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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays!

Take a look at page 14 and 15 for a roundup of fun and festive winter holiday events that the entire family can enjoy.

Also in this issue:

- A Business Spotlight on the Bakery at ShopRite of Carteret, which recently placed second in a chain-wide cake-baking contest
- Results of the latest election in Carteret
- Profile of Carteret High School Marching Band, which won the Tournament of Bands New Jersey State Championships for Class 2A and 3A Band on Nov. 1 at Toms River East High School
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- Photo gallery of the Mayor's Charity Ball
- Notices about CPAC's schedule, our free Recycle Coach app, OEM tips on holiday and winter safety, recruitment notices from the Borough police and fire departments, the Granny Squares senior crochet group, Carteret Senior Club, info about new state e-bike laws, Carteret's Veterans Day Service honoring our American Heroes at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the Solders & Sailors Memorial at Carteret Park, volunteer opportunities with the CASA of Middlesex County foster care advocacy program, the Shop til You Drop fundraiser on Dec. 6 for the Carteret High School Marching Band, and Saint Joseph School's Tricky Tray fundraiser on Nov. 14.

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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Business Spotlight: ShopRite Bakery



Longtime ShopRite of Carteret bakers Angelica Ramos, left, and Isabela Trujillo achieved second place in the 2026 Cake Decorating Contest of Wakefern Food Corp. with their "Hamburger" Cake, pictured in inset.

The ShopRite of Carteret is proud to announce that Angelica Ramos and Isabela Trujillo achieved second place in the 2026 Cake Decorating Contest for Wakefern Food Corp., ShopRite's parent company.

Trujillo has worked at the ShopRite of Carteret for more than 22 years, and Ramos has worked at the store for nine years.

"Both are excellent cake decorators," said Jonathan D'Orsi, ShopRite of Carteret's vice president of operations. "My family and I are so proud of Angelica and Isabela for achieving this award. We will continue to display their beautiful cakes in our store's bakery department so that the community of Carteret can enjoy them as well."

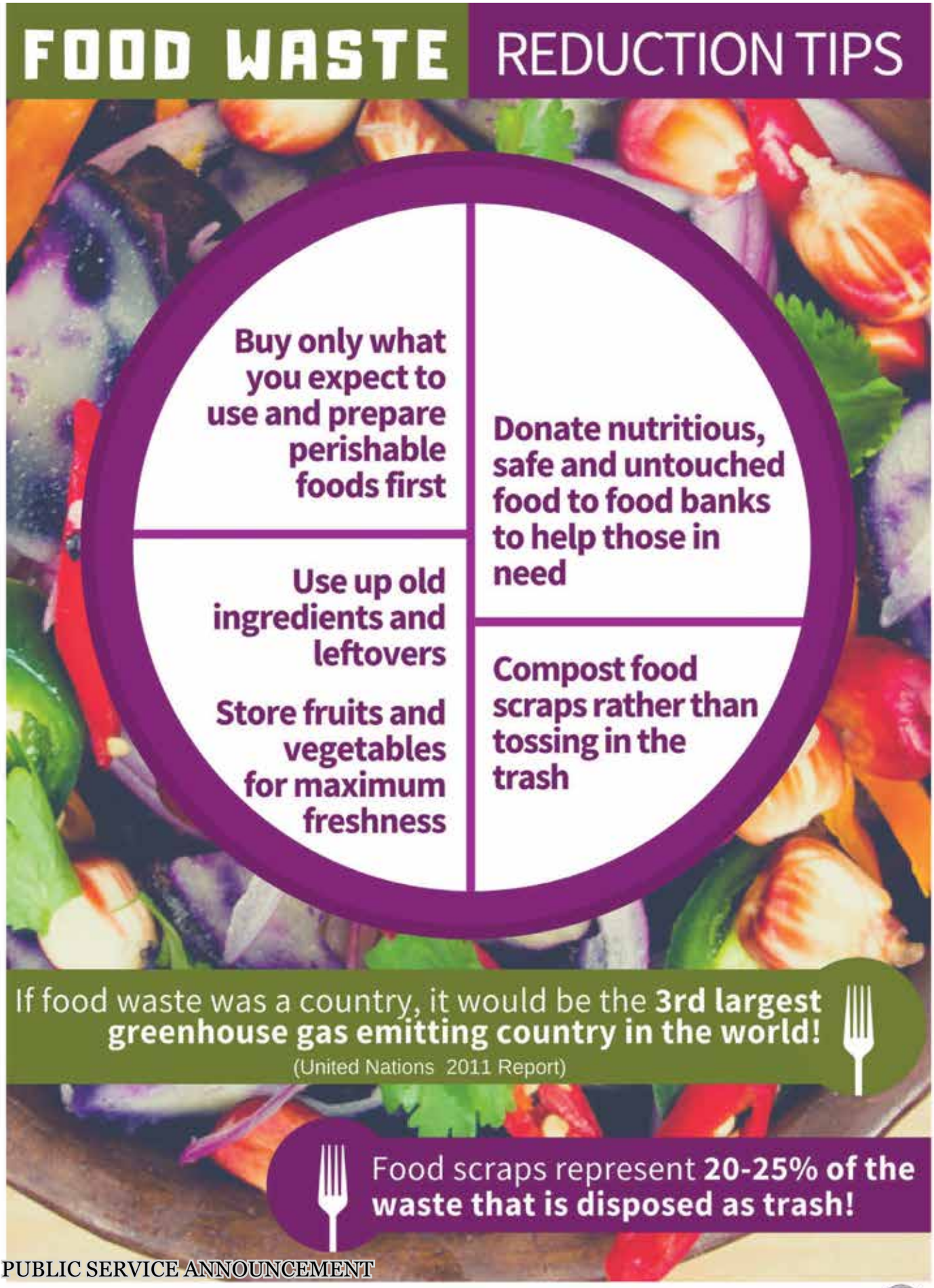
Mayor Reiman added, "The Bakery at ShopRite of Carteret is yet another reason to be proud of this fantastic Borough. My administration and I wish Angelica and Isabela great success for the future."

