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Dear Neighbors,

Carteret's annual Memorial Day Services will take place on Sunday, May 26. Details are available on page 8.

Also, Carteret aims to grow as a foodie town with such acclaimed restaurants as Santini Seafood & Steakhouse, Oliveira's, and Chateau Madrid. Adding greatly to their acclaim soon will be Oula, a Caribbean restaurant expected to open by summer's end at 29 Washington across the street from URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Another nine restaurants either have opened during the past six months or will by this time next year. This month's Carteret Press takes a look at all 10 with many more coming.

Also in this issue:

- A look at how the Carteret waterfront was used as a case study for a Monmouth University real estate competition
- News about nearly \$14 million in state funding for the ferry, Carteret Stages, and Bergen Street storm water projects
- A CPAC Spotlight on the 2024 Carteret PAC Central Jersey Marquee Awards, Honoring Excellence in Middlesex and Somerset Counties High School Musical Theatre on May 15.

- A nod to the Carteret High School Odyssey of the Mind team, which is making its fifth appearance in the STEAM competition's May 21-24 world finals at Iowa State University

- An Events Calendar
- Notices about The Borough's free Recycle Coach app, Paper Shred Event on June 15 in the Civic Center parking lot behind the library, and sponsorship opportunities for the Independence Day and Latin festivals this summer in Waterfront Park.

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

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Mayor Daniel J. Reiman

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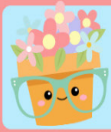
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Carteret Waterfront Subject of Monmouth University Case Study



An aerial image of the Carteret waterfront subject property of the 2024 Kislak Real Estate Institute Challenge of Monmouth University. The property is outlined in yellow and adjacent to the future location of the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building and the Carteret Stage movie studio and hotel. Villanova University won the \$10,000 first prize. Monmouth University came in second.

Five prestigious universities recently participated in the 2024 Kislak Real Estate Institute Challenge, an annual redevelopment competition hosted by Monmouth University.

This year, the case study was to redevelop a portion of the Carteret waterfront situated between the forthcoming Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, the hub of the Borough's forthcoming ferry service, and Carteret Stages, a movie studio and hotel planned for nearby. Villanova University won the \$10,000 first prize, while Monmouth University took second. Princeton University, Rutgers University, and the University of Baltimore also participated in the Challenge.

"Monmouth University's Kislak Real Estate Institute is one of the most prestigious and reputable real estate schools in the country," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "We are honored that they chose Carteret's waterfront as their case study. I have enjoyed looking at all the plans and wish the students well in what likely will be very successful real estate careers."

Students were provided with a project map that included public access to the waterfront, a tax map, and Borough population demographics and income figures.

For the past five years, which is a little more than half of the Challenge's tenure, Carteret planning con-

sultant Andrew Janiw of Colts Neck-based Beacon Planning has been writing the case studies.

Monmouth wanted to utilize the Carteret waterfront as a case study because movie studios are such a hot development topic in New Jersey, Janiw said.

"Plus, there's the ferry," he said. "Villanova did a wonderful presentation with great graphics. They gave a practical solution to the question. The judges look for the practicality of the response and the ability for the vision to have a foundation something that actually can be viable. The key is to not give us a crazy vision but to give us something sustainable."

Raised in Carteret, Janiw also served as one of the Challenge's seven judges of real estate, banking and legal professionals. A frequent guest lecturer at the Kislak Real Estate Institute and a member of its curriculum advisory committee, Janiw will be the recipient of the Institute's Service to Industry Award at its annual dinner on May 30 at the university. Donald M. Moliver, the retiring founder of the Institute, will receive its Leadership Excellence Award.

The Kislak Co., the Institute's namesake benefactor, is a family-owned redevelopment firm founded in Woodbridge and now based in Florida. For more about Kislak Real Estate Institute, visit monmouth.edu/kislak/. For more about Carteret's waterfront and other redevelopment plans, visit carteret.net/latest-news/.

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Carteret Receives \$4.1M DCA Grant for Bergen St. Bio-retention Facility



Pictured is project map of a bio-retention facility along flood-prone Bergen Street in Carteret. The \$4.7 million project was awarded a \$4,107,675 Resilient Communities grant from the state Department of Community Affairs.

