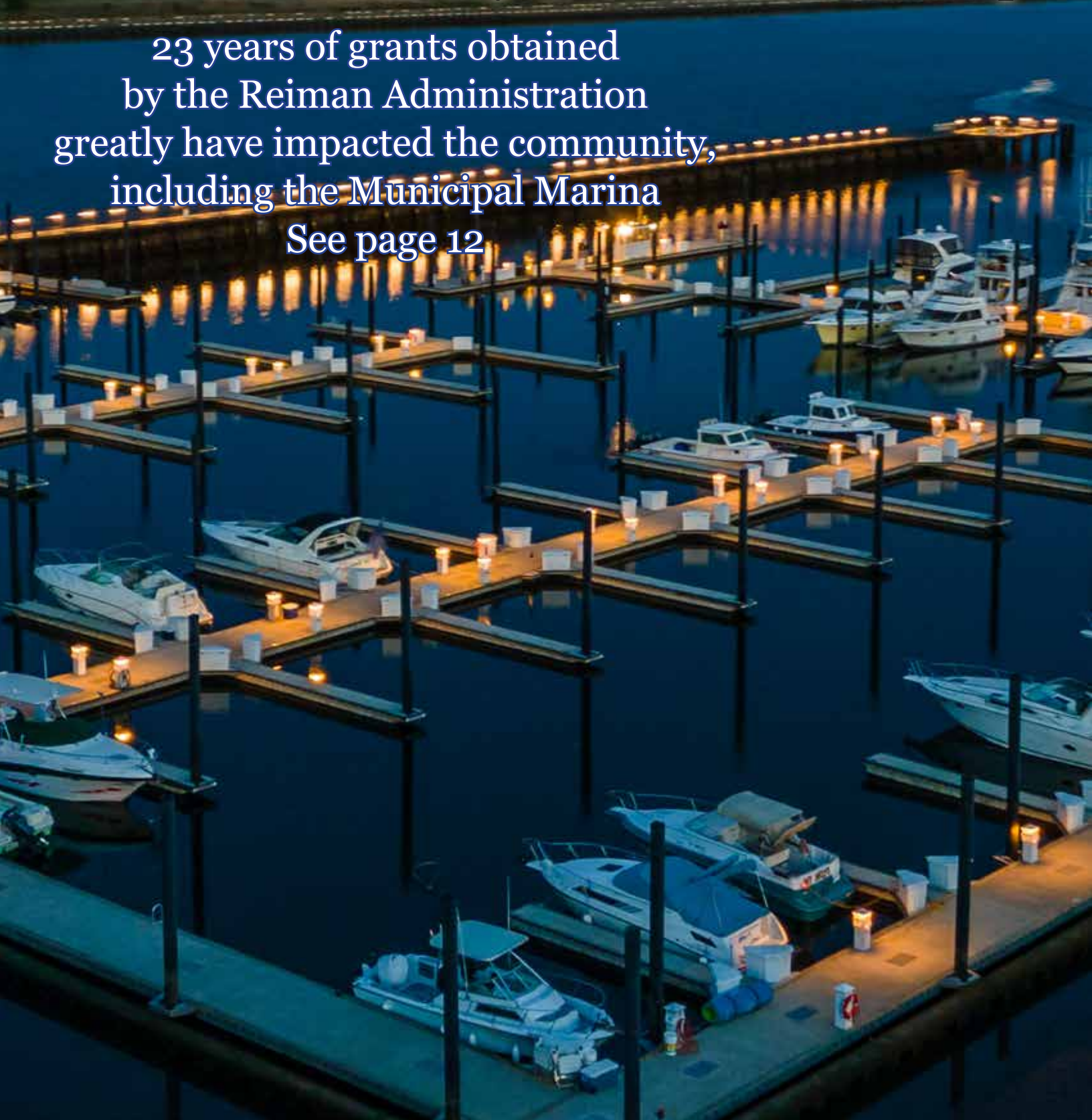


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## Grants Update!

