreciates Carteret's rich cultural diversity. The Borough is the most diverse community in Central Jersey and third most in the state.

Because of its "melting pot," the Borough is a very desirable place for individuals of all cultures and backgrounds, the Council President said.

"We work hard to support people of all backgrounds," Johal said.

That diversity is reflected on the council, Mayor Reiman said.

The Mayor said he is confident that the new Council President will accomplish a great many things.

"Carteret is a better place with people like AJ Johal working hard for it," Mayor Reiman said. "I wish him all the best and know the Borough is in good hands with him as Council President. He serves as an excellent example of how success can be achieved and used for good."



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ShopRite makes \$5,500 donation to make Carteret Schools safer



ShopRite of Carteret recently made a \$5,500 donation to Carteret schools to enhance school security and safety. Pictured are Superintendent of Schools Rosa Diaz and ShopRite of Carteret Vice President of Operations Jonathan D'Orsi.

ShopRite of Carteret recently donated \$5,500 to improve and enhance school security infrastructure, said Rosa Diaz, Superintendent of Schools.

The donation will help us purchase six iPads -- one for each school -- to track students in case of an emergency, Superintendent Diaz said. First Aid kits also will be purchased, she said.

"All of our district data is stored on digital platforms and the use of an iPad will ease the process of accessing that information during times of crisis," the Superintendent said. "Thanks to ShopRite, we will also be able to purchase First Aid kits to be stored in every classroom. Helping provide a safe learning environment for the children of Carteret is the responsibility of all in the community. ShopRite understands that, and we are forever grateful for the generous donation."

ShopRite of Carteret made the donation after dis-

cussing the needs of the school district with Superintendent Diaz, said Jonathan D'Orsi, the supermarket's vice president of operations.

ShopRite wanted to make a donation to help the schools because it values its customers from Carteret and associates who attend school here, D'Orsi said.

"We hope our donation will help make the Carteret schools safer," he said.

"ShopRite of Carteret has the community spirit that helps make the Borough a great place to live, work, and go to school," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said.

ShopRite is one of the largest retailers in Carteret. The Sitar family opened the store in 1954 and then moved in the 1970s to the Carteret Shopping Center, which the family also owns.

For more about ShopRite of Carteret, visit shoprite.com/sm/pickup/rsid/3000. For more about Carteret, visit carteret.net.

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Carteret's continuous investment in infrastr

Throughout Mayor Daniel J. Reiman's administration, a \$250 million investment in infrastructure has led to more than \$2 billion in private investment with another \$1 billion in the works on Carteret's burgeoning waterfront and in its Downtown Cultural Arts & Business District.

Profits made from the sale of sites that the Carteret Business Partnership, the Borough's nonprofit economic development agency, and its nonprofit Carteret Redevelopment Agency acquired helped pay for the \$50 million state-of-the-art URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Meanwhile, natural resource damages won in suits against polluters along Carteret's "chemical coastline" helped turn the once toxic waterfront into a recreational destination with a park, pier, marina, and soon-to-be-expanded Riverwalk. And more than \$48 million in federal and state grants soon will bring the only municipally owned ferry operation to Carteret.

"The investments we make – although their significant when we compile the federal, state and the local money – at the end of the day, it's pennies on the dollar compared to what it means in terms of private investment," Mayor Reiman said. "We have to put the infrastructure in place, and then you see these private dollars chase those opportunities and chase those investments whether it's downtown or along the waterfront."

Downtown Destination

Carteret's infrastructure investment has inspired five downtown mixed-use redevelopments valued at \$300 million that either have been constructed, are under construction or are in the planning stages with more to be planned in the near future. They are:

- **29 Washington** – 64 residential units over 12,000 square feet of commercial, all fully occupied
- **The Botanic**, 45 Washington Ave. – 242 units available for lease over 8,000 square feet of commercial, including a rooftop bar-lounge, under construction
- **21 Washington** – six stories under construction with four stories of 153 residential units, two stories of parking and 4,885 square feet of commercial
- **Locust-Roosevelt Development** – a proposed 2-acre site with a six-story building of 340 units over parking and commercial
- **Roosevelt Avenue at Industrial Highway** – plans for 252 units in a 10-story building with a rooftop pool.