ShopRite of Carteret recently made new investments in the bakery department with new display cases and a new cake decorating counter so that customers can view Trujillo and Ramos decorating cakes during their shopping experience, D'Orsi said.

The contest began in September. Each ShopRite store could enter two cakes to compete in the contest. Ten finalists were picked to compete at the 2026 Wakefern Selling show.

Trujillo and Ramos' "Hamburger" cake achieved second place in the finals. They were presented with a trophy, certificates, and gift cards for their great work, D'Orsi said.

To order a cake from the bakery at ShopRite of Carteret, visit https://bit.ly/3UEymhs or call 732-541-6457. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



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Middlesex County Election Results





Here is a look at Carteret election results as reported by Middlesex County (winners in bold):

Statistics	TOTAL	ELECTION DAY	MAIL IN BALLOTS	EARLY VOTING
Registered Voters Total	16,854			
Ballots Cast Total	5,488	3,410	1,425	653
Ballots Cast Blank	5	1	1	3
Voter Turnout Total	32.56%			
U.S. Senator (Vote for 1)				
Justin MURPHY	1,162	790	202	170
Cory BOOKER	3,992	2,412	1,133	447
House of Representatives CD6 (Vote for 1)				
Hilary HERZIG	1,120	747	199	174
Frank PALLONE Jr.	4,181	2,517	1,200	464
County Surrogate (Vote for 1)				
Harold V. KANE Jr.	1,114	740	207	167
Claribel CORTES	4,115	2,468	1,181	466
County Commissioners (Vote for 2)				
John "Jack" MIKOLAJCZYK	1,099	731	208	160
Andrew ZABORNEY	1,073	717	198	158
Charles TOMARO	4,041	2,430	1,147	464
Leslie KOPPEL	4,072	2,452	1,157	463
Carteret Mayor (Vote for 1)				
No Nomination Made	0	0	0	0
Daniel J. REIMAN	4,494	2,734	1,251	509
Carteret Borough Council (Vote for 2)				
No Nomination Made	0	0	0	0
Randy KRUM	4,395	2,661	1,234	500
Susan R. NAPLES	4,441	2,690	1,245	506
Carteret Board of Education (Vote for 3)				
Jeannie BELLINO	3,322	1,951	1,015	356
Dennis CHEREPSKI	3,340	1,964	1,007	369
Claire PANAZZOLO	3,309	1,951	983	375
Khalimah POOLE	753	520	142	91
Bridget TURNER	875	544	223	108
Carteret Board of Education (Vote for 1)				
Elham HUSSAIN	3,543	2,072	1,073	398



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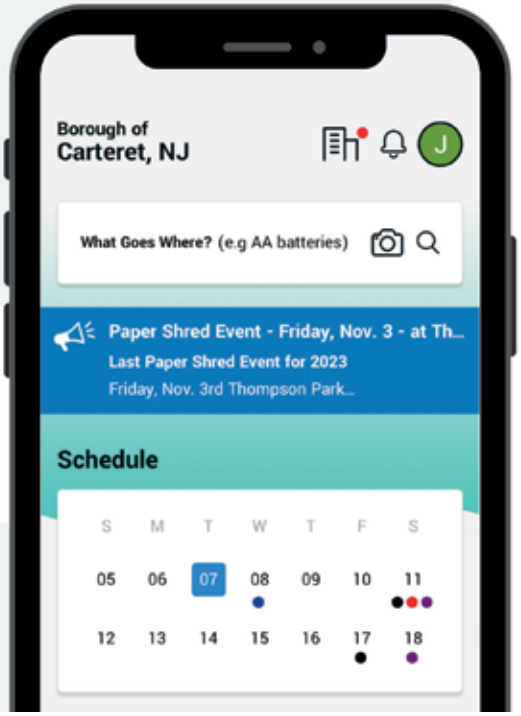
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Ramblers Marching Band Wins State Championship

The Tournament of Bands New Jersey State Championships for Class 2A and 3A Band were held at Toms River East High School on Nov. 1.

