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The 2024 Carteret
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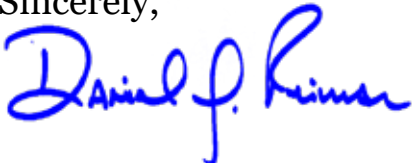
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Dear Friends,
Carteret is one of the most culturally diverse towns in the most culturally diverse state in the nation. To celebrate that diversity, the 48th Annual Ethnic Day once again will deliver an entire day of family fun on Sept. 21 in Carteret Park with rides, games, cultural programs, food, fireworks, and a concert by legendary DJ/rapper Funk Flex. Surrounding Ethnic Day will be the Annual Mayor's Charity Carnival and the 20th Annual Car Show, both of which will benefit needy children in our community. See all the details of the five days of family fun on pages 12 to 17, as well as a mailer that will be coming soon to your home.

- Also in this issue:
- DSV, one of the largest logistics leaders in the world, has taken occupancy of all of 300 Salt Meadow Road at the award-winning Crow Holdings @ Carteret
 - A photo gallery of family fun at Carteret Public Library
 - Business profile on Garden State Cold Storage, whose Gel-Pak division recently was purchased by Cryopak
 - A CPAC Spotlight on Bachman-Turner Overdrive with an interview with Randy Bachman, who'll also play The Guess Who songs on Sept. 17 at Carteret Performing Arts

- & Events Center
 - A preview of Carteret's first-ever Middlesex County Jazz Festival concert, which is Sept. 26 at the Arts Center with Nat Adderley Jr., Carteret High School Varsity Vocals, and Carteret High Jazz Ensemble
 - An Events Calendar
 - Notices about OEM's upcoming training programs, Carteret PAC's schedule, Central Jersey Arts Council's Choir, the annual Adopt a Park Fall Park Cleanup, the Fall Tree Planting Program, our free Recycling Coach app, 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.

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Crow Holdings Development Inks 355,000-SF Lease at Carteret Campus



DSV Global Transport and Logistics recently signed as the second tenant of Crow Holding at Carteret leasing the entire warehouse at 300 Salt Meadow Road.

The world's third-largest transport and logistics company has signed a full-building, 355,000-square-foot commitment to Crow Holdings at Carteret, Crow Holdings recently announced.

DSV Global Transport and Logistics leased 300 Salt Meadow Road, becoming the second occupant at Crow Holdings Development's 1.2 million-square-foot industrial campus just off New Jersey Turnpike Exit 12.

"We are happy to welcome DSV Global Transport and Logistics to Crow Holdings at Carteret," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "Carteret has proven time and again that it's best place in Central Jersey to live, work, eat and play. DSV Global adds to the many industrial and commercial neighbors we have in Carteret. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them."

Headquartered in Denmark with more than 1,600 offices and logistics facilities worldwide, DSV will serve the Dole produce company from its Carteret location, DSV said.

Plans include expansion of the building's existing office space and specialized fit-outs, including 100,000 square feet of cooler capacity, according to Crow Holdings.

Cushman & Wakefield's Jules Nissim, Stan Danzig and Kimberly Bach negotiated the transaction leasing agents for Crow Holdings at Carteret. Cushman & Wakefield's Mindy Lissner served as tenant representative.

"We are thrilled with the selection of this facility in Carteret," said DSV's Josh Summers, president, Solutions North America. "This more than doubles our footprint in the region and allows us to draw on extensive capabilities there. Crow Holdings Development's property is ideal and demonstrates our commitment to our customers' growth."

According to Crow Holdings Development's Clark Machemer, DSV's selection of Crow Holdings at Carteret provides clear justification for the project.

Crow Holdings is honored to work with the global transport leader, Machemer said.

"DSV has been active in the market," he said. "They left no stone unturned in their site-selection process. This is a strong testament to our campus and to the Borough of Carteret's success in fostering a pro-business environment."

