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## **Carteret Opens Municipal Marina with Ribbon Cutting & Public Celebration**



Mayor Daniel J. Reiman and the Borough Council were joined by Governor Phil Murphy, Congressman Frank Pallone, Speaker Assembly Coughlin, Craig Freeholder Director Ron Rios, and other dignitaries on Saturday June 15th to cut the ribbon at Carteret's new Municipal Marina, marking the official Grand Opening of the waterfront amenity.

The public event at Carteret's Waterfront

the partnership we have built with the local, state, and federal government."

The Carteret Municipal Marina features 38,000 square feet of floating docks, gas and diesel fueling stations, sanitary pump out, and a 17-foot draft. To protect boats from the effects of water displacement and wave action while docked, the Borough has included a 700-foot wave screen breakwater and a 265foot floating wave attenuator in the Marina.

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Park was attended by thousands of Carteret Slips are offered at the lowest price in the residents and featured food, live music and giveaways to commemorate the opening of the 185-slip Marina.

"Carteret is proud to offer this beautiful new marina along the Arthur Kill River, an important waterway with quick access to Manhattan and the Raritan Bay," said Mayor Reiman. "Carteret has come a long way, with over \$1 billion in private economic growth in these past 10 years and over \$100 million invested in our Waterfront, thanks to

region along the river, at \$110 per foot.



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## Carteret Officially Opens Municipal Marina [con't. from cover]



Carteret residents are offered an even lower rate at \$95 per foot. Slips contracts and registration are available at Carteret.net/ Marina, for seasonal, annual, or monthly rentals.

The idea of building a Marina in Carteret was first proposed by Mayor Reiman in the early 2000's. Initial permits in 2005 and 2013 to build the Marina were denied by the Army Corps of Engineers. Thanks to persistence by Mayor Reiman's administration, the permits were finally granted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps upon appeal in 2015. Due to the Borough's aggressive approach to grant-seeking, the Marina was funded through a combination of federal, state, and county funds that were awarded over a period of several years. Brownfield Development Area funding assisted with the cost of remediating and dredging 130,000 cubic yards of material that made way for the Marina.

"It's proof that it takes a village," said Governor Phil Murphy. "This Marina shows what can be done when all of us, across all levels of government, work together for the betterment of our communities."

The Marina was fully funded through \$42 million in local, state, and federal grants, lawsuits, and settlements with chemical companies. Carteret's Waterfront is now home to the Municipal Marina, Veterans Pier, which will soon stretch to 1.5 miles of public walkway, a public park, and will soon feature a Ferry terminal with service to Manhattan and a Waterfront Events Center. In addition, the State Police Marina Unit relocated from Newark Bay to the Carteret waterfront in 2014, when they constructed a 4,400 square foot barracks at the site.

The area was, at one point, home to the largest Mahogany plant in the world. Ichabad T. Williams & Sons (IT Williams) opened in 1838 in New York City and eventually relocated to Carteret. They acquired 70 acres of land on the Waterfront, from Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which gave them 1,300 feet of frontage with the Arthur Kill and allowed them to create a cove for the wood being unloaded from vessels around the world.



To learn more about the history of the Carteret waterfront or the Carteret Municipal Marina, visit:

#### Carteret.net





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#### BOROUGH OF CARTERET

DANIEL J. REIMAN, MAYOR

#### A message from Mayor Daniel J. Reiman on the future of Carteret Schools



Last year, as Rite Aid was acquired by Walgreens and their Washington Ave location was being closed, I encouraged the School Board to look at this site for possible acquisition and use. Ultimately, together we deemed this site as unusable for school purposes because they would have to demolish the existing building, raise the location to meet new FEMA requirements, and then built new from the ground up. This would have required spending in excess of \$3.5 million just for a piece of land before being able to build.For years, we have encouraged the Board of Education to work together with my administration to plan long term improvements to our schools. Over the past few years, with new board members elected by the public and a new superintendent overseeing the district, we have all begun to work collaboratively with the mission of improving our school district. Last year, we completed a shared

service project where the CHS stadium and field became a public park open to residents after school hours and school functions. This brought with it a state-of-the-art field, running track and other amenities for our students and public-at-large. This nearly \$2 million project showed that the School Board and Borough could work together.

Over the past year, the Superintendent and I have co-chaired a working group of professionals that included architects, bond counsel, planners, engineers, and board staff. The purpose was to assist the Board of Education in developing and updating their long-range facilities plan and select a location for a new school. Our recommendation and the plan adopted by the Board of Education will allow for a new Junior High, grades 7-8, to be built on property already owned by the Board, behind the Doc Fenick Memorial Clock Tower and adjacent to our existing High School. With the new school, the remaining schools would be realigned so that the Middle School goes from 6th – 8th to 5th and 6th only. The grammar schools would go from K – 5 to K – 4. This would reduce the student count in the Middle School by 1/3 and reduce student count in the grammar schools by nearly 20%. More importantly, it would reduce class room size and allow for a better quality education.

This plan is now in the form of a public referendum (a public question) that the voters of Carteret will have a chance to vote on during the special schools election on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019.

In addition to upgraded restrooms and HVAC at all the schools, the funding includes upgrades for the stair towers and auditorium at Carteret High School and the cost to construct the new 24 classroom Junior High, which will also feature state-of-the-art music and art education classrooms and STEM labs.

If the state provides the bare minimum of funding, 40% of the approved and eligible costs would be covered, and taxpayers would see an increase of less than \$100 over the life of the construction bond for a home assessed at the average of \$241,523. If the state provides what they should, based on the approve school funding formula, there may be no increase in cost to Carteret taxpayers at all.