"Once we announced the plans for the arts center and we broke ground, we saw private investment within that area just skyrocket," Mayor Reiman said. "As an example, the CBP and the Borough built a parking garage, which is now owned by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority.

"Right away, you saw an investment of \$15 million from the private sector," the Mayor continued. "They put in a mixed-use residential building that had 67 units and 12,000 square feet of commercial. That was followed up immediately across the street, where you saw an investment that just sold last year. It's 242 units, six stories with a seventh-story rooftop,

Opportunities

Infrastructure attracts billions in redevelopment



WATERFRONT DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENTS

and it's got about 8,000 square feet of commercial. And that building just sold last fall unoccupied and before it was finished with construction without a single tenant for \$87.5 million, the single most expensive residential building in Central Jersey. That just shows the value that they're putting on Carteret at \$370,000 per unit for an apartment rental, a significant value and increase in investment."

Those two developers are pursuing their next projects.

Kalian Companies of Monmouth County, owner-operator of 27-29 Washington, now is under construction at 21 Washington. Forte Real Estate

Development of Middlesex Borough, the original developer of 45 Washington, now called The Botanic, has been designated for the 2-acre site of the Washington-Roosevelt-Locust block of properties acquired over the years by the Borough, Carteret Business Partnership, and Carteret Redevelopment Agency.

"You're talking an investment of over \$120 million in that single building," Mayor Reiman said. "And all of these buildings have unobstructed views of the Manhattan skyline. We're not the Hudson County coastline. We're five miles south, but you can see the Empire State Building, the Freedom Tower and all these other buildings in the skyline. Certainly at





The Botanic, a six-story 242-units mixed-use building with a seventh-story rooftop and about 8,000 square feet of commercial sold last fall for \$87.5 million, making it the single most expensive residential building in Central Jersey.

night when it's lit up, it gives you the amenities residents are looking for.

"Residents who are moving into town tend to be that same demographic that everybody is looking for: younger professionals, retirees and empty nesters who have the disposable income to support the new businesses in the downtown, to go to the shows," the Mayor continued. "Some of them are working from home, others are commuting into the city. And that leads into our ferry terminal project."

Wonderful Waterfront

The forthcoming ferry has triggered interest in two hotel groups to operate full-scale hotels within the waterfront redevelopment area. One is part of Carteret Stages, a designated and approved \$1 billion redevelopment project that also includes 500,000 square feet of studio soundstage and film production facilities, as well as commercial and office space, restaurants, retail, and a 1,200-car parking garage.

Residential also is on the waterfront's horizon with two 12-story towers bringing 500 units to a 5-acre site the Borough recently acquired, Mayor Reiman said.

"There's the opportunity to expand our Riverwalk and boardwalk," the Mayor said. "Working with the state, we've completed about a mile and a half of boardwalk now, and we'll be adding another mile going north. Once it's completed, we'll have two and

a half miles, but that's just the first step because the next part of that is to acquire the abandoned Conrail line that runs parallel to Peter J. Sica Industrial Highway and to the waterfront. We would create this loop. In essence, we would create this five-mile Rails to Trails to boardwalk concept. It really highlights all of the investment and all of the opportunity along the waterfront."

More than a century ago, Carteret's waterfront was residential and public, but in the 1890s, chemical companies acquired the properties, took down the colonial mansions along the waterfront and created a "chemical coastline," Mayor Reiman said.

Throughout its 21-year tenure, the Reiman administration has been taking back these properties.

