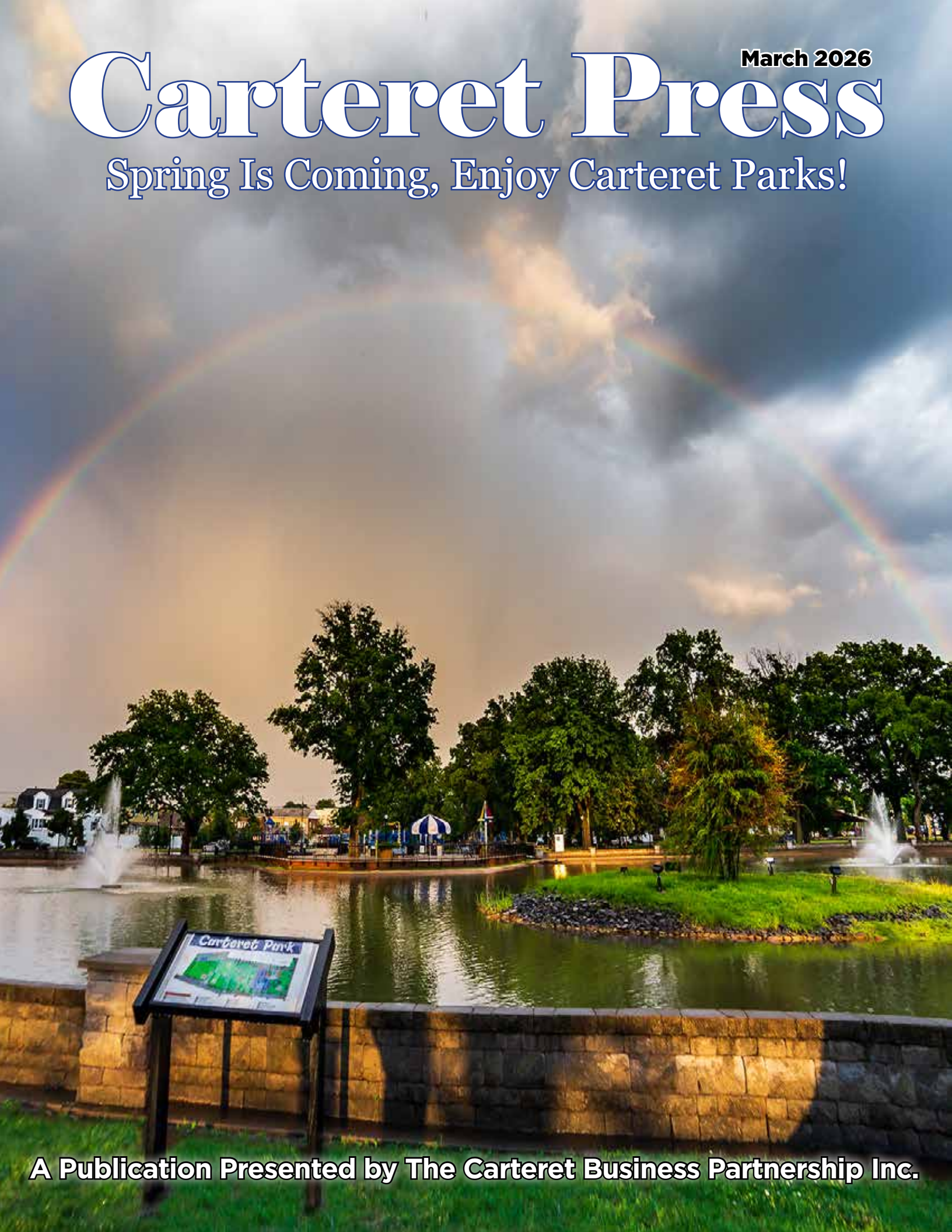


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Dear Friends,
Carteret has become quite the destination for smash burgers and Nashville-style hot chicken sandwiches. Four new places have opened in less than one year. Read all about it on pages 16 and 17.

Also in this issue:

- The Carteret Multimodal Ferry Terminal recently was awarded another \$3.5 million in Congressional appropriations, as well as another \$724,988 from NJ Urban Enterprise Zone Authority. This follows a \$6 million appropriation in 2022, as well as \$1.9 million in UEZA funds earlier this year.

- A look at the \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that will enable Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center to undergo a major renovation that will provide public access to the historic building's basement for the first time since 1999.

