

# Carteret Press

## Play Ball, Carteret!

A Publication Presented by Carteret Business Partnership



A look at the 40-year career  
of impactful volunteer  
Carteret softball coach  
Randy Krum  
on pages 16 & 17

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Dear Friends,

Carteret-raised Randy Krum has devoted nearly 40 years to coaching softball as a volunteer, helping 20 young women commit to their college teams in the past two years alone. This month, Carteret Press takes a look at his year-round Kraze softball team as they practice for their spring season on pages 16 and 17.

Also in this issue:

- Important information about on available tax relief programs
- A photo gallery from the two spectacular Black History Month events held at The Underground at Carteret PAC
- A CPAC Spotlight previewing award-winning country star Lee Brice's intimate March 20 acoustic concert at Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- An Events Calendar
- A Business Spotlight on Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22 whose annual Mardi Gras Carnival Night returns March 8
- Notices about our free Recycling Coach app, the county's Home Hazardous Waste dropoff schedule, opportunities to train and volunteer with the Borough's Office of Emergency

Management, the Borough's Spring Tree Program, the Borough's Fourth Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 19 in Carteret Park, Carteret High School Band Parents Association's Shop til You Drop fundraiser, upcoming local and county residential paper shreds, an, the Municipal Marina, Carteret Soccer Academy, film opportunities for Carteret homeowners, the county's Fall Prevention Program, NJEDA grant availability, and affordable solar programs.

A reminder to promote your business or event to all Carteret residents and businesses by advertising in Carteret Press or at least submitting to the Events Calendar. Each issue is delivered to every 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](mailto:makinb@carteret.net).

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# PHOTO GALLERY: Carteret Black History Month



Carteret's annual Black History Month Celebration featured two extremely successful free events organized by Recreation Director Taqualla Lowman at The Underground at Carteret PAC. On Feb. 20, a Melanin Mixer was held celebrating Black excellence, entrepreneurship and empowerment. In addition to networking, the event included a panel discussion moderated by Ashley Hunter, an admissions manager and recruiter for New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, and featuring Jermaine Pharmes, director of Diversity & Business Development at New Jersey Economic Development Authority also in Newark; Bob Makin, the Borough's Director of Community & Economic Development, and Metra Lundy, owner of Kinetics Personal Training & Group Fitness in Highland Park and also an author and documentary filmmaker. The panelists and moderator are pictured above in photos by Taqualla Lowman. On Feb. 27, a Comedy Night featured comedienne Big Momma, GL Douglas, and Stiletto. The evening also included a tasty menu of soul food and Caribbean cuisine, plus a performance by Carteret High School's Varsity Vocals acapella group of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Pictured in photos by CPAC Operations Director Brian Chen clockwise below from top right are Big Momma interacting with audience members, GL Douglas, Stiletto, and all three comediennees.



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- Once the tree is planted, it cannot be moved or tampered with.
- Residents are responsible for watering and maintaining the tree.
- If the tree dies, the removal of the tree will be by or at the homeowner's expense.
- Trees can be planted either curbside or in the yard.
- Limited trees: requests will be responded to on a first come first serve basis.
- Forms must be completed & returned by April 15 th.

If interested please call the Mayor's Office at (732)-541-3836, email us at [mayorsoffice@carteret.net](mailto:mayorsoffice@carteret.net), use the QR code to the right to submit an online application or fill out the form below & send it to:

**Office of Mayor Dan Reiman**  
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**This event is offered free of charge and is for County residents only.**

**TIMES: 8 am - 2 pm (Rain or Shine)**

DATE	LOCATION	TOWN	ADDRESS	ZIP
Sun, March 16	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837
Sat, May 17	Middlesex County Public Works	North Brunswick	97 Apple Orchard Lane	08902
Sun, June 22	Old Bridge Recycling Center	Old Bridge	1 Old Bridge Plaza	08857
Sat, Sept 20	Middlesex County Public Works	Sayreville	750 Jernee Mill Road	08872
Sun, Nov 16	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837

