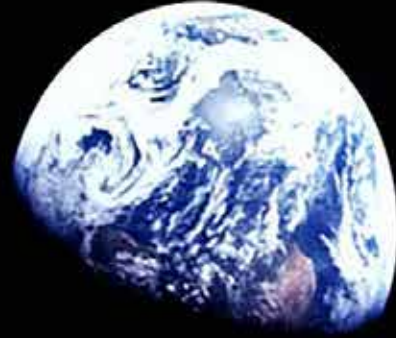


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Dear Friends,
Spring is here, and that means Earth Day is right around the corner. Read all about the healthy family fun of the Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration on pages 16 and 17. The fun will include a inflatable rides, a wellness expo, and food trucks on April 18 at Carteret Park, as well as a park cleanup throughout town.

Also in this issue:

- The Carteret Police Department received a \$7,000 grant from the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the "Put the Phone Away or Pay" enforcement and awareness campaign
- A photo gallery of Carteret Senior Club St. Paddy's Day Celebration, which I had the pleasure of attending
- A Volunteer Spotlight on Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County, who'll celebrate a 20th anniversary gala on April 29 at The Park Chateau in East Brunswick
- A profile of Carteret Soccer Academy director Isaiah Singh, who was named Coach of the Year by the NJ Youth Soccer Association
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- An Events Calendar

• A five-page Voter Guide starting on page 19. Please note that you now can register online at voter.svrs.nj.gov/register and registered voters can request a mail-in ballot at voter.svrs.nj.gov/mib-request.

• A Business Spotlight on Sal's Bistro & Bar, the new restaurant of beloved Middlesex County chef Vesal Deva, formerly of Ristorante Venezia in Woodbridge

• Notices about CPAC's schedule, the Granny Squares senior-led crochet group, the Municipal Marina, the Middlesex County-funded paper shred on June 20 behind the library, our free Recycle Coach app, OEM's spring safety tips, and the Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration, again on April 18 in Carteret Park.

A reminder to promote your business or event to all Carteret residents and businesses by advertising in Carteret Press or at least submitting to the Events Calendar. Each issue is delivered to every local 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.

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\$7G grant from state Attorney General funds Distracted Driving Campaign



Above are two of the many messages the Carteret Police Department can utilize during the month-long “Put the Phone Away or Pay” campaign. The department received a \$7,000 grant from the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety to help fund the distracted driving enforcement and awareness campaign.

Law enforcement officers from the Carteret Police Department will be cracking down on distracted drivers during April as part of New Jersey’s “Put the Phone Away or Pay” enforcement and awareness campaign.

Throughout April, motorists can expect to see increased patrols and awareness messaging targeting distracted driving with a focus on dangerous handheld cellphone use, like texting, phone calls, and scrolling. The state Division of Highway Traffic Safety provided \$706,860 to 126 municipal and county law enforcement agencies for the campaign. Carteret received \$7,000, the fourth highest amount awarded.

“We are grateful to the State Attorney General’s Office and the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for their generosity in helping to keep our roads safe,” Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said.

In 2024, 42 percent of crashes in New Jersey involved a distracted driver, resulting in 175 fatalities and 1,500 serious injuries, according to the Attorney General’s Office.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that from 2011-2020, 32,000 people were killed in distracted driving-related crashes on our nation’s roads. Driver inattention has remained the most frequently cited cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes in NJ, contributing to 50 percent of NJ crashes from 2016-2020.

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your

attention away from the task of safe driving. Drivers are urged to put their phones away when behind the wheel. Follow these steps for a safe driving experience:

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text. Ask your passenger to be your “designated texter.” Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving
- Cell phone use is habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone’s “Do Not Disturb” feature, or put your phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

New Jersey law prohibits using a handheld cellphone or device while operating a motor vehicle. Violating this law can result in fines of \$200 to \$400 for a first offense, \$400 to \$600 for a second offense, and up to \$800 for subsequent violations, along with the addition of three insurance points. All violations also require a mandatory court appearance.

Last year, New Jersey’s distracted driving enforcement campaign resulted in 6,872 citations for cellphone use or texting and 4,337 for careless driving in April 2025.