- A report on the new Holmatro Rescue Tools the Carteret Fire Department received thanks in part to a grant from Carteret Business Partnership

- An Events Calendar

- A CPAC Spotlight on Max Weinberg's Jukebox, an evening on March 20 that will allow the audience at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center to choose among 200 songs to help the Rock and Roll

Hall of Fame E Street Band drummer craft his set list

- A preview of the third annual Uncork Spring NJ Wine Experience on March 21 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

- Notices about Carteret Public Library's new Museum Pass, our free Recycle Coach app, |food waste tips, important safety messages from the Borough's Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department, CPAC's schedule, spring basketball with NFL Swag, the Granny Squares senior-led crochet group, Carteret Seniors Club, the Middlesex County paper shred and hazardous household waste dropoff schedules, Middlesex County resources to prevent opioid overdoses, and Saint Joseph School's tricky tray fundraiser.

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Carteret Receives More than \$4M in Additional Federal, State Ferry Funding



Currently under construction on the Carteret waterfront, the Carteret Multimodal Ferry Terminal recently was awarded another \$3.5 million Congressional appropriation secured by U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Andy Kim, plus \$724,988 from the state Urban Enterprise Zone Authority.

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced that U.S. Senators Kim & Booker secured \$3.5 million in federal funds for the Carteret Multimodal Ferry Terminal currently under construction on the Borough's waterfront. Sen. Corey Booker and Andy Kim secured the appropriations as part of the federal Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Around the same time, the Borough also received \$724,988 from the state Urban Enterprise Zone Authority.

"We are thrilled and extremely grateful to U.S. senators Corey Booker and Andy Kim for these much-needed funds that will help construct the Carteret Multimodal Ferry Terminal," Mayor Reiman said. "We applaud their efforts to secure funding toward these projects."

"We're also very grateful to Gov. Phil Murphy and the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for this award to help construct our ferry terminal," Mayor Reiman said. "These are very exciting times in Carteret. You're talking about something that is unmatched for the tristate area in terms of a multi-purpose, multi-level intermodal terminal building. In this facility, you'll have a bar, lounge, restaurant, restrooms, a ticketing area, retail space, leasable office space, a banquet hall

and training center, topping it all off with rooftop amenities that will have panoramic views of the scenic Raritan Bay and New York City skyline."

The Borough broke ground on the ferry terminal on Dec. 12 with Brock and Carrington Contractors of Towaco, NJ, to construct the four-story, 52,000-square-foot ferry hub, which is designed to be a destination onto itself with the aforementioned retail, restaurants and recreational space.

Carteret Ferry Service is "essential to the state's infrastructure," Sen. Kim said. "From the Gateway Tunnel Project to Carteret's new ferry terminal, it will take all levels of government working together to modernize New Jersey's crumbling transit infrastructure," Sen. Kim said. "It's great to see the funding I fought for."

Recently, Congressman Pallone secured a \$1.037 million in a federal appropriation for a communications upgrade to the Carteret Police Department. In 2022, Pallone secured \$6 million for the Carteret Intermodal Ferry Terminal, while Booker secured \$1 million that year for an upgraded Carteret OEM headquarters.

Earlier in the year, UEZA awarded the Borough \$1.9 million for the ferry terminal.



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Carteret to rehab Blazing Star with \$300G Community Development Block Grant



Blazing Star is getting a facelift with \$300,000 in funds from a Community Development Block Grant. Improvements will include an ADA-compliant elevator and restrooms, plus the first public access to the historic building's basement since 1999.

The Borough has received a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Middlesex County Division of Housing, Community Development and Social Services through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman recently announced.

The reimbursement funds will help with the rehabilitation of the Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center, Mayor Reiman said. The project will go out to bid soon, the Mayor said, and will include an ADA-compliant elevator, restroom and other renovations and improvements to the municipally-owned historic building, including the first public access to the basement since 1999.

“Blazing Star is a hub where local artists and artisans gather to learn about and work on arts & crafts projects together,” Mayor Reiman said. “It’s also where the Community Choir rehearses and often performs. Blazing Star is invaluable to the local community, so I am very grateful that CDBG funds will be used to help modernize and expand this

important space.”

For the first time, the County used a competitive process to determine grant amounts rather than distribute the same amounts provided in previous years. To qualify, projects had to meet federal low-and-moderate income requirements or have a town-wide impact. Blazing Star met both requirements.

Originally, a YMCA developed by industry at the turn of the 20th Century, the building then served as the Borough’s public library from the 1930s to 1999, when the current library at 100 Cooke Ave. was opened.

Blazing Star was founded in 2015, as was Central Jersey Arts Council. CJAC hosts arts, crafts, cultural and wellness programs each week for the entire Carteret community to enjoy. Most of these activities are free of charge.

Located at 63 Carteret Ave., Blazing Star also is home to Carteret Historical Committee and Carteret Gay-Straight Alliance. For updates, visit centraljerseyartscouncil.org.