Class 3A bands, of which, Carteret was one of three, have between 56 and 75 musicians, while Class 2A bands are with 31 to 55 musicians.

"We were competing against Toms River East High School and Sayreville War Memorial High School in the 3A category," said Dr. Jack Bradley, director of bands for Carteret High School for 19 years. "There were a total of 21 bands from all over the state of New Jersey competing at this event."

Carteret High School Marching Band won the state championship in 2017, which is when they also won the Region 7 Championship. Carteret High School also won the region in 2019 and 2024, Bradley said.

He said the recent championship was unexpected.

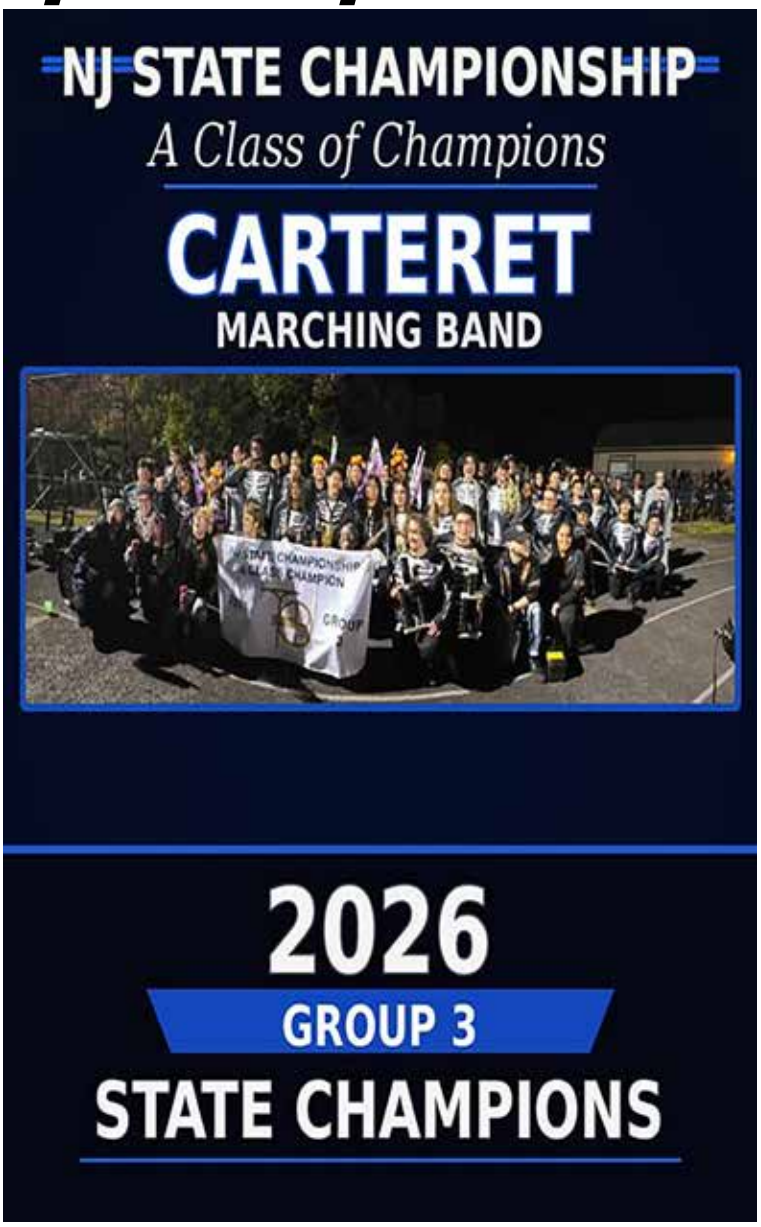
"The Sayreville War Memorial High Marching Band is a tremendously talented program," Bradley said. "Their band director, Dr. Paul Caruso, is a friend of mine, and he is the model of an outstanding professional music educator. Sayreville had been in front of us by a small margin all season long. They defeated us on Oct. 25 at the Tournament of Bands Region 7 3A Championships by a mere two points. Knowing Dr. Caruso as well as I do, I knew he would have his band fully prepared for the State Final, and I expected them to again prevail, even if it was only by a small margin.