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greatly have impacted the community,  
including the Municipal Marina  
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Dear Friends,

Over the years, my administration has fought for and won more than \$250 million in federal, state, county and other grants. This has helped pay for a revitalized downtown and waterfront, Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center, Waterfront Park, Veterans Pier, the Municipal Marina; other park, as well as road and municipal building improvements; RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center; and a forthcoming ferry service, plus future waterfront and downtown redevelopment. Carteret Press takes a look at many of the grants the administration and grant consultants have obtained, as well as their community impact on page 12.

Also in this issue:

- A look at the latest grant awarded to the Borough: \$5.4 million provided by the state Department of Transportation's Local Transportation Projects Fund to construct or extend roads that will increase access to the waterfront and its forthcoming ferry service
- A preview of Saint Joseph School's fundraising Bingo Night going weekly starting Sept. 6
- A photo gallery of family fun at Carteret Public Library
- Business profile on Berje Inc., a three-generaton flavor and fragrance supplier whose international headquarters is in Carteret.

- A CPAC Spotlight on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame act The Righteous Brothers with an extensive interview with surviving co-founder Bill Medley, who'll perform with new partner, Bucky Heard, on Aug. 17 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

- An Events Calendar

- Notices about the 9/11 Memorial Service, the Borough's 48th Annual Ethnic Day, as well as the Mayor's Charity Carnival and Classic Car Show, OEM's upcoming training programs, next month's Middlesex County Jazz Festival, Carteret PAC's schedule, and Carteret Municipal Marina 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.

Sincerely,

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# ***Photo Gallery: Family Fun at Carteret Public Library***



Families enjoyed “Storytime with Ann,” at top, the fun craft of “Animal Masks,” middle, and a demonstration of the Summer Kids Karate Program of Borough-based Jones Martial Arts, bottom, recently at Carteret Public Library. The Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Upcoming events are listed on pages 20 & 21.



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# Saint Joseph School Bingo Fundraising Efforts Go Weekly

Beginning Friday, Sept. 6, bingo will be weekly at Saint Joseph School, Principal Joanne McKnight said.

Weekly Bingo more greatly will support school families in completing yearly service hours and help strengthen the school's connection to and relationship with the local community, Principal McKnight said.

"Our main fundraising goals for having a weekly bingo is to raise money for Saint Joseph School," she said. "The proceeds of each weekly bingo will go directly toward student educational resources, advanced technology, assistance for student tuition, and building maintenance."

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman recently was instrumental in helping to raise funds for such recent school upgrades as a new roof, a digital sign, and an improved sports field.

Doors for the weekly bingo will open at 6 p.m. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

The school is located at 865 Roosevelt Ave. For more information, call 732-541-7111 or email HSA@sjps.net.



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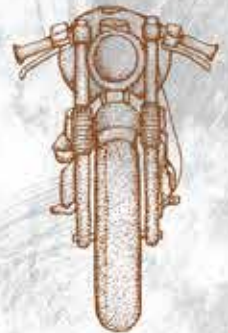
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# Reiman Administration Obtains \$250M+ in Grants

***Waterfront, Downtown, Parks, Roads, Industrial Area & Buildings benefit***



Since 2002, the Reiman Administration has obtained more than \$250 million in grants, more than \$70 million of which has been for the ferry project and \$30 million for URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center, pictured at right. Pictured at left is Failace Park's new pickleball court, paid for with a \$78,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Throughout its 23-year tenure, the Reiman Administration has obtained more than a quarter billion in federal, state and county grants for improvements to the waterfront, parks, the downtown, the RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret and much more, according to municipal budgets and records. Waterfront improvements funded largely by grants include Waterfront Park, Veteran's Pier, Carteret Municipal Marina, and a forthcoming ferry service and building.

That's an annual average of nearly \$12 million. In comparison, most other towns obtain \$1 to \$5 million in grants, according to municipal budgets and records.