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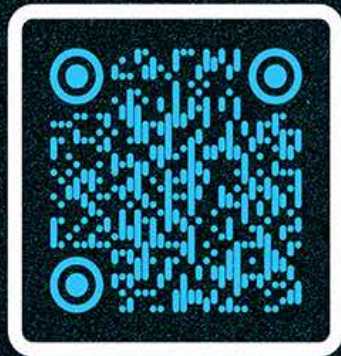
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Saturday, June 27	Spotswood	High School	105 Summerhill Road	08884
Sunday, August 30	South Brunswick	Beech Woods Park	137 Beekman Road	08852
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Friday, October 9	Highland Park	Donaldson Park	South Second Avenue	08904
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Carteret Fire Department Receives New Fire Rescue Tools Via CBP Grant



The Carteret Fire Department recently obtained battery-operated Holmatro rescue tools in part with a \$50,000 grant from Carteret Business Partnership. Pictured are ESI Technicians reviewing the order delivery with the on-duty Carteret Fire Department crew.

The Carteret Fire Department recently took delivery of a full complement of Holmatro extrication equipment, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced.

The rescue equipment is replacing tools that were acquired in 2001, Mayor Reiman said.

“These rescue tools are utilized by firefighters to remove vehicle components, structural elements and other obstacles that entrap persons involved in vehicle collisions, building collapse and other complex rescue situations,” the Mayor said. “Our original tools were powered by gasoline. The new tools are powered by battery and are portable. This eliminates the need for hydraulic hoses and power packs giving firefighters the flexibility to take the tools anywhere they are needed.”

The new tools can be utilized in oxygen deficient environments where gas tools would stall due to lack of air, Fire Chief Eric J. Wahl said.

The new tools are also submersible, giving the Fire Department rescue capabilities in flood waters and in the maritime environment, Chief Wahl said.

“With this proprietary battery technology, power is instantaneous, offering smooth operation and stronger force over the tools they are replacing,” the Fire Chief said.

ESI Equipment is the supplier of the tools, training and maintenance, Chief Wahl said.

They have been an industry leader and are the premier rescue resource for the Indy Racing League and NASCAR, he said.

“The Carteret Fire Department has had a 26-year relationship with this State Contract Supplier, and we thank them for their decades of support to our department,” the Chief said.

This \$114,000 acquisition was made through a local grant and would not have been possible without the support from Borough officials and the Carteret Business Partnership, Chief Wahl said.

Part of this deal was the inclusion of factory-authorized training for all active duty firefighters and a comprehensive maintenance program, he said.

“Once this training is complete, the tools will be placed in service on our front line fire trucks in Fire Headquarters and in the firehouse located in West Carteret,” the Chief said. “The new Holmatro Extrication equipment improves our response posture by providing our firefighters with powerful, reliable and portable rescue equipment that can operate in all environments to protect our wonderful community and the people who travel through the Borough.”



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Since Brunswick Burger House opened last summer, Carteret has 3 restaurants



Brunswick Burger House at the former site of Burger Express on Roosevelt Avenue has inspired several eateries to feature halal Hot Chicken and Smashburger in West Carteret and the Exit 12 Burgers food truck at 255 Washington Ave., the same as the former House, the Classic Burger with Signature Aioli at Tarka Nation, and the smash burgers at Exit 12 Burgers.

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, and so, increased competition appears to honor Brunswick Burger House, which opened last summer at the site of the former Burger Express on Roosevelt Avenue. Since then, two other restaurants have opened that also focus on smash burgers and Nashville-style hot chicken sammies: Tarka Nation and Baba's Halal Hot Chicken and Smash Burger, both in West Carteret. Also, the Exit 12 Burgers food truck will have had its grand opening on March 7 on Washington Avenue in the parking lot of Boba and Bites.

For Brunswick Burger House, such flattery is not new. When his partners opened Smashville in New Brunswick four years ago, more than eight similar places opened within 10-mile radius, co-owner Omar Habib said.

"It's the natural order of things," Habib said. "We're never upset by competition because that's what makes business and is part of a push to provide better services to the community. That's what we're here for. We're happy to continue doing what we've been

doing: focusing on quality and customer service."

While all four establishments are halal, making for high quality meats, there's something unique about the smash burgers and chicken sammies that each offers.

At Brunswick Burger House, the differential is in the sauces, co-owner Vedant Bhatt said. Ten different sauces are available: Carolina Smoke; Honey Mustard; Peach Heat; House BBQ; Sauce No. 377, a garlic aioli; the chipotle-flavored Comeback Sauce; Smash Sauce, which is special sauce with mustard and cayenne; Spicy Smash Sauce; House Sauce, which consists of peach, cayenne and paprika, and Cheese Sauce.