The Attorney General’s press release about “Put the Phone Away or Pay” can be found at njoag.gov/ag-davenport-division-of-highway-traffic-safety-announce-increased-enforcement-to-combat-distracted-driving/. For more information on traffic safety efforts undertaken by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, visit njsaferoads.com.



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Photo Gallery: Mayor Reiman Visits with Carteret Senior Club During Their St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Carteret Senior Club celebrated Saint Patrick's Day on March 16 with Mayor Daniel J. Reiman. On the opposite page, pictured clockwise from top left, Mayor Reiman joking with Mary Roche, while Carol Failace, Debra Zelenak, Enroy Coughlin, Nancy Novak, Mary Cannon, Rose Torre and Irene Lenahan are seated clockwise at the table. Recently re-elected Carteret Senior Club board members: Barbara Guilliano, membership chair; Arlene Szymborski, corresponding secretary; Mary Ann Pavlonnis, vice president; Doris Stefura, treasurer; Sally Bonventure, past president; Mary Rigler, recording secretary; Linda Marciniak, president; Tom Marciniak, sergeant of arms; Nancy Novak, assistant hospitality chair, and Mary Cannon, hospitality chair. Mayor Reiman, center, is pictured with from left to right, Taqualla Lowman, director of recreation, health and seniors; Barbara Guillano, Linda Marciniak, and Mary Rigler. Members of Carteret Senior Club dance. The Round the House Band performs.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)



Above left, the CASA of Middlesex County team is pictured at last year's Aging Out Conference, a gathering designed to empower foster youth aged 14 and up with vital educational, career, and housing resources. Pictured from left to right are Tim Cummings, executive director; Colette Scozzafava, program director; Brian Shoaf, program coordinator; Patricia Gjoni, administrative assistant; Lauren Sikora, director of Development and Communications; Khizran Pirmohamed, Recruitment and Program coordinator, and Edith Dunn, program coordinator. Above right, a generous donation from Siemens Financial Services in the Iselin section of Woodbridge highlights the warmth of the season with a holiday toy drive for CASA. Sikora, far right, is pictured with two Siemens representatives. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CASA OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County is looking for more volunteers to make a significant difference by helping the county's most vulnerable children in foster care, CASA Executive Director Tim Cummings said.

Based in East Brunswick, CASA of Middlesex County bridges vital gaps within the community and relies on volunteers to help amplify the organization's mission, Cummings said. Of the 95 advocates on the CASA roster, 74 actively are assigned to cases, which may involve multiple siblings. Advocates come from a variety of industries and bring a wide range of expertise and compassion to their roles. The background and diversity of CASA advocates strengthens the collective impact on the lives of the vulnerable children and youth who are served, which numbers around 175 annually.

"Youth get the support they need during a pivotal time in their lives," Cummings said. "We believe that building a stronger community starts with caring for our young people. Our team stands up for kids who have experienced abuse or neglect, working closely with the family court, the Division of Child Protection & Permanency, and other social service providers to make sure that no child is overlooked. CASA advocates develop positive and healthy relationships with each child. Court reports may include recommendations for specialized therapy, early intervention, extracurricular activities, and academic tutoring. Our team is driven to fully support the needs of children in foster care so they may live a healthy and fulfilling life long into the future.

"Support comes in many forms, and we are always grateful for the countless individuals who

help champion our cause in a way that aligns with their passion, time, and resources," Cummings continued. "If volunteering as a CASA advocate is not right for you, there are many other ways to play an active role in our work."

CASA of Middlesex will celebrate 20 years of child advocacy with an anniversary gala on April 29 at The Park Chateau also in East Brunswick.

Patrons can champion the cause and discover more about the organization's impact by purchasing a gala ticket or sponsorship. The gala will celebrate the tremendous work that has been accomplished thus far while putting a stake in the ground for future efforts and advocacy, Cummings said.

"It will serve as a recognition of the countless individuals and organizations that also play an active role in strengthening our community at large," he said.

The anniversary gala will feature networking, a cocktail reception, and silent auction from 6 to 7:45 p.m. followed by dessert and awards honoring three of CASA's greatest supporters:

- Gus Sleiman, chairman of the Salvation Army in New Brunswick, will receive the Inspirational Leader Award

- CASA staff member Judith Martin Waterman will receive the Superstar Advocate Award

- The Ong Family of Old Bridge will receive the Community Champion Award.