These proposed improvements are a major milestone for Carteret's youth and the long-term future of the Borough, consistent with the vast improvements being undertaken borough-wide, such as updating our parks, investing in the arts with our future Performing Arts Center, and improving infrastructure.

My administration will join with the Board of Education in working with the Carteret Teacher's Union to be sure the additional finding provides teachers the resources they need and the improvements they feel will optimize classrooms and the learning environment for our students.

The school board will host public meetings on the referendum, which the public are encouraged to attend, at 6pm on August 28th at CHS, on September 9 at the Deverin Community Center, on September 12 at CMS, and on September 18 at Minue School.

I strongly support the referendum and encourage you to make your voice heard at the September 24th, 2019 referendum election.

Let's continue building a better Carteret together.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. Reiman Mayor, Borough of Carteret



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## **Kids Learn About Exotic Animals** at Carteret Library's 'Snakes N Scales' Event

Carteret children were joined by unusual guests on Monday, July 8th at the Deverin Community Center, to discover exotic animals at the Carteret Library's "Snakes N Scales" event.

Kids and their parents "Ooh'd and Aah'd" as they learned about the creatures' native habitats, diets, life in the wild, and histories, and even had the opportunity to touch some turtles, lizards, tarantulas, and snakes, including a 6-foot long boa constrictor. Snakes N Scales was just one of the many events offered by the Carteret Public Library this Summer. To see a complete listing of events, visit:

#### **Carteret.net/Library**



## **Carteret Offers Free Bike Safety** Workshop and Helmets

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman, the Carteret Police Department, and Keep Middlesex Moving offered a free Community Bike Safety Workshop at the Deverin Community Center on Wednesday, • July 10th. Over 400 free bike helmets were given out and the kids who attended learned valuable information on how to stay safe while riding their bicycles.

"Many children in Carteret get around on bicycles," said Mayor • Reiman. "Naturally, it's important for our kids to know how to safely share our roadways with motorists and be equipped with helmets to prevent avoidable injuries."

The number of bicycle incident deaths increased 29% from 793 in 2010 to 1,024 in 2017, according to the National Safety Council. Of the 1,024 bicyclist deaths in 2017, 679 involved motor vehicles.

to avoid injury:

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic
- Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections
- Never hitch onto cars •
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder

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The Carteret Public Information Office now offers advertising space in Carteret's full color newsletter, "On the Move," issued to over 8,000 residents and businesses, and made available on the Worldwide Web. This opportunity can provide you with a new and affordable promotional edge, increase awareness regarding your business or organization, and attract new customers and clientele from both within and

beyond the Carteret community.

For more information, or to begin promoting your business in the Carteret Newsletter, please call (732) 541-3817, or email info@carteret.net.

## The Spin Doctors to Headline **2019 Carteret Ethnic Day**

On September 21st, Mayor Reiman and the Borough of Carteret will host Ethnic Day, an annual celebration of Carteret's diverse community, featuring food from many different countries and cultures, at the end of the Mayor's Charity Carnival. Each year, Ethnic Day features a headlining act with national significance. This year's featured act is The Spin Doctors, whose hits "Two Princes" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong" propelled them to the top of the popular music charts, and landed them an appearance on Saturday Night Live. They have toured the world performing since 1991 and are excited to perform at Carteret's Ethnic Day.

Carteret is also featuring two Summer Concert Series – Concerts by the Bay at Carteret Waterfront Park (200 Middlesex Avenue) on Sunday Nights and Concerts in the Park at Carteret Park (between Carteret Avenue and Cypress Street) on Friday nights throughout the Summer. The concerts start at 7pm and usually run approximately two hours.

Concerts by the Bay at Carteret Waterfront Park highlights the Borough's expansive redevelopment of an area on the shore of the Arthur Kill River, which was once abandoned. Mayor Reiman's administration began taking to court in the early 2000's. The companies eventually settled to remediate the area and to provide property to redevelop into Waterfront Park, which is a beautiful destination today. Now, visitors are encouraged to take advantage of all Waterfront Park has to offer - take a stroll or fish on Veterans Pier, a beautiful boardwalk which will soon be expanded to nearly two miles of public walkway; park your boat at the Carteret Municipal Marina, a new multi-million dollar marina which just opened for the 2019 boating season; grab a snack at the lighthouse snack stand; shoot a round at the mini golf course; play on the playgrounds; or play volleyball, bocce ball, or shuffle board at the Park's various courts. Future amenities at Waterfront Park will include a Waterfront Events Center and Ferry Service from Carteret to Manhattan.

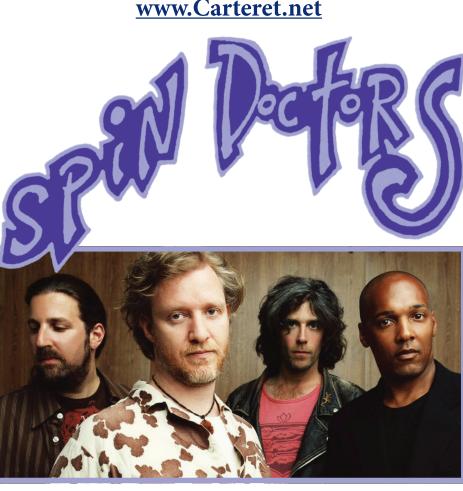
The Concerts by the Bay series runs Sunday nights through August. Future concerts include Beginnings, a Chicago Tribute Band, on August 4th; Jersey Sound, who performed Jersey's favorite hits, on August 11th; The Red Rose Jazz Combo, a great, all-woman jazz band who write all their own music, on August 18th; and New Power Soul, which performs classic to modern hits, on August 25th.