With the DSV lease, Crow Holdings at Carteret is approaching 50 percent occupancy. Cushman & Wakefield is marketing one remaining full-building opportunity of 479,700 square feet, as well as a 146,400-square-foot, partial-building space.

Crow Holdings at Carteret sits on 126 acres just 13 miles from Port Newark-Elizabeth Marine Terminal, offering convenience to sea and air transit, major thoroughfares and key NYC crossings. Ideally suited for a variety of uses, it benefits from a 30-year PILOT agreement, enabling long-term tax rate stability. The campus, which also houses a regional distribution operation for Weida Freight Systems, has received many industry honors.



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State Honors Carteret Middle School Social Studies Teacher Kristen Johnson



Kristen L. Johnson, a 6th grade social studies teacher at Carteret Middle School, was named Middlesex County’s 2024-25 Teacher of the Year by the state Department of Education.

A local middle school social studies teacher is Middlesex County’s 2024-25 “Teacher of the Year,” honored by the state Department of Education for her classroom effort and extracurricular contributions.

Kristen L. Johnson has taught ancient civilization history to 6th graders at Carteret Middle School since 2012, and she excels in student-engagement; makes positive contributions to school culture; and finds time to coach sports and advise student organizations, according to the state Education Department.

“Ms. Johnson is an excellent example of Carteret’s great efforts to educate and enrich school children in our community,” Mayor Daniel J. Reiman. “We are extremely proud of her and the entire district.”

The state released its list of 2024-25 New Jersey Teachers of the Year for each county on Aug. 6, honoring them for exemplary service to school children. They were identified a ceremony at The College of New Jersey in Ewing.

Johnson graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in history from Rutgers University, where she also played Division 1 field hockey. She then obtained her master’s degree in social studies education from Rutgers.

“Kristen is passionate about initiatives that contribute to a positive school culture,” the district said. “In the classroom, she integrates restorative and responsive classroom practices that foster collaborative discussion among her students. She engages her

students in evaluating and making meaning of the world around them.”

Johnson is an advisor to the schoolwide Positive Behavioral Support Program, Eagle Strong/Rising Ramblers, as well as the student-led afterschool club Eagle Squad. She also serves as student council advisor.

In 2020, she and several colleagues presented at the state’s Social and Emotional Learning Unconference on positive changes seen at her middle school. As a varsity track coach, Johnson trained the 2019 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Meet of Champions long jump champion.

“As a teacher leader, Kristen mentors new staff members and has presented professional development workshops on integrating technologies into instruction,” the district said. “In building relationships with students, she organized initiatives including Hour of Code, STEM/STEAM Night, a classroom blog, and podcast lessons to bring digital opportunities to the school community. Kristen fiercely advocates for students and encourages them to be a positive change in the world.”

Visit Johnson’s webpage at sites.google.com/a/carteretschools.org/johnson/home.

This is the second time in recent years that a Carteret Public School educator has been chosen as Middlesex County Teacher of the Year. Leana Malinowsky, a grade school teacher since 2011 at Carteret’s Private Nicholas Minue School, was named Middlesex County’s 2022-23 Teacher of the Year. 9

Photo Gallery: Family Fun



Throughout Carteret Public Library's Summer Reading Program, Carteret families enjoyed a "Constellation Jars" or "Terrarium," bottom. Upcoming library and other events are listed on pages 26 & 27.



at Carteret Public Library



raft, at top left, "Bot Builder," upper right, "Cupcake Contest," middle left, "Illuminating Art," middle right, and



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2024 Carteret Music Festival &

Highlights will include 48th Annual Ethnic Day celebrating diversity, Batt



This year's Ethnic Day headliner on Sept. 21 in Carteret Park is the legendary DJ/rapper Funk Flex, above left, who continues to air the first-ever hip-hop show on Hot 97. Pictured at right are some rides, top, and games, bottom, featured at the Carteret Annual Charity Carnival to benefit The Mayor's Children's Charity Trust, a nonprofit that supports education, health, athletics, art and culture for at-risk youth.