The Borough is surrounded by two major rivers: the Arthur Kill and the Rahway River. While they make for wonderful waterfronts, the public access to and redevelopment of which continually increase in Carteret, flooding can be hazardous.

To help mitigate that in one of the most vulnerable parts of the 5 mile-square Borough, the Department of Community Affairs has awarded Carteret a \$4,107,675 Resilient Communities grant. The funds will pay for most of a \$4.7 million bio-retention facility on flood-prone Bergen Street, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced.

“We’re very grateful to Gov. Phil Murphy and his administration for these funds to help manage storm water run-off and prevent flooding among the many multi-family and single-family residences on and near Bergen Street,” Mayor Reiman said.

Bergen Street is located near the Borough’s southern connection with the Arthur Kill Tidal Strait. Storm water run-off there drains directly into the Arthur Kill via a drainage trench.

Due to the high volume of impervious services in the surrounding area and its proximity to the coastline, Bergen Street experiences flooding during heavy rain and major storms. To address this flooding, the bio-retention facility will be built on the former site of three apartment buildings.

“The structures were severely damaged during Hurricane Sandy and would have required substantial improvements, including being raised, to avoid future flooding,” Mayor Reiman said.

The project will include the resurfacing of Bergen Street, addition of a storm bypass pipe, construction of a detention basin and surrounding pedestrian pathway, plantings that will assist in retaining and cleaning storm water, and dry flood proofing of the existing Bergen Street sanitary sewer pump station.

The proposed bio-retention facility will catch, clean, and temporarily store storm water run-off from Bergen Street and the area around it, which will improve water quality and reduce the risk of flooding. Once the storm water has drained through the subsoil, it will be directed into drainage pipes that lead into the Arthur Kill.

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Carteret Scores Blockbuster Hit with \$4.7M NJEDA Film Studio Grant

New Jersey Economic Development Authority recently approved a \$4.7 million infrastructure grant for a waterfront redevelopment project, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced. The \$1 billion 10-acre project includes a 1.2 million-square-foot movie production studio complex.

Five grants totaling \$9.5 million were awarded throughout the state as part of NJEDA's Film and Digital Media Studio Infrastructure Program. Nearly half of the funds went to Carteret to construct public access to a former brownfield site, as well as utility infrastructure for the dozen 20,000-square-foot sound stages, post-production facility and studio offices Bezzone Inc. is developing.

"The Carteret Stages film studio project will be an absolute game changer for Carteret and the redevelopment of the brownfield site," Mayor Reiman said. "We are extremely grateful to Gov. Murphy, NJEDA and its executive team led by Tim Sullivan, for this financial support in building Carteret Stages. This and many other approved and envisioned projects will transform the waterfront into a regional destination and will coincide with our forthcoming ferry service."

Previously Gov. Phil Murphy stated, "Following my reinstatement of the Film and Digital Media Tax Credit program and game-changing investments in our rapidly expanding film and television industries, production has exploded in the past four years as more people learn what New Jersey has to offer. This huge growth has fueled thousands of jobs for New Jersey residents, while providing economic benefit to our towns and cities."

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin said, "I'm so pleased to see this strategic investment in Carteret's future by the EDA. The borough is poised to capitalize on the rebirth of the New Jersey film and media industry. This grant will provide valuable resources to update and expand vital infrastructure that will spur economic growth and add to the already-rich cultural landscape in the region."

Project developer Joe Bezzone added, "The film industry began in New Jersey with motion picture camera and viewer inventor Thomas Edison's Black Maria Studio before the industry moved out to Hollywood, so it's great that the state government is so supportive."

The access roads, Waterfront Boulevard and Lighthouse Way, will permit access through the site to the parking lot and parking structure of Carteret Stages, as well as numerous developments planned for the vacant lot where the studio will be constructed.

Future attractions connected or in proximity to the Carteret Stages will include a hotel, restaurants, retail, and the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, the bustling hub of the Borough's forthcoming ferry service.