"In addition to our incredible honorees, I'm excited to share that we will be joined by Lt. Gov. Dr. Dale Caldwell," Cummings said.

For CASA of Middlesex anniversary tickets, sponsorships and ad journal opportunities, visit casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/toast2026.



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



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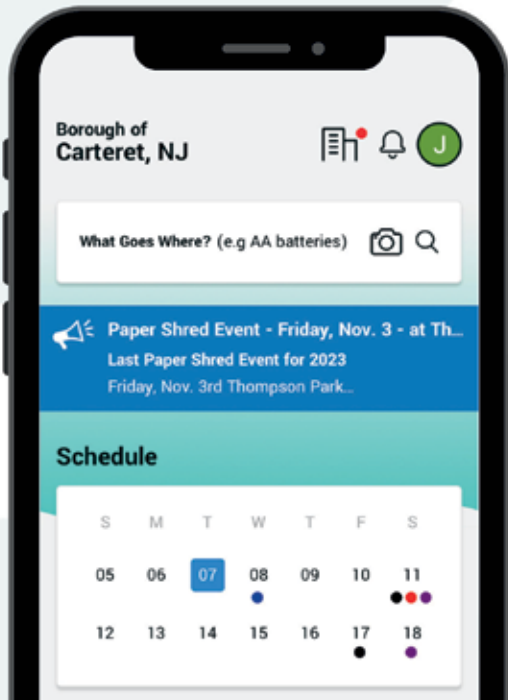
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Carteret Soccer Academy Director Wins Coach of the Year

Isaiah Singh, the director of Carteret Soccer Academy, recently was awarded the Bob McNulty Coach of the Year by NJ Youth Soccer Association, one of the state's biggest governing bodies of recreational soccer.

Present by RWJ Barnabas Health, the award ceremony was held in February at American Dream. NJYS President Bill Smith presented Singh with the honor.

“Coach Isaiah consistently sets a high standard for sportsmanship, leadership, and player development, challenging his athletes to grow not just as competitors, but as confident and accountable individuals,” Smith said. “His steady presence and commitment to doing things the right way continues to make a lasting impact.”

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman added, “We are very proud of Coach Isaiah and thrilled that Carteret youth are in such capable hands when it comes to recreational soccer in our town.”

Named in honor of Bob McNulty, who founded NJYS in 1968, the award is a great honor, Singh said.

“It recognizes all the great work my peers, predecessors and I have done with the Carteret Soccer Academy,” he said. “It validates our commitment to developing players here in Carteret and reinforces that the club philosophy of meeting players where they're at has merit across all levels of sporting development. My love for soccer started with Carteret Soccer Academy. My first touches of the ball as a player were as a part of the recreation league, and I started involving myself as a volunteer, manager, and eventually as director from my teenage years onwards. While the accolade and recognition is nice, I'm happy with the continual positive impact we have on our players and hope we can continue to expand our accessibility to grow and deepen our bond with the community at large.”

Singh also is coaching with FC Copa Academy in Hillsborough, and he previously coached with the Carteret Sports Club.

For more info about Carteret Soccer Academy, visit carteretsocceracademy.com/. For more about FC Copa, visit fccopa.com/.



Isaiah Singh, right, the director of Carteret Soccer Academy, recently was awarded Coach of the Year by NJ Youth Soccer Association. He is pictured with NJYS President Bill Smith. PHOTO BY COS LYMPERPOULOS

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Fifth Annual Earth Day Celebration

Environmental fun includes park cleanup, wellness expo, Zumba & yoga classes,



Above left, more than 65 volunteers will be cleaning up several parks in Carteret from 10 to 11 a.m. on April 18, including Carteret Park. Above center, RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret will present a Zumba class from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. on April 18. The Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration will include inflatable attractions in Carteret Park.

In celebration of Earth Day, the Borough will gather families for a fun eco-friendly event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 in Carteret Park on Carteret Avenue at Cypress Street.

The Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration will include a wellness expo that will feature vendors, a Zumba class with **RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret**, a yoga class with **Zentimacy Yoga Studio**, and a karate demonstration with **Jones Martial Arts**. Vendors either will be selling holistic, organic products or providing wellness services, including massage, physical therapy, chiropractic care, and health screenings.