Concerts in the Park at Carteret Park, occur every Friday night

Contemporary, on August 9th; The Sell Outs, a self-described "Rockin' six-piece cover band," on August 16th; Masterpiece, which performs the best classic, on August 23rd; and Strictly 60's, a fun 60's Pop and Rock band, on August 30th.

Concert attendees are encouraged to bring their most comfortable chair and desired refreshments.

To learn more about all the Borough of Carteret has to offer for the remainder of the Summer, visit:





through August. This is a Borough tradition that highlights bands from the Central Jersey region. Remaining shows include The Crosstones, a Doo-Wop love song band, on August 2nd; Karickter Band, which performs Jazz, R&B, Motown, and

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## Mayor Announces Permit Approvals for 1.5 miles of Public Waterfront Walkway

Mayor Reiman has announced permit approvals for the Borough of Carteret's extension to the River Walk at Waterfront Park. The extension will now include 1.5 miles of public walkway, featuring a 1-mile Southerly Riverwalk from Waterfront Park to the border of Woodbridge at Tuft's Point. Also included in the project is rehabilitation of 400 feet of abandoned pier next to the old US Metals Refining Property, which the Borough acquired in a settlement with the company in 2017. Prior to Mayor Reiman's administration, there was no public access to Carteret's waterfront.

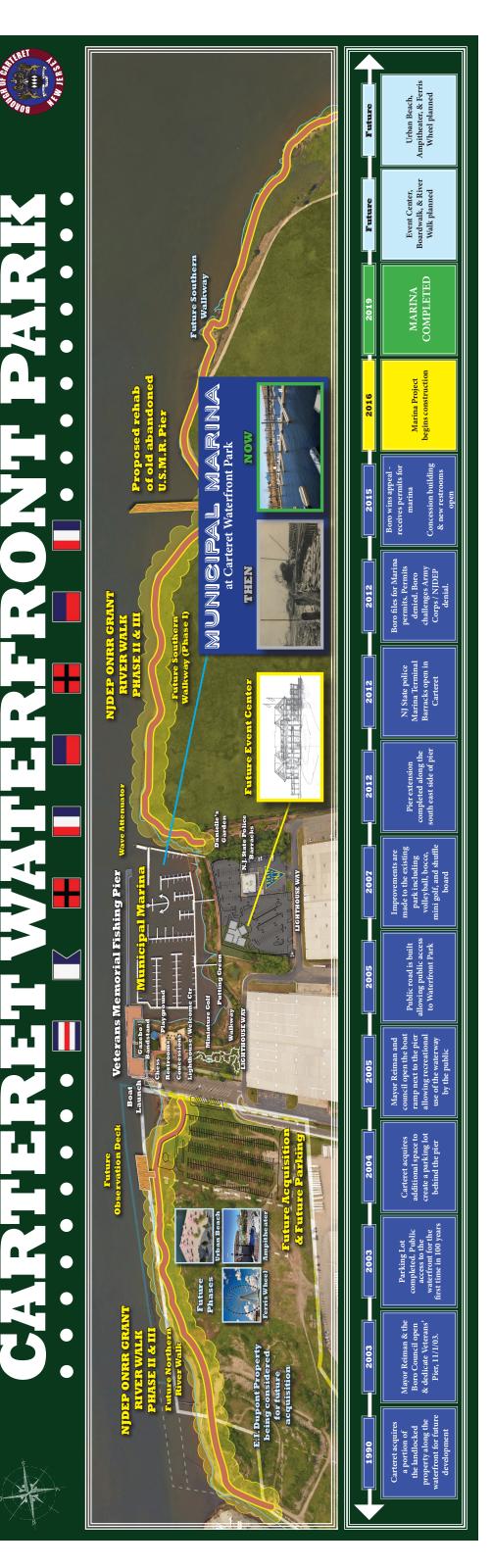
"Carteret's Waterfront is now a jewel of the region, with unprecedented public access to the Arthur Kill River," said Mayor Reiman. "My administration has worked tirelessly to receive approvals for public walkways, our new Municipal Marina, future events center, and Ferry Terminal. Now our vision is coming to fruition for the public to enjoy."

Funding for the project is provided by \$13.25 million in grants from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Natural Resource Restoration, thanks to a settlement between the state of New Jersey and Occidental Chemical Company. Occidental's subsidiary Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company, intentionally polluted the Passaic River, which connects with the Arthur Kill River.

The 10 acres of land containing the pier was attained by Carteret as part of a 2010 settlement between the Borough and E.I. Dupont, a chemical company which polluted land in Carteret.

In addition to the NJ DEP grants, the Borough has received \$125 million in total grants for Waterfront projects. With these funds, the Borough also constructed the Carteret Municipal Marina, which was opened to the public in April and contains 190 boat slips, floating docks, a wave attenuator and fueling station.

Future planned improvements will include a ferry station with service to Manhattan, parking for commuters, security cameras, lighting, benches, bike racks, educational signs, and a Waterfront Events Center.





### **Mayor Announces Grant** for Arts District Streetscape Project





Mayor Reiman has been joined by New Jersey Speaker Craig Coughlin to announce a \$591,631 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Municipal Aid Program for Phase II of improvements to Carteret's Washington Avenue Arts District Streetscape.