Carteret Stages, a \$1 billion waterfront redevelopment planned for 10 acres of a former brownfield site in Carteret, recently received a \$4.7 million grant from New Jersey Economic Development Authority's Film and Digital Media Studio Infrastructure Program to build public access roads and utility infrastructure.

"The construction of the infrastructure needed to support the Carteret Studios, as well as the construction of the facility itself, will be a significant undertaking and will create a significant number of union construction-related jobs and permanent positions within the film and television studio," Mayor Reiman said. "These high-paying jobs have the potential to drastically increase the quality of life for residents within Carteret and across Middlesex County."

The construction of Carteret Stages is expected to create about 500 construction-related jobs and 2,500 permanent film production and studio operation jobs within the Borough, Bezzone said. Permanent jobs will include stagehands, production and sound designers, film crews, as well as facility support staff. These job opportunities not only will attract new residents and commuters to Carteret but will also support employment within the local community, the developer said.

Carteret Stages has received site plan approval from the Carteret Planning Board and the proposed project site plans are shovel ready, Mayor Reiman said.

The Film and Digital Media Studio Infrastructure Program supports strategic economic development investments in the film and digital media industry. The program provides grant funding to municipalities, counties, and state entities for infrastructure improvements and site work in support of the development of a film or digital media studio production facility.

The other grant recipients are Jersey City, Egg Harbor City, and East Brunswick.

A Carteret Stages flythrough video is available at youtube.com/watch?v=5SMu3uP13A.

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A Roundup of New & Forthco

Here is a look at restaurants that recently opened

in Carteret or will be coming soon. Updates about all of them will be available on social media.

Recently Opened



China Wok, 764B Roosevelt Ave.

732-352-0533, chinawokcarteret.com/
China Wok is managed by a brother-and-sister team whose family owned the beloved China King Buffet next to the Carteret Shopping Center's ShopRite anchor for many years. China Wok is just a few doors away with a delicious takeout menu that will delight the weary grab-and-go customer. China Wok's signature dish is General Tso's Chicken because it embodies the balance of sweet and spicy flavors that the restaurant strives to deliver in its cuisine.



Exit 12 Mexican Bar & Grill 1000 Roosevelt Ave.

201-679-3123, exit12nj.com/

Adjacent to the New Jersey Turnpike inside Red Roof Plus hotel, Exit 12 Mexican Bar & Grill looks as good as it tastes with ornate murals by Ecuadorian artist Fernando Cadena adorning all the walls. The equally delicious menu features flautas, rolled corn tortillas stuffed with seasoned chicken or beef and served with guacamole and salsa; Mexican street corn; slow-cooked shredded beef birria served with consommé, and Taco Truck Fries, which are crispy French fries seasoned and topped with cheese, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, chipotle mayo, and optional chicken, steak or shrimp.



Punjabi Dhaba, 1293 Roosevelt Ave. 732-352-0628

The first-ever Punjabi Dhaba was established in 2006 in Queens, N.Y. As a family-owned business, Punjabi Dhaba has 17 years of experience in making excellent quality Indian sweets and pure vegetarian food. After many successful years, they opened a second location in the Richmond Hill section of Queens and a third in Hicksville on New York's Long Island. As business grew, Punjabi Dhaba decided to expand to New Jersey and opened a location in West Carteret in late December in the former location of Famous Dhaba. Plans to grow include a party and banquet hall. You can see the menu online and order at Uber Eats and DoorDash.

Carteret Eats!

Dining Restaurants in Carteret



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Adjacent to the Waves of Wine bar and liquor store, Sanja Chula offers authentic Punjabi cuisine crafted with innovation and love. The halal-certified eatery specializes in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food, including steamed, tandoori and fried momos (dumplings), a variety of soya chaaps, Punjabi rajmah, Bhindi masala, paneer, goat curry, goat biryani, and butter, garlic, and chili garlic naan.



Sushi House, 795 Carteret Ave.
732-352-0173

A sushi restaurant also in the Carteret Shopping Center, Sushi House offers a variety of signature rolls, such as Peanut Avocado Roll and Crazy California Roll, featuring deep-fried crabmeat, cucumber, avocado, and a special sauce. For \$60, Sushi Lover will feed an entire family with four regular rolls and three special rolls. Other popular menu items include fried chicken wings, teriyaki and four different kinds of seafood boils.