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# Mayor Daniel J. Reiman & Borough Council 2025 Residential Paper Shred Program



**Date:** Saturday, June 14th

**Time:** 10 am - 12 pm (or until shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first)  
Event held rain or shine

**Location:** Parking lot between Civic Center Park & Carteret Public Library, 100 Cooke Avenue

For more info on this & other recycling & Clean Communities programs, please contact:  
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**This is a free paper shred program for Borough residents.**

**Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely!**

- Limit of 5 boxes or 100 pounds per car.
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Friday, April 11	Monroe	Veterans Park	Avenue K	08831
Saturday, April 26	Sayreville	Fort Grumpy	3750 Bordertown Avenue	08872
Saturday, May 3	North Brunswick	Babbage Park	Laurel Place	08902
Friday, May 16	Piscataway	Health Services Parking Lot	1 Ericsson Drive (off Hoes Lane)	08854
Sunday, June 1	Edison	Papaanni Park	100 Municipal Boulevard	08817
Saturday, June 7	Spotswood	High School Parking Lot	105 Summerhill Road	08884
Sunday, September 7	South Brunswick	Beech Woods Park	137 Beekman Road	08852
Sunday, September 28	Woodbridge	Department of Public Works	225 Smith Street	08832
Friday, October 10	Highland Park	Donaldson Park	South Second Avenue	08904
Saturday, October 18	Cranbury	Cranbury School	23 North Main Street	08512
Friday, November 7	Monroe	Thompson Park	Manalapan Lake Lot	08831

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MAYOR DAN REIMAN

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# Climate Change

## 101



### What is Climate Change?

Climate change refers to **long-term shifts in temperature, weather patterns, and ecosystems caused by natural processes and human activity.** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane and other gases trap heat from the sun in the atmosphere, warming the planet. Human activities, such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation and industrial processes, have changed the Earth's climate.

### What are the Impacts of Climate Change?

- **Rising Sea Levels:** Melting ice and thermal expansion are causing sea levels to rise, threatening coastal communities, increasing flooding and displacing millions globally.
- **Extreme Weather:** Climate change contributes to frequent and intense heatwaves, floods, droughts, wildfires and hurricanes.
- **Biodiversity Loss:** Changing climates alter habitats, causing species shifts, migration changes and extinctions.
- **Human Health and Safety:** Climate change threatens health, livelihoods, and safety through extreme weather, food and water scarcity, sea level rise and increased disease risks—disproportionately affecting those from overburdened communities.



### What can we do?



- **Switch to renewable energy sources** such as solar, wind and hydropower to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- **Improve efficiency** in buildings, transportation and industry to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- **Plant trees and preserve biodiversity** to increase carbon capture.
- **Reduce our personal carbon footprints.**
- **Educate others** by sharing information about climate change and sustainable practices with family, friends, and your community



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# Volunteer Spotlight

***For nearly 40 years, Carteret softball coach Randy Krum has volunteered to***



**Carteret’s Randy Krum has been a very successful volunteer softball coach for nearly 40 years. Since 2013, he has been a head coach with the Carteret-based Kraze Fastpitch softball league. He is pictured at left with Rob DeJesus, one of three assistant coaches on Krum’s 14U Futures team, and player Kaylin Harkins. Above, the team takes batting practice on the field at Civic Center Park, where they typically practice and play.**

**F**or nearly 40 years, Carteret’s Randy Krum has volunteered as a softball coach.

Within the past two years alone, he was part of two showcase teams that had 20 of their players in the Carteret-based year-round Kraze Fastpitch travel softball league committed to the college level of the game.

“I’m more of a teacher than a coach,” Krum said. “Coaching is just hitting and catching the ball, but I’m more than that. My goal was never about winning. It’s about making better players.”

“My favorite thing about coaching is watching the players I coached play at the varsity or college level,” he continued. “That’s all I do now is go to high schools and colleges and watch my kids play.”