"The revitalization of Carteret's downtown and upcoming Washington Avenue Arts District would not be possible without help from our state leaders," said Mayor Reiman. "Grants and private investment provide the Borough with necessary funding, while still maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the region."

the walkability and deteriorated pedestrian and vehicular infrastructure of the Borough's Arts and Theater District, which is expected to open in the Fall of 2020. The scope of work will include the installation of decorative concrete pavers, concrete planters with street trees, decorative street lighting, crosswalks with pedestrian signals, pedestrian safety bollards, and associated improvements.

The successful implementation of these improvements will serve to repair the surrounding roadways which have deteriorated due to various utility cuts, potholes, cracks, and areas of poor drainage. The Borough is seeking to improve the safety of the roadway by providing a smooth, consistent roadway surface, improving rideability and surface drainage. The improvement of sidewalk curb ramps to meet ADA requirements will also provide improved safety and equal access for the physically disabled. Street trees, thematic lighting and decorative pedestrian paths will greatly enhance the aesthetics of the downtown area and encourage walking and gathering in the Arts District.

Streetscape improvements will be focused around the perimeter of CPAC on Washington and Cooke Avenues, and paving along Washington Avenue, Cooke Avenue, and High Street.

This funding is in addition to a \$288,019 grant received for Phase I of the project from NJDOT in 2017. Phase I, anticipated to be completed throughout 2019, includes streetscape improvements along Washington Avenue associated with the Borough of Carteret's Performing Arts and Events Center.

"As we complete Phase I of Carteret's Washington Avenue Arts District Streetscape, we can happily look forward to the beginning of Phase II" said Speaker Craig Coughlin. "Pedestrian and road safety starts with improving sidewalk conditions and repairing roadways, and the improvements that are being made will contribute to a safer and more aesthetically pleasing neighborhood. I thank the Department of Transportation for the additional grant funding."

The funding awarded for Phase II will be utilized to improve

For more information on the Carteret Performing Arts District and the Washington Avenue Arts District, please visit Carteret.net



## Town Officials and Construction Team Top Off Steel with Last Beam at Carteret Performing Arts and Events Center

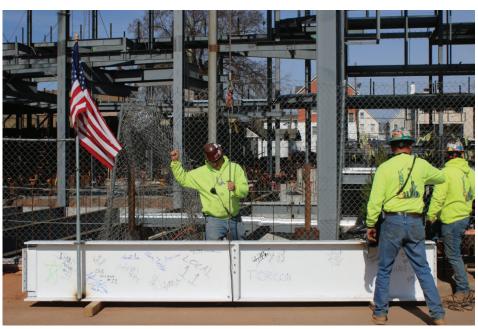
Mayor Reiman recently joined the Carteret Borough Council, Carteret Business Partnership, construction workers and officials from Torcon Construction Services to top off the steel with the last beam at the future Carteret Performing Arts and Events Center. Construction is scheduled for completion in Fall of 2020.

"As the steel frame is completed today at CPAC, we look forward to enjoying productions, banquets and the arts right here in Carteret for generations to come," said Mayor Dan Reiman. "We invite our neighbors around the state to discover what many already know – that Carteret is becoming a regional destination for families, entertainment, and recreation."

Dignitaries from the Borough and construction workers took turns signing the multi-ton steel beam before it was lifted by crane and set in place above the future 1,600 plus seat main auditorium. The venue will also include a 500-seat black box theater, suitable for a premier comedy club, a 5,000-square-foot art gallery, and a rooftop space which will host up to 200 people.

The theater is owned by the Borough and is being developed in partnership with the Carteret Business, a non-profit economic development corporation supported by businesses of the community. CPAC is funded in part by a \$6 million grant from the Middlesex County Cultural Arts Trust Fund and a \$1 million grant from the state of New Jersey.

To find out more about the Carteret Performing Arts and Event Center, please visit <u>Carteret.net</u> or call 732-541-3835.





## Carteret's 7th Annual Latin Fest Draws 10,000 to Waterfront Park

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman and the Borough Council presented the Borough of Carteret's 7th Annual Latin Fest at Carteret's Waterfront Park on Saturday, July 27th. The festival featured the legendary Raul Acosta y Oro Solido, food, a beer garden, vendors, dancing, multiple DJs, additional live salsa, bachata, and merengue music acts, giveaways, contests, and Carteret's famous fireworks. This year's event attracted over 10,000 people from around the state and was an exciting day, filled with the

The featured act of Latin Fest, Raul Acosta y Oro Solido thrilled the crowd before and after fireworks with hits like "Ta Cache," "La Tanguita Roja," "Maria se Fue," "El Baile del Beeper," "Una Nalgadita," and "La Morena."

Mayor Reiman is already promising an even bigger Latin Fest next year. For pictures and video from the event, visit:

sounds, foods, and traditions of Hispanic culture.

"Carteret is proud to be one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the state," said Mayor Reiman. "Our annual Latin Fest is a great way to celebrate culture in the Borough and all that Latin Americans have contributed not only to Carteret, but to our state and country."

#### Carteret.net

or the My Carteret Facebook page at:

#### Facebook.com/MyCarteret



## Mayor Announces Major Capital Improvement Plan for Carteret's Bishop Andrews Park

major capital plan to improve recreational activities at Bishop Andrews Park.