Coming Soon



Oula, 29 Washington Ave., [instagram.com/oularestaurant/](https://www.instagram.com/oularestaurant/)

In late August, Chef Duke Estime, owner of Estime's Café in Colonia and former chef at Le Malt Royale in Red Bank, is opening an upscale Caribbean fusion restaurant alongside entrepreneur Nagela Duperval. The menu will include Caribbean marinated island chicken with coconut rice; sea bass with miso foam, mirin and dashi, and octopus with French black lentils, lime and romesco. A full bar will feature infused rums and fruit-forward cocktails.



New Carteret Restaurant, 25 Cooke Ave.

The Bank of America building on Cooke Avenue is being redeveloped into a restaurant expected to open by early next year. The bank recently was demolished to make way for a fun eatery that will include a bar, fire pit, and outdoor dining.



Pier Pavilion, Waterfront Park & Veterans Pier, 200 Middlesex Ave.

The Pier Pavilion on Veterans Pier in Waterfront Park will offer food and drink concessions from spring to fall. Construction is expected to begin by year's end with a spring 2025 opening.



Frozen Flamingo, 835 Roosevelt Ave., 732-366-2474, [instagram.com/frozenflamingonj/](https://www.instagram.com/frozenflamingonj/)

Frozen Flamingo will provide a variety of frozen treats in the Plaza 12 Shopping Center. Adjacent to and owned by the same owner as Carteret Liquors, Frozen Flamingo will offer ice cream, frozen yogurt, frozen drinks and much more. The tasty shop should be open by summer.



Carteret Bagel & Deli Shop, 695 Roosevelt Ave.

The former owner of Charlie's Bagel & Deli Shop in Woodbridge is opening a deli focusing on breakfast and lunch in the old Salad Factory building. Expect an opening by year's end.

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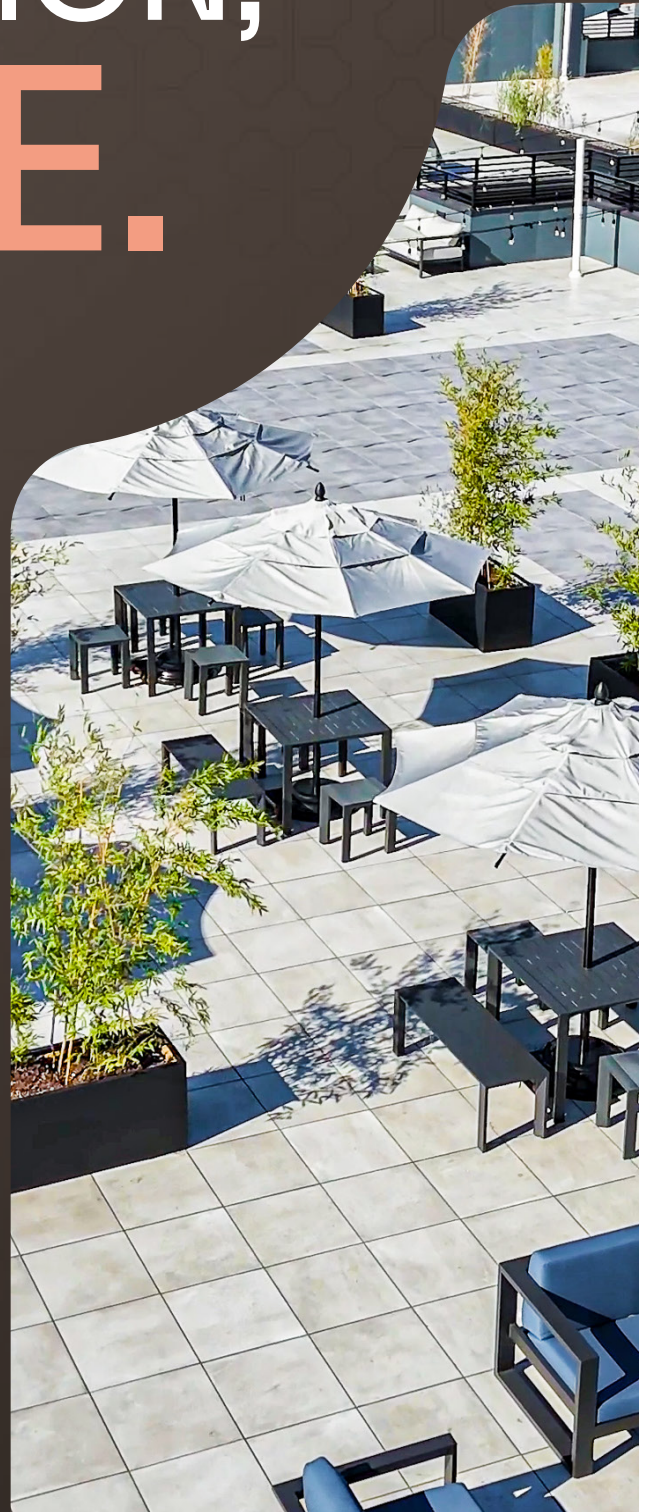
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Carteret Ferry Project Receives Another \$5M in State Funding



