

# Carteret Press

## Carteret Gathers to Witness Spectacular Solar Eclipse!

Carteret Celebrates  
the Solar Eclipse  
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Carteret Earth Day  
Celebration Returns  
on April 20  
to Carteret Park  
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- A salute to Sophie Wutkowski, one of the Borough's oldest residents
- A report on a Verizon settlement available to Carteret residents
- An Events Calendar
- Notices about The Borough's annual tree program, free Recycle Coach app, Municipal Marina at Carteret Waterfront Park, Emergency Notification System, and Paper Shred Event on June 15 in the Civic Center parking lot behind the library.

A reminder to promote your business or event to all Carteret residents and businesses by advertising in Carteret Press or at least submitting it to the Events Calendar. Each issue is delivered to every home and business. For more about advertising and/or a calendar listing, contact the Public Information Office at 732-541-3835 or makinb@carteret.net.

Sincerely,

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman

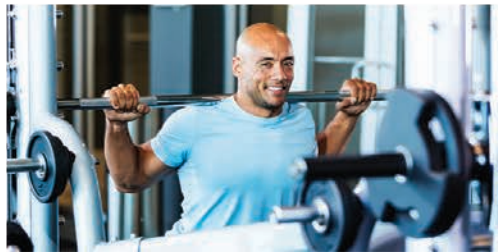


Dear Neighbors,

Earth Day once again is upon us this month and to celebrate at Carteret Park on April 20, the Borough will offer a great deal of environmental family fun, including for the first time, a wellness expo with a dozen service and product vendors, storytimes with local children's author D.J. Duvalsaint, and a display of Carteret High School junior Savnoor Kaur's internationally recognized recyclable gown. Plus, the fun of Bash the Trash, bounce houses, food trucks, a community art project and a park cleanup returns. Read all about it from pages 10 to 13.

Also in this issue of Carteret Press are:

- A look at federal and state funding for the Borough's hard-working emergency services
- Stories about great accomplishments by Carteret youth
- A business profile on China Wok, which returns a long-standing restaurant family to Carteret Shopping Center
- A CPAC Spotlight on Escape the Fate, who'll be backed by Emo Orchestra on April 20
- A photo gallery of the solar eclipse viewing the Borough hosted with hundreds of residents



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# **Carteret Emergency Services Receive Federal, State Funding**

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced that the Borough will receive \$637,195 in federal funds for the new \$2.5 million OEM relocation and the fire department will receive a \$75,000 state grant.

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-6th) secured the appropriations for a high-tech communications system as part of the federal Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

“We are thrilled and extremely grateful to Congressman Frank Pallone for these much-needed funds that go a long way to update and modernize our emergency preparedness and response to critical situations,” Mayor Reiman said. “As an urban coastal community that’s a stone’s throw from New York City, preparedness is key to preventing, mitigating, and recovering from natural and man-made disasters. We applaud Congressman Pallone’s efforts to secure funding toward this project.”

Rep. Pallone said he was glad he was able to deliver critical funding to help the Carteret OEM with its communications technology and emergency response infrastructure.

“This funding will help give first responders the resources they need to respond to emergencies quickly

and efficiently,” Rep. Pallone said. “I’m glad we were able to get this funding across the finish line.”

The new headquarters will allow a fully-staffed response team to better gather information and coordinate emergency responses. The OEM Building serves as a dispatch center and 911 backup call center.

The OEM headquarters will feature offices and conference areas where Borough officials can develop and coordinate emergency responses. The upgrades also will include sufficient storage space for non-perishable foods, bottled water, portable generators and other necessities.

The state grant to the fire department was awarded by the Department of Community Affairs through the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant program. Fire departments may use ARP grants to buy protective clothing, such as turnout gear, breathing apparatuses, and equipment for personal safety, virus protection, and sanitizing or decontamination.

“This kind of equipment will go a long way to help keep safe those who help keep the community safe,” Fire Chief Mark Hruska said.

Updates will be at [Carteret.net](http://Carteret.net) or @MyCarteret on Facebook, Instagram, and X.