"My administration always has been very aggressive about pursuing grants at all levels – federal, state, and county," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "Many of these grants are competitive grants that are very hard to get because municipalities across the country apply. But my administration always has done a fantastic job enabling the Borough to win those grants. Lately, we've added greatly to that with Millennium Strategies as a grant consultant. They also have done a phenomenal job for us."

Millennium Strategies is proud to have assisted Carteret in bringing in more than \$30 million in grant funding for a wide range of projects over the last two years, said Michael Weiss, senior grant manager of the Morristown-based consulting firm.

Funding will restore residential access to the Carteret waterfront, support eco-friendly and affordable public transportation services in New Jersey and New York, and increase tourism to Carteret, Weiss said.

"The Reiman Administration's efforts will transform Carteret into a thriving commercial, transportation, and entertainment hub in Central Jersey," he said, "and we look forward to seeing all the positive community impacts in the years to come."

What's good for Carteret is good for all of Central Jersey, said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, who represents Carteret in the 19th legislative district.

The Speaker praised the Mayor for his vision and dedication.

"All of us who have watched the arc of Dan Reiman's career realize that he has from the outset been somebody who is remarkably gifted and incredibly dedicated and committed," Speaker Coughlin said. "You need only to take a ride around town to see the impact that he and his efforts have made. I love to talk about Carteret and its renaissance, but what is central to that is the leadership of Dan Reiman, who, we all know is driven, but the truth of the matter is, his determination, doggedness and unwillingness to accept anything else than what is best and right for the Borough of Carteret is what has made him so successful and the town so fortunate and prosperous."





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# **Mayor Announces \$5.4M NJDOT Grant to increase waterfront access, improve roads**

**M**ayor Daniel J. Reiman has announced that the Borough has received a \$5.4 million competitive grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation through the Local Transportation Projects Fund (LTPF).

The funds will be used to extend critical roadway infrastructure in two areas of the waterfront: Waterfront Boulevard Extension and Lighthouse Way Extension, Mayor Reiman said.

“We are very grateful to Gov. Phil Murphy and Transportation Commissioner Francis O’Connor for these incredibly valuable funds,” the Mayor said. “The grant will fund the construction of a new public roadway connecting the forthcoming Carteret Ferry Terminal to a proposed new intersection along Roosevelt Avenue adjacent to Noes Creek. The boulevard will include two lanes for traffic, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and storm water improvements. The alignment of the road will parallel the Northern Riverwalk, which is currently under construction.

“The LTPF grant also will fund the connection of Lighthouse Way, which provides access to Waterfront Park, the Municipal Marina and Danielle’s Garden, to Port Carteret Drive and the recently completed Southern Riverwalk,” the Mayor continued. “Both road extensions will provide access to future developments within the Borough’s Waterfront

Redevelopment Area that will feature more than \$1 billion in private development and \$100 million in public improvements. In addition to the Carteret Intermodal Transportation Building, these will include office, retail, and residential development.”

The proposed project will improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians seeking to access Waterfront Park, the ferry service, and the future ferry terminal.

“This project’s impact on safety becomes even more important when the future development of the site adjacent to the proposed roadway is taken into consideration,” Mayor Reiman said. “The Borough is expecting this land to feature a future film studio, hotel, retail space, and parking garages. These future additions to Carteret’s waterfront will create a wide range of job opportunities and will attract a high volume of residents and visitors, which will multiply the positive impact of the proposed project on safety and accessibility.”

Since 2002, the Reiman Administration has obtained more than \$250 million in federal, state, county and other grants, many of which have been highly competitive. More than \$70 million has been obtained for the ferry service, its boats, buildings and infrastructure.

Updates about Waterfront Boulevard and Lighthouse Way will be available at [Carteret.net](http://Carteret.net) and @MyCarteret on social media.