"We went to work after the Region, knowing that with that small a margin of victory, we could still win," the band director continued. "We were so close. Our students hustled, and they gave their best performance of the season at the State Championships. It was enough to win. What is truly satisfying for me personally is that the win came against such a talented and quality opponent. Beating Sayreville means that we are doing it 'right' in Carteret. To be the best, you have to BEAT the best, and we did. This was the best possible way to end a season … on a high note!"

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman congratulated the Carteret High School Marching Band for another championship season. He said the entire community should be proud of the band.

Prospects for next year are exciting, Bradley said.

"This season was supposed to be a 'rebuilding and reloading' season," he said. "Close to half of our band, 30 in total, were "rookies" or first-year members who have never marched before, and we just taught



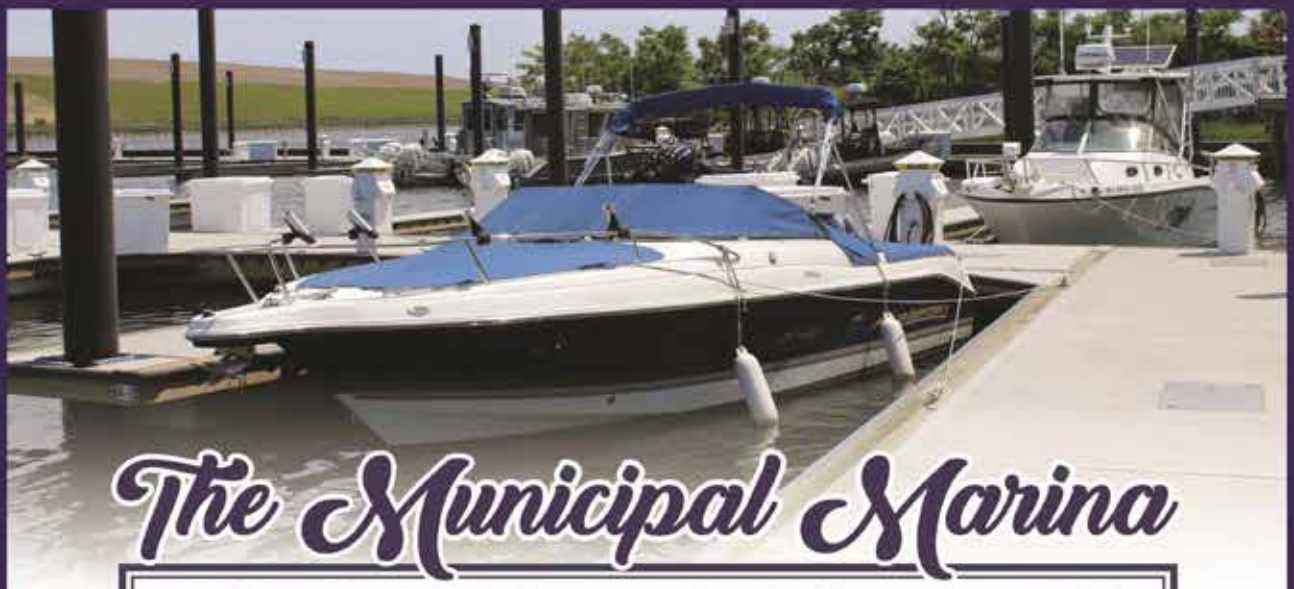
For the second time in less than a decade, Carteret High School Marching Band won the Tournament of Bands New Jersey State Championships for 3A Band on Nov. 1 at Toms River East High School.

those young members how to think and march like champions. It's a tremendous building block for our future. Also, success attracts students, so we will have a much easier time recruiting even more students in the future. The sky's the limit moving forward."

Bradley said school administrators helped make the championship a reality.

Superintendent Rosa Diaz is a firm believer in the arts as a vital part of education within all the schools throughout the district, he said.

"Our success is a branch of that philosophy," Bradley said.



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

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A look at all the different events that the City in the Cent





The winter holidays will be all aglow with several events planned throughout the season, including a Tree Lighting on Dec. 4 with Mayor Reiman featuring the Carteret High School and Junior High School Choirs; World Company Ballet's production of "Swan Lake," Nov. 27; Sinatra's Birthday Christmas Bash, Dec. 11, and a screening of "The Grinch" on Dec. 9, all at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

'Tis the season when Carteret comes together as a community to celebrate the winter holidays. Borough and ticketed events will shine the holiday spotlight on the city that is in the center of it all.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman will join with residents in celebrating the town's annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting at Carteret Park on Carteret Avenue and Cypress Street. Festivities will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. with the annual tree lighting at 7 p.m.