The Borough plans to install a new multi-purpose turf field at the Park, which will be utilized for football, soccer, Little League baseball and fast pitch softball. The state-of-the-art field will be constructed with the highest quality materials and available for recreational leagues, organized youth sports, and passive public recreation. In addition, 3 new basketball courts will be added, which will allow for pickup games and outdoor recreation leagues. Throughout the park, landscaping improvements will be made, including new plants, trees, soil, and flowers which will improve aesthetics and offer an inviting public space.

"We are hoping to utilize NJ Green Acres funds to upgrade Bishop Andrews Park in Chrome, to continue to provide our residents with the best recreational facilities in the region for sports, leisure, and exercise," said Mayor Reiman. "The state-ofthe-art turf field and amenities in Carteret's parks are unrivaled and will attract play year round."

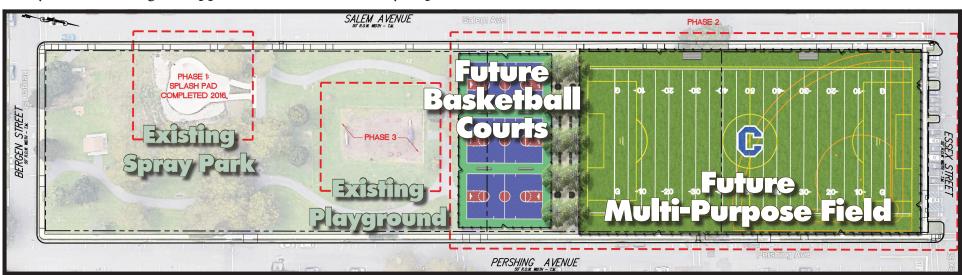
The Borough is applying for funding through a \$2.65 million New Jersey Green Acres grant application from New Jersey as part of

Mayor Reiman and the Borough Council have announced a its 2019 application. The project, if approved by Green Acres, would start in the Spring of 2020 after ongoing remediation is completed by USMR, a former smelting company, who operated in Carteret from 1901-1986. As part of Carteret's lawsuit and settlement with USMR, they must remediate hundreds of residential and public properties around the former smelter.

> "We have held USMR accountable for the pollution they brought to Carteret," said Mayor Dan Reiman. "Now the community will finally be able to enjoy the resources that were taken from us for years."

> Just a few years ago, the Borough made \$1.2 million in improvements to the park, including paved pathways, ADA compliant pedestrian areas, concrete sidewalks, benches, picnic tables, drainage improvements, additional parking spaces, and a Spray Park featuring a textured concrete spray pad with an above ground structure that sprays jets in a variety of patterns, and also acts as a water reservoir to use for landscaping.

> The park is located on 4.5 acres at the corner of Pershing and Salem Avenues. For a complete guide to Carteret's parks, please visit Carteret.net/parks



## **Carteret Celebrates Pride Month with Flag Raising, Music from High School and Middle School Choirs**

and the Central Jersey Arts Council on Saturday, June 15th outside of Carteret Memorial Municipal Hall to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month. The rainbow Pride flag was raised, impassioned speeches were delivered, and the Carteret High School Varsity Vocals performed "This is Me" and the Carteret Middle School Choirs sang "You Will Be Found."

Mayor Reiman joined the Carteret High School GSA, Pathways, that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

"We are proud to celebrate the all-inclusive, diverse community that is Carteret," said Mayor Daniel J.Reiman. "We are a welcoming melting pot of all ethnicities, sexualities, genders and creeds. Our events reflect our rich cultural diversity and our whole hearted support for each other. LGBTQ rights are basic human rights that are written to protect everyone."

LGBT Pride month is celebrated in June of each year to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact

"This is the 3rd year we've had Pride here in Carteret and it means so much that I can display these rainbow colors and not have to worry about anything bad happening, because of how accepting our community is," said Carteret High School Senior Anna Trachsler. "If we don't hold each other up, who will?"

For more information about the Carteret GSA, email:

#### gsa@carteret.net



## Mayor, Middlesex Water Company **Announce \$10 Million Investment** in Carteret Drinking Water Infrastructure

Mayor Reiman recently joined the Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) to announce the company's upcoming investment of \$10.0 million to modernize drinking water infrastructure in sections of the Borough of Carteret, New Jersey. Under its 2019 RENEW Program, Middlesex Water Company intends to replace 4.0 miles of water mains, as well as service lines, valves and fire hydrants. The work is being performed to replace aging infrastructure and improve fire flows and overall service quality.

"Continued investments to improve Carteret's infrastructure and new construction are ushering our Borough into the future," said Mayor Reiman. "New pipes and freshly-paved roads will service our nearly-complete Carteret Performing Arts Center, upcoming Ferry Terminal, new restaurants, movie theater mixed-use residential and commercial buildings, and future Marriot Hotel."

As part of the RENEW Program, Middlesex Water will be from the old main to the new main. Middlesex Water will always installing exterior meter pits at each customer's premise. Relocating meters outside of homes to exterior pits is a long term plan to offer customers greater convenience and safety. First, exterior meter pits will be installed. Then, during their eventual scheduled meter testing, Middlesex Water will relocate each customer's interior meter to the company-owned exterior meter pit.

"Water is a life sustaining precious natural resource," said Dennis Doll, President and Chief Executive Officer of Middlesex Water. "Our RENEW Program helps us to better preserve our water resources by methodically restoring the integrity of our water distribution system within the project scope area, thereby minimizing the potential of future leaks or main breaks in that vicinity."

