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as well as World Cup games,
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Dear Friends,

This summer is a celebratory one with America's 250th Anniversary, plus World Cup play right here in New Jersey. This month, Carteret Press takes a look at when, where and how to enjoy celebrations for both in town and beyond on pages 16 and 17.

Also in this issue:

- A congratulatory list of all the 2026 graduates of Carteret High School, Carteret Junior High School and Saint Joseph School
- An Events Calendar
- A CPAC Spotlight on Los Lobos and Los Lonely Boys, who'll bring their Brotherhood Tour on June 20 to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- Coverage of the Fourth Annual Central Jersey Marquee Awards honoring high musical theater talent
- A Volunteer Spotlight on Joseph A. Wutkowski III, who recently was honored by Scouting America's Patriots Path Council for more than 50 years of community service
- A Business Spotlight on Blue Sapphire Detailing, a new mobile auto detailing business owned by a longtime Carteret resident and his new bride
- Notices about CPAC's schedule, the Middlesex County-funded paper shred on June 20 behind the library, our free Recycle Coach app, OEM tips for hurricane

disaster prevention, Carteret Soccer Academy, the County Paper Shred and Hazardous Household Waste schedules, a call for vendors at the Borough's many festivals, including the Independence Day Festival, Latin Fest and Ethnic Day, the appearance of Grammy-nominated country star Walker Hayes on July 3 at the Independence Day Festival in Civic Center Park, Saint Joseph School's annual fundraising carnival, Middlesex County's fraud prevention program, recruitment notices from the Borough police and fire departments, summer camp at RWJ Fitness & Wellness, the Carteret GSA Pride Day Celebration & Flag Raising on June 20, and the Bishop Andrews Park Summer Basketball Classic Tournament also on June 20.

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.

Sincerely,

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman

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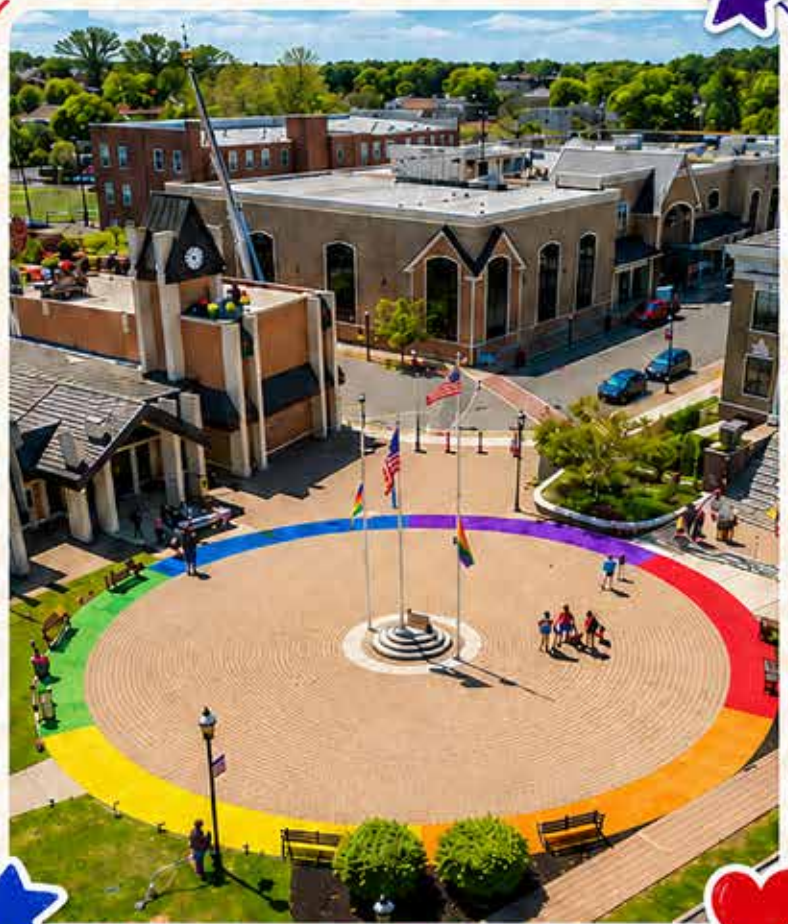
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Congratulations to All of Carteret's 2026 Graduates



Carteret High School will graduate 312 students on June 24 at Carteret High School Football Field. Carteret Junior High School also will have a graduation there that day at with 288 students moving onto the high school. Meanwhile, Saint Joseph School graduated eight students on June 5 at Saint Joseph Church. Pictured is the high school graduation from last year at the URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman offers a hearty congratulations to the 2026 graduates of Carteret High School, Carteret Junior High School and Saint Joseph School.