Throughout Lent, Brunswick Burger also is offering fish sandwiches and fish 'n' chips. More locations will be opening soon in Newark, Parsippany, East Brunswick, and Metuchen.

For Tarka Nation, it all comes down to the details, co-owner Owais Khan said.

"We obsess over temperature control so every protein is cooked right — juicy, never dry," Khan said. "Every bite is built with flavor in mind, from the quality of the meat to the way it's seasoned. And then there's our

Smash Burgers Abound in Carteret

& a food truck focused on smash burgers & Nashville-style hot chicken sammies



Follow suit with smash burgers and Nashville-style hot chicken sammies, including Tarka Nation and Baba's Halal site as Boba and Bites. Pictured left from right are the smashburger and chicken sammy at Brunswick Burger

signature aioli — it ties everything together on both the sandwiches and burgers. It's not fancy for the sake of being fancy. It's just done right."

At Baba's Halal Hot Chicken and Smash Burger, the ownership and management team have many years of successful experience with nearby sister restaurant Jezif Fried Chicken and Pizza. That experience translates into every bite of deliciousness at Baba's.

For Exit 12, which will celebrate its March 7 grand opening with promotional deals, the difference is that it's a food truck associated with another establishment, Boba and Bites, a dessert and bubble tea shop. While a food truck may offer grab 'n' go, the ingredients are just as fresh and freshly made, co-owner Sukhman Bains said.

"Our Nashville chicken sandwich is made completely from scratch," Bains said. "We don't use frozen patties — we hand-prepare and bread fresh, whole chicken breast in-house. That means real chicken breast — never processed or pre-formed — hand-breaded for that thick, crunchy crust; juicy inside because we prep it fresh; tossed in our house Nashville heat blend. Our smash burgers are made fresh on the flat top, smashed to create those crispy, caramelized edges that lock in flavor. Every burger is made to order and stacked with

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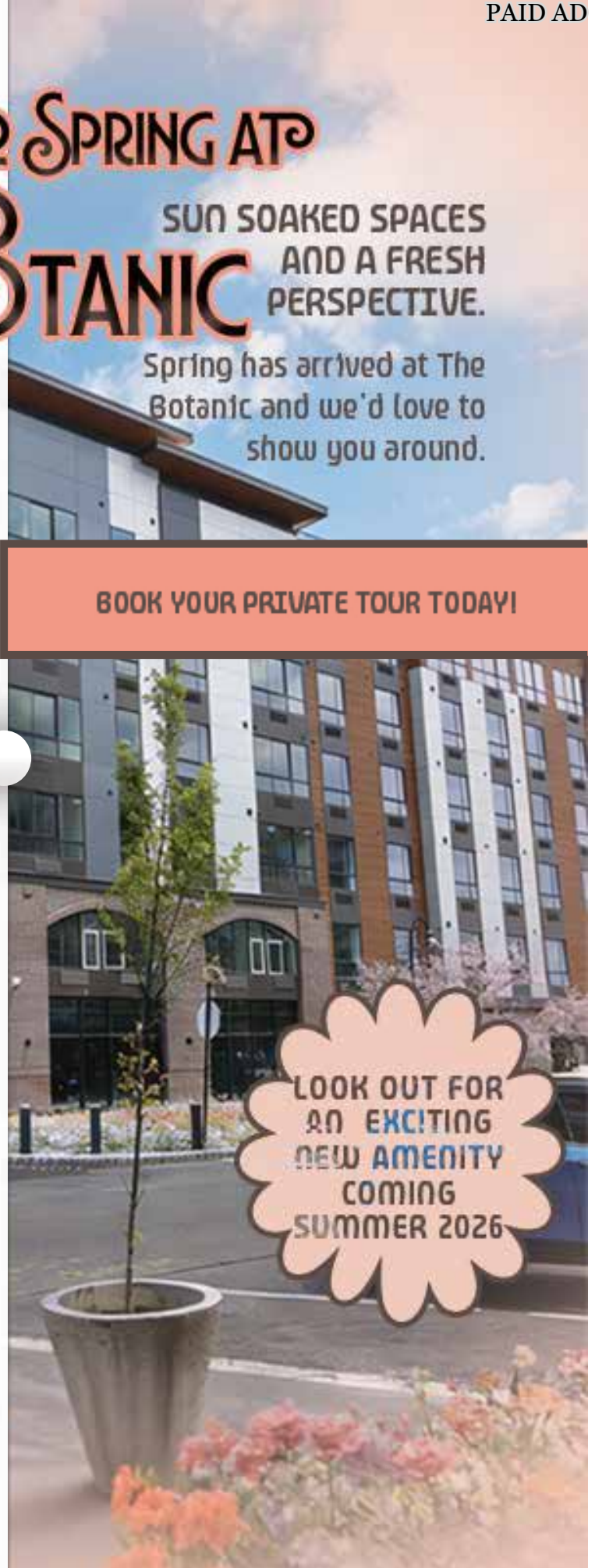
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5 Monthly Coloring Contest for Children and Adults, Carteret Public Library (through March 16)
Storytime with Anne, 10 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also March 12)