The Carteret Music Festival & Annual Charity Carnival returns Sept. 18 to 21 to Carteret Park. Highlights will include a Battle of the Bands on Sept. 18, a Freestyle Night on Sept. 20, the 48th Annual Ethnic Day celebration of the most culturally diverse town in Central Jersey on Sept. 21, and lots of rides, game, food, more music and other family fun throughout.

The Carnival will benefit The Mayor's Children's Charity Trust, which also will benefit from the 20th Annual Classic Car Show on Sept. 22 also in Carteret Park. In 2003 at the beginning of his first term, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman recognized that the Borough's younger residents often lack the finances needed to achieve their goals. The Trust Fund was created with the knowledge that these children are often high achievers with great potential who with proper financial support could continue on a path of success. The nonprofit supports education, health, athletics, art and culture.

"The Charity Carnival is a long-standing tradition here in Carteret," Mayor Reiman said. "With summer coming to an end and the children returning to school, the Carnival is a great way to mark the end of the season as a community and raise money for a great cause. The Children's

Charity Trust Fund realizes the importance of helping our neighbors in their greatest times of need.

"Carteret is one of the most culturally diverse towns in New Jersey," the Mayor continued. "Ethnic Day is an opportunity for us to highlight what makes Carteret unique as a community. Carteret is the melting pot of Central Jersey. We have so many different cultures coming together to form a strong communal bond and contribute to making Carteret a great place to live. Our annual Ethnic Day is a reflection of that diversity as is our fantastic music lineup."

This year's headliner for Ethnic Day is **Funk Flex**, a celebrated DJ and rapper from New York and host of the first-ever hip-hop show on Hot 97, which he still airs today. Past Ethnic Day headliners have included Shaggy, Spin Doctors, C&C Music Factory, Smash Mouth, Sister Hazel, Taylor Hicks, Gin Blossoms and Carteret's own New Jersey Hall of Famers The Smithereens.

On Sept. 21, Ethnic Day also will include food, art, craft vendors and cultural performances from 12-6 p.m., the Charity Carnival from 3 p.m. to midnight, and fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Hosted by Tommy Nappi and Showboat of 103.5 KTU's Level 2 Freestyle Mix, Freestyle Night performers on Sept. 20 will include:

Annual Charity Carnival return

of the Bands, and Charity Car Show from Sept. 18 to 22 n Carteret Park



The 20th Annual Car Show, pictured above right, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 22 also benefits The Mayor's Children's Charity Trust.

- **Aby Cruz**, the founding lead singer of the New York freestyle/house trio TKA, whose hits included "One Way Love," "Come Get My Love," "Scars of Love," and "Tears May Fall"

- **David Torres**, a New York freestyler whose hits include "No Regrets," as well as "Diamond Girl" with the vocal trio Nice & Wild

- **George Lamond**, a freestyler from the Bronx who's had hits with "Bad of the Heart," "Que Te Vas," and "Don't Stop Believin'"

- **Giggles**, aka Marla Melendez, who in collaboration with songwriter-producer Charlie "Rock" Jimenez, has had hits with "Love Letter" and "Hot Spot"

- **Seduction**, a female freestyle trio based in New York, whose hits include "Two to Make It Right," "Could This Be Love," and "Groove Me."

The Battle of the Bands will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 18 with several music acts from New Jersey and New York vying for four cash prizes, including a first place prize of \$1,500. The Battle of the Bands will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 18 with several music acts from New Jersey and New York vying for four cash prizes, including a first place prize of \$1,500. Participants are:

- **The Accelerators**, a veteran punk band from Union, NJ, inspired by The Ramones and Carteret's own The Smithereens

- **A Deadly Endeavor**, a metal-core band from

Weehawken known for their melodic guitars, powerful bass and vocals

- **Nebulus**, party cover band from New York City

- **The Nitro Blues Band**, a young rock 'n' roll, blues and soul band based out of New Jersey

- **Rioz**, a Jersey-based dance-music artist whose latest single, "All Night," is a duet with club diva MAVAA.