“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 includes a wellness expo that will offer a variety of vendors who have Carteret residents’ best interests in mind.”

Wellness Expo participants also will include:

- **Garden State Therapy**, multi-disciplined practice based in downtown Carteret that will offer physical and occupational therapy

- **Central Jersey Medical Center**, a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides primary care, dental and preventive health services in Carteret, Perth Amboy and Newark

- **Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway Community Outreach**, local medical center that will provide free health screenings, such as blood pressure and blood sugar, as well as mental health resources.

Children also will enjoy bouncy houses provided by **Party Perfect Rentals**, a community art project led by **Central Jersey Arts Council**, and live DJ music by **DJ Irwin T of Nyghtvizion Entertainment**. Event highlights also will include food trucks and municipal, community, charity and county information booths.

Food trucks will include **ChefDeluxeMe**, whose menu features Chimi Sliders, Street Tacos, Empanadas, Crispy Shrimp, DeluxeMe Wings, Mac and Cheese, Churros, Tres Leches and Fried Oreos, and **The Mexi Boys**, which features many Mexican favorites with vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives.

More than 60 volunteers have pledged to clean up not only Carteret Park, but also Waterfront, Bishop Andrews, Civic Center and Noe Street parks. Most of

n returns April 18 to Carteret Park

inflatables, DJ music, community art project, karate demonstration & more



ding Carteret Park, which will host the Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day. on April 18 at the Fifth Annual Carteret Earth Celebration in Carteret Park. Above right, family fun at the Fifth

the volunteers are from **Amazon, DSV, Clean Earth** and **Khalsa Aid**. Cleanup volunteers will gather at 10 a.m. in Carteret Park, an hour before the event opens to the public, and then be disbursed throughout that park and the others.

Each year, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22. The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, initiated by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson to force environmental issues onto the national agenda, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It was started as a massive, grassroots protest against industrial pollution, oil spills, and environmental neglect, triggering the creation of the EPA and landmark environmental laws.

In Carteret, the Reiman Administration has gone after corporate polluters by forcing them to remediate their abandoned waterfront industrial properties, which led to such improvements as Waterfront Park, Veteran's Pier, Carteret Municipal Marina, and the forthcoming Multi-modal Ferry Terminal and River Walk.

Volunteers are needed for the Borough's Adopt a Park program, which coordinates a town-wide fall park cleanup. To volunteer or obtain more info about the Carteret Earth Day Celebration, contact the Clean Communities Office at 732-541-3835 or makinb@carteret.net.



Volunteers from Amazon once again will be painting picnic tables in Carteret Park in celebration of Earth Day on April 18. Volunteers for a park cleanup throughout town also will include employees from DSV and Clean Earth, members of the Khalsa Aid service organization, and passionate Carteret residents.



Upcoming Performances and Events



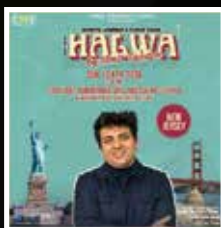
April 9
Valerie Bertinelli
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April 10
Hollywood Nights - The Bob Seger Experience



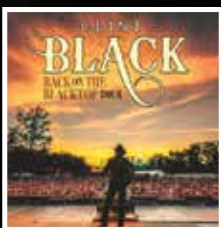
April 11
Doo Wop w/ Jay Siegel's Tokens & Friends



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April 24
I Love the 80s to Death Murder Mystery Dinner



April 25
Clint Black: Back On The Blacktop Tour



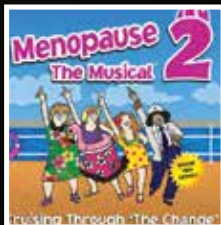
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CPAC Spotlight: Clint Black

Clint Black has one of the most storied careers in modern music. He surged to superstardom as part of the fabled Class of '89 (also Alan Jackson and Garth Brooks), reaching No. 1 on the country charts with five consecutive singles from his triple-platinum debut, "Killin' Time." He followed that with the triple-platinum "Put Yourself in My Shoes," and then a string of platinum and gold albums throughout the '90s.