Carteret High School will graduate 312 students on June 24 at Carteret High School Football Field. Carteret Junior High School will graduate 288 students also on June 24 at the football field. Meanwhile, Saint Joseph School graduated eight students on June 5 at Saint Joseph Church.

“The future of Carteret is in its youth, and I just want to congratulate all the graduates and wish them the best of luck,” Mayor Reiman said. “As the high school graduates go out into the world, I know they will make Carteret proud. I hope that they know they always have a home here that welcomes and loves them. God bless all the graduates!”

Here’s a look at the 2026 graduates:

Carteret High School

Najah Aemn Abdullah; Zadok Abrokwah-Nkatia; Gideon Osei Achampong; Mya Johanna Acosta-Rodriguez; Jaylen Marie Agosto; Adriana Maria Alicea; Ruba Abdelnaser Alkhateeb; Mauricio Alvarez;

Nehemyah Elyon Alvarez-Pagan; Romain Florian Amazan; Adam T. Ammar; Muhammad Anas; Jedidiah J. Andrews; Daiancy Scarlet Aquino Jimenez; Rianna Janilise Araujo; Jalyssa Yolanda Arcia; Isabella Arcos; Kayla Michelle Arellano; Gabriella Nicole Argueta; Elvin Jayden Arias; Jacquelin Arias; Jonathan M. Arias Aquino; Cristal Arias Castro; Emiliano Martin Armenault; Jeremiah Janeer Arrington; Qirat Bunyad Awan; Chance G. Baccarella; Leah M. Baccarella; Gurleen K. Bains; Chanze Benedict U. Baloro; Keymani Rose Banner-Green; Keymariona Eternity Banner-Green; Fatoumata Diariou Barry; Lauren F. Bautista; Hillary Isabel Bedoya; Juan Esteban Beltran Ortiz; Angel Berly; Ariel A. Bernardino; Noah Dilean Berrios; Caleb Rondell Jaidon Best; Gatik Bhardwaj; Xavier E. Blackmond; Derrick Kwabena Boakye; Misael I. Borbor III; Ja’Von E. Brake; Joshua J. Braswell; Anaica Brenevil; Violet Brinson-VanDyke; Anisah Sonny Brown; Aniyah Jaslene Brown; Janell Tamera Brown; Leearah N. Brown; Eleesha M. Burton; Jayden Joel Carcamo; Nelida Carmona; Kennedi Symone Carswell; Jlynn E. Carter; Qorey J. Carter; Layla Rose Castillo; Nikolas Castro; Luis J. Ceballos Gomez; Mariana Cepeda-Morel; Sofia Cepeda-Morel;

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Graduation Lists Continued



Carteret Junior High School Principal Tara Romero speaks at last year's graduation.

Aaron Charlemagne; Bruno Chavez; Timya Nevaeh-Blese Chisolm; David J. Chomicki; Ethan Alexander Clarke; Ashleigh Maree Clavel; Kasim Tyrell Coffey; Abdeel Collado; Dayanara Concepcion Gonzales; Brandon J. Constanza; Bella Kaprice Content; Jaaziel Lizbeth Cornielle Puello; Josue Antonio Coronado; Gabriela F. Coronel; Edward Cortes-Vazquez; Jake William Crawford; Audiel Nahaman Cruz; Kayla Cruz; Kelly Juliana Cumbicus; Jonathan Jabet Curiel Ramos; Daniel R. Davis; Elmer Joel De Jesus; Yeriel Henry De La Rosa; Kyla S. Del-Valle; Jeremiah Marquez Delin; Keerat Kaur Dhoot; Emmie Lorén Diaz; Anilah Shaliyah Diggs; Ta'niyah Zanay Dixon; Hailey Lynn Eaton; Salam Adnan Eazaldeen; Ikenna Chinedum Edoh; Mohamed A. El-Shaikh; Jadiell Encarnacion Santos; Daniela Estefania Escobar; Wilfredy Espinoza Oliva; Haroon Jamal Essa; Jayda R. Eugene; Aminata Lissa Fall; Aasmaa Farooq; Ethan Joshua Feldman; Jayden Fermin; Gaela Takemi Flores Pacheco; Shayla Anavaeh Franco; Maya Gad; Angelina Gallardo Barahona; Matthew M. Gamboa; Diana-Ahylin Garcia Obando; Jayson Taylor Zachary Gehrke; Erianna Maria Genao Hidalgo; Aron Enrique Gonza Nieto; Bianca Therese Songco Grageda; Israel J. Guerrero; Ravleen Kaur Hayer; Juanita Gregoria Hemingway; Jayden J. Henriquez; Adi Sibia Hernandez; Jerinson DeJesus Hernandez; Rosenda Hernandez; Justin Hernandez Juarez; Paula Christina Hernandez Sifontes; Jeffrey Angelo Herrera; Jillian K. Horan; Jonathan Robert Hughes; Ayan Ishaq; Anjali Jagroop; Ethan L. Javier; Sonaiya Jaworski; Xavier L. Jefferson; Malana Jade Jennings; Kevin A. Jimenez Medina; Chassidy Simone Joines; Michael Jaiden Jordan; Mohammad Jouban; Brooke Lynn Jules; Agam Kaur; Ashmeet Kaur; Eknoor Kaur; Gurkeerath Kaur; Gurleen Kaur; Ishmeet Kaur; Manjit Kaur; Preet Kaur; Sahibpreet Kaur; Muhammad Haider Khan; Evan Bae Kieras; Mary Spencer King; Preston H. Lafeuillee; Beagina A.