7 United Way Tax Assistance, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Carteret Public Library (also 3/21)

9 Pass Me the Rock Basketball Program, various times & locations through May 17, (info: nflswagteam.com)

The Granny Squares: Crochet with Seniors, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center (also March 23 & 30, April 13 & 27)

Leather Lab, 6 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also 3/20)

10 Jewelry Creations, 4 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also 7 p.m. 3/27)

Space Camp: Mission to Mars by Black Rocket, 5 p.m., Carteret Public Library

11 Carteret Community Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also 3/18 & 25)

14 Movie of the Day, 1-3 p.m., Carteret Public Library Children's Room (also March 28)

The Magic of Rob Lake: Live from Broadway, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

15 Reset & Restore Yoga feat. Uzma Bell, 2-4 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center

16 Carteret Senior Club, 12 p.m., Carteret Community Center (also April 6 & 20)

17 Pyography, 7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (ages 18+ only; also March 24)

20 Max Weinberg's Jukebox, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

21 Uncork Spring -- An NJ Wine Experience, 1-5 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

Holding Space: A Women's Circle, 6 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center

27 New York Bee Gees, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

28 Candyland Tricky Tray School Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., Saint Joseph School (must be age 18+)

29 Central Jersey Arts Council Museum Trip: Frida Kahlo Exhibit at Museum of Modern Art in New York City



APRIL

2 Hollywood Nights: The Bob Seger Experience, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

11 Oh What a Night of Doo Wop & Rock 'n' Roll w/ Jay Siegel's Tokens, Brian Hyland, Joey Dee, La La Brooks, Cleveland Still & the Dubs, Jimmy Gallagher & the Passions, The Fireflies, Tom Schizzano & the LAR Enterprise Band & Host Cool Bobby B of Sirius Radio's "50s on 5," 7

p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

12 Amit Tandon, 3 & 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center (also 7 p.m. 4/18)

18 Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carteret Park (Park Cleanup at 10 a.m.)

25 Clint Black, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts Center



Upcoming Performances and Events



March 13
I Love R&B Party

The Underground



March 14
The Magic of Rob Lake:
Live from Broadway



March 20
Max Weinberg's
Jukebox



March 21
Uncork Spring!
A New Jersey Wine Event



March 27
The New York
Bee Gees



March 28
Dueling Pianos

The Underground



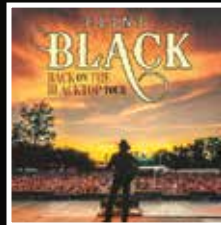
April 10
Hollywood
Nights - The
Bob Seger
Experience



April 11
Doo Wop w/
Jay Siegel's
Tokens &
Friends



April 12 & 18
Amit Tandon:
Halwa
Third Show
Added!



April 25
Clint Black:
Back On The
Blacktop Tour



May 8
Eaglemania: The
World's Greatest
Eagles Tribute



May 9
Crossing Over
with Psychic
Medium
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CPAC Spotlight: Max Weinberg's Jukebox

Max Weinberg, best known as the heartbeat of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band since 1974 and bandleader, music director and sidekick for 17 years on NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," returns to his New Jersey roots on March 20 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center with Max Weinberg's Jukebox.

In this unique concert experience, the audience chooses the set list live from a menu of more than 200 classic rock songs, with Weinberg and his band playing them on the spot.

Blending legendary musicianship with hometown pride, Max Weinberg's Jukebox delivers an unforgettable night of classic rock, storytelling, and crowd participation. The truly interactive show invites the audience to create the set list in real time that Weinberg will play with his crack four-piece group. Performing songs from the glory days of rock 'n' roll, guests get to choose from a video menu of more than 200 songs — everything from The Beatles to The Rolling Stones to Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band's biggest hits! The crowd gets to yell out their choices, and Weinberg plays them!

This unique approach is fun and satisfying. When Weinberg played CPAC in October 2021, the audience had a blast.

How many times have you attended a show where you yearned to hear your favorite performer play your favorite song? With Max Weinberg's Jukebox, your dream will be realized.