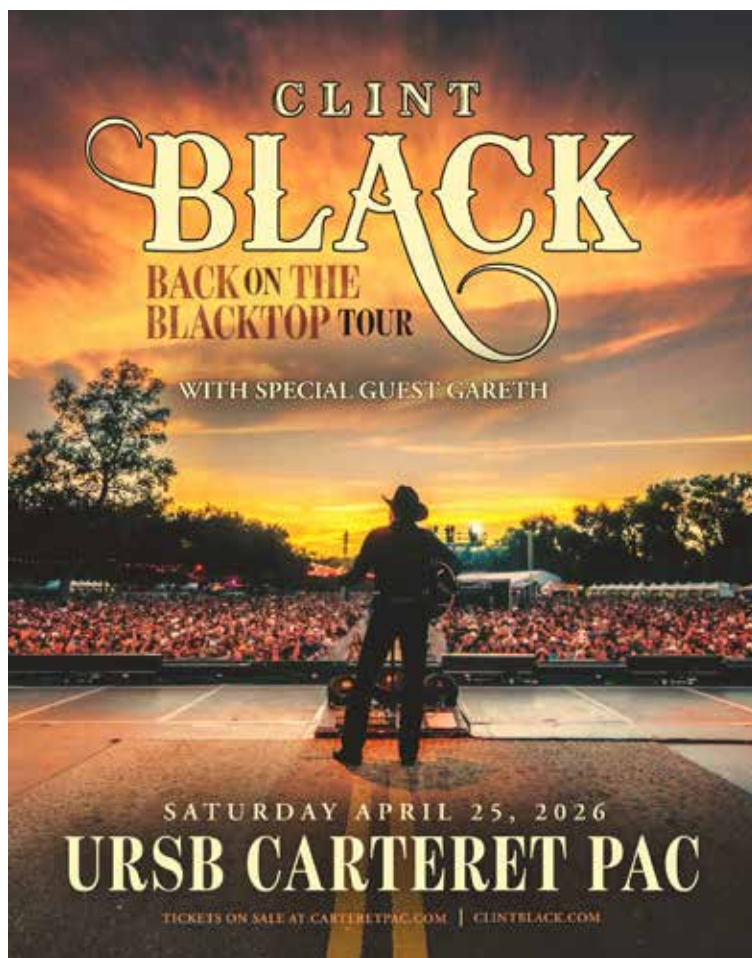
Perhaps most impressively, Clint wrote or co-wrote every one of his more than three dozen chart hits, including "A Better Man," "Killin' Time," "When My Ship Comes In," "A Good Run of Bad Luck," "Summer's Comin'," "Like the Rain," and "Nothin' But the Taillights," part of a catalog that produced 22 No. 1 country singles and made him one of the most successful singer-songwriters of the modern era.

Along the way, Clint has sold more than 20 million records, earned more than a dozen gold and platinum awards in the U.S. and Canada, including a Grammy, landed nearly two dozen major awards and nominations, earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and received the prestigious BMI Icon Award at the 73rd annual BMI Country Awards in Nashville on Nov. 18, 2025, recognizing his significant and lasting influence on music and his role in shaping '90s country music.

In addition to touring across North America, Black hosted his own talk show, "Talking in Circles," on Circle TV.

On April 25, Black will bring his On the Blacktop Tour to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Opening the show will be up-and-coming country music star Gareth from North Ireland. Based in Nashville, Gareth brings a fresh sound that blends traditional country with Irish folk influences. Originally from Castlederg, Gareth relocated to Nashville to pursue his music career and has quickly gained international attention. With viral hits, such as his cover of "Stick Season" and more than 25 million streams, he has secured a publishing deal with BMG, a booking deal with UTA, and global distribution through Virgin Music Group. His latest single, "Last Thing I Do," along with recent releases "Shoulders I Stand On" and "Born Yesterday," highlights the next chapter in his rising career.

Tickets to the 8 p.m. show are \$57 to \$107. For more info about the show, visit carteretpac.com/events/clint-black-back-on-the-blacktop-tour. For more about Black, click clintblack.com. Find out more about Gareth at garethofficial.com.



Country music legend Clint Black will perform April 25 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Opening the show will be North Ireland-raised, Nashville-based singer-songwriter Gareth.