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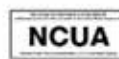
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# CPAC Spotlight: The Righteous Brothers

The term the blue-eyed soul was coined by Philadelphia radio DJ Georgie Woods in 1964 to describe The Righteous Brothers. While in the recording studio for the first time in 1963, the duo of baritone Bill Medley and the late tenor Bobby Hatfield took the name bestowed upon them at John's Black Derby nightclub in Santa Ana, CA, by black Marines stationed at the nearby El Toro base.

In early 1965, they topped the charts with the Phil Spector-produced "You've Lost that Lovin' Feeling," which for many years was the song most often played on the radio, according to BMI. Other smashes included "Unchained Melody," "Ebb Tide," and "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration." In early 2003, The Righteous Brothers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but six months later, Hatfield died while on tour.

Medley, who had won a Grammy for his duet with Jennifer Warnes on the Oscar-winning Franke Previte song "(I've Had) the Time of My Life" from the 1987 film "Dirty Dancing," continued on as a solo act. But after many requests to reform The Righteous Brothers, he did in 2016 with popular Branson, MO-based singer Bucky Heard.

Together eight years, Medley and Heard are on the Lovin' Feeling Farewell Tour, which makes a stop Aug. 17 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Tickets to the 8 p.m. show are \$59-\$89. For more about the show, including preferred parking and a pre-show bistro dinner, visit [carteretpac.com/events/the-righteous-brothers-lovin-feeling-farewell-tour/](http://carteretpac.com/events/the-righteous-brothers-lovin-feeling-farewell-tour/). For more about The Righteous Brothers, visit [righteousbrothers.com/](http://righteousbrothers.com/) and enjoy the following interview with Medley.

**At 83, how are you able to sing so well and look so good? What do you do to stay in shape vocally and physically?**

I pray to the throat gods (laughs). I don't know. I still work with my vocal coach, not as much anymore. That helps a lot. I warm my voice up before the show. I take it pretty seriously. My voice, I have to pay attention to it. It's a tough voice to keep at 100 percent, but I've been lucky and blessed, and I'm thrilled about it.

I'd like to tell you I eat well and exercise a lot. I do walk. I walk every day to keep the blood moving. But food wise, I'm into fast food and junk food: tacos and hamburgers. I'm just blessed. I'm actually 83 and still doing this. Nobody's more surprised by that than me. It keeps you young.

**'You've Lost that Lovin' Feeling' and 'Unchained Melody' are two of the most popular songs of all time, still getting a great deal of airplay and being covered by other artists to this day. How does it make you feel now whenever you hear either song?**

It's always amazing to still hear our stuff on the radio. It's always great to hear other artists do our stuff. People would ask me, 'Doesn't it make you mad?' because Hall & Oates did 'Lovin' Feeling' and had a hit. It's actually an honor when somebody loves your music enough to cover it. It's a great feeling.



**The Righteous Brothers, founding baritone Bill Medley, right, and tenor Bucky Heard, will perform Aug. 17 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.**

**When, where and how did you learn to sing and what and who inspired you to do so?**

When I was 15 years old, I first heard Little Richard. That's when I got into rock 'n' roll. I just loved the black artists of the '50s. I just fell in love with Little Richard and his voice, just how he sang with so much emotion. Then when I was about 18, I got real into Ray Charles. Both Bobby and I listened to rhythm & blues as kids. Ray Charles, B.B. King. I used to say that they would come to my house in the form of a record and teach me how to sing. I think I learned by the right guys.

It's not so much like it wanted to sound like they do, but they did inspire me a lot. When I was young, I sounded a little like Ray Charles. I didn't mean to copy him, but he was so deep into my soul, it was hard to keep him out.

**Do you know when, where and how Bobby learned to sing and what and who inspired him?**

The same music and same guys influenced Bobby. He was little more into doo wop. We were both raised on the same black radio station, KGFJ in Los Angeles, and the DJ was Hunter Hancock. I'm surprised I still remember that.

I've taken voice lessons for years. Bobby was just a natural. We both sang in church and school choirs. Bobby just was one of those guys with a beautiful voice who didn't have to work at much. He just had it.