"A bundle of drive, neurosis and wily suburban street smarts, and source of great humor, Max found a place where Bernard Purdie, Buddy Rich and Keith Moon intersected and made it his own," wrote Bruce Springsteen in his 2016 autobiography, "Born to Run." "The soul of dedication and commitment, each night in the midst of the continuous hurricane our sets are designed to be, the sheer physical pressure of three hours of nonstop, steamrolling rock music lies upon his shoulders more heavily than anyone else's. Onstage, Max goes beyond listening to what I'm saying, signaling; he 'hears' what I'm thinking, feeling. He anticipates my thoughts as they come rolling full bore toward the drum riser. It's a near telepathy that comes from years of playing and living together. It's a real-world miracle, and it's why people love musicians. They show us how deeply we can experience one another's minds and hearts,



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame E Street Band drummer Max Weinberg will bring Max Weinberg's Jukebox back to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center on March 20. The interactive show allows audiences to pick the setlist from 200 classic rock songs.

and how perfectly we can work in congress. With Max at my back, the questions are answered before they're asked."

Tickets to Max Weinberg's Jukebox are \$38-\$58 for the show only. VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet with Weinberg, are an additional \$250. You must purchase a show ticket to attend the meet and greet.

For more info about the 9p.m. show, visit carteretpac.com/events/max-weinbergs-jukebox/. For more about Max Weinberg's Jukebox, click maxweinberg.com/.

TICKETS AVAILABLE!
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Mayor Daniel J. Reiman & Borough Council 2026 Residential Paper Shred Program



Date: Saturday, June 20th

This is a free paper shred program for Borough residents.

Time: 10 am - 12 pm (or until shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first)
Event held rain or shine

Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely!

Location: Parking lot between Civic Center Park & Carteret Public Library, 100 Cooke Avenue

- Limit of 5 boxes or 100 pounds per car.
- Paper must be in a manageable container. No plastic bags.
- No need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binders.
- Do Not Bring: Newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photos, x-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage.
- Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.
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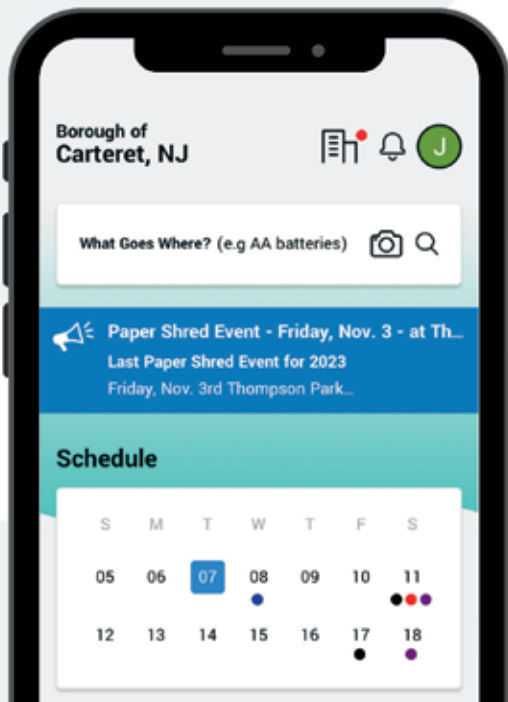
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Saturday, April 18

at Carteret Park

11 AM - 2 PM

featuring

Family Fun * Food Trucks * DJ Music *

Wellness Expo with Vendors & Classes *

10 a.m. Adopt-a-Park Cleanup *

Signup for Townwide Fall Park Cleanup *

**Reusable Bag Collection for Food Pantries
with or without non-perishable food items ***

Community Groups, Displays & Activities *

Boro Recycling Reps w/Helpful Answers & Info

**Register for Park Cleanup & get more event info
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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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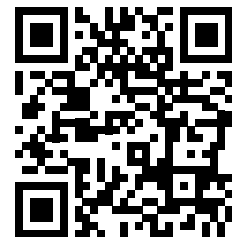
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Free Resources and Naloxone Available

Middlesex County is committed to helping end the opioid crisis. Free resources and support are available to clinics, community organizations, families, and individuals in need, including:

- Naloxone (generic of Narcan®) available in bulk or single doses
- Behavioral Health Resources
- Educational Resources
- Additional Support Services

**GET FREE
RESOURCES AND
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Stay Safe When Heating Your Home

Although trending downward since the early 1980s, heating fires remained the second leading cause of home fires in 2021. An estimated 32,200 home heating fires were reported to fire departments within the United States. These fires caused an estimated 190 deaths, 625 injuries and \$442 million in property loss. Follow these tips to help protect yourself and your loved ones against home fires.

