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Mayor Reiman & Assembly Speaker **Coughlin Announce \$5M NJDOT Grant** for Carteret Ferry Terminal



Mayor Daniel J. Reiman was joined by New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin to announce a \$5 million grant awarded to the Borough of Carteret from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT '21) Trust Fund for the upcoming Carteret Ferry Terminal.

"The commute from Carteret to Manhattan will soon take even less time with a new direct ferry route from the Borough to Midtown and Wall Street," said Mayor Dan Reiman. "Thank you to Governor Murphy and Speaker Coughlin for stepping up and providing funding that will make this vision a reality in the near future."

The grant is part of the NJDOT's Smart Move Program, which aims to provide congestion relief and intelligent transportation system improvements throughout the state.

Carteret's Ferry Project will provide an additional option for Carteret and commuters cornerstone for the development of a mixeduse community with condominium, office and retail space, and boardwalk shops.

In addition, a parking lot with over 700 parking spaces will be constructed, as well as a 20-foot-wide elevated pedestrian boardwalk connecting the parking lot and the ferry loading area. Planned construction will include a ferry terminal building, sidewalks, pile wall, timber staircase, timber ramps, gangways, fixed pier, floating docks for times to Manhattan to under an hour, while

passenger loading/unloading, wave screen, and a handicap access ramp.

The \$5 million NJDOT grant is in addition to a \$6 million Federal Transit Administration grant awarded in 2018 to NJ Transit for Carteret Ferry service, and nearly \$4 million previously secured by Senator Bob Menendez as part of the SAFTE-LU Bill and Transportation Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The 19th District delegation of Senator Joseph Vitale, Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez issued the following joint statement:

"This \$5 million grant awarded by the NJDOT for the Carteret Ferry Terminal, as well as the over \$10 million awarded to Carteret by federal government are a direct result of Mayor Reiman and his administration's unrelenting effort to bring ferry service to Carteret. Mayor Reiman's administration in neighboring communities travelling to has battled bureaucratic red tape at the Manhattan. The ferry terminal will be the Federal and state level for years and now his vision to bring Ferry service to Carteret will soon be a reality."

> Studies determined Carteret's waterfront along the Arthur Kill Channel, separating Middlesex County and Staten Island, to be a viable location for ferry service to Manhattan. Carteret's new ferry service will provide reliable, significantly quicker and more transportation environmentally-friendly service to New York City, cutting travel

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reducing traffic congestion on the New Jersey Turnpike and approaches to the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels by getting more commuters out of their cars. Additional benefits of the ferry include:

Providing reliable and significantly quicker and more environmentally-friendly transportation service to New York City;

- Reducing congestion on the New Jersey Turnpike and roads leading from the Turnpike into the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels;
- Reducing reliance on the automobile in a densely populated area well-suited to the development of robust public transit service;
- Providing redundant transportation service in instances of an emergency or a catastrophic event;
- Providinganaffordable, accessible and dynamic transportation system responsive to current and future customers;
- Protection and improvement of the quality of the natural ecosystem and the human environment;
- Retaining and increasing economic activity and competitiveness;
- Transforming an area of environmental degradation into a catalyst for economic development; and
- Accommodating continued population growth in Carteret and the region

"Carteret is quickly becoming one of the most desired locations for commuters to call home," said Mayor Reiman. "New residential and commercial opportunities, combined with our future ferry service, newly constructed Performing Arts and Events Center, upgraded parks, and stable tax rates solidify Carteret as a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

The Carteret Ferry Terminal is part of Mayor Reiman's vision to turn Carteret's waterfront into a popular regional destination, which now includes a waterfront fishing pier, public park, a 185-slip marina, a future events center at the park, and a \$13.25 million boardwalk and river walk funded through a grant from the Office of Natural Resource Restoration, a Department of the NJ State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"Our nearly 2 miles of public access along our eastern shoreline, including our ferry, marina, events center, and walkway is a remarkable feat for a community that had no public access to the waterfront for over 100 years," concluded Mayor Reiman.