Lakatos; Mia Ximena Lancho Calderon; Jacqueline Lara; Mia Estrella Larios Pinedo; Jean M. Ledesma; Gabriela O. Leroux; Seth Aaron Lightner; Daniella Maria Lopez; Kaylee A. Lopez; Rosmeylin Lopez Tejada; Evan J. Louis; Joshua Lowman; Rakia Asia Lynn; Ali Osama Mahgoub; Kyla Eve Mahoney; Jayden Maldonado; Hamiz Malik; Kian Seth Moolchand Malit; Jada Ava Marelis; Alexys Marie Martinez; Erick Martinez Jr.; Miaydel Hamani Martinez; Skylynn Ivette Martinez; Steven Sebastian Martinez; Rafaelle Emma Martis; Jhoarly Matos; Clark A. Medina; Jailyn Mejia Diaz; Mia Chanell Mejia Rivera; Kevin Alberto Melgar; Michael Alexander Meregildo; Gabriela Nicole Minaya; Baldera Juan Marcos Mogollon; Arianna Alexis Montero; Muhammad Mouiz; Ethan A. Mourino; Mariah L. Muniz; Gabriela Munoz Echeverri; Haylee A. Murray; Tasnia Nabila; Awais Nasir; Naomi Mercedes Natal Rodriguez; Breileen Yandel Navarro; Unaiza Nawed; Samantha Rose Negron; Joao Guilherme Neri Costa Leal Santos; Einard Jose-Biscassi Nicolas Jr.; Ronelle Stayvon Nimneh Gilbert; Samwel Innocent Nyaringo; Edwin Jesus Ogando Jimenez; Christian Anthony Olivares Jr.; Ahlania Buviea Orange; Josue Ortiz; Leah Raquel Ortiz; Daleska Dayanna Pacara; Briceno Ismael Xavier Pagan; Jayanalis Nevaeh Pagan; Kurt nolen Dominar Pamplona; Hetkumar Patel; Asya E. Patterson; Darwinder Paul; Stephanie E. Paulino; Ky'Rah R. Peace; Stephania Alexandra Pena-Colorado; Edwin Yaed Peralta; Kristie Ann Pereira; David A. Perez; Jaylee M. Perez; Thalia L. Perez; Fatima I. Piracha; Talia Lorraine Pitt; Jayden XaMouri Pompey; Issa J. Portillo; Brenden Manuel Quezada; Kareem M. Rady; Muhammad Umer Rafiq; Jada S. Ramkissoon; Wisdom Ariel Ramos; Hope Angeline Raymond; Shah Mir Raza; Tomy Alexander Reyes Hernandez; Tehreem Riaz; Ronuel Vida Ricafort; La'Brawn Riddick; Pritom Barman Rittick; Naysha Ivonne Rivas; Ambar Alejandra Rivera; Canales Ron; Ethan Alvan Roberts; Gabriela G. Rodriguez; Karen Loralay Rodriguez; Natalia Rodriguez; Xavier Luis Rodriguez; Leandro Rodriguez Garcia; Genesis K. Rojas; Kendrick Xavier Roman; Mikalah Eveiana Roman; Lianis Rosario; Yaniel J. Rosario; Dhastyn Omar Ellery Ruiz Hurtado Mansoor Shahzad Safri; Rimsha Shahzad Safri; Dilshaan S. Saini; Isa Sajid; Grey Michelle Sanchez Reyes; Reindy Faith Sanon; Bianca M. Santaliz; Carlos Santiago; Marc Angelo Schiraldo Jr.; Joelfi Daniel Segura Santiago; Adel E. Seyam; Saqlain Shahzad; Sanya Shaikh; Arman Sharma; Samun Sheraz; Daniela Shermatova; Ajiteshwar Singh; Austin Singh; Bhagatveer Singh; Haramrit Singh; Ranbeer Singh; Sahilpreet Singh; Yuvraj Singh; Victor Armon Small Jr.; Victoria Queen Small; Dorian Chi-Leif Smith Jr.; Justin D. Soria; Sebastian Soto Velasquez; Nariah Mickey Sutton; Nasir Syed; Nafisa Tabassum; Dua Tariq; Vania Alexandra Tello Grandi; Josiah Noel Thomas; Hope Valerie Thompson; Shawn Daniel Thompson; Hasan Shahnawaz Tirmazi; KaiLani