## The Borough of Carteret **Emergency Notification System**



In an effort to provide more reliable and effective communications with citizens, the borough of Carteret has implemented Smart 911 as our emergency notification provider. **Smart 911** is a system designed to make calls to specific areas in the event of an emergency.

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**MAYOR DAN REIMAN**  
Presents

# **CARTERET's 3rd ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, April 20th  
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11am - 2pm**

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# ***Earth Day Celebration Will Feature Honored Carteret Eco Dress Designer***

Carteret High School junior Savnoor Kaur will demonstrate her recyclable “Lost Beauty” gown on April 20 in Carteret Park as part of the Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration.

The last time she presented her acclaimed work was in February in Monaco at Junk Kouture, the world’s largest sustainable fashion contest.

“We are extremely proud of Savnoor and her amazing accomplishment representing Carteret at such a prestigious event,” Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. “We look forward to her presenting her work at the Carteret Earth Day Celebration.”

Being only one of 10 U.S. high school students chosen to compete in Junk Kouture was an unbelievable honor, Kaur said. It marked the first time she ever modeled, and to do so on the fashionable French Riviera was daunting, she said.

Junk Kouture challenges ages 13 to 19 worldwide to create an original couture made entirely from recyclable waste. “Lost Beauty” was chosen from more than 1,600 entries from students in 20 nations on six continents.

“‘Lost Beauty’ is an homage to my culture’s traditional Indian lehenga,” Kaur said. “But instead of the floor-length skirts, decorative blouses and shawl-like scarfs called dupatta that usually make up lehenga, I used old plastic bottles, bags, table covers, twigs, dried leaves, recycled cardboard and paper, including pieces of old homework and textbooks, and pieces of old clothing and shoes. It took three months to complete, so it was challenging but also fun to design and complete.”

Savnoor’s art teacher, Susan M. Catrone routinely seeks innovative ways to inspire students.

After she heard about Junk Kouture at an Art Educators of New Jersey Conference, she inspired them to enter the competition. Subsequent student interest led Catrone and fellow Carteret High School art teacher Jacqueline Lachiver to co-sponsor the new Junk Kouture Club.



**Carteret High School junior Savnoor Kaur models her recyclable “Lost Beauty” gown at Carteret Pond. On April 20, she will participate in the Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration at Carteret Park. The last time she presented her work was in February in Monaco at Junk Kouture, the world’s largest sustainable fashion contest.**

“Our school is always proud when our students are recognized for their work and dedication,” Catrone said. “We are a small town but have immense pride in our community. It was an especially proud moment to see Savnoor on the world stage.”

While Catrone was unable to travel to Monaco, Savnoor was accompanied by Lachiver; her mother, Kulwinder Kaur, and her grandfather, Jaspal Singh Multani.

Rather than pursue a career in fashion design, however, the honor student hopes to study medicine to become a surgeon.

The Earth Day Celebration will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Carteret Park. See pages 10, 12 and 13 for more info.

# Celebrate

## Earth Day Celebration Expands with Wellness



The Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 20 at Carteret Park will include a cleanup of the park. To volunteer, contact the Clean Communities Office at 732-541-3835 or [makinb@carteret.net](mailto:makinb@carteret.net). Scout Troop 219 is pictured cleaning Carteret Pond at last year's Earth Day Celebration.

In celebration of Earth Day, the Borough once again will gather families for a fun eco-friendly event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 in Carteret Park on Carteret Avenue at Cypress Street.

The Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration will expand the popular event with a wellness expo that will feature a dozen vendors. They either will be selling holistic, organic products or providing wellness services, including physical therapy, chiropractic care, health screenings, yoga, and exercise classes.

"The best way to take care of the planet is to take care of ourselves," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "For that reason, the Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration now includes a wellness expo that will offer a variety of vendors who have Carteret residents' best interests in mind."