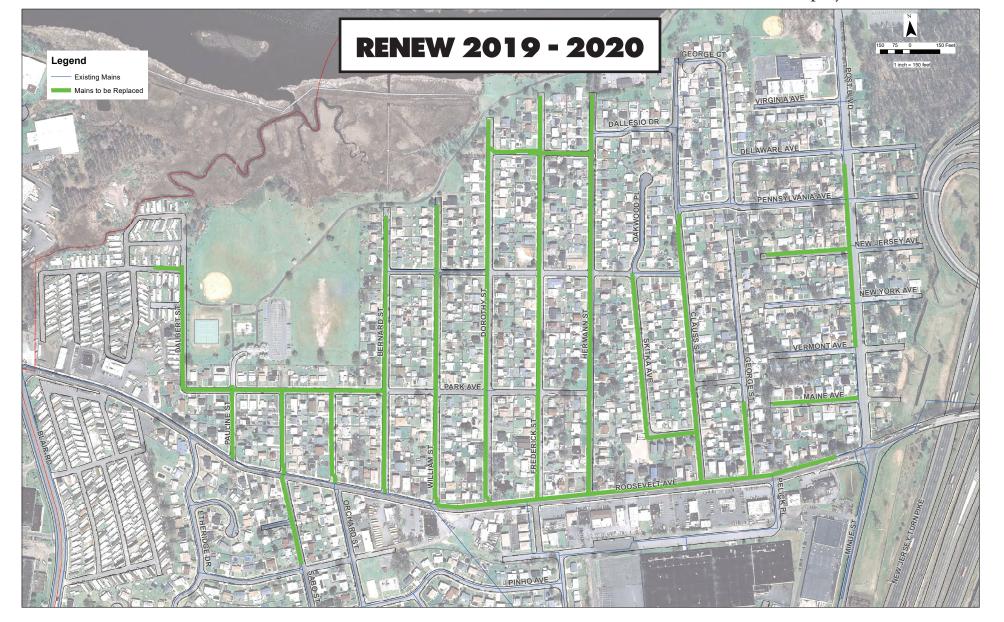
"This commitment to proactive asset management ultimately results in lower long term costs and helps avoid emergency repairs which can cost three to five times more than planned upgrades," added Doll.

RENEW is part of Middlesex Water's overall Water for Tomorrow<sup>®</sup> Program, a multi-million infrastructure investment initiative which consists of various projects designed to strengthen the Company's water distribution infrastructure for continued service reliability, resiliency and water quality. Other projects underway include construction of a large diameter transmission main through parts of Edison and Metuchen, conversion to ozone disinfection at the Company's largest New Jersey treatment plant, improvement to existing storage tanks and planned construction of additional elevated storage.

Customers affected by RENEW can expect to be without water service for a period of 2-3 hours as their service is transferred strive to reduce the project impact on residents.

Project work areas, Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Info can be found at www.waterfortomorrowmwc.com/renew or by calling Middlesex Water at 800-549-3802. Middlesex Water is obtaining funding for the project from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

RENEW in Carteret is expected to take 6 months to complete. While the Company makes every effort to minimize the impact of our work on traffic, residents may observe some traffic disruption as the roadway is trenched to accommodate the construction of a new water main. There will also be excavations when the service lines are connected to the new mains. This will impact traffic flow, but on a smaller scale. Affected customers will receive additional details about the project. Residents can



## Mayor, Middlesex Water Company **Announce \$10 Million Investment** in Carteret Drinking Water Infrastructure [con't.]

expect unimpeded access to their homes as crews work to replace after the area has settled. and install the new mains and meter pits.

The Company determines which water mains are to be replaced based on historical record and asset management records. These records include the size and composition of the existing pipe, the date the pipe was installed and other relevant operational data. Main installation will conclude with compaction and temporary pavement restoration followed by final pavement restoration

The program may require that water personnel enter customers' homes. Customers are strongly reminded to ask for credentials from utility personnel prior to allowing them entry and, for added security, should contact Middlesex Water Company at 800-549-3802 to verify the authenticity of the utility representative at their door. Customers affected by the RENEW Program will receive further notice if access to their home is required.

## Mayor Announces \$4 Million NJ DOT Grant for Industrial Highway Improvements

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman has been joined by NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin to announce that the Borough of Carteret has been awarded a \$4 million grant from the Department of Transportation. The funds were awarded by the NJ DOT for the purposes of improving the Peter J. Sica Memorial Highway, a heavily-travelled truck route that connects the NJ Turnpike to Carteret's Industrial hub.

"We continuously work to improve the Borough's infrastructure and improve road conditions for all travelling throughout Carteret" said Mayor Reiman. "With the continuous truck traffic on this major highway, it's important to not only maintain, but to improve road conditions."

Carteret's Peter J. Sica Industrial Highway and Middlesex Avenue comprise a strategic, dedicated truck route running through the eastern portion of the Borough, which supports commerce and jobs, and provides a direct connection to NJ Turnpike Exit 12. The route conveys freight traffic between Carteret's 7,200,000+ square feet of warehouse, manufacturing facilities, distribution centers and the National Truck Network. Traffic counts conducted on this highway identified an average daily traffic of 15,104 vehicles, 44% of which were commercial vehicles 5 tons or larger.

"New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the country which means our roadways are constantly the subject of extreme wear and tear, particularly when industrial traffic is a constant," said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. "Grants like the one awarded to Carteret by the New Jersey DOT help ensure that roads in Carteret are safe, well maintained and able to adequately support both car and truck traffic."

budget."