**When and how did you and Bobby meet?**

We were both raised in Orange County, and Bobby was in a small rock 'n' roll group, and I had rock 'n' roll group. We got to know each other because we both had bands. A mutual friend John Wimber was working in Las Vegas a lot. He wanted to come home to get consistent work. He got Bobby and his drummer and me and my guitar player and put us all together. The Paramours start singing all duets. It was so much fun singing with Bobby because he was so good. That was in 1962.

**How did you and Bobby come to be known as The Righteous Brothers?**

We were working at a club together as the Paramours singing nothing but R&B black music by great black artists. Orange County in those days was very white, but there was a Marine base there, (Marine Corps Air Station) El Toro. Black Marines would say, 'Hey, there's two white guys down at the club singing rhythm & blues,' and they would come see us.

If you had a great-looking car, a white guy might say, 'What a cool car.' But a black guy would say, 'What a righteous-looking car.' If they looked at you as a friend, they would call you a brother. A lot of times when we were performing, they'd come in and say, 'Hey, righteous brother, how you doing?' which meant good friend. Bobby and I went into the studio to record 'Little Latin Lupe Lu,' and they asked what we wanted to call ourselves. Bobby said, 'We should call ourselves what the Marines call us,' and it stuck.

**Do you remember the name and station of the DJ who coined the term blue-eyed soul to describe The Righteous Brothers?**

I think it was a guy in Philadelphia. I don't know his name, but it was a black station. When we had 'Lovin' Feeling' playing, we were the only white guys they were playing. He said, 'Here's my blue-eyed soul brothers,' telling the audience that these guys are white. In the '40s and '50s, black guys used to call white guys blue eyed. I don't know how it took off, but it was a real honor to have a black DJ call us his blue-eyed soul brothers.

**After Bobby died in 2003, just six months after The Righteous Brothers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, you took your third break from performing and recording in The Righteous Brothers. Why and how did Bucky Heard inspire you to reform The Righteous Brothers in 2016?**

Bucky was working Branson, MO. I became friends with him. Then I saw Bucky at a mutual friend's wedding. Bucky was doing a tribute to the Blues Brothers, doing John Belushi. He said, 'Bill come see me. I'm doing a tribute to Journey,' which freaked me out because Steve Perry was one of the greatest singers in the business. He had such a high voice. He just killed me.

So I thought, well, if Bucky could do Steve Perry, he probably could do Bobby Hatfield. I wasn't looking to reform The Righteous Brothers, but my manager and fans and people in the business said I should keep the music alive so I called Bucky. I said, 'let's get together to see if our voices work.' They did. Now I think we're going on 10 years.

**Does Bucky remind you of Bobby or does he have his own style?**

He has his own style. I told him, 'I don't need you to sound like Bobby. If the audience sees that, they may not appreciate it.' He has his own thing. But he's a big Bobby Hatfield fan so he came by it pretty honestly.

**Besides The Righteous Brothers, what is Bucky's greatest musical accomplishment?**

A tribute to Journey, that's pretty dang good. I just know in Branson, he was the hardest-working guy in town doing 12 shows a week and then an after-hours thing with a different band. He's a hard-working guy, a really good guy, a great guy, a great partner. We get along great. He became like my best friend. It just worked out phenomenally.

**What did you like most about working with New Jersey legend Franke Previte on ('I've Had) The Time of My Life'?**

All those guys are extremely talented. Franke is really talented. I was just thrilled to death that they asked me to do the song for 'Dirty Dancing.' I had to turn it down for three months because my wife was expecting. They wanted me to come from California to New York, but I couldn't do it. Finally, my wife had our child. They said, 'Jennifer Warnes wants to sing with you. She'll do the record if she can do it with you.' I loved singing with Jennifer.

Franke I'm sure is thrilled that he wrote a song that won't die. It won't ever. If you talk to Franke, tell him thank you.