Wellness Expo participants will include:

- **Amway** ([amway.com](http://amway.com)), manufacturer and distributor of nutrition, beauty, personal care and home products

- **Garden State Therapy** ([gardenstateptchiro.com](http://gardenstateptchiro.com)), multi-disciplined practice based in downtown Carteret that will offer physical and occupational therapy

- **Healthier Middlesex** ([healthiermiddlesex.com](http://healthiermiddlesex.com)), diverse, multi-sector, community-focused consortium comprised of a wide variety of stakeholders, including community organizations, academic institutions and health departments

- **OlmedoSoul** ([olmedosoul.com](http://olmedosoul.com)), New Jersey family-owned small business that handcrafts jewelry made with healing crystals, including bracelets, rings, earrings, necklaces, and keychains

# the Earth!

## Expo, Story Time on April 20 in Carteret Park



Pictured at left, a team of Amazon volunteers paints benches in Carteret Park at last year's annual Earth Day Celebration. Above, the live interactive band **Bash the Trash**, who play environmental songs on instruments made from recycled materials, return April 20 to Carteret Park for the Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration. Their set will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The event will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a park cleanup starting at 10 a.m. To volunteer, contact Clean Communities at 732-541-3835 or [makinb@carteret.net](mailto:makinb@carteret.net)

- **Rahway Refillery** ([rahwayrefillery.com](http://rahwayrefillery.com)), local No Waste Marketplace that provides bulk items for the kitchen and home often within recyclable containers, as well as community education about a No Waste lifestyle

- **Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway Community Outreach** ([rwjbh.org](http://rwjbh.org)), local medical center that will provide free health screenings, such as blood pressure and blood sugar, as well as mental health resources

- **RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret** ([rwjfitnesscarteret.com](http://rwjfitnesscarteret.com)), multi-faceted Borough-based fitness and wellness center that will be offering a Zumba class in the park

- **Savvy Fit Soaps** ([savvyfitsoaps.com](http://savvyfitsoaps.com)), all natural soaps, body butters, lotions and deodorants made from 100 percent plant-based ingredients

- **World of Wellness** ([wow-carteret.com](http://wow-carteret.com)), practice based in downtown Carteret that will demonstrate its various services, which include chiropractic, pain management, sports rehab, hormone replacement therapy, IV infusions, and physical therapy

- **Zaro Sports** ([zarosports.com](http://zarosports.com)), Borough-based strength training studio that will offer a demonstration of services

- **Zentimacy** ([zentimacy.com](http://zentimacy.com)), Borough yoga studio that will provide kid's yoga class and massage.

Story times with Carteret children's author **D.J. Duvalsaint** also will be a part of the wellness expo. She will read from her three books – "Sky's First Swimming Lesson," "A King of Chess" and "Victor Discovers the Violin" – throughout the event.

Children also will enjoy bouncy houses, a community art project led by **Central Jersey Arts Council**, and live interactive band **Bash the Trash**, who play environmental songs on instruments made of recycled materials. Highlights also will be food trucks, DJ music, and community info booths, including a presentation by **Savnoor Kaur**, a Carteret High School junior recently chosen to participate in Monaco's Junk Kouture sustainable fashion contest with a recyclable gown of her own design (see page 11).

Volunteers are needed throughout the celebration for the annual spring cleanup of Carteret Park, as well as the Borough's Adopt a Park program, which coordinates a town-wide fall park cleanup. Volunteers will gather at 10 a.m. in Carteret Park, an hour before the event opens to the public. Contact Clean Communities at 732-541-3835 or [makinb@carteret.net](mailto:makinb@carteret.net).



# MAYOR DAN REIMAN & THE CARTERET BOROUGH COUNCIL ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE



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streets in summer, and purifying air as they filter out pollutants and add oxygen to the immediate environment. Properly placed trees can reduce residential heating and cooling costs by an estimated 20 to 50 percent. Trees also have real estate value. According to the U.S. Forest Service, trees increase property values by 10 to 15 percent.

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-Thomas Fuller

Things to consider before signing up for a tree:

- You must be a Carteret Homeowner.
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- Once the tree is planted, it cannot be moved or tampered with.
- Residents are responsible for watering and maintaining the tree.
- If the tree dies, the removal of the tree will be by or at the homeowner's expense.
- Trees can be planted either curbside or in the yard.
- Limited trees: requests will be responded to on a first come first serve basis.
- Forms must be completed & returned by April 22.