The musical festival also will include a performance on Sept. 19 by Larry Stevens Band, whose front man is a veteran of the both the New Jersey and Nashville music scenes. Stevens' pop-rock originals are played alongside by a variety of covers that span the history of rock.

Other event highlights will include a midway filled with rides, games of chance, vendors, and a variety of food that reflects Carteret's great cultural diversity.

All four days of the festival are free to attend, but there is a cost for food, beverages, and tickets to rides and games. Family Pack Coupons are 20 for \$30 or 45 for \$60 throughout the carnival for rides and games.

Festival/carnival hours are 6-10 p.m. Sept. 18, 6-11 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20, and noon to midnight Sept. 21.

Entry fees to the 20th Annual Car Show also will benefit The Mayor's Children's Charity Trust. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants will vie for trophies, including the grand Mayor's Trophy. Attendance is free.

More info also can be found on Carteret.net and @MyCarteret on Facebook, Instagram and X.



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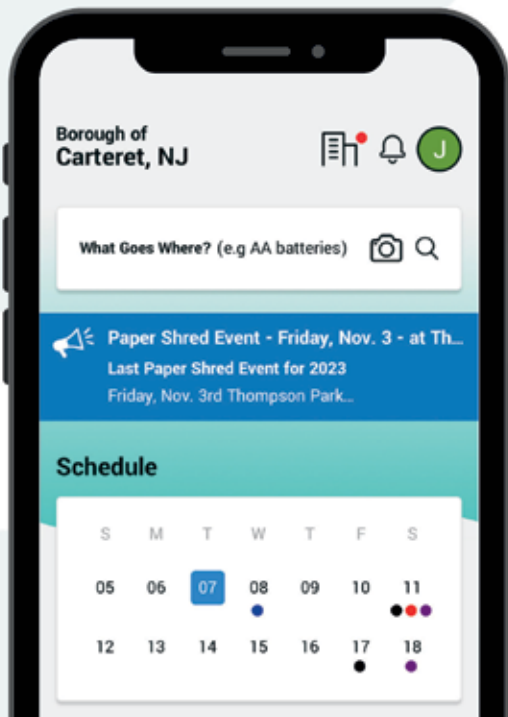
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CPAC Spotlight: Bachman-Turner Overdrive

Born in Winnipeg, Canada, Randy Bachman has become a legendary figure in rock 'n' roll as guitarist, songwriter, performer and producer. Bachman has earned more than 120 gold and platinum album and singles around the world. His songwriting has garnered him No. 1 hits in more than 20 countries. They include The Guess Who's "American Woman" and Bachman-Turner Overdrive's "You Ain't See Nothing Yet," the first two songs by Canadian artists to the top the U.S. charts. Throughout the course of his 60-year music career, Bachman has sold more than 40 million records.

In 2023, Bachman revived BTO for a fall tour that has continued into 2024. Led by Bachman, BTO's latest lineup includes Mick Dalla-Vee, Brent Knudsen, Marc LaFrance, and his son, Tal Bachman. With Randy's legendary guitar, Mick's versatile talents, Brent's dynamic vocals, Marc's rhythmic beats, and Tal's contemporary flair, BTO forges ahead, blending classic hits with a fresh energy that captivates audiences worldwide.

Bachman-Turner Overdrive will perform Sept. 17 at Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Tickets are \$49-\$99 for the 7:30 p.m. show, which also will feature opening act Lisa Bouchelle, a New Jersey roots rocker. For more about the show, visit carteretpac.com/events/an-evening-with-bachman-turner-overdrive/. For more about Bachman & BTO, visit randybachman.com/and and enjoy the following chat:

At nearly 81, is BTO still fun?