"We've gone after DuPont Chemical, U.S. Metals," Mayor Reiman said. "We've sued and won natural resource damages cases against all of these polluters requiring that they provide public space, open space, access to the waterfront. Taking back these properties, requiring them to clean up the properties, to pay civil penalties to the Borough that we're using to provide these public amenities.

"We're taking an older urban community with a lot of brownfield sites, and we're revitalizing to a younger, growing community," the Mayor continued. "I like to compare us to Hoboken or where Hoboken was 30 years ago. And you see that with the investment."

Feds raise tax credit on solar panels to 30 percent through 2032



Congress recently raised the tax credit for solar panels to 30 percent from 26. That tax credit will remain in place through 2032, then dip before it expires in 2035. The State of New Jersey does not charge sales tax on the installation of solar panels.

In August 2022, Congress raised the tax credit for solar panels to 30 percent for installations through 2032, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Systems installed on or before Dec. 31, 2019, were also eligible for a 30 percent tax credit. That dipped to 26 percent in 2020 and 2021, which will be the case again in 2033. The following year, the tax credit will decrease to 22 percent. It will expire in 2035 unless Congress renews it.

“We hope that Carteret residents will take advantage of the federal tax credit and other financial incentives to go solar,” Mayor Daniel J. Reiman “It’s a win-win for the environment and the economy.”

According to the Department of Energy, the following criteria must be met to qualify for the federal tax credit:

- Solar PV system was installed between Jan. 1, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2034
- System is located at a U.S. residence that you own
- Either you own the solar PV system or you purchased an interest in an off-site community solar project
- The solar PV system is new or being used for the first time (the credit only can be claimed on the original installation).

The following expenses are included:

- Solar PV panels or PV cells
- Contractor labor costs for onsite preparation, assembly, or original installation, including permitting fees, inspection costs, and developer fees
- Balance-of-system equipment, including wiring, inverters, and mounting equipment
- Sales taxes on eligible expenses
- Energy storage devices that have a capacity rating of 3 kilowatt-hours (kWh) or greater for systems installed after Dec. 31, 2022. If the storage is installed in a subsequent tax year to when the solar energy system is installed it is still eligible, however, the energy storage devices are still subject to installation date requirements.

An added incentive is that the State of New Jersey does not charge sales tax on the installation of solar panels, according to the state’s solar industry. Other state tax incentives for solar and other green energy are available at programs.dsireusa.org/system/program?zipcode=07008.

The environment news site EcoWatch recently published an article conveying what it thought was the seven best New Jersey-based solar companies. The article can be found at ecowatch.com/solar/best-companies/nj.

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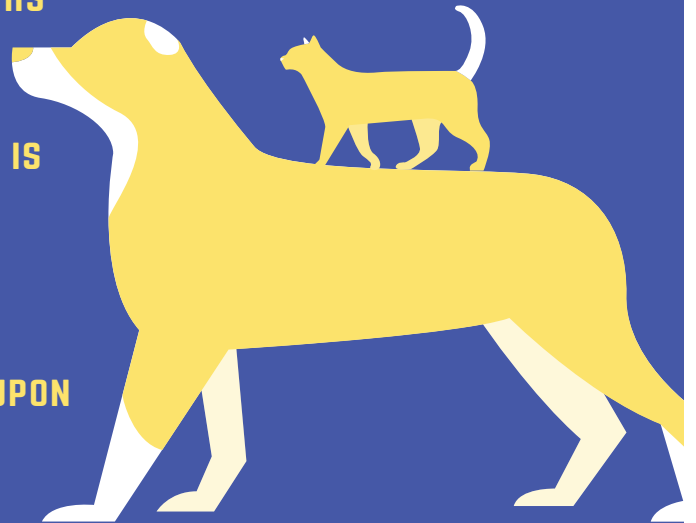
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Carteret Public Library Launches FamilySearch Ancestry Program

If you want to be part of the popular ancestry search trend, you may not need to look any further than the local library.