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**Office of Mayor Dan Reiman**  
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	Name: _____
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<b>Please choose one of the following trees for the 2024 Spring Tree Planting:</b>	
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<b>RETURN THIS FORM BY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Office of Mayor Dan Reiman (Att: Tree Planting) 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008</b>	

# ***Student National Art Award Winner Recognized by Mayor Reiman***

**J**ust weeks after being honored as Artist of the Week by Artsonia.com, the world's largest online collection of student art portfolios, and then being recognized by Mayor Daniel J. Reiman with a commendation during a Borough Council meeting, Carteret High School artist Kiara Salva has received yet another honor.

More of her work was chosen to compete June 4 to 6 at New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex College in Edison.

“Kiara received more than 1,000 votes for her art depicting an imaginary city,” Mayor Reiman said. “Kiara was inspired by a video game and had to illustrate great diligence to complete the challenging shading assignment. We congratulate her on making Carteret proud.”

Salva's artwork was submitted to both contests by her high school art teacher Susan Catrone.



**At the March 21 Borough Council Meeting, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman presented Carteret High School art student Kiara Salva with a commendation in honor of being named Artsonia's Artist of the Week in February. The Mayor and Kiara are pictured with Susan Catrone, the Carteret High School art teacher who submitted Salva's work to the contest.**

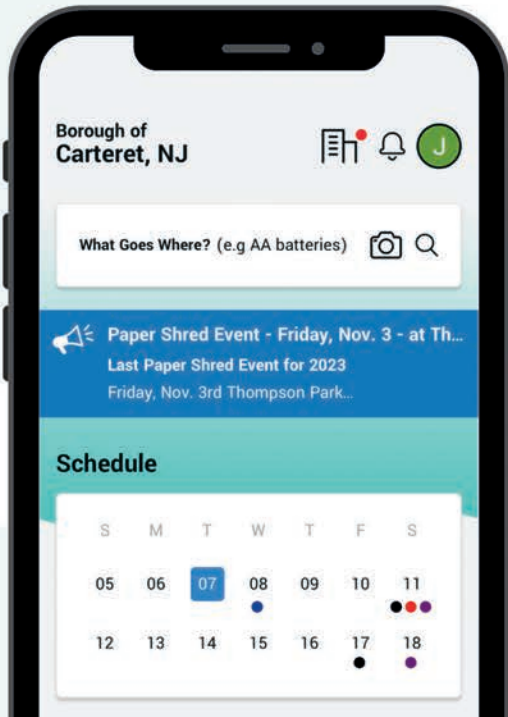
## ***PHOTO GALLERY:***

### ***Carteret Celebrates the Solar Eclipse***



**Hundreds of residents enjoyed the solar eclipse on April 8 at the Civic Center. The Borough provided 2,000 eclipse glasses to residents, many of whom stayed to watch the total solar eclipse over Borough Hall. A total solar eclipse only has happened in the United States twice since 1979 and won't happen again until 2044.**

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# Biz Profile: China Wok

Much to the delight of the foot traffic within the Carteret Shopping Center, the brother-and-sister team of Ting and Guang Li have opened China Wok, a tasty takeout spot that launched late last year.

Guang is the owner, and Ting manages a good deal of operations. Both worked in their family's beloved eatery, China King Buffet, which was located next to the shopping center's ShopRite anchor.

"We served the town for 20 years," Ting Li said. "Unfortunately, due to the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 situation, we made the difficult decision to close that business. Our experience in the industry has given us valuable insights and a deep appreciation for serving our community with delicious Chinese cuisine.

"Our family has always valued staying together and supporting each other, which is evident in our decision to venture back into the restaurant business together," she continued. "While my little sister has since moved to Georgia after getting married, she still remains connected to our family business and often comes back to help out. In fact, she was instrumental in assisting with the new store opening, dedicating almost a month to ensure its success."

The Li family has lived in Carteret for nearly two decades, which has led to several strong connections to and friendships within the community, Ting Li said.

When she and her brother learned there was an available spot in the shopping center, they said they saw it as another chance to continue serving their community.

"We cherish our connection to this beautiful town," Ting Li said. "We noticed that there aren't many high-quality Chinese restaurants in Carteret, and we wanted to fill that gap. Our decision to open a restaurant here is driven by our love for the town and our desire to provide delicious food to our neighbors.