A retired training manager for the New Jersey Turnpike, Krum was a star athlete on the football, baseball and soccer teams of Carteret High School and a point guard for CYO basketball.

He got his start coaching softball as an assistant to his mom in the late ’70s, but has been a head coach since 1989, the year his daughter started playing recreationally.

“Randy Krum has been invaluable to Carteret as both a councilman and a softball coach,” Mayor Daniel J. Reiman. “The impact he has made on our town has been enormous.”

Having had great success in helping to showcase Kraze’s 18-and-up team to colleges for the past two years, Krum now is working with the league’s 14-and-up team. His assistant coaches are Rob DeJesus, Matt Erfzkowicz, and Greg Harkins. Games are played from spring through fall, and in the winter, the team trains and conditions indoors at Inman Sports Complex in Edison.

Kraze was brought to Carteret in 2008 by the league’s Carteret-raised founding director Ed Kushpa.

“For more than two decades, I have had the privilege of working alongside Coach Randy Krum in the world of fastpitch softball,” Kushpa said. “Randy came on board with the Kraze program in 2013. Since then, he has been a pillar of our coaching staff, stepping in to fill voids whenever needed and mentoring athletes across all levels — from 12U teams to the highly competitive 18U Elite squads that compete in top-tier college showcase events.”



# ght: Randy Krum

*make an enormous positive impact on his players as a ‘professor of the game’*



**Pictured above left from left to right are Nora Ramos, Adriana Fontanilla and Kaylin Harkins, members of the 14U Futures softball team of the Carteret-based Kraze Fastpitch league, take batting practice on the field at Civic Center Park. At right, Coach Randy Krum starts practice for a series of tournaments that continue on April 6 through July 20.**

What sets Krum apart is not just his dedication but his deep understanding of the game, Kushpa said.

He is more than a coach, he said.

“He is a professor of the game, elevating not only his players but also fellow coaches and even parents who learn from his expertise,” Kushpa said. “His ability to break down the complexities of the sport and teach in a way that young athletes can grasp and apply is invaluable. He is a mentor, a leader, and a true difference-maker in the sport. His impact on the game and the young athletes he guides is undeniable — a coach of true significance.”

Krum’s coaching style is demanding yet fair, instilling in his athletes the skills and mindset needed not just for the next level of play but for life beyond the field, the league director said.

Krum also has coached scholastically as an assistant coach at his Carteret High School alma mater from 2000 to 2004 and as head coach of Marist High School in Bayonne from 2008 to 2012. He also has coached bowling for Carteret High School.

First elected to the Borough Council in 2002, Krum said he has loved serving his hometown as both a

councilman and a coach.

“I’m now coaching the kids of the mothers I used to coach,” Krum said. “Sometimes, they come up to me and say, ‘You’re still coaching the same way you did 30 years ago.’ I coach the little things, the fundamentals and techniques that give you an edge. Most coaches use one bucket with 30 balls, I use five buckets with 150 balls. Nobody stands around when I’m coaching. Everybody’s doing something. That’s the difference.

“Softball is all about the practices,” he continued. “You get better in practice, not in the games because in the games, you stand around too much.”

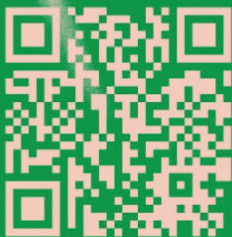
With practices and games on the beautiful fields in Civic Center Park, Kraze also has 12-and-up and 16-and-up teams.

A series of Kraze softball tournaments are scheduled in Carteret for April 6, May 4, June 21 and 22, and July 12, 13, 19 and 20.

To try out for the league, email [krazefastpitch@gmail.com](mailto:krazefastpitch@gmail.com). For more info, visit [krazefastpitch.ryzerevents.com/](http://krazefastpitch.ryzerevents.com/).