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<https://carteretpac.com/events/clint-black-back-on-the-blacktop-tour/>



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For more info call 732-541-3835.

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

6
Carteret Senior Club, 1 p.m., Carteret Community Center (also April 20 and May 4 & 18)

8
"Spin Pop Boom!" by Mad Science, 4 p.m., Carteret Public Library

9
Valerie Bertnelli: In Conversation, 7:30 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

11
Nature Nick Animal Adventures, 11 a.m., April 11, Carteret Public Library (also noon and 1 p.m.)

Movie of the Day: "The Emperor's New Groove," 1 p.m., Carteret Public Library

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

13
The Granny Squares: Crochet with Seniors, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center (also April 27 and May 11)

14
Camp Vibes & Local Finds Summer Camp fundraiser with Vendor Night, Tricky Tray, Exercise Classes, Mermaids & Mateys Aquatics program and more, 4- p.m., RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret (\$20 for Mermaids & Mateys with proceeds going to summer camp)

15
Story Time: "The Adventures of Memo," 4 p.m.,

Carteret Public Library

16
Story Time with Ann, 10 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also April 30)

17
Nirvair Pannu, 8:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

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

24
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: I Love the '80s to Death, 6-9:30 p.m., The Underground@Carteret PAC

25
Movie of the Day: "The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants," 1 p.m., Carteret Public Library

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



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 22nd 29th	June 8th
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Carteret Community Center
100 Cooke Avenue

Bring your current crochet or knit projects

Beginners of all ages are welcome

Crochet hooks and yarn are available

Yarn donations are appreciated



MAY

8
Eaglemania, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

9
Crossing Over with Psychic Medium John Edward, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

24
Memorial Day Services & Parade, 8 a.m., **Flag Raising & Wreath Ceremony**, Waterfront Park;

18

12 p.m., Memorial Service, Carteret Park, and Parade, 1 p.m. from Carteret Park

29
Air Supply 50th Anniversary Celebration, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

31
Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising through the Change, 3 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

New Jersey Voter Registration Information

You can register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen.
- You are at least 17 years of age.*
- You will be a resident of the State and county 30 days before the election.
- I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.

*You may register to vote if you are at least 17 years old but cannot vote until reaching the age of 18.

Registration Deadline: 21 days before an election

Your County Commissioner of Registration will notify you if your application is accepted. If it is not accepted, you will be notified on how to complete and/or correct the application.

Questions? visit Elections.NJ.gov or call toll-free 1-877-NJVOTER (1-877-658-6837)

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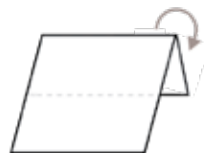


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APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

1	I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for: (CHECK ONLY ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise in writing. Or for ONLY ONE of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> General (November) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary (June) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Special _____ To be held on ____/____/____ <small>(Specify) (MM / DD / YYYY)</small>	MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (CHECK ONLY ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I have never lived in the U.S.
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PLEASE NOTE: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application. If your mailing address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.

2	Last Name <small>(Type or Print)</small>	First Name <small>(Type or Print)</small>	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
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3	Address at which you are registered to vote:		4	Mail my ballot to the following address:	
	Street Address or RD#	Apt.		<input type="checkbox"/> Same Address as Section 3	
Municipality (City/Town)		State	Zip	Please include any PO Box, RD#, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US)	

5	Date of Birth <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>	6	Day Time Phone Number <small>()</small>	7	E-Mail Address
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PLEASE NOTE: This contact information will be used to contact you concerning the acceptance or rejection of your ballot and how you may cure a defect.

8	Signature: I affirm that I am the person who is applying for this ballot and I live at the address designated in box 3 of this form. X _____	9	Today's Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>
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OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 OR 11 IF APPLICABLE

10	Assistor: Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section.				
	Name of Assistor <small>(Type or Print)</small>	Signature of Assistor	Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>		
Address		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	State	Zip

11	Authorized Messenger: Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than THREE qualified voters per election, except that an authorized messenger or bearer may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.					
	I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger.					
	Address of Messenger		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	State	Zip
	Signature of Voter		Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>			

STOP Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee.

"I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law."

Signature of Messenger _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Reg # _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out application.
- Print and sign your name where indicated.
- Mail or Deliver application to the County Clerk.