"Our Holiday Festival transforms Carteret Park into a winter wonderland, capturing the true spirit of the holidays for families and visitors with lavish festivities," Mayor Reiman said.

Holiday Festival highlights will include live holiday music, photos with Santa, hot cocoa, cookies, hot pretzels, and horse and buggy rides. Music will be provided by choirs of Carteret High School and Junior High School.

Hanukkah takes place from Dec. 4 to 11. The municipal menorah will be lit for the first time on Dec. 4, but Carteret will celebrate with an official Menorah Lighting at 6 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Carteret Borough Hall with Rabbi Azriel Brown of Carteret Jewish Community Center.

Also on the winter holiday menu for Carteret will be "Celebrate the Holidays with Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center" also at 6 p.m. on Dec. 9. Mayor Reiman will join with the Borough Council for a second tree lighting with the Mayor.

"Our holiday celebration will transform the gorgeous Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center into a winter wonderland, capturing the true spirit of the holidays for families and visitors," Mayor Reiman said. "It's a great opportunity for the community to celebrate the holidays together while showcasing our state-of- the-art arts & events center."

This year, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center will collaborate with CPAC on the holiday celebration while the home of Central Jersey Arts Council undergoes a multi-million-dollar renovation.

"We will have art activities for the attendees, as well as a Grinch appearance after Mr. & Mrs. Claus," said Elham Hussain, CJAC's executive director. "It was a hit last year at the Open House."

CPAC also will provide light refreshments and screen the 2018 animated version of "The Grinch," starring Oscar nominee Benedict Cumberbatch.

Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center also will present the following events, tickets for which are on sale at the box office, 46 Washington Ave.; 877-849-2722 or carteretpac.com (all on main stage unless indicated):

- **World Company Ballet: "The Nutcracker,"** 7 p.m. Nov. 27. $47.50-$113.50
- **Chris Issak on Tour for the Holidays,** 8 p.m. Nov. 28. $77.50-$127.50
- **Shining Stars Christmas Spectacular,** 7 p.m. Dec. 4. $26-$46
- **"Murder Mystery: The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year,"** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 5, The Underground at Carteret PAC. $60.43, includes meal
- **Sinatra's Christmas Birthday Bash with Michael Martocci and The Duprees,** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12. $47.50-$103.50, Bistro Pre-Show Dining an additional $34.50 per person.
- **Terry Fator: A Very Terry Christmas,** 8 p.m. Dec. 18. $58-$108.

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ter of It All is celebrating the forthcoming festive season





Featuring 40 world-class dancers, more than 150 sparkling hand-sewn costumes, and breathtaking hand-crafted sets, Los Angeles-based World Ballet Company's enchanting production of the family classic "The Nutcracker" is a way to make holiday memories together. Gather the whole family and step into a world where toys come alive, magic fills the air, and every moment is touched with holiday wonder! Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

Multi-platinum-selling, Grammy-nominated singer-guitarist Chris Isaak ("Wicked Game") brings the magic of his holiday show to the Carteret PAC! The holiday show remains a fan favorite, powered in part by his Sun Records album "Everybody Knows It's Christmas," which blends originals and classics in Isaak's signature, good-humored style.

The Shining Stars is a talented cast of 40 performers with special needs. They invite you to celebrate the Christmas season with them as their energy and passion lights up the CPAC stage. Having played to large audiences for 14 years, The Shining Stars once again will sing and dance to favorite holiday songs, including the interactive "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Presented by The Murder Mystery Co., "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year" leaves it up to the audience to unravel the mystery of whodunnit. While murder is making the night not-so-merry-and-bright, you must gather information, bribe other guests for clues, and solve the crime before this comedy act becomes a tragedy! The dinner theater's buffet menu includes herb-roasted chicken with rosemary gravy; brown sugar Dijon-glazed ham, and several sides and desserts.

Other than Bruce Springsteen, the most famous music act from New Jersey is Frank Sinatra. Born on Dec. 12, 1915 in Hoboken, Old Blue Eyes is being celebrated on his 111th birthday with Sinatra's Christmas Birthday Bash. Like Sinatra, Michael Martocci is a resident of New Jersey. He also is one of the best Sinatra tribute artists in show business today. Sinatra's manager Eliot Weisman once said, "Michael is the closest you will ever come to reliving the Sinatra experience, backed by an orchestra playing all the original Sinatra orchestrations."

Martocci lets this audience know that he is not a Sinatra impersonator. "You would have to be crazy to think that anyone can be Frank Sinatra," he said.He added he simply does these concerts to keep the music alive and make sure his grandkids know the name and the music of Sinatra.

Martocci was a longtime opener for comic legend Don Rickles and has performed in Atlantic City, Las Vegas and all across America. Fans give him the best compliment: "You close your eyes, and you think it's Frank Sinatra." The Duprees ("You Belong to Me") will open with their uniquely romantic sound.