"I absolutely adore Carteret," she continued. "It's a charming, peaceful small town with incredibly friendly residents. I have formed deep connections with many people in this town, who feel like close friends to me. It's this sense of community and warmth that inspired me to choose Carteret once again as the location for my Chinese restaurant. Our welcoming atmosphere encourages people to not only enjoy delicious food but also to engage in friendly conversations with us. We take pride in providing a warm and inviting environment where everyone feels welcome, and this personal touch is what keeps customers coming back."

China Wok's signature dish is General Tso's Chicken because it perfectly embodies the balance of sweet and spicy flavors that China Wok strives to deliver in its cuisine, Ting Li said.

The dish has become a favorite among customers with an irresistible taste that satisfies a combination of flavors, she said.



**China Wok returns the Li family to Carteret Shopping Center, having operated China King Buffet there for 20 years.**

"We believe that offering this dish allows us to provide our customers with a delightful culinary experience, symbolizing our desire for them to enjoy a sweet and fulfilling life," Ting Li said. "The response to our food has been overwhelmingly positive, with most customers expressing that the flavors are excellent. However, we also value constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement. We graciously accept all criticism as opportunities to enhance our offerings and strive to continually elevate the dining experience at our Chinese carryout restaurant.

"Business is going well, but there's still potential for growth, particularly in raising awareness among potential customers," she continued. "Our location, adjacent to Pep Boys in a different section of the ShopRite shopping center, might mean some shoppers aren't aware of us yet. However, we've installed a large, prominent sign displaying 'China Wok,' aimed at catching the attention of ShopRite patrons."

The name resonates deeply with family history and the essence of Chinese cuisine, Ting Li said.

The wok is a traditional tool used in Chinese cooking, symbolizing authenticity and tradition, she said.

"Our father's first Chinese restaurant was named China Wok, and we wanted to honor his legacy by continuing the tradition," Ting Li said. "Ideally, we hope to continue operating this restaurant until we retire."

Along with other Carteret restaurants, China Wok has coupons good through July in the Central Jersey Dining Guide, which is available online at [carteret.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/A-Central-Jersey-Dining-Guide-2024-Online.pdf](http://carteret.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/A-Central-Jersey-Dining-Guide-2024-Online.pdf). Glossy copies are available throughout the Memorial Municipal Building and Carteret Public Library.

China Wok's hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 10 p.m. Sundays. Located at 764B Roosevelt Ave., the restaurant can take orders at 732-352-0533, 732-352-0539 and [ChinaWokCarteret.com](http://ChinaWokCarteret.com). Delivery and catering are available.