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Saturday, May 2	North Brunswick	Babbage Park	Laurel Place	08902
Friday, May 8	East Brunswick	Crystal Springs Waterpark	380 Dunhams Corner Road	08816
Sunday, June 7	Edison	Papaiani Park	100 Municipal Boulevard	08817
Saturday, June 27	Spotswood	High School	105 Summerhill Road	08884
Sunday, August 30	South Brunswick	Beech Woods Park	137 Beekman Road	08852
Sunday, September 27	Woodbridge	Department of Public Works	225 Smith Street	08832
Friday, October 9	Highland Park	Donaldson Park	South Second Avenue	08904
Saturday, October 17	Cranbury	Cranbury School	23 North Main Street	08512
Friday, November 6	Monroe	Thompson Park	Manalapan Lake Lot	08831

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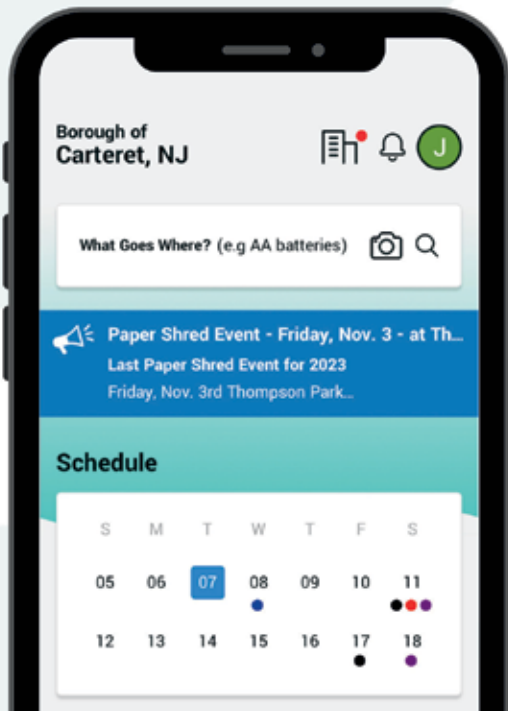
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ages 3-15 years old

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In Person Registration June 1 and 3
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Where to Enjoy America's 250

Events include annual Carteret Independence Day Festival on July 3 in



In honor of the 250th birthday of the United States of America, Carteret's annual Independence Day Festival will feature a live performance by Grammy-nominated country star Walker Hayes on July 3 at Civic Center Park. Taking place from 6 to 11 p.m., the festival also will include fireworks, carnival rides, games, food vendors and a beer & sangria garden.

Carteret always throws a big birthday bash for America with the Independence Day Festival, but this year, the Borough is pulling out all the stops from 6 to 11 p.m. on July 3 in Civic Center Park. Rather than feature a local band as the live entertainment, the patriotic fest will present Grammy-nominated country-pop singer-songwriter Walker Hayes.

The Independence Day Festival also will feature a massive fireworks display, carnival rides, games, food vendors, and a beer & sangria garden.

"Our Independence Day Festival is one of the most popular in the state and a great showcase for the renaissance that is Carteret," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said.

The free event will draw thousands so get there early! More details about Carteret Independence Day Festival will be available at Carteret.net.

Here is a look at other nearby America 250th celebrations, events and activities:

- **"The Power to Change: Revolutionary Stories from the New Jersey State Archives,"** various times through Jan. 10, 2027, New Jersey State Museum, 205 W. State St., Trenton, 609-292-6464, nj.gov/statemuseum/explore-exhibits.shtml. In partnership with New Jersey State Archives, this powerful exhibit highlights rarely seen

federal and state charters, along with other pivotal documents and artifacts that illuminate the democratic ideals established during the Revolutionary era. Explore how revolutionary ideas – fought for by our founding fathers – influenced the newly established government and continue to allow for reinterpretation and adaptation today. Exhibit highlights include New Jersey's 1664 "birth certificate": the Duke of York's Grant of New Jersey to John, Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, about greater equality over the centuries.

