

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Carteret Community Development Board will hold a meeting to discuss the 2025-26 Community Development Block Grant Plan regarding three proposed projects. The meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Carteret Borough Hall, 61 Cooke Ave., 2nd Floor, Carteret, NJ 07008. Three projects are being submitted. The projects to be discussed are:



\$150,000 for the **Aquatics Center of RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center at Carteret.** The Aquatics Center features a variety of community-minded programs, including “Parent & Me” for ages 6 months to 3 years; Swim Lessons for ages 3 years to adult; a weekly Family Swim; a Swim Team for ages 6 to 18; Water Safety Instructor Certification for ages 16 and up; Lifeguard Certification for ages 15 and up, and CPR/AED Training. The Aquatics Center also

is actively involved in RWJ Fitness & Wellness’ Summer Camp and also offers Group Fitness, a Salt Water Filtered Lap Pool, Spa Pool, and a Therapy Pool.



\$300,000 for **an ADA-compliant elevator and other improvements.** Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center is municipally-funded nonprofit home to Central Jersey Arts Council, Carteret Historical Committee, and Carteret Community Choir. Originally a YMCA developed by industry at the turn of the century, then the public library from the 1930s to 1999, Blazing Star was founded in 2015, as was Central Jersey Arts Council. CJAC hosts programs each week for the

arts, crafts, cultural and wellness entire Carteret community to enjoy. Most of these activities are free of charge.

Other Improvements:



\$250,000 toward **an all-inclusive ADA-compliant playground at Carteret Park,** the Borough’s largest park. The playground will be like Jake’s Place, the Cherry Hill playground that inspired Jake’s Law, state legislation that increases access to public playgrounds to children regardless of their physical abilities. The playground will ensure that every Carteret child of every ability has a place for boundless play. The park will have proper wheelchair access and equipment suitable for all visitors.

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

For more information about the Community Development Block Grant, contact the Community Development Office at 732-541-3835 or makinb@carteret.net.