Existing curbs will be removed and replaced where necessary along Industrial Highway and Middlesex Avenue where necessary to correct poor drainage and ponding water along the gutterlines. Along Industrial Highway, extensive drainage improvements will be undertaken between Bristol Station and Roosevelt Avenue to replace corroded metal storm sewer piping with reinforced concrete pipes and to enhance the existing roadway underdrain system in this area.

Some existing curb ramps will be upgraded to meet standards set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Areas of Middlesex Avenue will be striped to include 12' wide travel lanes and 8' wide shoulders. A traffic signal is also proposed for the intersection of Industrial Highway and the future extension of Carteret Avenue, creating a four-way intersection including the Borough's Waterfront Park Access Road. The improvements to the roadway will improve the safety of vehicles through the local roadway system.

"By proactively helping local governments succeed in spending the additional transportation dollars afforded them we ensure the entire transportation network provides the mobility necessary for efficient and effective function," said NJ DOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti.

The award was part of the NJ DOT Local Freight Impact Fund (LFIF) Grant Program. The program is established for the purpose of assisting counties and local municipalities with the mitigation of impacts on the local transportation system associated with the State's freight industry. \$30 million is available through the competitive program each year and Carteret was awarded over 13% of those funds, out of hundreds of applicants state-wide each year.

With the grant money, Carteret will reconstruct and resurface parts of Peter J. Sica Memorial Industrial Highway, from the intersection of the NJ Turnpike & Drift Way, to the municipal boundary with Woodbridge Township. The total length of the project is approximately 2.63 miles. Approximately 75,000 square yards of roadway will be resurfaced with additional base pavement repairs carried out where necessary.

"Obviously, we are thrilled to announce this much needed and well deserved grant award, and we look forward to beginning the improvements in the Fall of this year," said Mayor Reiman. "We appreciate Governor Murphy's support for these improvements and the funds provided for Carteret in the Governor's NJ DOT

For additional information on all improvements made possible by the grant, please contact CME Associates at 732-462-7400.





## Fire prevention & safety tipsfrom the Carteret Fire Department& U.S. Fire Administration



#### Lightning safety tips:

Summer is the peak time of the year for lightning strikes and lightning fires. • However, lightning does occur year round. It's important to be prepared for • this dangerous weather phenomenon.

#### **Outdoor safety:**

If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

Stay away from windows and doors.

If you are in or on open water, go to land • and seek shelter immediately.

If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike - squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

#### Indoor safety:

Unplug appliances and other electrical items, like computers, and turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off.

Stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing.

Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry, or washing dishes.

Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

#### **Charcoal grills:**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

#### **Propane grills:**

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.



#### **Grilling safety tips:**

Be sure to use safe grilling practices as the peak months for grilling fires approach – June and July. Gas grills constitute a higher risk, having been involved in an annual average of 6,900 home fires between 2005 and 2009, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,100 home fires.

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

#### General grilling safety:

• Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

Carteret Fire Department 240 Roosevelt Avenue Carteret, New Jersey 07008 (732) 541-8000

#### **DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES**

## An important announcement from Mayor Dan Reiman, the Borough Council, and the Carteret Police Department





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## Are you interested in a career in Law Enforcemen

The State of NJ Civil Service Commission has announced they are now accepting applications for the statewide test for law enforcement:

**Positions Available:** 

**Carteret Police Officer** 

**Middlesex County Sheriff's Officer** 

**Park Police Officer** 

Campus Police Officer

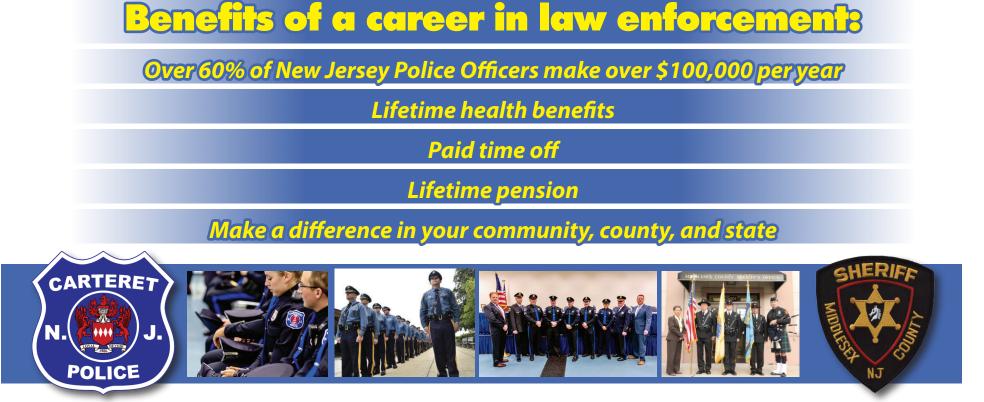
**County Corrections Officer** 

**Corrections Police Officer** 

If you would like to apply for a Law Enforcement Position, you must first read the 2019 Law Enforcement Fact Sheet at www.Carteret.net/LEFacts

If you would like to apply for a Corrections Position, you must first review the Corrections Ouestionnaire at www.Carteret.net/Corrections

> You must register online. Registration deadline is August 31, 2019 www.carteret.net/lawenforcementexam/



## Mayor, Borough of Carteret Raise Money for VFW Renovations



Mayor Reiman announced a fundraising drive to raise donations for the planned renovations of **Carteret Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Pvt. Nicholas Minue Post #2314**. Since its formation in 1931, the Carteret VFW has provided a place for service men and women to congregate and also provides valuable services and charity to the community.