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VOTING INFORMATION

1. You must be a registered voter in order to apply for a Mail-In Ballot.
2. Once you apply for a Mail-In Ballot, you will not be permitted to vote by machine at your polling place in the same election.
3. You will receive instructions with your ballot.
4. If returning your Mail-In Ballot in person it must be received by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on Election Day. If returning your Mail-In Ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the county board of elections no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time for the closing of the polls of the election.
5. Do not submit more than one application for the same election.
6. You must apply for a Mail-In Ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under Section 1.

PLEASE NOTE

A voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. He or she may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3 P.M. the day before the election.

Voters now have an option of automatically receiving a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections. If such voter no longer wants this option, the County Clerk's office must be notified in writing.

WARNING

This application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person or via an authorized messenger during County Clerk's office hours, but no later than 3 P.M. the day prior to the election.

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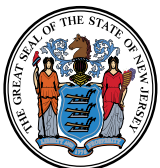
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8 Quick Links to Important Information About Elections and Voting in New Jersey

Scan the codes below for details on a variety of topics relating to elections and voting processes in New Jersey.

<p>Voter Registration</p>  	<p>3 Ways to Vote</p>  
<p>Voting by Mail</p>  	<p>Find Your Polling Place</p>  
<p>Become a Poll Worker</p>  	<p>Secure Ballot Drop Box Locations</p>  
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Along with spring cleaning, let's take the time to make sure our homes and family are safe from the threat of fire.

Here is a check list you should go over with your family:

⇒ ***Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half***

- ❑ Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement
- ❑ Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button
- ❑ Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms. Best way to remember is when you change your clocks, change your batteries.

⇒ ***The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.***

- ❑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- ❑ Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

⇒ ***Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.***

- ❑ Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- ❑ Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

⇒ ***Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.***

- ❑ Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- ❑ Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.



Business Spotlight: Sal's Bistro & Bar

Vesal Deva was born to cook.

Born and raised in Macedonia, then trained for three years in Northern Italy, Sal, as he is better known by his many customers and friends, moved to the United States in 1989. Within a few years, he was a restaurant owner.

But when his beloved Ristorante Venezia in Woodbridge, which he owned for 31 years, recently was forced to close due to a Woodbridge Township-approved redevelopment of the property, Venezia's legion of customers, fans and friends missed their Northern Italian cuisine immensely.

When Deva and his business partners saw that restaurant space was available for rent in Carteret, they were determined to be part of the Borough's ongoing renaissance and open Sal's Bistro & Bar, which specializes in the Northern Italian cuisine for which Deva is famous but also expands his menu with American Bistro, as well as a lively bar with signature cocktails.

You still can get the Chicken Venezia – lemon chicken with artichokes and capers – as well as some of the best Chicken Parmigiana and Eggplant Parmigiana you could hope to find, but now at Sal's Bistro & Bar, there also are amazing steak sandwiches and burgers. And cocktails include a Black & Tan Espresso Martini with Bailey's Irish Cream.

"We are so proud to be part of this community," Deva said. "Carteret has been incredibly welcoming, and we can't wait to share our food and hospitality with our neighbors for years to come."

The restaurant held its soft opening in December, and on March 24, the Borough officially welcomed its newest dining destination with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and official grand opening celebration at Sal's. The event brought together local officials, community and business leaders, and neighbors to celebrate the arrival of a restaurant rooted in warmth, good food, and community pride.

The ceremony was presided over by Mayor Daniel J. Reiman, joined by County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios and members of Carteret's Borough Council. Mayor Reiman and Director Rios both presented Sal with an official proclamation recognizing his contribution to the local business community before the ceremonial ribbon was cut to a round of applause.

"Sal's Bistro & Bar plays a unique role in supporting the Borough's long-term vision for growth, entertainment and community engagement," Mayor Reiman said. "Executive Chef and partner Vesal 'Sal' Deva has spent his life perfecting the art of Northern Italian cuisine, sharing it with communities across New Jersey, particularly Ristorante Venezia, which he owned in Woodbridge for 31 years, and now he brings his lauded skills



Mayor Daniel J. Reiman cuts the ceremonial ribbon of Sal's Bistro & Bar on March 24 with co-owners Vesal Deva and Jack O'Leary. Pictured from left to right are Councilmen Randy Krum, Jorge Diaz and AJ Johal, Deva, O'Leary, Mayor Reiman, Councilman Vincent Bellino, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, and Councilwoman Susan Naples.

to our community. Sal's will bring visitors to Downtown Carteret, create jobs for our community, support local vendors, and offer amenities that help the Borough compete with surrounding municipalities. Sal and his partners believe in the Carteret resurgence and vision."