- **10 Must-See Historical Sites – Fort Lee Historic Park; Washington Cross State Park, Titusville; Old Barracks Museum, Trenton; Princeton Battlefield State Park; Red Bank Battlefield Park; Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan; Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage, Somerville; Morristown National Historic Park; Liberty Hall Museum, and Union; Indian King Tavern Museum, Haddonfield.**

- Find dozens of additional 250th celebrations, events and activities at revnj.org/events. And download the **Liberty Trail Map**, a handheld guide to New Jersey's role in the American Revolution, at battlefields.org/visit/mobile-apps/liberty-trail-nj-app.

25th Celebrations this Summer

Civic Center Park with Grammy-nominated country star Walker Hayes



Grammy-nominated country star Walker Hayes will perform at the annual Carteret Independence Day Festival on July 3 at Civic Center Park. Taking place from 6 to 11 p.m., the festival also will include fireworks, carnival rides, games, food vendors and a beer & sangria garden.



Several Revolutionary War re-enactments will take at historic battlefields and other sites throughout the state this summer in celebration of America's 250th birthday. Pictured is a Revolutionary War re-enactment with participants depicting patriots.

Where to Enjoy World Cup Soccer Games this Summer

The FIFA World Cup 2026 will unite the globe for the largest tournament in history. New Jersey is ready host 48 global teams and millions of their fans. As a proud co-host alongside New York, the Garden State will welcome those fans to a region that's long celebrated its rich multicultural roots.

MetLife Stadium, the East Rutherford home of both the New York Giants and the New York Jets, stands as the area's premier sports stadium. The powerhouse 82,500-seat venue will host eight major FIFA World Cup matches June 13, 16, 22, 25 and 27 and July 5 and 19, which is the date of the finals.

With New Jersey's passionate soccer fan culture in full force, the July 19 finals will be shown on a Jumbotron at **Civic Center Park**. Preliminary games also will be shown. For updates, go to Carteret.net and [@MyCarteret](https://www.instagram.com/mycarteret) on social media.

From big cities to beach communities and college towns, bars across the state turn into mini melting pots of global fandom on game days. In Carteret, great places to catch a World Cup game include:

- **Kelly's Pub**, 247 Washington Ave., 732-969-2940, [instagram.com/kellysspub/](https://www.instagram.com/kellysspub/)

- **Lab X**, 265 Washington Ave., 732-790-1550, labxnj.com

- **Sal's Bistro & Bar**, 1 Louis St., 732-366-2059, salsbistroandbar.com

- **The Underground at Carteret PAC**, 36 Washington Ave., 877-849-2722, carteretpac.com/

- **Chateau Madrid**, 8 Holly St., 732-969-0692, chateaumadrid.com/

- **Oliveiras de Serra**, 1241 Roosevelt Ave., 732-541-0003, oliveirasdaserra.com/

Throughout the World Cup, **Liberty State Park** in Jersey City will transform into the ultimate summer celebration. With a capacity to welcome 45,000 fans, **FIFA Fan Festival** will be the epicenter of the World Cup. For more than a month, catch live match screenings, headline music performances, celebrity appearances, food vendors and interactive experiences for the whole family.

You also can check out World Cup practices at **Team Base Camps** at Rutgers University in Piscataway and Stockton University in Galloway.

As we come together across our proud nation to celebrate the 23rd FIFA World Cup, the Garden State has available the 2026 Official Travel Guide, a roadmap to the World Cup Stage, at visitnj.org/form/request-or-download-free-travel-guides.

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JUNE

11
Saint Joseph School Carnival, various times through June 14, Saint Joseph School
Monthly Coloring Contest for Children and Adults, Carteret Public Library (ends June 22)

12
Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

13
Celebrate 2026 w/Free Family Fun, Local Food Vendors, Touch A Truck, Arts & Crafts, Games, Fishing Derby, Live Music & More, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Roosevelt Park, Edison
Anubhav Singh Bassi, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

15
Carteret Senior Club with Around the House Band, 1:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center

16
Toddler Sensory Play, 11 a.m., Carteret Public Library Children's Room

17
Fit Tricks Fitness Frenzy, 4 p.m., Carteret Community Center

Plays in the Park: "All Shook Up," various times through June 27, Stephen J. Capestro Theatre, Roosevelt Park, Edison (732-548-2884, middlesexcountynj.gov/PIP)

18
Learn About Technology, 11 a.m., Carteret Public Library Study Room

Storytime and Artistic Creative Expression for Toddlers with Dibble & Dabble, 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library Children's Room

20
Carteret GSA Pride Day Celebration & Flag Raising, 11 a.m., Civic Center

Summer Basketball Classic Tournament with rides, food & prizes, noon to 8 p.m., Bishop Andrews Park

Movie of the Day, 1 p.m., Carteret Public Library Children's Room

Peace Walk for Imam Hussain, 2-7 p.m., Carteret Park to Civic Center

Los Lobos & Los Lonely Boys, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