I'm doing this for fun. I've been playing music since I was 5. People would say, 'Why don't you get a real job' until it becomes a real job. It's the most fun way to make a living, to get to play guitar. And I've got my son in the band. He started playing drums when he was 2. Now he's got a couple of hit songs. We do The Guess Who songs I wrote and the BTO stuff. It's several decades of classic rock music.

Is Fred Turner on the current BTO tour?

No, he recently lost his wife so he's in secluded mourning.

Do you have any plans to record with Fred as Bachman-Turner Overdrive?

We've been asked to do another album. I'll be in Winnipeg with him soon. I'm on the West Coast in Victoria. We correspond by email and text, and we're working on songs together. He's one of the great voices in rock 'n' roll. I'll be in Winnipeg for three days so I'm hoping we're going to write another 'Let It Ride' together. He definitely can sing on the new album.

Also, I recently got 'BTO Live in Budokan' going from 1976. That's coming out soon. I've been hearing the tapes. They are fantastic.

You are in Hall of Fames and received many awards and honors. Is it just a matter of time before BTO and The Guess Who are inducted into the Rock and Roll of Fame?

No! The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, people don't realize, is owned Jann Wenner. If you're not one his favorites, you



Randy Bachman will perform with Bachman-Turner Overdrive Sept. 17 at Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

don't get in there. BTO and The Guess Who are not his favorites. When 'Rolling Stone' was in San Francisco, we were supposed to have an album review, but he vetoed it. For decades, fans passed around a thing on the Internet and got thousands of signatures to get us inducted. Jann Wenner doesn't care. I don't care either. I'm in my own Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in my own mind.

Does BTO ever play any of your solo songs and/or The Guess Who hits you co-wrote, such as 'American Woman' and 'These Eyes'?

Yes, we open with a couple of Guess Who songs. I tell a great story about how Winnipeg was the Liverpool of Canada. It has 150,000 people and is the capitol city of Manitoba. The top bands in Winnipeg were Chad Allan and the Expressions (who became The Guess Who), Neil Young & the Squires, Burton Cummings & the Deverons, and Fred Turner & Pink Plumm. And we've all still got records today and have music all over the radio.

For me, it started with 'Shakin' All Over.' I tell stories about how we got the name The Guess Who, and how Burton and I wrote 'These Eyes' and 'American Woman,' then we do those songs. It's a journey, and it's presented almost in a timeline fashion.

Your son, Tal, a successful singer-songwriter in his own right, plays in the current BTO lineup in place of his late uncles. You also play with him in the Bachman & Bachman duo. What do you enjoy most about performing with your son Tal?

I have a picture of him in my book. You see this little blonde kid, 2 years old sitting behind my brother Robbie's drums. We would practice in my basement. Robbie would give him his sticks. He became a great drummer and learned the styles of Ringo Starr, Charlie Watts, John Bonham and Keith Moon. But then he switched to guitar when he was 10. He was into Eddie Van Halen. Then he got into keyboards, Keith Jarrett. He's a talented musician and songwriter. He grew up with it.

He has his own guitar style. At first, he would emulate my guitar style on the solo of 'American Woman,' but then out of the blue, he'd go into a harmony, like The Allman Brothers Band on 'Jessica.' We developed a bond that was intuitive and healthy. It's fantastic being on stage with him. 23

Carteret participates in Middlesex County Jazz Festival for first time



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Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.

For the first time, the Borough will participate in an expanded Middlesex County Jazz Festival, which made its debut last year in five towns: New Brunswick, Metuchen, Woodbridge, Edison, and Perth Amboy.

Carteret's contribution to the festival will take place 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center, 46 Washington Ave., with performances by Nat Adderley Jr., Carteret High School Varsity Vocals and Carteret High Jazz Ensemble.

"Carteret is thrilled to participating in Middlesex County Jazz Festival, which helps to promote music and culture throughout the region," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "The jazz festival will be one of several festivals we present each year, all of which include music, along with our weekly summer concerts in our parks and the dozens of concerts we present annually in our state-of-the-art performing arts center."