# UPCOMING SHOWS



**APRIL 13**  
ACE FREHLEY W/  
ANGEL & WHITE TIGER  
WDHA THE ROCK OF NJ



**APRIL 20**  
EMO ORCHESTRA  
FEATURING  
ESCAPE THE FATE



**MAY 2**  
REND COLLECTIVE  
CAMPFIRE TOUR  
CHRISTIAN ROCK



**MAY 3**  
THE INTENSE TOUR  
INDIAN IDOL  
SEASON 14



**MAY 4**  
AN INTIMATE EVENING  
WITH  
PRISCILLA PRESLEY



**MAY 5**  
MARTIN BARRE  
CELEBRATES CLASSIC  
JETHRO TULL HITS



**MAY 9**  
AIR SUPPLY  
THE LOST IN LOVE  
EXPERIENCE



**MAY 10**  
GRAND  
FUNK  
RAILROAD



**MAY 11**  
ABISHEK UPMANYU  
TOXIC  
HINDI STAND-UP COMEDY



**MAY 17**  
SPHERES BUBBLE  
SHOW



**MAY 18**  
THE GUESS WHO



**JUNE 1**  
KENNY VANCE &  
THE PLANOTONES  
AND MORE



**JUNE 8**  
FRANKIE VALLI  
& THE FOUR SEASONS  
THE LAST ENCORES



**JUNE 9**  
MENOPAUSE  
THE MUSICAL 2



**JUNE 15**  
VIC DIBITETTO  
STAND-UP COMEDY



**JULY 13**  
THE MAGIC OF  
ROB LAKE



**JULY 18**  
SCOTT BRADLEE'S  
POSTMODERN JUKEBOX  
THE 10 TOUR



**AUGUST 17**  
THE  
RIGHTEOUS  
BROTHERS



**AUGUST 22**  
THE  
DUPREES



**AUGUST 24**  
RED HOT  
CHILLI PIPERS

## LOOKING AHEAD

**AUGUST 31**  
MAGIC MEN 2024 WORLD TOUR

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
FREESTYLE TAKEOVER

**OCTOBER 4**  
DOUBLE VISION: FOREIGNER EXPERIENCE

**OCTOBER 19**  
GLORIA GAYNOR  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
THAT MOTOWN BAND  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
THE JERSEY TENORS

**NOVEMBER 15**  
A BRONX TALE W/ CHAZZ PALMINTERI



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# CPAC Spotlight: *Escape the Fate*



**Escape the Fate will perform with Emo Orchestra on April 20 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.**

**E**mo Orchestra is a new live experience that brings some of the most beloved emo songs to the theater stage with a full orchestra arrangement.

The Emo Orchestra Spring 2024 tour features the veteran emo band Escape the Fate and will include a stop at 7 p.m. on April 20 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Escape the Fate will perform orchestrations of their hits along with some of the most beloved emo classics from My Chemical Romance, New Found Glory, Panic! At The Disco, Evanescence, Good Charlotte and more.

“We are so grateful to have been invited by EO to participate in this tour,” lead vocalist Craig Mabbitt said. “We have been on the road almost 20 years now so to do something this different and special is very exciting for us as artists, and we hope it’s just as exciting for you. I can’t wait to meet and perform with a full orchestra and not only play our songs but some classic personal favorites of mine from other artists. Don’t forget to dress fancy.

“Thank you, EO,” Mabbitt continued. “The special

event made for emo lovers and orchestra aficionados alike offers a one of a kind, amplified sensory experience for even the most seasoned concert goers.”

Escape the Fate are touring behind their latest album, “Out of the Shadows.” Their Emo Orchestra tour follows the success of last year’s jaunt with Hawthorne Heights.

Tickets to Emo Orchestra with Escape the Fate are \$59 and \$69. Preferred parking is available for an additional \$25.

The CPAC Box Office is located at the Cooke Avenue side of the building, which is at 46 Washington Ave. Box Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, as well as 9:30 a.m. to 30 minutes after show time of weekday shows and 12 p.m. to 30 minutes after show time of weekend shows. During those hours, the Box Office can be called at 877-849-2722.

Tickets and more info also can be found at [carteretpac.com/events/emo-orchestra-feat-escape-the-fate/](http://carteretpac.com/events/emo-orchestra-feat-escape-the-fate/). For more about Escape the Fate, visit [escapethefate.com/](http://escapethefate.com/). For more about Emo Orchestra, visit [emo-orchestra.com/](http://emo-orchestra.com/).

# CARTERET

## APRIL

**Beanstack Spring Read Challenge** through May 13 (register with [beanstack.com](http://beanstack.com), log titles read, and top three readers will win prizes)

**Coloring Contest for Kids and Adults**, Carteret Public Library, through April 15 (winners will be awarded prizes)

14

**Central Jersey Arts Council Arts Committee Disability Awareness Mural**, 11 a.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center

16

**Align and Unwind with Lisa Blocker**, 12 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio (also every Tuesday)

**Saint Joseph School Tricky Tray**, 6 p.m., Saint Joseph School, 865 Roosevelt Ave. (fundraiser for school)

**Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting**, 6 p.m., via video & phone conference access at 732-541-3836

17

**R&B Wine Wednesday**, 7 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio (also every Wednesday with special guest)

18

**Ann's Morning Storytime**, 10 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also April 25)

**Belly Dance for Fitness with Lisa Blocker**, 6 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio (also every Thursday)

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**Third Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration** with live & DJ music, bounce houses, community art project, food trucks, recycling info, wellness expo, park cleanup, Adopt-a-Park signups, storytimes, and community info booths, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carteret Park