A \$5 million grant from the state Department of Community Affairs will help construct the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, the forthcoming hub of the Borough’s ferry service that also will feature restaurants, retail and more.

The Borough has received a \$5 million grant for the intermodal ferry terminal project from the state Department of Community Affairs, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman announced.

The ARP/SFRF funds will be used for improvements along the Carteret waterfront, including the construction of the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building.

“This is truly an exciting time for Carteret,” Mayor Reiman said. “We’re very grateful to Gov. Phil Murphy for his help in transforming our waterfront into a future transportation hub and destination,”

Regarding the Carteret ferry project, Gov. Murphy previously said, “The state is proud to make this smart investment in mass transit that will benefit existing and new Carteret residents. Funding our transportation infrastructure has been and will continue to be a priority for our administration.”

The Reiman administration has secured more than \$60 million in federal and state grants, including several competitive funds, such as a 2022 FTA grant and a 2023 Congressional appropriation.

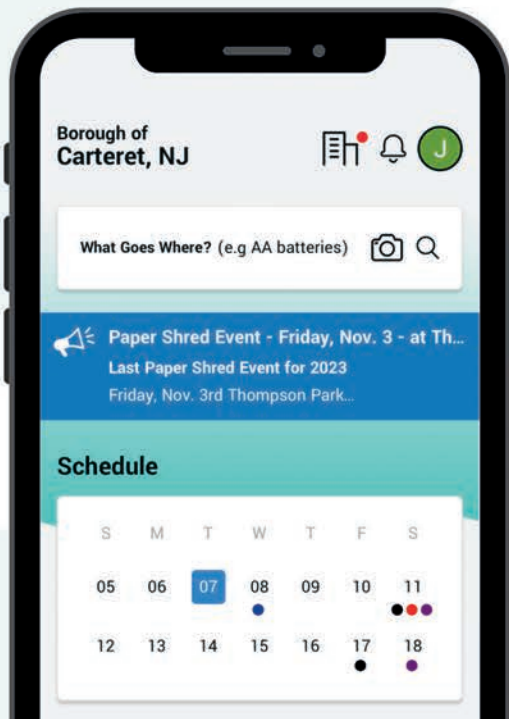
Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building will

provide access to several forms of alternative transportation, Mayor Reiman said. Carteret Ferry Service will transport commuters to and from the World Financial Center Pier and the Midtown Terminal located at 39th Street, while also available will be a Borough jitney service, NJ Transit bus service, and bicycling.

“The new ferry terminal not only will facilitate a new affordable public transportation service but will also support the continued post-COVID economic recovery of the Borough of Carteret by spurring economic activity,” the Mayor said.