Carteret's long history of presenting music includes a park concert series that has delighted audiences for more than 30 years in Carteret Park. More than a decade ago, the Concerts in the Park series expanded with Concerts by the Bay, a second weekly summer concert series in Waterfront Park, also the site of the Borough's annual Independence Day Festival featuring local music acts. Waterfront Park also hosts the state's most popular Latin festival featuring world-renowned artists from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, Carteret Park also is the site of the annual Ethnic Day Concert, which has featured such headliners as Spin Doctors, Shaggy, Gin Blossoms, and C+C Music Factory (see pages 13-17).

In 2021, the Borough opened its gorgeous Performing Arts & Events Center, which features nearly 100 concerts annually, including sold-out shows by Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, Steve Miller Band, and Carteret favorite sons The Smithereens.

A longtime New Jersey resident, Nat Adderley Jr. rose to fame as music director, producer, keyboardist and collaborator of the late, great R&B titan Luther Vandross, penning such hits for him as "Stop to Love," "Wait for Love," "Make Me a Believer," "Other Side of the World," and the Grammy-nominated "Give Me the Reason." He's also worked with Aretha Franklin, Kirk Whalum, Natalie Cole, Johnny Gill, and The Temptations.

After more than 40 years in the music business, Adderley is readying his debut solo album for release. He respectively is the son and nephew of jazz greats Nat Adderley and "Cannonball" Adderley.

Under the leadership of longtime Carteret High School Band Director Jack Bradley, the Jazz Ensemble focuses on swing, be-bop, modern jazz, fusion and Latin. The band has participated in the state's Tournament of Bands, among other New Jersey music competitions. A native of Louisiana, the birthplace of jazz in New Orleans, Bradley holds a doctorate of the musical arts in clarinet performance from the Mason Gross School of Music at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Carteret High School Varsity Vocals is an a cappella group founded nine years. They have competed in the International Championship of High School A Cappella since 2018, placing second in 2023.

Middlesex Jazz Fest also will take pace Sept. 27 in Perth Amboy; Sept. 28, New Brunswick and Metuchen, and Sept. 29, Woodbridge. Visit middlesexcountyjazzfestival.org/. For more about Carteret PAC, visit carteretpac.com/.



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- Location: Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center, 63 Carteret Avenue, Carteret, N.J 07008

If you're interested or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Marianne Wilson at mwccchorus@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming new voices into our choir!