The Carteret Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, which means it has access to more genealogy resources to help Borough residents make more family discoveries. FamilySearch is recognized by genealogy experts as a world leader in family history.

There are only a few hundred affiliate libraries in the country. The designation means Carteret Public Library patrons will now have greater and more convenient access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch. The popular web service has more than six billion searchable names and two billion images of historical genealogical records. Plus, patrons get the helpful assistance of library staff.

FamilySearch adds more than 300 million free genealogical records and images online yearly from all over the world and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The resource has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land and court records from more than 130 countries to help discover and make family connections.

"We are excited that Carteret Public Library is the newest FamilySearch Affiliate Library," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "This will be an excellent resource for Borough residents for many years to come."

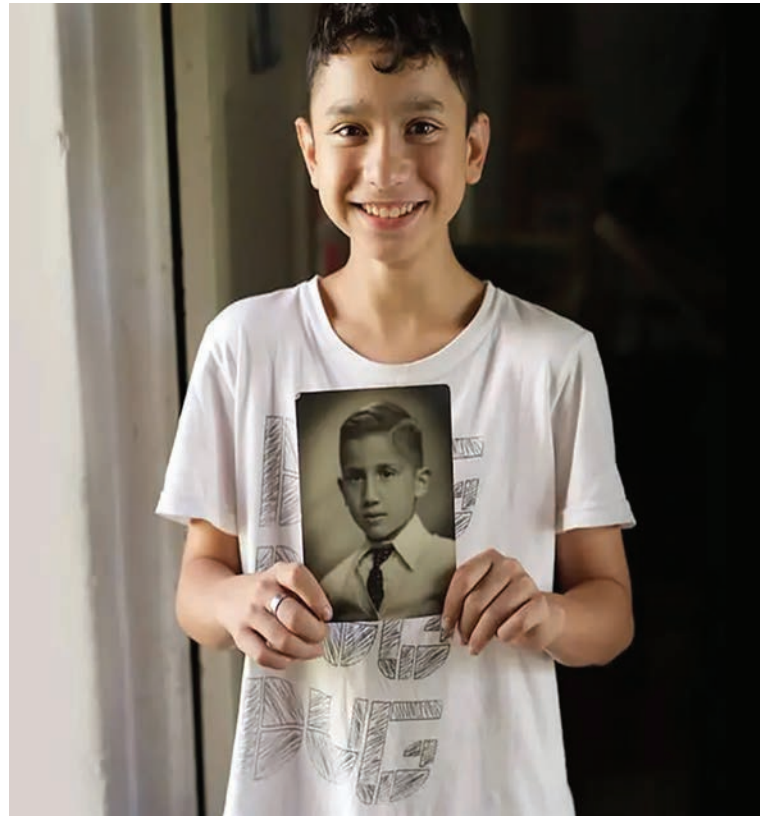
FamilySearch spokesman Paul Nauta added, "Libraries are wonderful local gathering places for learning. FamilySearch will help Carteret Public Library patrons expand opportunities for fun, personal discoveries and family connections to the local community."

The largest genealogy organization in the world, FamilySearch is a volunteer-driven nonprofit.

Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors actively have been gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for more than 100 years.

Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources for free at FamilySearch.org or through more than 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

For more about the Carteret Public Library, visit carteret.net/library.



Carteret Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library with access to more genealogy resources to aid in ancestral discoveries. PHOTO COURTESY OF FAMILYSEARCH

Rosetta Stone 

The online language program is available for free at Carteret.net/library to library card holders

To obtain a library card, Carteret residents need only present an ID at the front desk of the Carteret Public Library, 100 Cooke Ave.