22
The Granny Squares: Crochet with Seniors, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center (also June 29 and every Monday in July & August)

25
Storytime with Ann, Children's Room, 10 a.m., Carteret Public Library

Blood Drive (donors receive free coffee and lunch voucher), 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Conference Room 1, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway

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JULY

3
Carteret Independence Day Festival featuring Walker Hayes, food, fireworks, carnival rides, games, a beer & sangria garden & more, 6-11 p.m., Civic Center Park

8
Plays in the Park: "1776," various times thru July 18, Stephen J. Capestro Theatre, Roosevelt Park, Edison (732-548-2884, middlesexcountynj.gov/PIP)

11
Bingo Loco, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

22
"Christmas in July" with Hallmark Stars Live, 7:30 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

25
"NAQAAB," new Hindi play starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

29
Plays in the Park: "Guys and Dolls," various times to Aug. 8, Stephen J. Capestro Theatre, Roosevelt Park, Edison (732-548-2884, middlesexcountynj.gov/PIP)



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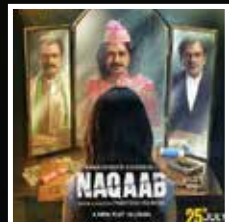
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CPAC Spotlight: Los Lobos & Los Lonely Boys Brotherhood Tour

Two legendary bands will share the stage this summer as Los Lobos and Los Lonely Boys bring “The Brotherhood Tour” on June 20 to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

Grammy Award-winning band Los Lobos, internationally known for their hit rendition of Richie Valens’ classic “La Bamba,” have spent more than five decades blending rock, blues, country, and traditional Mexican music into a signature sound that has influenced generations of artists.

Among them are Los Lonely Boys, the Grammy-winning trio from Texas whose breakthrough hit “Heaven” topped the charts and helped launch their platinum-selling self-titled debut album. Known for their soulful blend of blues, rock, and Tejano influences, what they call “Texican rock ‘n’ roll,” the Garza brothers continue to captivate audiences worldwide.

The Brotherhood Tour brings these celebrated acts together for a powerful night of guitar-driven rock, timeless hits, and vibrant musical storytelling.

When the on-and-off tour launched in 2008, Los Lonely Boys vocalist-guitarist Henry Garza told the press, “Word through the grapevine was, of course, we definitely would love to do something with Los Lobos one day. Then it just kind of happened. It came true. The dream came true.

“Our goal is just to play music, but to play with our heroes and our teachers,” Garza continued. “You never really can prepare yourself for that because you don’t ever think it’s going to happen. We’re just excited to be with them. It’s a really good mix. We’re definitely influenced by those guys. Doing our tour called The Brotherhood Tour and having them on it with us, it’s a dream come true.”

The other Garza brothers are Jojo on bass and vocals and Ringo on drums and vocals. Together for 53 years with original members, Los Lobos consists of Louie Perez, drums, guitars, percussion, vocals; Cesar Rosas, vocals, guitar, mandolin; Conrad Lozano, bass, guitarron, vocals; David Hidalgo, vocals, guitar, accordion, percussion, bass, keyboards, melodica, drums, violin, banjo, and Steve Berlin, saxophone, percussion, flute, harmonica and melodica, who joined from the L.A. punk band The Blasters in 1984.

Tickets to the 9 p.m. show are \$58 to \$108. For more about the show, visit carteretpac.com/events/los-lobos-los-lonely-boys-the-brotherhood-tour. For more about Los Lobos, click loslobos.org. For more



The great Mexican-American bands Los Lobos, top, and Los Lonely Boys, bottom, will bring their longtime Brotherhood Tour on June 20 to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

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Winners Announced for the 2026 Central Jersey Marquee Awards



Top winners at the fourth annual Central Jersey Marquee Awards clockwise from top were Franklin High School's Best Production of "In the Heights," Best Lead Actress Sofia Monfredo in Woodbridge High School's "Pippin," and Best Lead Actor Roman Engel Steinert High School's "The Little Mermaid."



The Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center proudly hosted the Fourth Annual Central Jersey Marquee Awards on May 18, honoring outstanding achievement in high school musical theater across Middlesex, Somerset, and Mercer counties.

This year's program recognized the work of 27 participating schools, spotlighting excellence in performance, direction, design, and technical achievement. The evening included student performances, guest presenters from Broadway and television, and the presentation of awards across 20 categories. The ceremony was hosted by Constantine Maroulis, the Tony Award-nominated star of "Rock of Ages," who first rose to national prominence as a finalist on "American Idol." Maroulis has also appeared on Broadway in "The Wedding Singer" and "Jekyll & Hyde," in addition to numerous national tours, television appearances, and recording projects.