CARTERET

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			4 Carteret Historical Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Blazing Star		6 Saint Joseph School Bingo Fundraiser, 7 p.m., 865 Roosevelt Ave. (also every Friday; doors at 6; info: 732-541-7111, hsa@sjps.net)	7 Live Championship Boxing, 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
8 Open House @ The Botanic, 12-3 p.m., 36 Washington Ave. Acrylic Stemware Painting, 3-5 p.m., Blazing Star (RSVP 732-541-3979)	9 September Coloring Contest, various times through Sept. 20, Carteret Public Library		11 9/11 Memorial Service, 6:30 p.m., Carteret Park Carteret Community Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., Blazing Star (also Sept. 18 & 25)	12 "Storytime with Ann," 10-10:45 a.m., Carteret Public Library (also Sept. 26) Liquid Nitrogen Show, 5-6 p.m., Carteret Public Library CERT Training, 7 p.m., OEM HQ (reserve free spot at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400 by Aug. 1)	13 Carteret Comic Exhibit Opening Night, 8 p.m., Blazing Star (display hours 4-7 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekends) Y2K Party: Wow! That's Totally 2000's, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., The Underground @ Carteret PAC (21+)	14 Book signing with Allison Mitsching, author of "Felix the Fly," 12 p.m., Carteret Public Library
15 Open Studio, 3-5 p.m., Blazing Star (also 4-7 p.m. Sept. 20 & 27)		17 Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguin Show, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Carteret Public Library Bachman Turner Overdrive, 7:30 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	18 2024 Carteret Music Festival & Annual Charity Carnival and Battle of the Bands, Carteret Park (also through Sept. 21)	19 Dibble & Dabble Storytime & Craft, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library (registration required; also Oct. 17)		21 48th Annual Carteret Ethnic Day Celebrating Diversity, Carteret Park Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., County Highway Department, 750 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville (county residents only; info: 732-745-4170)
22 20th Annual Car Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carteret Park (info: vb25371@yahoo.com) Open House @ The Botanic, 12-3 p.m., 36 Washington Ave. Modeling Paste Texture Art Painting, 1-5 p.m., Blazing Star (RSVP 732-541-3979)	23 First Aid/CPR/AED Training, 5-10 p.m. OEM Headquarters (\$25 registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	24 Wheel of Fortune Live, 8 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	25 Middlesex County Jazz Festival w/ Akiko Tsuruga Quartet and Carrie Jackson Quartet, 5:45-8:30 p.m., Papianni Park, 100 Municipal Blvd., Edison OEM Training: "Until Help Arrives," 6:30-9:30 p.m. OEM HQ (free registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	26 Zoophoria, 4-5 p.m., Carteret Public Library Middlesex County Jazz Festival w/ Nat Adderley Jr., Carteret High School Varsity Vocals, and Carteret High Jazz Ensemble, 6:30-9 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center	27 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) 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center OEM Training: "Stop the Bleed," 6-8 p.m., OEM Headquarters (free registration at oem@carteret.net or 732-208-2400)	28 Freestyle Takeover with TKA/K7, Cynthia, Brenda K Starr, Nyasia, Will & More, C-Bank, Soave, Coro, DJ Blazer Onel, DJ WhiteBoy KYS, DJ Mike Torres, DJ Brivis, DJ Frankie Cutlass, Sal Abbatiello and Dom G., 7 p.m., URSB Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
29 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, 2-5 p.m., ShopRite of Carteret Paper Mache Hot Air Balloon Part 2, 3 p.m., Blazing Star (Part 1 is Sept. 28; RSVP 732-541-3979)						



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		<p>1 Exhibit Hours, 4-7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays and 1-5 p.m. Oct. 6, 13 & 27))</p> <p>History and Haunting of Keyport and Red Bank, 5-6 p.m., Carteret Public Library</p>	<p>2 Carteret Historical Committee, 7 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center</p>	<p>3 Ghost Hunting 101, 4-5:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library</p> <p>Air Dry Clay: Ghost Tea Lights, 5-8 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural</p>	<p>4 Double Vision: The Foreigner Experience, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center</p>	
<p>6 Crafts: Haunted House, 2-5 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center</p>			<p>9 Carteret Community Choir, 7 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center (also Oct. 16, 23 & 30)</p>	<p>10 Mediumship and Angel Messages, 4-5:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library (registration required)</p> <p>Halloween Terrarium, 5-8 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center (RSVP: 732-541-3879)</p>		<p>12 Financial Seminar with Tyrone Lowman, 12-2 p.m., Carteret Public Library (registration required)</p> <p>Celebrating Meat Loaf: Bat Out of Halloween, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center</p>
<p>13 Crafts: Ghost Painting, 2-5 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center</p>		<p>15 All American Dinosaur Show, 4-5 p.m., Carteret Public Library (registration required)</p>		<p>17 Blacklight: Wood Painting, 5-8 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center (RSVP: 732-541-3879)</p>	<p>18 Crossing Over with Psychic Medium John Edward, 7 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center</p>	
<p>20 Carteret Community Choir Concert, 4 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center</p>		<p>22 Open Studio, 2-5 p.m., Blazing Star Arts Cultural Center (also Oct. 27 & 29 and 5-8 p.m. Oct. 24)</p>				<p>26 County Composting Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., EARTH Center, Davidson Mill Pond Park, South Brunswick (info: 732-745-4170)</p> <p>Tommy James & the Shondells, 7:30 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center</p> <p>Nu-Metal Halloween feat. That Nu-Metal Band, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., The Underground @ Carteret PAC</p>

Biz Profile: Garden State Cold Storage

Cryopak, a Minnesota-based specialist in the design and development of cold chain packaging and temperature monitoring devices, acquired the Gel-Pack manufacturing segment of Garden State Cold Storage, a Borough-based cold storage logistics service.