6 TIPS to Prevent House Heating Fires

1. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources, including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, portable heaters or candles.
2. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.
3. When using your fireplace always keep a metal or heat-tempered screen around it to stay safe.
4. Always use a generator, camp stove, charcoal grill, gasoline or propane heater outdoors and not near windows.
5. Always plug space heaters directly into an outlet, and make sure its cord isn't damaged or frayed.
6. Avoid using the stovetop or oven to heat your home. It is dangerous because it increases the risk of burns, fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Learn More





Prepare for Power Outages

Winter storms may bring power outages that can disrupt things like communications, utilities, transportation, stores, gas stations and ATMs, and prevent your ability to use electrically powered medical devices.

Follow these tips to stay #WinterReady.

6 TIPS to Prepare for Power Outages

1. **Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture.**
2. **If you use a generator, ONLY use it outdoors and away from windows.**
3. **Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.**
4. **Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.**
5. **Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.**
6. **Go to a community location with power if cold is extreme and you can't heat your home.**

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CARTERET SENIOR CLUB 2026 Dates

Senior Meetings

February 2	July -- No Meetings
February 23	August -- No Meetings
March 2	September 14
March 16	September 21
April 6	October 5
April 20	October 19
May 4	November 2
May 18	November 16
June 1	December 7
June 15	December 21



For more info, call President Linda Marciniak at 732-453-4170

The Granny Squares

“Crochet with Seniors”
JOIN US 12:30 -2:30 pm:

January 12th	February 9th	March 9th 23rd 30th	April 13th 27th	May 11th	June 8th 22nd 29th
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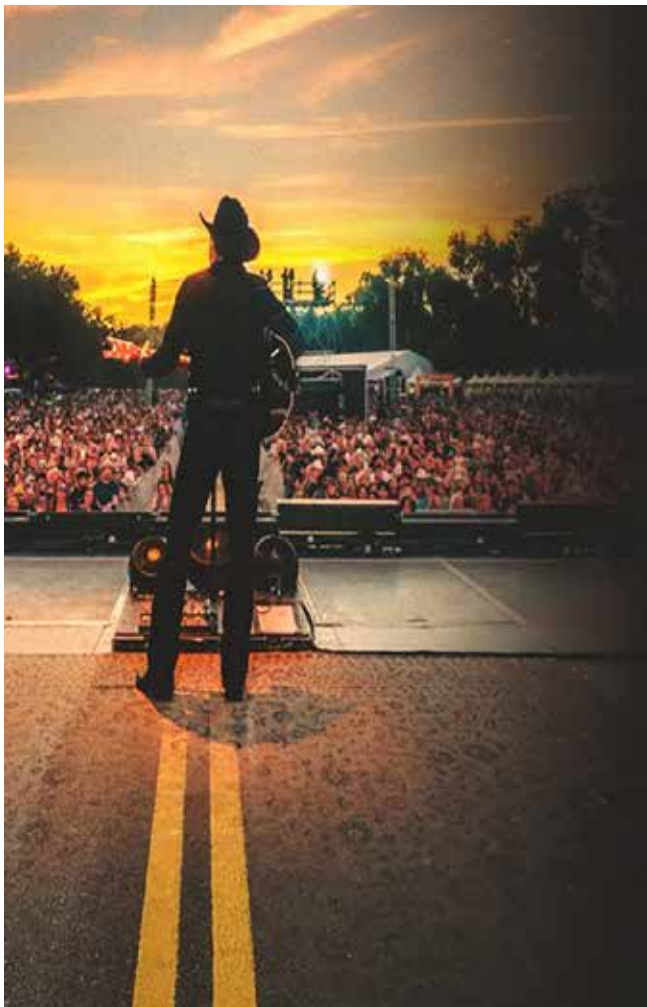
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3rd Annual Uncork Spring Wine Fest Returns to Carteret PAC

Sip, savor and celebrate Spring when Uncork Spring - A NJ Wine Experience returns for its third annual celebration on March 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

This highly anticipated springtime event brings together wine enthusiasts, local wineries, and unique vendors for an afternoon dedicated to tasting, shopping, eating, and community connection. Since its debut, Uncork Spring has continued to grow, establishing itself as a signature New Jersey wine experience.

Attendees can look forward to:

- Wine tastings from a curated selection of New Jersey wineries
- Shopping from specialty vendors and local artisans
- An array of delicious food available for purchase at The Underground
- A vibrant indoor venue perfect for an early spring gathering.

This unique wine event offers guests the opportunity to sample and purchase a wide variety of wines. Make your way from winery to winery to explore seasonal releases, discover new favorites, and meet the winemakers themselves while learning about the passion and process behind their distinctive blends.