Top Honors were:

Best Overall Production: Franklin High School, "In the Heights"

Best Lead Actor: Roman Engel, "Prince Eric," Steinert High School, "Disney's The Little Mermaid"

Best Lead Actress: Sofia Monfredo, "Leading

Player," Woodbridge High School, "Pippin"

Additional Winners were:

Best Supporting Actor: Nathaniel DeNicola, "Scarecrow," Bernards High School, "The Wizard of Oz"

Best Supporting Actress: Liliana Fay, "Penelope Pennywise," Piscataway High School, "Urinetown"

Best Ensemble Member: Alexis Brown, "Nautica," Hightstown High School, "Bring It on"

Best Production Number: "96,000," Franklin High School, "In the Heights"

Best Chorus: Ewing High School, "In the Heights"

Best Music Direction: Grace Gardner, Carteret High School, "Little Shop of Horrors"

Best Student Orchestra: Arlene Garcia, Carteret High School, "Little Shop of Horrors"

Best Lighting Design: Alan Van Antwerp, The Pingry School, "Cabaret"

Best Scenery: Jeffrey Van Velsor, Princeton High School, "Legally Blonde"

For more winners and additional info about the Central Jersey Marquee Awards, visit carteret.net/news/winners-announced-for-the-2026-central-jersey-marquee-awards.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Joseph A. Wutkowski III



Joseph A. Wutkowski III, second from left, president of Middlesex County Exempt Firemen’s Association, treasurer of Carteret Business Partnership, and Alternate Commissioner of Carteret Port Authority, receives a 2026 Vale la Pena Service Awards from Scouting America’s Patriots’ Path Council on May 7 at Pines Manor in Edison. Pictured from left to right are event co-chair Kyle Anderson, Joseph A. Wutkowski IV, the honoree’s son, and co-chair Junel Harrell-Hutchinson.

For more than 50 years, Joseph A. Wutkowski III has been a volunteer in Carteret.

His legacy was honored on May 7 by Scouting America’s Patriots’ Path Council with a 2026 Vale la Pena Service Award. Wutkowski joins several other honorees from Carteret since 2016, including Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman, Councilman Jorge Diaz, superintendent of Middlesex County Magnet Schools, URSB President-CEO-Chairman Kenneth R. Totten, and Councilman AJ Johal, owner of Racestar Foodmarts.

“Joe Wutkowski has been a pillar in this community as long as I’ve been alive,” Mayor Reiman said, “and I wish him a hearty congratulations on his well-deserved Vale la Pena Service Award from Scouting America’s Patriots Path Council.”

Wutkowski award was presented by his son, Joseph A. Wutkowski IV at Pines Manor in Edison during an awards dinner that also honored Middlesex County community advocates Ronald E. Allen Jr., Joseph A. Coyle, Kenneth L. Gonzalez, Damaris Ramirez, and Viki Weber.

A certified public accountant for 42 years driven by a passion for economic growth and the success of small businesses, Joseph serves as treasurer of Carteret Business Partnership. In this role, he helps steer the

nonprofit corporation’s mission to enhance the local business environment through strategic recruitment, retention and public-private funding initiatives.

His dedication to Carteret’s future is further reflected in his appointment as an alternate commissioner to Carteret Port Authority. An avid boater and fisherman, Joseph leverages personal interests and professional oversight to support the development of the Borough’s pier, boardwalk, marina and forthcoming New York City ferry service, ensuring these landmarks serve the needs of a growing community.

Joseph’s legacy of service is most visible in his extraordinary 50-year tenure with the Carteret Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2. He continues to lead within the firefighting community as president of Middlesex County Exempt Firemen’s Association.

A tireless civic advocate, he spent 26 years organizing the Rotary Club’s annual bicycle race and served as past president of HPBA Local 47. By partnering closely with the local police department to coordinate beloved traditions, such as the annual fishing derby and the Rag-A-Muffin Halloween celebration, Joseph has cemented a professional and personal legacy dedicated to making Carteret a better place to live work and visit.

For more information about the Patriots Path Council, visit ppcscouting.org.



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Business Spotlight: Blue Sapphire Detailing



Pictured at left is the mobile trailer that Carteret-based Blue Sapphire Detailing brings to customers homes or workplaces for convenient service. At right, are Blue Sapphire owners Adam and Sana Khan promoting their burgeoning auto detailing business.

Longtime Carteret resident Adam Khan and his wife, Sana, enjoy serving customers with their mobile auto detailing business, Blue Sapphire Detailing.

A detailer at local dealerships since his college days at Rutgers University, Adam services customers as expertly as conveniently.