For more information on Carteret's Ferry Terminal and Waterfront Park, please visit <u>Carteret.net</u>.



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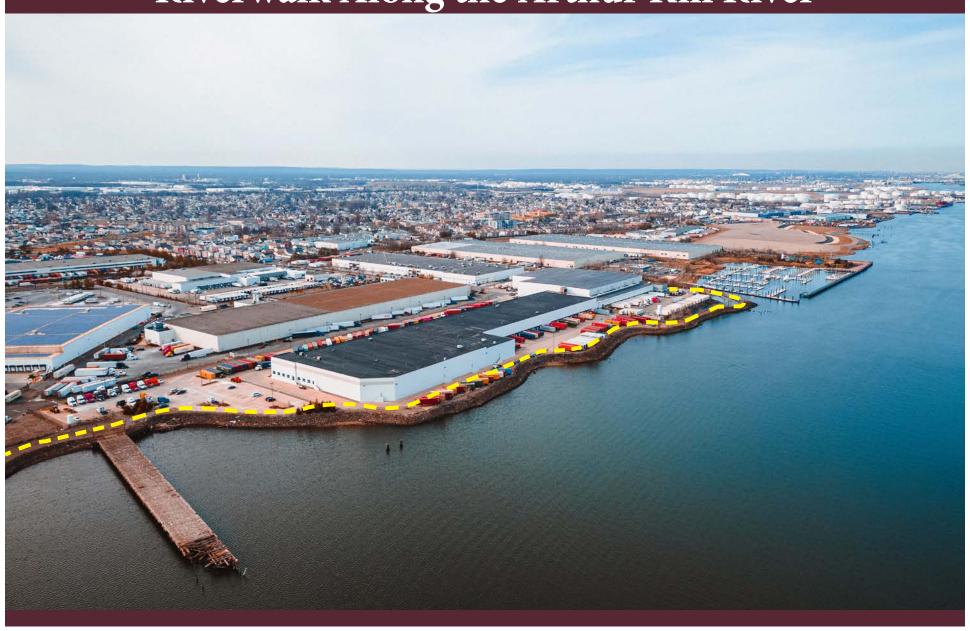
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Carteret Utilizes NJDEP, ONRR Grant to Award \$10M **Riverwalk Contract for Construction of Southern** Riverwalk Along the Arthur Kill River



Mayor Reiman was joined by NJ DEP Commissioner Shawn million of that funding is allocated for the Public Access M. LaTourette to announce a \$10 million contract awarded between the Borough of Carteret and Agate Construction Co for the construction of the long awaited southern Riverwalk, extending along the Arthur Kill River from the southern tip of Carteret's Waterfront Park and Municipal Marina to the border of Woodbridge at Tuft's Point. Construction will begin this Spring and could take up to 18 months to complete.

"Carteret's Waterfront Park is a regional destination for boating, fishing, recreation, and access to the Arthur Kill River an important coastal gateway," said Mayor Dan Reiman. "The southern walkway will provide even more access to this beautiful waterfront, which was publicly inaccessible for generations."

The 5,300 foot, 12-foot wide walkway, with railings on each side, will be constructed within a waterfront walkway easement to the Borough provided as part of a settlement with United States Metals Refining Company (USMR), which previously owned and operated the 180-acre tract at 400 Middlesex Ave. The easement gives the Borough the ability to construct, operate, and maintain the walkway for public access use in perpetuity. The existing old WWII USMR pier, which is approximately 500 feet long and not currently accessible to the public.

The walkway will accommodate the public for walking, jogging, wheelchairs or bicycling. Nature overlooks extending toward the water, benches, and trash receptacles are included. Lighting, educational signs, and bike racks will also be provided.

The Borough previously received \$13.25 million in grants from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Natural Resource Restoration, funded through a settlement between the state and Occidental Chemical Company. \$6.67

Walkway (both Phase I & Phase II), with the remaining funds coming from the Borough, the County's Open Space Trust Fund and other grant sources.