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2023 - 2024

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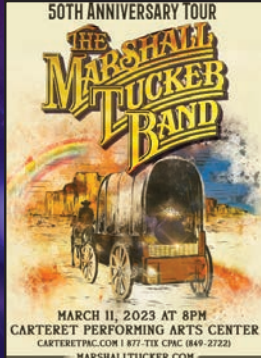


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CPAC Artist Spotlight: Marshall Tucker Band

Named for the recently deceased blind piano tuner who was the previous tenant of their rehearsal space in their hometown of Spartanburg, S.C., The Marshall Tucker Band have been distilling a Southern blend of rock, country, jazz, and blues that has been delighting audiences for 50 years.

Initially together in a band called The Toy Factory before service for some in the Vietnam War intervened, Marshall Tucker originally consisted of lead guitarist, vocalist and primary guitarist Toy Caldwell, lead vocalist Doug Gray, flutist-saxophonist-keyboardist Jerry Eubanks, rhythm guitarist George McCorkle, drummer Paul Riddle, and bassist Tommy Caldwell. With Gray now the only remaining original member, the current lineup also features drummer B.B. Borden, bassist Ryan Ware, flutist-saxophonist-keyboardist James Marcus Henderson, and guitarists Chris Hicks and Rick Willis.

Marshall Tucker's 50th anniversary tour will make a stop March 11 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. For info and tickets, click carteretpac.com/events/marshall-tucker-band/. For more about the band, visit marshalltucker.com/ and enjoy the following interview with Gray.

As the only remaining original member of Marshall Tucker Band, what most has inspired you to keep the band going and why?

The guys want to be there. They just want to play the music that Toy wrote, I wrote, that George wrote. They're helping us to continue to pursue that dream. It's not that we have to sell 20,000 seats. We just go out there and play, make people have a good time. When it's the 190th day on the road, which we still do ... there's something buried deep inside of you that makes you the man that you are. It's whatever's inside and instilled in us, the reason that we started the band.

For the COVID thing, we had to come home a couple of times because the venue closed or whatever, but now we get to get out there and have a good time because that's over with. We keep rockin' and go out there and try to be about the people.

We've sold more than 30 million records. People like going back to listen to our songs because it takes them to a time of something they remember. That's why people show up at our concerts, why we get invited to the Grand Ole Opry and sell it out. And the audience is young and old. I'm very proud of that. I think of all the movies our music has been in. 'Cattle Drive' was in a John Wayne movie. Clint Eastwood likes our stuff a lot and has used it. We had



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music in 'The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper.' People still want that music.

I see kids on 'American Idol' singin' 'Can't You See.' Hank Williams Jr. done 'Can't You See.' So did Waylon (Jennings). We have enough material to do a 15-track record of bands covering 'Can't You See' and 'Fire on the Mountain,' which would be hilarious. There'd be Poison, George Strait, Zac Brown Band, Blackberry Smoke.

Out of all the music acts Marshall Tucker Band has influenced, which one delighted you most and why?

Zac Brown. My nephew plays with them. He went to Berklee school of music. They hired him because he's a very knowledgeable guy. My nephew's name is Clay Cook. He played sax with us for eight years. I also like Blackberry Smoke. They're a great country band. They call themselves southern rock as well.

Did you ever get to perform with them?

Oh yeah, with Zac Brown, many times. Cheyenne has a big rodeo. We opened a show for them there, and Zac said, 'We didn't know if we're going to be able to come out or not.'

Did you ever get to meet band namesake Marshall Tucker?

News crews came in from all the over country ... but he moved to Columbia and took charge of a choir at a church. After 40 years, he retired and withdrew from doing interviews. I have his phone number and talked to him every so often, but I haven't talked to him in a while because I know his health wasn't well.

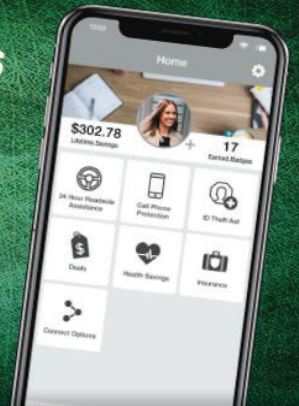
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