Also featuring restaurants, retail, office space and more, the Intermodal Building is part of a larger multi-year, \$1.5 billion plan to transform Carteret’s waterfront. The overall vision for the site includes miles of open public access waterfront along the Arthur Kill, the construction of two commercial docks along with infrastructure to support it; the construction of a 1.2 million square-foot film production studio; 150,000 square feet of ancillary retail and hotel space; and completed construction of both a \$47 million marina next door to the project site and dredging for commercial port activities.

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After Hosting State Finals, Carteret Advances to Fifth Odyssey of the Mind Nationals



Mayor Daniel J. Reiman's Children's Charity Trust Fund and Carteret Business Partnership each donated \$1,000 to the Carteret High School Odyssey of the Mind team, which once again will be competing in the STEAM program's world finals from May 21 to 24 at the Iowa State University. Pictured with the Mayor during the check presentation from left to right are team mentors Nicole Gonzalez and Sheila O'Hare Barrows, seniors Mason Diaz, Joshua Vitug and Mark Patricks, sophomore Daiancy Aquino and junior Michelle Hernandez, who is making her fifth appearance in the Odyssey of the Mind world finals. Team expenses for the finals are \$7,500, according to Barrows. Donations can be made at http://raise.snap.app/fundraisers/carteret-schools-odyssey-of-the-mind-2024?share_type=twitter_sharewizard_v2.

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman's Children's Charity Trust Fund and Carteret Business Partnership each donated \$1,000 to the Carteret High School Odyssey of the Mind team, which once again will compete in the STEAM program's world finals from May 21 to 24 at Iowa State University.

Mayor Reiman recently presented both checks to team mentors Nicole Gonzalez and Sheila O'Hare Barrows, seniors Mason Diaz, Joshua Vitug and Mark Patricks, sophomore Daiancy Aquino and junior Michelle Hernandez, who is making her fifth appearance in the Odyssey of the Mind world finals.

"We're very proud of what Odyssey of the Mind has been able to accomplish over the past several years and wish them well in Iowa," Mayor Reiman said. "They're a very deserving bunch of great kids who represent Carteret well worldwide."

Carteret schools recently hosted the state finals of Odyssey of the Mind, which is sending 30 other

teams from elementary, middle, junior high and high schools throughout the state.

The high school team's winning robotic art project was one of five high school options that will send 10 other place winners to the world finals in Ames, Iowa.

About making her fifth appearance in the world finals, Hernandez said, "I love the feeling I get waiting to hear my school's name place at state finals, qualifying us to the last and biggest competition of the year. This year is quite different since I'm going with a whole new team and competing in a different technical problem, when I've always been involved with solving the vehicle problem. Regardless, I am so excited to go to Iowa and to create a whole bunch of new memories with my team."

Team expenses for the finals are \$7,500, according to Barrows. Donations can be made at raise.snap.app/fundraisers/carteret-schools-odyssey-of-the-mind-2024?share_type=twitter_sharewizard_v2. 17

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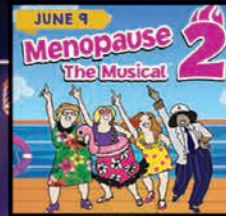
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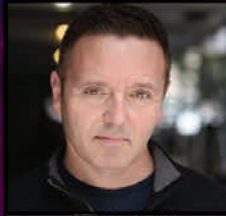
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CPAC Spotlight: Marquee Awards



The URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center will host the 2024 Carteret PAC Central Jersey Marquee Awards, Honoring Excellence in Middlesex and Somerset Counties High School Musical Theater. The Marquee Awards will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Pictured is last year's Best Overall Production winner Perth Amboy High School for "Into the Woods."

URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center will host the 2024 Carteret PAC Central Jersey Marquee Awards, Honoring Excellence in Middlesex and Somerset Counties High School Musical Theatre. The Marquee Awards will take place 7:30 p.m. May 15.

The awards celebrate and encourage talent and achievement in musical theater in high schools throughout Middlesex and Somerset counties. The program aims to recognize students participating in a range of roles on and off stage. A total of 20 categories will be awarded at the ceremony.

"We are delighted to recognize these exceptional students and schools in Central Jersey for their outstanding achievements," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "We congratulate them on their well-deserved nominations and honorable mentions."