Closing out the holiday fun at CPAC will be "A Very Terry Christmas," starring ventriloquist Terry Fator, and his amazing cast of characters. They also will celebrate Christmas with comedy, singing, and celebrity impersonations, featuring classic Christmas songs, Fator's most lovable characters, and some surprise appearances by Fator's "Elton John," "Bing Crosby," and "David Bowie."

Another holiday happening in Carteret is "Shop til You Drop," an annual shopping fundraiser for the 2026 Group 3A State Champion Carteret High School Marching Band, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 5 at Carteret High School, 199 Washington Ave. Admission is free, but a portion of vendor and basket raffle sales will go the Marching Band. Raffle winners need not be present.

Presented by Carteret High School Band Parents Association, the event will include a holiday-themed food court run by band parents. For more info, call 732-910-7282.

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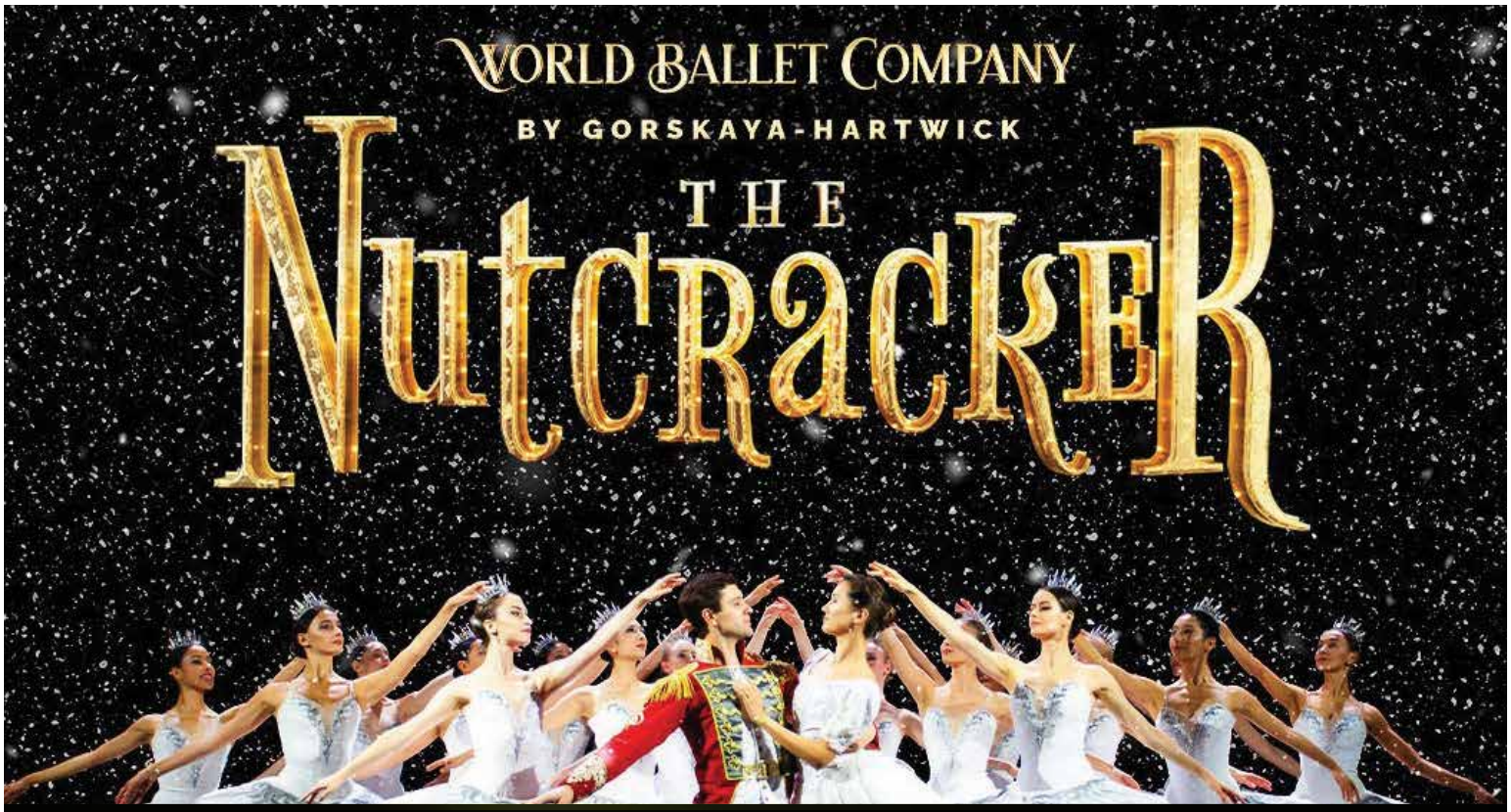
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November 21
I Love R&B Party The Underground