Participating Wineries include:

- **Angelico Winery**, Lambertville (angelicowinery.com)
- **Chestnut Run Farm**, Pilesgrove (chestnutrunfarm.com)
- **Cream Ridge Winery**, Allentown (creamridgewinery.com)
- **DiMatteo Vineyard**, Hammonton (dimatteovineyards.com)
- **Federal Twist Winery**, Stockton (federaltwistvineyard.com)
- **Plagido's Winery**, Hammonton (plagidoswinery.com)
- **Terra Nonno Winery**, Millville (terranonno.com)
- **Tomasello Winery**, various locations (tomasellowinery.com)
- **Valenzano Winery**, Shamong (valenzanowine.com)
- **Villari Vineyards**, Deptford (villarivineyards.com)
- **Wagonhouse Winery**, Swedesboro (wagonhousewinery.com).

Must be 21 years or older to enter.

Participating vendors include:

- **Art Of Olive Oil** – small-batch, naturally infused olive oil in four addictive flavors for cooking, dipping and salad dressings
- **The Kind Vine** – small batch goods and original abstract art meet to tell a story. Curated handmade goods for wine, beer and art lovers.
- **Gracie Moo Candles** – Light up your life with the artisan elegance of Gracie Moo Candles, where handcrafted luxury meets pure soy perfection.
- **Cynful Bliss** – Come fall into temptation with



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• **Mimi's by the Sea Gourmet Mixes** – Crafted, gluten-free mixes for effortless entertaining – soups, wine slushies, cocktails, appetizers and desserts.

• **Hangover Pretzel Co.** – Flavored sourdough pretzels, mixed all-natural nuts, not roasted or salted, gluten-free granola and four-ingredient dog pretzels

• **Enchanted Crusts** – Sourdough micro bakery specializing in handcrafted, slow fermented, sourdough breads and sweet treats.

• **The Mahogany Exchange** – Earth-powered, handcrafted skin care charcuterie boards, designed to heal and soothe sensitive skin and skin disorders. Embrace nature's gentle remedies for transformative skin health.

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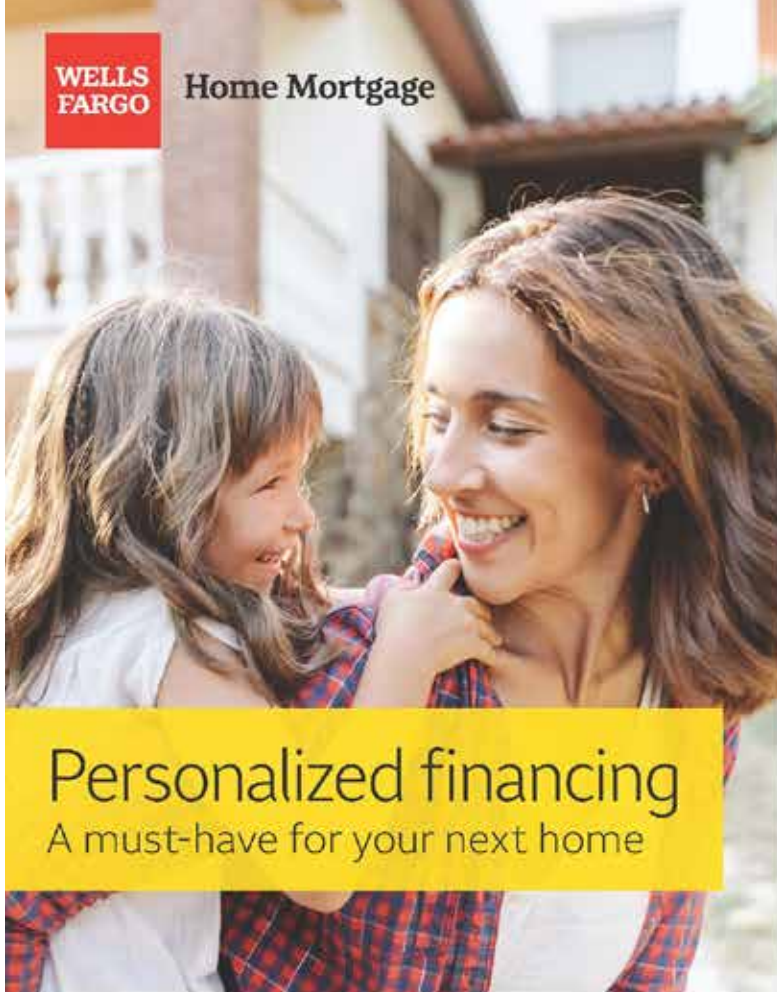


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