**What other solo songs will you perform with Bucky on The Lovin' Feeling Farewell Tour?**

We do all the hits that people know. There are a couple of surprises. Bucky does a great version of Roy Orbison's 'Cryin.' Bucky is recording, so you'll be hearing a lot of his stuff. He's just a great singer of songs, so he does a couple of songs that show off his talent. He'll do 'Ebb Tide.' I do 'Unchained Melody' as a tribute to Bobby. We have a video of Bobby and me. I do a blues song in show. That's one of the only songs that isn't ours. The rest of the show is Righteous Brothers hits. We want to do what I know the audience wants to hear.

We love doing those songs. The show is fun. Bucky has a sense of humor. I have a sense of humor. It really is a fun show.

**So will The Lovin' Feeling Farewell Tour lead to your retirement or will you continue to perform and record as a solo act?**

Bucky will be doing a lot more stuff of his own. I'm just trying to cut back. I'll be 84 in September. I love the stage, but the traveling is really killer. It was pretty easy in my 20s and 30s, but in my 80s, it's pretty tough. We have some contracts to fulfill, so the 'farewell' won't be immediate. It'll take a couple of years to unwind.

I don't think I'll go out as a solo artist, but on other hand, I didn't think I'd be a Righteous Brother for another 10 years. It's been a blessing, so you never know. Never say never. 19





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	<sup>2</sup> <b>Acrylic Mirror Painting</b> , 3 p.m., Blazing Star (RSVP 732-541-3979)		<sup>4</sup> <b>Carteret Historical Committee Meeting</b> , 7 p.m., Blazing Star		<sup>6</sup> <b>Saint Joseph School Bingo Fundraiser</b> , 7 p.m., 865 Roosevelt Ave. (also every Friday; doors at 6; info: 732-541-7111, hsa@sjsps.net)	<sup>7</sup> <b>Live Championship Boxing</b> , 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
<sup>8</sup> <b>Open House @ The Botanic</b> , 12-3 p.m., 36 Washington Ave.  <b>Acrylic Stemware Painting</b> , 3-5 p.m., Blazing Star (RSVP 732-541-3979)			<sup>11</sup> <b>9/11 Memorial Service</b> , 6:30 p.m., Carteret Park  <b>Carteret Community Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7-9 p.m., Blazing Star (also Sept. 18 & 25)	<sup>12</sup> <b>CERT Training</b> , 7 p.m., OEM HQ (reserve free spot at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400 by Aug. 1)	<sup>13</sup> <b>Carteret Comic Exhibit Opening Night</b> , 8 p.m., Blazing Star (display hours 4-7 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekends)	<sup>14</sup> <b>Book signing with Allison Mitsching</b> , author of "Felix the Fly," 12 p.m., Carteret Public Library
<sup>15</sup> <b>Open Studio</b> , 3-5 p.m., Blazing Star (also 4-7 p.m. Sept. 20 & 27)		<sup>17</sup> <b>Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguin Show</b> , 4:30-5:15 p.m., Carteret Public Library  <b>Bachman Turner Overdrive</b> , 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	<sup>18</sup> <b>2024 Carteret Music Festival &amp; Annual Charity Carnival</b> , Carteret Park (also through Sept. 21)			<sup>21</sup> <b>48th Annual Carteret Ethnic Day Celebrating Diversity</b> , Carteret Park
<sup>22</sup> <b>Open House @ The Botanic</b> , 12-3 p.m., 36 Washington Ave.  <b>Modeling Paste Texture Art Painting</b> , 1-5 p.m., Blazing Star (RSVP 732-541-3979)	<sup>23</sup> <b>First Aid/CPR/AED Training</b> , 5-10 p.m. OEM Headquarters (\$25 registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	<sup>24</sup> <b>Wheel of Fortune Live</b> , 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	<sup>25</sup> <b>Middlesex County Jazz Festival w/ Akiko Tsuruga Quartet and Carrie Jackson Quartet</b> , 5:45-8:30 p.m., Papaanni Park, 100 Municipal Blvd., Edison  <b>OEM Training: Until Help Arrives</b> , 6:30-9:30 p.m. OEM HQ (free registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	<sup>26</sup> <b>Middlesex County Jazz Festival w/ Nat Adderley Jr., Carteret High School Varsity Vocals, and Carteret High Jazz Ensemble</b> , 6:30-9 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	<sup>27</sup> <b>Grunge Is Not Dead: Tribute to Seattle w/ Lounge Act (Nirvana), 5 Against 1 (Pearl Jam), Jar of Flies (Alice in Chains), and All Violet (Hole)</b> , 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center  <b>OEM Training: "Stop the Bleed"</b> , 6-8 p.m., OEM Headquarters (free registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	<sup>28</sup> <b>Freestyle Takeover with TKA/K7, Cynthia, Judy Torres, Brenda K Starr, Nvasia, Will &amp; More, C- Bank, Soave, Coro, DJ Blazer Onel, DJ WhiteBoy KYS, DJ Mike Torres, DJ Brivs, DJ Frankie Cutlass, Sal Abbatiello and Dom G.</b> , 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
<sup>29</sup> <b>Paper Mache Hot Air Balloon Part 2</b> , 3 p.m., Blazing Star (P:art 1 is Sept. 28; RSVP 732-541-3979)						