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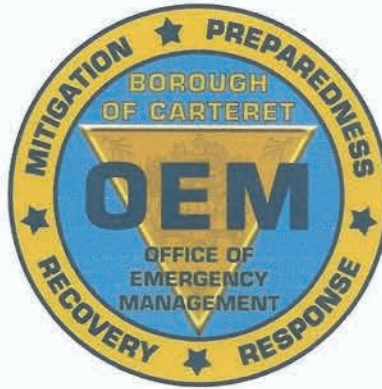


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- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Volunteer opportunities**
- **OEM membership**
- **The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

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**5 SIMPLE STEPS WILL SAVE A LIFE**



## Upcoming Performances and Events

### **March 20**

Lee Brice: You, Me and My Guitar

### **March 22**

Uncork Spring! A New Jersey Wine Event

### **March 26**

NJEDA: Film Ready Workshop

### **March 29**

Yellow Brick Joel: The Tribute Concert

### **April 10**

The Phil Collins Experience

### **April 25**

Josh Turner - This Country Music Thing Tour

### **April 26**

Crossing Over with Psychic Medium  
John Edward

### **April 27**

Live Pro Boxing presented by Rising Star  
Promotions

### **May 10**

Aakash Gupta - Hindi Comedy

### **May 15**

Carteret High School Choirs Cabaret Night  
at The Underground

### **May 16**

Eaglemania: The World's Greatest Eagles Tribute

### **May 18**

Jon Anderson (Yes) & The Band Geeks

### **May 19**

Third Annual Central Jersey Marquee Awards

### **June 6**

Marcus Miller

### **June 13**

NJ 101.5 Presents: The Rascals

### **June 14**

Heart & Soul: A Love Story. A film directed by Kenny Vance. With Q&A and performances by Kenny Vance.

### **June 27**

Zebra, Angel, and Starz: Spirit of '75 Tour

### **August 7**

Doo Wop Summer - Jimmy Gallagher, Cleveland Still's Dubs, LaLa Brooks, plus Classic Sounds

### **August 21**

Rich Francese Italian Comedy Night featuring Rich Francese, Eric Tartaglione, Frank Santorelli, and Special Guest Fred Rubino

### **October 18**

The Magic of Rob Lake

### **December 6**

Vic Dibitetto

## FOR TICKETS

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excluding holidays



# CPAC Spotlight: Lee Brice



Award-winning country singer-songwriter-guitarist Lee Brice will bring his intimate acoustic tour, “You, Me & My Guitar,” on March 20 to Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center.

Country star Lee Brice will perform an intimate acoustic concert on March 20 at Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center. Tickets are still available!

The Curb recording artist is one of the top two country artists on Pandora with more than 4 billion spins. For his success, he is only the second country artist to receive the Pandora Billionaire Plaque (the first was Keith Urban).

Other prizes on Brice’s trophy shelf include CMA Awards for Music Event of the Year and Single of the Year for his chart-topping duet with Carly Pearce on “I Hope You’re Happy Now.” His No. 1 country hits also include “A Woman like You,” “Hard to Love,” “I Drive Your Truck,” “I Don’t Dance,” “Drinking Class,” “Rumor,” “One of Them Girls” and “Memory I Don’t Mess with.”

Brice also is a partner in American Born Whiskey, which is bottled near the Nashville home he shares with his wife, Sara, and their three kids.

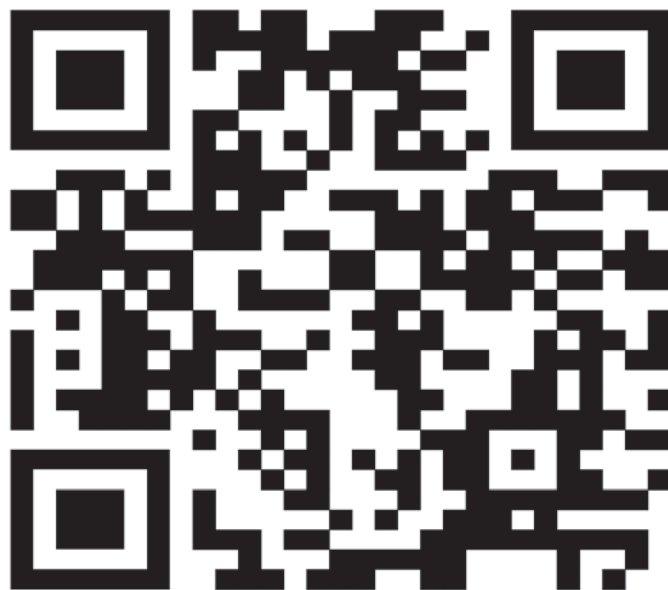
Opening the 8 p.m. CPAC show will be Edwin McCain singing such hits as “I’ll Be.”