The VFW facility, located at 289 Pershing Avenue, is in need of improvements, including new flooring, lighting, walls, and ADA/ Handicap accessibility for aging and disabled veterans. The total cost of the improvements is \$150,000. Recently, the Borough donated \$50,000 to this cause and an additional \$10,000 was raised by the VFW's membership.

90 years," said Mayor Reiman. "Now is our chance to give back to our veterans, whose sacrifices have protected the freedoms and liberties our country has enjoyed since its inception."

Mayor Reiman and the Borough hosted a luncheon fundraiser at the Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center on July 30th in support of the VFW. All proceeds were donated toward the VFW's Building Fund.

"Mayor Reiman is always here for our organization and Veterans in Carteret," said former national VFW Commander George Lisicki. "Handicap-accessible bathrooms and the planned improvements will provide all veterans a place to unite and feel at home."

Those interested in supporting the VFW may send a check made out for the **"Carteret VFW Building Fund"** to the **Office of the Mayor at 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008**. Donations to the VFW are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

"Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Carteret VFW will be around for generations to come," said current Carteret VFW Commander Donald Black. "Veterans and guests are welcome at our facility anytime."

"The Carteret VFW has contributed to our community for nearly

## Carteret Conducts Care Package Drive for NJ National Guard Unit in the Middle East

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman has announced that the Borough of Carteret is currently raising donations and items to forward care packages to U.S. military personnel deployed in the Middle East. The New Jersey Army National Guard unit, under directive of the U.S. Department of Defense, has been deployed to the Middle East, including Carteret's own Army Sergeant Lawrence Yang, who is also a Carteret Police Patrolman.

If you have a family member or know a Carteret resident who is deployed to a combat zone, we would like to send them a care package too. Please e-mail the information to **info@carteret. net**.

#### **Toiletries:**

Deodorant Facial Moisturizer Disposable Razors Soap Sunscreen Baby Wipes Body Wash Feminine Care Products Baby Powder Body Lotion Shampoo Gold Bond Medicated Powder Foot Lotion Conditioner Cotton Swabs

#### **Medicine:**

Advil Tums Tylenol Cough Drops Icy Hot Pepto Bismol (Tablet Form) Vicks Vapo Rub Imodium(Tablet Form)

Donations may be dropped off at Mayor Reiman's office in Monetary donations may be made, payable to: **Borough Hall at 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret N.J. 07008.** 

Items sought for collection include:

#### <u>Snacks:</u>

Crackers Clif Bars Cookies Chips Protein Bars Hard Candies Nuts Granola Bars Gum Fruit Snacks Tuna Pouches Beef Jerky

#### **Powdered Drinks Mixes:**

Instant Coffee Powdered Creamer (Coffee Mate or Creamora) Juice Mixes Gatorade Mix "Carteret Business Partnership" 61 Cooke Ave. Carteret, NJ 07008.

Please call: 732-541-3836 with any questions regarding care package donations.





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SEPTEMBER 19th-22nd Thu. 6-10p.m., Fri. 6-11p.m. Sat. noon-11p.m., Sun. noon-6p.m. (732) 541-3801 www.Carteret.net

## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT** Dr. Richard R. Ryan, DC =

Dr. Ryan grew up in the Shorecrest section of Carteret. He has been involved with many charities. Two that are He was the youngest of nine children. He attended dear to his heart are "Karing for Kaitlyn" which helps Carteret High School where he was an honor student kids with Sanfillipo Syndrome, and "The Lymphoma and elected into "Who's Who in America." Dr. Ryan and Leukemia Society" on behalf of Jeremy Connely. played shortstop for the Carteret Ramblers. Dr. Ryan In the latter, he helped raise three hundred thousand started his education at Middlesex County College and dollars for research and the cause. then got his doctorate from Palmer University. While working on his doctorate he also took courses at the Dr. Ryan has three children, Andrew who is serving in University of Iowa.

Upon completion of his education he continued to was adopted from Guatemala City, Guatemala and is in become a member of the National Association of Sports her junior year at Red Bank Catholic. Medicine.

He also received a diplomate in radiology from The Carteret Elks. His commitment in life is to helping University of Buffalo Medicine.

Dr. Ryan was the chiropractor for the United States Dr. Ryan has opened a practice at the RWJ Rahway Association of Gymnastics in Rahway, Linden and Fitness and Wellness Center at Carteret. For more Carteret school districts. He remains active in the sports information, please call his office at **732-827-0800**. medicine aspect of his practice.

the United States Navy, Tara who is going into her junior year at Loyola University in Maryland, and Maria who

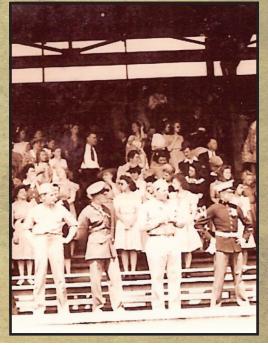
He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the others.

## Are you a Carteret historian?

Q1: Carteret's future ferry service will provide transportation to downtown Manhattan via the Arthur Kill, and what other "Kill"?

Q2: What hallowed award did Nicholas Minue receive for his heroic sacrifice in World War II?

Q3: What Carteret resident served in the New Jersey Senate from 1978 to 1992?



Q3: Laurence S. Weiss (1919-2003) Q1: Kill van Kull Q2: Medal of Honor Answers to above questions:



a special overlay for snaps that can only be accessed in Carteret. Whether you are a resident or a visitor, it is a fun way to share where you are with your friends.