For its spring musical, "Sister Act," Carteret High School was nominated for Best Production Number for "Raise Your Voice," Best Student Orchestra, and Student Stage Manager for Anaya Diaz. The High School also received an Honorable Mention for Best Lighting.

The nominees were selected by a panel of expert judges who traveled throughout Central Jersey reviewing spring high school musicals.

The program culminates with a red-carpet celebration on the Carteret PAC stage. Nominated schools and students will perform at a Tony Awards-style ceremony. The event will highlight numbers from the nominated shows, as well as award the performers, directors, choreographers, orchestras, and designers, who expressed excellence during the 2024 musical season.

The evening will be hosted by Broadway star Jelani Remy who rocketed to fame playing Simba in Disney's "The Lion King." The New Jersey native spent a three-year-long run in the smash-hit Broadway musical on the Great White Way cementing his status as one of the most popular young actors on Broadway. His numerous other theater credits include the role of Chad in Disney's "High School Musical," Jack in "The Apple Boys" and the starring role of Eddie Kendricks of The Temptations in "Ain't Too Proud." Hailing from Cedar Grove, Remy grew up in a Caribbean family and loved soca and reggae music, playing the piano and the drums. Remy thought he would become a music teacher but was tempted by the world of musical theater and toured the U.S. in "High School Musical" and "High School Musical 2" for five years before he made his Broadway debut in "The Lion King." In 2018, he made his Off-Broadway debut in "Smokey Joe's Café" before taking over the role of Eddie Kendricks in "Ain't Too Proud," previously played by Tony nominee Jeremy Pope.

Nominees for Best Overall Production are Bernards High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Edison High School, "Legally Blonde," Hillsborough High School, "Something Rotten" Manville High School, "Mamma Mia!," Piscataway High School, "Mean Girls," Spotswood High School, "Mean Girls," and Woodbridge High School, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

For more nominees, visit carteretpac.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Central-Jersey-Marquee-Awards-Nominations-and-Honorable-Mentions.pdf.

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Coloring Contest for Kids and Adults, through May 20, Carteret Public Library (coloring pages available in library and facebook.com/carteretlibrary; winners will be awarded prizes; also June 3 to 14)

15 R&B Wine Wednesday, 7 p.m., Zentimacy (also Wednesdays through June 12)

2024 Carteret PAC Central Jersey Marquee Awards, Honoring Excellence in Middlesex and Somerset Counties High School Musical Theatre with host, Jelani Remy of Broadway's "The Lion King," 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center (see page 19 for more details)

16 Dibble & Dabble Storytime, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m., Children's Room, Carteret Public Library (registration required; also June 20)

Align and Unwind with Lisa Blocker, 4:30 p.m., Zentimacy Yoga Studio, 29 Washington Ave. (also every 4:30 p.m. Thursdays & 12 p.m. Tuesdays)

17 Middlesex County Paper Shred Event, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Health Services Parking Lot, 444 Hoes Lane, Piscataway

Spheres Bubble Show, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

18 16th Nagar Keertan & Flag Raising Ceremony, 10:30 a.m., Borough Hall to Carteret Park

First-Time Home Buyers Seminar with Tyrone Lowman of RE/MAX, 10 a.m. URSB, 11-15 Cooke Ave. (free admission)

Kids Yoga, 12 p.m., Zentimacy (also every Saturday through June 15)

20 Heated Hatha Flow with Julia Greco, 6 p.m., Zentimacy (also June 3 & 17)

21 Restorative Yin + Sound Bath with Alex Marroero, 7 p.m., Zentimacy (also May 28 & June 4)

23 Ann's Morning Storytime, 10-10:45 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also May 30, June 6 and 27)

Borough Council Meeting, 6 p.m., teleconference at 732-447-9901 (access code: 920718; also June 6)

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25 Noche de Merengue para Mama feat. Fernando Villalona & Rubby Perez, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

26 Memorial Day Services, 8 a.m., Waterfront Park, and 12 p.m., Carteret Park, followed by parade

27 Gentle Yoga with Katrina David, 7 p.m., Zentimacy (also June 10)

28 Ana's World of Mini with Roo the Mini Horse, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Carteret Community Center