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# Biz Profile: Berje



**Berje owner Kim Bleimann, left, is pictured with his daughter, Gillian Bleimann-Boucard, who succeeded him in 2021 as CEO of the Carteret-based flavor and fragrance supplier. They are pictured with their Entrepreneur of the Year 2022 New Jersey Awards from Ernst & Young, one of the largest accounting and professional services firms in the world.**

**F**ounded in 1949 by brothers Alexander and Julius “Les” Bleimann as a distributor of aromatic chemicals in Manhattan’s heavily industrialized SoHo district, family-owned Berje now sources product from more than 70 countries across six continents. This is made possible by an extensive distribution network, which includes a 235,000-square-foot international headquarters in Carteret stocked with vast inventory, ensuring prompt shipments.

The three generation-run key producer and supplier of flavor and fragrance ingredients to global brands and manufacturers also has extensive warehouses in California and Illinois.

“For centuries, plants have been a reliable source of essential oils, fulfilling a multitude of purposes such as infusing flavors, imparting fragrances, and even enhancing functionality in products like cosmetics or natural pesticides,” said Kim Bleimann, second-generation owner of Berje Inc. “Our esteemed vendor relationships span decades and are cemented by the consistent quality of our shipments.”

Bleimann’s daughter and CEO of Berje, Gillian Bleimann-Boucard, has been with the company since 2006 and shares a strong desire to preserve the industry for future generations. She aims to strengthen her family’s legacy of perseverance,

hard work, and determination by ensuring livable earnings for the global workforce, particularly those in economically underprivileged regions.

Recognizing this, Bleimann-Boucard understands the importance of providing unwavering support to local farmers, even during volatile economic cycles. As a proud supporter of industry research and community involvement, she advocates for regenerative agriculture, combining aromatics and food crops to promote soil health and biodiversity.

“The essential oil industry’s importance extends beyond just infusing flavors and fragrances,” Bleimann-Boucard said. “It supports livelihoods and cultivates multiple profitable industries including manufacturing and agriculture, which must be preserved for future generations.

“Now in our 75th year, The Berjé Group remains committed to our values of integrity, industry leadership, legacy, passion, accountability and diversity,” she continued. “Our vision is to grow and maintain our global leadership position, building upon our trusted personalized service and our diverse range of fragrance and flavor ingredients, botanicals, and functional ingredients from our unparalleled inventory. We are relentlessly committed to our clients and team members, and to ethically and sustainably sourcing ingredients from our processing facilities and global producing partners.” For more about Berje, visit [berjeinc.com/](http://berjeinc.com/).

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