November 27
World Ballet Company: The Nutcracker



November 28
Chris Isaak: On Tour For the Holidays



December 5
Murder Mystery Dinner The Underground



December 6
Praise and Laughter



December 12
Sinatra's Christmas Birthday Bash



December 18
Terry Fator: A Very Terry Christmas



January 16
The New York Bee Gees



February 11
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February 26
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CPAC Spotlight: 'Praise & Laughter'



"Praise & Laughter with G.L. Douglas" will return 2 p.m. Dec. 6 to URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center also with Jonathan Nelson, Liz Black, Fig, Imagine, Glory Music, Anthony Ponder & APMD, and Cletus Kassiday.

"Praise & Laughter with G.L. Douglas" and guests returns 2 p.m. Dec. 6 to the Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center for an unforgettable evening of joy, inspiration, and celebration.

The powerful event blends uplifting gospel music with soul-refreshing comedy, all while honoring outstanding community leaders who make a difference every day.

The night filled with laughter, praise, purpose, celebration, upliftment, and inspiration will be hosted by Douglas, a comedienne from Plainfield who has been seen on VH1. She will be joined by co-host Liz Black, the co-host of BET's "Joyful Noise" gospel show and a Stellar Award-winning radio personality.

Comedy also will be provided by Fig and Imagine. Aka Brooklyn-raised Craig Figueiredo, Fig has appeared on television on "The Uptown Comedy Club," "The Apollo Comedy Hour," "Russell Simmon's Def Comedy Jam," BET's "Comic View," and USA Network's "Monk," as well as commercials for Burger King, Ford, Nike, Mastercard, and Walmart. Imagine, aka Anthony Jimenez, is a Puerto Rican stand-up from the Bronx known for humorous observations about New York City life that have been enjoyed at the Havana Room, Gotham Comedy Club, Broadway Comedy Club and on the "Comedy After Dark Radio Show" and Ray Dejon's Laffaholics revue.

The gospel music of "Praise & Laughter" will feature Stellar Award-winning headliner Jonathan Nelson and openers Glory Music and Anthony Ponder & APMD. A longtime worship leader and singer-songwriter from Baltimore, Nelson also has been nominated for Dove Awards, including Best New Artist in 2009.

The event's red-carpet celebration will be hosted by Cletus Kassidy of BET's hit show "Churchy."

Tickets to "Praise & Laughter" are $61 to $107.50, which includes service fees. For more info and tickets, visit carteretpac.com/events/praise-laughter/.

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November 2

Senior Safety with Carteret Police Dept.



November 16

Thanksgiving Dinner w/ turkey, fixings & dessert



ALSO MEETING Dec. 7 & 21. For more, call President Linda Marciniak at 732-453-4170

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		23rd	28th
		30th	

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CARTERET EVENTS CALENDAR

Submit items to Carteret Events Calendar by the 1st of each month to makinb@carteret.net. For more info call 732-541-3835.

NOVEMBER

5
Monthly Coloring Contest Continues through Nov. 16, Carteret Public Library
Storytime with Ann, 10 am, Carteret Public Library (also Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10 & 17)
6
Tiny Treasures, 6-8 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
Always Jovi/Shot of Poison, 7 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
7
Cafe Candle Co., 5-8 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also Nov. 13 & 14)
Freestyle Takeover 3 w/Cynthia, The Jets, George Lamond, Nyasia, Denine, Johnny O, Jennifer of Laissez Faire, DJ O, Dare Goes D Djzz (Tedsmooth, DJ Lucho, DJ White Boy, DJ Blazer One) and host Dom G, 7 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center (followed by after party in The Underground at Carteret PAC, which requires additional ticket)
8
Clay Atelier: Molded with Love, 2-5 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also Nov. 22)
9
The Granny Squares: Crochet with Seniors, 12:30-2:30 pm, Carteret Community Center (also Nov. 23, 30, and Dec. 14 & 28)
Jewels on Display: DIY Jewelry Board, 6-9 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
13
John Cafferty & the Beaver Brown Band, 8 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
14
Mammogram in Motion, various times, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway (info: https://bit.ly/4BLpmbc)
Tricky Tray School Fundraiser, 6 pm, Saint Joseph School
Vic Dibitetto, 8 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
16
Carteret Senior Club Meeting: Thanksgiving Dinner, 1:30-3 pm, Carteret Community Center
17
Toddler Sensory Play, 11 am, Carteret Public Library
Letters of Thanks: A Felt-Filled Thanksgiving, 6-9 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
18
Simple Machines: Build Your Own Catapult, 4 & 5 p.m., Carteret Public Library
Community Choir Practice, 7-9 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also Nov. 25)
19
Oceans Rock with Dinosaurs Rock, 4-5 pm, Carteret Public Library
A String of Thanks: Thanksgiving Garland, 5-8 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
21
Cafe Candle Co. for Kids, 5-8 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
I Love R&B Party, 9 pm, The Underground at Carteret PAC
24
Storytime and Artistic Creative Expression for Toddlers with Dibble & Dabble, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm, Carteret Public Library (also Dec. 22)
Cozy Stitches: Crochet Blanket, 6-9 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
27
World Ballet Company: "The Nutcracker," 7 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
28
Made to Last: Leather Keepsake, 2-5 pm, Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also 6-9 pm Nov. 30)
Chris Isaak, 8 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center