**Kids Yoga**, 12 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio, 29 Washington Ave. (also every Saturday)

20



**Video Game Animation Class with Black Rock**, 1-3 p.m., Carteret Public Library (registration required)

**Saint Joseph School Bingo & Raffles**, 6 p.m., Saint Joseph School (fundraiser for school for 18+ only; food available to purchase)

**Emo Orchestra/Escape the Fate**, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

22

**Heated Hatha Flow with Julia Greco**, 6 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio (also every Monday)

25

**Saint Joseph School's Preschool 3 & Pre-Kindergarten 4 Open House**, 12:30 & 5 p.m., Saint Joseph School

**Borough Council Meeting**, 6 p.m., Room 204, Memorial Municipal Building

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

Submit items to Carteret Events Calendar by the 1st of each month to [makinb@carteret.net](mailto:makinb@carteret.net).

For more info call 732-541-3835.

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## MAY

- 1 **Coloring Contest for Kids and Adults**, through May 15, Carteret Public Library (winners will be awarded prizes)
- 2 **Ann's Morning Storytime**, 10 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also May 9, 23 and 30)
- Rend Collective**, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 3 **Indian Idol**, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 4 **An Intimate Evening with Priscilla Presley**, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 5 **Martin Barre Celebrates Classic Jethro Tull Hits**, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 9 **Borough Council Meeting**, 6 p.m., teleconference at 732-447-9901 (access code: 920718)

- Air Supply**, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 10 **Grand Funk Railroad**, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 11 **Abhishek Upmanyu**, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 16 **Dibble and Dabble Storytime**, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library registration required)
- 17 **Spheres Bubble Show**, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 18 **Guess Who**, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 23 **Borough Council Meeting**, 6 p.m., Room 204, Memorial Municipal Building
- 28 **Ana's World of Mini's**, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center

# One of Carteret's Oldest Residents Honored by Mayor Reiman

At the March 21 Borough Council meeting, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman honored with a proclamation, 105-year-old Sophie Muzyka Wutkowski.

She is one of Carteret's oldest residents.

Wutkowski was born 1919 on small Randolph Street farm in Carteret to Polish immigrants. She has been a Carteret resident her entire life.

During the Roaring '20s, Sophie was a little girl when flappers, speakeasies and women gaining the right to vote were making news. During this time, apples were her favorite fruit and still are! Her mother would have to hide them in the coal barrel in the basement. However, Sophie would sniff them out.

Sophie met Joseph Wutkowski at a roller-skating rink and married him on September 7, 1941. Their marriage was blessed with three children, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Wutkowski has been an active parishioner of Holy Family Church and worked at Tenneco, a coffee-producing company, as well as the Morey La Rue laundry service.

"During her long and productive lifetime, Wutkowski has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and ages," Mayor Reiman said.

She now enjoys spending time in her garden, sharing recipes and recounting events of her long and event-filled life; and in her quiet way has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her.



At the March 21 Borough Council meeting, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman, far right, honored 105-year-old Sophie Wutkowski, second from left, with a proclamation. They are pictured with her daughter Cindy Ronan and son Jerry Wutkowski.

## Up to \$100 Available to Residents of Carteret in Verizon Settlement

Verizon customers may be eligible for part of a \$100 million settlement that would pay out between \$15 and \$100, but you may have to apply.

The company agreed to settle claims that it charged "deceptive and unfair" administrative fees that were not properly disclosed to some wireless customers.

About 58 million affected customers should have received a notification by email or mailed postcard in January. The notifications include a "Notice ID" and "Confirmation Code," which can be used to sign up for the settlement.

If you didn't get one, you can sign up on the settle-

ment website by entering your name and Verizon account number on the website.

Eligible consumers include current and former Verizon customers who had wireless or data services between Jan. 1, 2016, and Nov. 8, 2023. They are eligible for up to \$100, but not less than \$15, the settlement said.

Fees involved ranged from 40 cents to \$3.30 a month per line, with costs increasing over time, according to the lawsuit.

Consumers have until April 15 to file at [verizonadministrativechargesettlement.com](http://verizonadministrativechargesettlement.com).

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