“I’ve always enjoyed taking care of vehicles and seeing the transformation that comes from restoring something that’s been neglected,” Khan said. “After years working in corporate life, I wanted to build something of my own where I could work directly with people and immediately see the results of my efforts. Detailing allows me to combine attention to detail, problem-solving, and customer service into one business. Owning Blue Sapphire Detailing gave me the opportunity to combine my experience with the goal of building something for myself and serving the local community.

“Most people are busy with work, family, and other responsibilities,” he continued. “Instead of taking time out of their day to sit in a waiting room, we bring professional detailing services directly to their home or workplace. Customers can continue with their day, while we restore and protect their vehicles. We also bring our own water and power, so if those are an issue for other detailers, they aren’t an issue for us!”

Married two years, Sana helps with business operations and detailing, Khan said.

She assists with customer communication, scheduling, marketing, and occasionally works on detailing projects, he said.

“We’re very much a family-run business, and her support has been a huge part of our success,” Khan said.

While the Khans don’t yet have children, they do have a frisky cat named Dorito who keeps them busy.

The name Blue Sapphire was chosen for the business because sapphires are known for their durability, value, and beauty, Khan said.

“Those qualities align closely with our mission of protecting and enhancing our customers’ vehicles,” he said. “The color blue also represents trust, professionalism, and reliability, which are values we strive to demonstrate every day.

“We treat every vehicle as if it were our own,” Khan continued. “Whether it’s a family SUV, a work truck, or a luxury vehicle, our goal is to help people protect one of their biggest investments while making them proud of what they drive. We focus on honest service, attention to detail, and building long-term relationships with our customers rather than simply completing a transaction.”

Blue Sapphire has had the opportunity to work on a variety of luxury and specialty vehicles, but what stands out most isn’t necessarily the most expensive vehicle, Khan said. It’s seeing a vehicle someone truly cares about transformed and restored to a condition they can be proud of again, he said.

The Khans said they were incredibly grateful for the support received from the Carteret community.

“As a local small business, every customer, referral, and opportunity means a great deal to us,” Khan said. “We’re proud to call Carteret home and look forward to continuing to serve our neighbors for years to come.”

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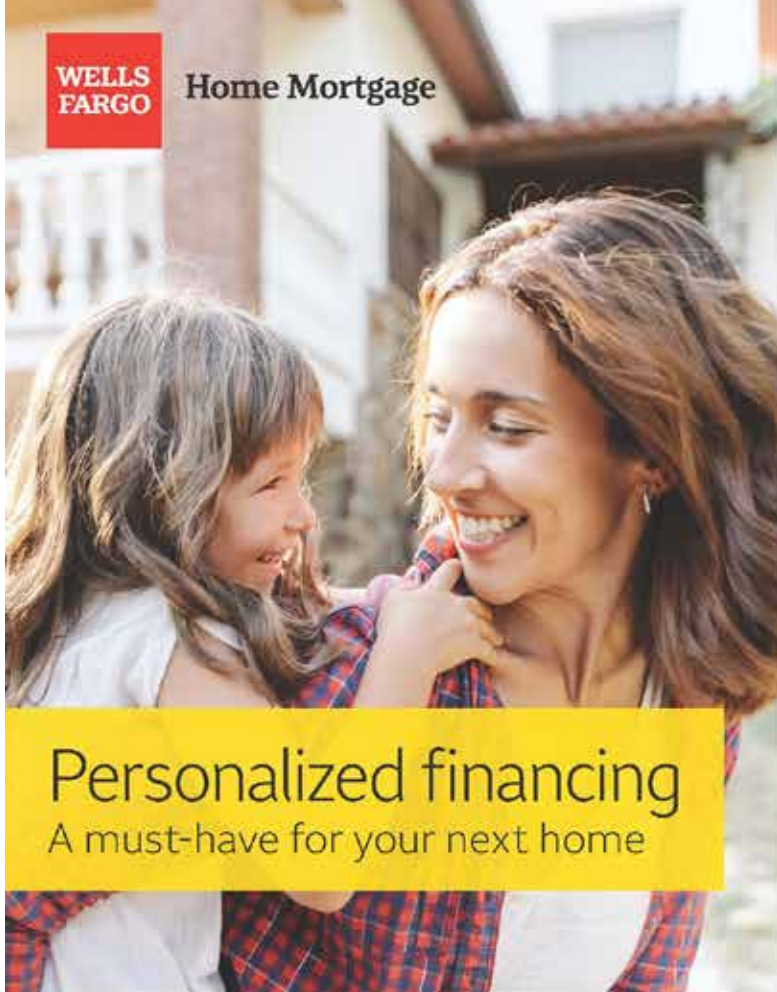


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