Garden State Cold Storage serves the Northeast food and beverage industry. Among other benefits, the May 10 acquisition allows Cryopak to both produce Gel-Packs and execute freezing operations at the same location, which will lower costs, increase service levels and shorten lead times.

Production recently commenced. Adding GSCS' facility brings Cryopak's total North American plant locations to 10. Its parent company, Integreon Global, now has 18 facilities. Cryopak is a subsidiary of Integreon Global, a family of companies that ensures product integrity and protection through innovative materials, testing services, packaging and monitoring solutions, and contract manufacturing.

For Cryopak, the investment is the second acquisition in the past eight months. The company also



The Gel-Pak segment of Borough-based Garden State Cold Storage has been acquired by Cryopak, which has offices in Edison.

recently acquired retail Gel-Pack manufacturer Icy Cools, whose portfolio of more than 20 freezing products substantially enhanced Cryopak's retail product line.

Cryopak has offices in Edison. For more about Cryopak, visit cryopak.com/. For Garden State Cold Storage, visit gscoldstorage.com/.

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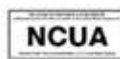
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Borough Fire Department Hires Four Firefighters



Borough of Carteret fire recruits Amr Abdelnabi, Caleb Delossantos, Lester Castillo and Jason Chapman train with the Fire Department before heading to the Morris County Fire Academy from Sept. 9 to Nov. 22.

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman has announced four new hires to the Borough Fire Department.

The department has been training the cadets since July in site and building familiarization, basic safety, and physical fitness before they continue training at the Morris County Fire Academy, Fire Chief Mark Hruska said.

The fire hires are Amr Abdelnabi, 20, the Borough's first-ever Muslim firefighter; Caleb Delossantos, 29; Lester Castillo, 23, and Jason Chapman, 30. Delossantos and Castillo follow Isley Perez, the Borough's first-ever Latin and female career recruit hired last year. All are residents of Carteret.

The recruits will participate in the Career Firefighter Fire 1 and Fire 2 courses from Sept. 9 to Nov. 22 at the Fire Academy, Chief Hruska said.

"I'm proud to say that I'm the first fire chief in the history of the Carteret Fire Department to have the first Muslim cadet since 1894," he said. "Last year, was the first-ever female and Latin recruit, and we've expanded with two new Latino recruits. I'm proud to see the diversification of the fire department reflect the great cultural diversity of Carteret. That's a big thing to me, and I'm happy to see it."

Perez was among the firefighters who helped the new recruits with their local training. The others are Lieutenants Eric Wahl and Tom Reynolds and Firefighters Ben Lakatos and Mike Caputo.

Chief Hruska said he also was happy to see that two public safety education programs he initiated inspired two of the recruits to pursue fire service careers. Those programs are an elementary school fire poster contest and a Fire Prevention Week awareness event, the Chief said.

"I was interested to see them impacted as little kids and wanting in adult life to become firefighters," Chief Hruska said. "You think you're doing these things to do them because that's what we do, but it turns out that they have a big impact, evidently. The lasting memories when these kids were 5, 6, 7, 8 years old made them want to be a firefighter, which is really pretty sharp."

The new hires brings the Fire Department's compliment of firefighters to 24.

According to census figures, Carteret is the most culturally diverse municipality in Central Jersey and the third most culturally diverse municipality in the nation's most culturally diverse state. The Borough annually celebrates its diversity with Ethnic Day, the 48th edition of which will be Sept. 21 in Carteret Park. (see pages 13-17).

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