DECEMBER

4
The Shining Stars Christmas Spectacular, 7 pm, URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
5
"Murder Mystery: The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Underground at Carteret PAC
7
Monthly Color Contest Start, Carteret Public Library (ends Dec. 21)
12
Sinatra's Christmas Birthday Bash with Michael Martocci and The Duprees, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
18
Terry Fator: A Very Terry Christmas, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

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  corrugated boxes
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  aluminum and steel (tin) cans
- **Glass**
  Bottles & Jars
  all sizes, shapes and colors



DON'T
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- **Plastic**
  bags, film, wrappers, cups, utensils
- **Styrofoam**
- **Greasy or food contaminated items**
- **Tanglers**
  i.e: garden hoses, electric cords
- **Syringes, batteries and bulbs**
- **Pots, pans, and small appliances**
- **Dishware, glass, and mirrors**

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NEW NJ E-BIKE LAWS

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WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- ✓ **Valid License:** Age 17+ (Driver's License) or Age 15-16 (Motorized Bicycle License).
- ✓ **State Registration:** All e-bikes must be registered with the NJ MVC.
- ✓ **Insurance:** Liability insurance coverage is now required.

Note: License and registration feesare waived for the first first year.

IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS:

- ✓ **Age Limit:** Children under 15 are prohibited from operating e-bikes.
- ✓ **Speed & Power:** The new law applies to **all** e-bike classes (Pedal-assist, Throttle, and High-powered).
- ✓ **Sales & Mods:** Online e-bike sales are **banned statewide** for one year. Modification kits to increase bike speed are now **illegal.**

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PHOTO GALLERY: Mayor's Charity Ball















On Oct. 30, the Mayor's Charity Ball raised funds to benefit the Children's Charity Trust, which Mayor Daniel J. Reiman founded in 2003 during his first term. The nonprofit supports education, health, athletics, veterans, art and culture, and recently distributed $72,500 in community support this year, including scholarships for Carteret-based students from Carteret High School, Middlesex County Magnet Schools and local parochial schools. Pictured clockwise from top left are event organizer Taqualla Lowman singing the National Anthem, Mayor Reiman introducing the evening's speakers, celebratory glasses of champagne with strawberries, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, Congressman Frank Pallone, and guests playing roulette for prizes.

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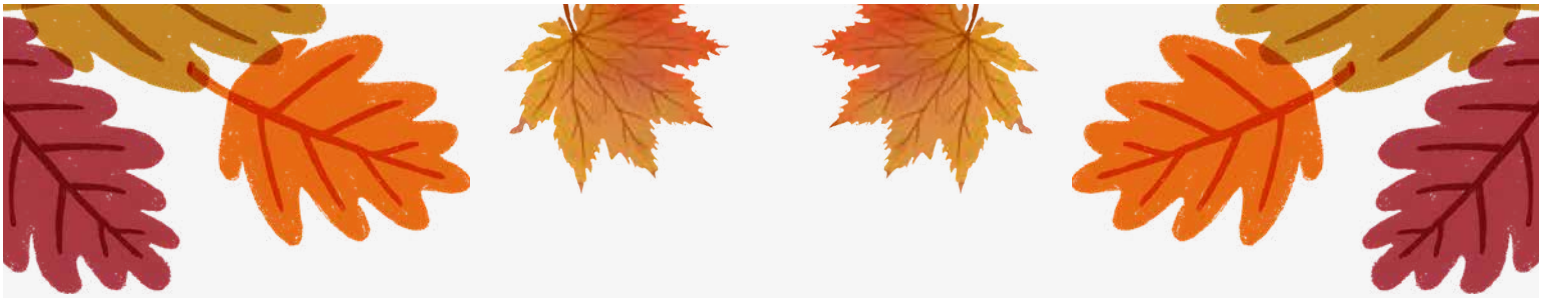
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Thank you for your continued trust and support. It's a privilege to serve this community, and we look forward to continuing to grow together for generations to come.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and wonderful Thanksgiving!

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