Guests were treated to a generous buffet of appetizers and entrées showcasing the restaurant's signature style: a refined, yet approachable blend of Northern Italian and American Bistro. The spread offered a delicious taste of what Sal's Bistro & Bar brings to Carteret's dining scene.

Sal's Bistro & Bar is a proud participant in the Carteret Business Partnership's grant program, through which the restaurant received support for a direct marketing mailer, new signage, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony – a reflection of the Borough's ongoing commitment to nurturing local businesses and strengthening the fabric of the community.

With its inviting atmosphere, community-minded ownership, and a menu that brings together the best of Italian and American cuisine, Sal's Bistro & Bar is poised to become a beloved gathering place for residents and visitors alike.

"At Sal's Bistro and Bar, guests can expect the same passion, flavor, and welcoming atmosphere that have defined Vesal's culinary journey for decades," co-owner John O'Leary said. "From Italy to New Jersey, Vesal Deva continues to share his love for food – one plate at a time."

Sal's Bistro & Bar's fusion of Northern Italian cuisine and American Bistro is at 1 Louis St. in Carteret. Hours are 12 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays. For reservations or more information, visit salsbistroandbar.com or call 732-366-2059. **25**

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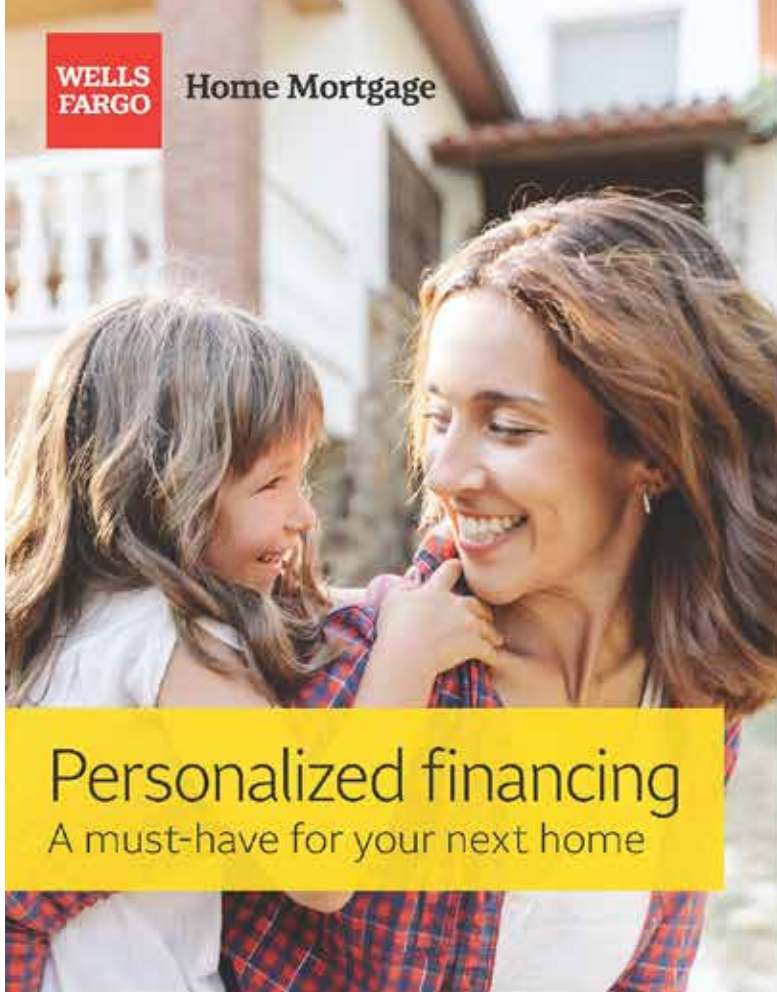


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