29 Carteret Soccer Academy: Early Summer Recreation In-Person Registration, 5:45-7:30 p.m., Joseph Medwick Park Turf Field (also May 31 & June 3)

JUNE

1 GSA Pride Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Civic Center

Bugs on the Go with Insectropolis Bugseum of New Jersey, 1-1:40 & 2-2:40 p.m., Community Center (registration required)

Kenny Vance & the Planotones, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

2 Middlesex County Paper Shred Event, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Papaiani Park, 100 Municipal Blvd, Edison

3 Carteret Soccer Academy: Early Summer Rec. Training First Practice, 5:45-8:15 p.m., Joseph Medwick Park Turf Field

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6 Saint Joseph Color Run Fundraiser, 4:30 p.m. registration, 5:30 p.m. start, Saint Joseph School (register online at shop.schoolathon.org/198475)

7 Carteret Soccer Academy: Fall 2024 Travel Tryouts (for players born 2011-2016), 5:30 p.m., Joseph Medwick Park Turf Field

8 Middlesex County Paper Shred Event, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Spotswood High School Parking Lot, 105 Summerhill Road

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center (SOLD OUT)

9 Phil Simms NJ North/South Classic feat. Carteret High School running back Hezekiah Ragland, 5 p.m., Kean University, Union

“Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising through the ‘Change,’” 3 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

11 Mad Science’s Wacky Science Show, 4:30-5:25 p.m., Community Center (Registration required)

15 Borough Paper Shred sponsored by Middlesex County, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Carteret Public Library Parking Lot (see more info on page 8)

Bingo Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Saint Joseph School

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

18 Jenkinson’s Aquarium’s Penguin Pointers with live penguin, 4:30-5:15 p.m. (registration required)

23 Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Event, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Old Bridge Public Works, 1 Old Bridge Plaza

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

29 Carteret Sports Club: 11th Annual Carteret Sports Club Tournament, 7:30 a.m., Joseph Medwick Park Turf Field (also June 30)

Breast Cancer Ride for a Cause Charitable Event, 9:45 a.m., motorcycle & slingshot riders meet at Linden TFIG parking lot. 10:30 a.m. depart to ride past Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital, Basking Ridge, in honor of those battling cancer. Leaving MSK to Carteret’s St. Demetrios Ukrainian Banquet Hall. Non-riders can join in festivities from 12 to 4 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME to health concierges, guest speakers, vendors, music and giveaways. Food available to purchase. Donations \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Proceeds benefit individuals impacted by cancer. Info: thehaven@ceoloft.com. Tickets at EVENTBRITE. Groups of 10 or more, call 973-378-0909.

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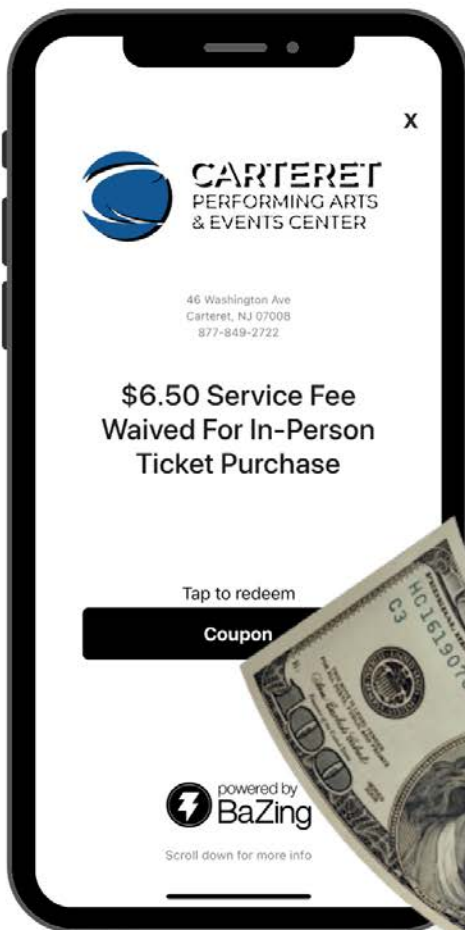
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