Just two years ago, the Borough completed construction of the Carteret Municipal Marina, a now thriving 185-slip facility. Carteret has acquired well over \$60 million in federal, state, and county funding to provide for public access to the Waterfront.

Future waterfront projects in Carteret include a northern walkway and development of the Dupont Chemical company's property after remediation is completed.

For more information about the Carteret Waterfront, the future Carteret Ferry Terminal, the Waterfront Events Center, or the Carteret Municipal Marina, visit:

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The Municipal Marina

at CARTERET WATERFRONT PARK



The Borough of Carteret is now offering registration for slips at the Carteret Municipal Marina, which just opened this past spring. The Marina, located along the Arthur Kill River at Carteret's beautiful Waterfront Park, 200 Middlesex Avenue, features 185 slips, 38,000 square feet of floating docks, gas and diesel fueling stations, sanitary pump out, deepwater port, and a 17-foot draft.

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Carteret Teens Create Art Kits for Children's Hospital



Recently, teen volunteers from the Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center in Carteret, with coordination provided by the Central Jersey Arts Council, assembled 39 "Read and Make" kits which will be donated and delivered to children in hospitals and homeless shelters. The kit materials were provided by Middlesex County and were designed by the Arts Institute of Middlesex County in cooperation with early childhood specialists, parents, artists, and educators.

Each "Read and Make" kit contains a storybook, instructions, and enough art supplies to enjoy creating multiple art activities that follow the theme of the book. Each kit provides a unique activity and provides a fun, creative way for children to develop fine motor functions, practice identifying colors, and use their imaginations in a variety of ways. In all, there are 13 different sets of activities which include watercolor painting, pastels, clay, and wooden pieces for building sculptures.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Middlesex County and the Arts Institute of Middlesex County to provide these art kits to children. Art is one of the most basic forms of expression and I am excited to see what stories the children have to share." Said Brian Chen, Director of the Central Jersey Arts Council.

The "Read and Make" kits were assembled throughout the month of December by Blazing Star Teen Advisory Board members Navjot Panchhi, Tharain Kainth, Sadiera Esannason, and Michael Gonzales.

The Central Jersey Arts Council (CJAC) is a non-profit organiztion committed to connecting communities with the arts.

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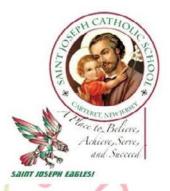


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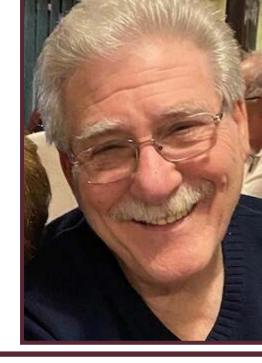
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Hon. James Failace



Former Carteret Mayor James A. Failace proudly served our country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. After returning home, he attended St. Peters College and graduated with a degree in accounting. As a Carteret resident, Jim was a lector at St. Joseph's Church and taught religion classes to children and people with special needs on Saturday mornings.

Jim served as a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Carey Council 1280 and coached little league, girls softball, and Sportsman Football. He enjoyed gardening and rooting for the Yankees, Giants and Rangers. Jim passed away on December 31, 2020 leaving behind his childhood sweetheart and wife of 51 years Carol, his 3 children Danielle, Matthew, and Sherri, as well as his 6 grandchildren.



He will be missed by all in our Carteret community.

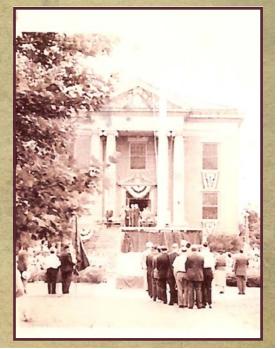
Are you a Carteret historian?

Q1: The Carteret High School Class of 1928 laid a wreath in the same year at what national landmark?

Q2: Carteret, originally a section of Woodbridge Township, was originally named the Borough of _____

Q3: What former Carteret Mayor served 22 years in the New Jersey General Assembly?

Answers to above questions:
Q1: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetary
Q2: Roosevelt Q3: Thomas Deverin







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