Presented by country radio station Thunder 106, the show has tickets available for \$60 to \$130. A VIP add-on for an additional \$250 includes a meet-and-greet with Brice, a tour poster, a tour cup, a VIP laminate and 20 percent off merchandise with the laminate.

For more about the show, visit [carteretpac.com/](http://carteretpac.com/)

[events/lee-brice-you-me-my-guitar/](http://events/lee-brice-you-me-my-guitar/). For more about Brice, click [leebrice.com/](http://leebrice.com/).

**LEE BRICE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!**



[carteretpac.showare.com/  
eventperformances.asp?evt=238](http://carteretpac.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=238)

# CARTERET EVENTS CALENDAR

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

## MARCH

- 4**  
**Instructed Refillable Round Journal**, 4-7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
- 6**  
**Junk Journaling**, 4-7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center (also March 6, 11-13, 19, 25 & 27)  
**Creative Design & Robotics Jr.**, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Carteret Public Library (also Thursdays through April 17; limited to 20 students with registration required)  
**An Evening with Emerson, Lake & Palmer**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 8**  
**Women's Wellness Day**, 5-9 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center  
**Tusk**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center  
**Annual Mardi Gras Party**, 7 p.m., Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22 (\$40 tickets at [TR22.org](http://TR22.org) include beer, wine, buffet dinner, games, prizes)
- 9**  
**Camp Middlesex Open House**, 1-3 p.m., Middlesex College, Edison (register: [bit.ly/CampMiddlesexOpenHouse](http://bit.ly/CampMiddlesexOpenHouse); info: [WDLL@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:WDLL@middlesexcc.edu), 732.906.2556)
- 15**  
**Holi Arts & Crafts**, 4-7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center  
**Gloria Gaynor**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 17**  
**Saint Patrick's Day Art**, 4-8 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
- 20**  
**Paint by Numbers**, 4-7 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center  
**Lee Brice: You, Me & My Guitar**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 22**  
**Uncork Spring! A New Jersey Wine Event**, 1-5 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center  
**The Art of Air Dry Clay**, 6-9 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center
- 23**  
**Family Art**, 3-6 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center

**SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL**  
*Bingo, Tricky Tray, and 50/50*

**\$15 PER TICKET**  
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DOORS OPEN 5:30PM  
TRICKY TRAY TICKET SALES BEGIN 6PM  
BINGO BEGINS 7PM  
TRICKY TRAY WINNERS CALLED AFTER BINGO

**SATURDAY APRIL 12TH**  
SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

**MUST BE 18 OR OVER TO ATTEND OVER \$1000 IN CASH PRIZES!**

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(732) 541-8946  
OR EMAIL  
[HSA@SJPS.NET](mailto:HSA@SJPS.NET)

- 26**  
**NJEDA Film Ready Workshop**, 8:30 a.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center (includes breakfast)
- 29**  
**The Art of Charcuterie**, 6-9 p.m., Blazing Star Cultural Arts Center  
**Yellow Brick Joel: Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute Concert**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center

## APRIL

- 5**  
**Carteret Little League Opening Day & Parade**, throughout the day throughout Borough fields  
**Second Annual Carteret Soccer Academy Spring Skills Kickoff** with registration, raffles and free food & drink, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Joe Medwick Park
- 7**  
**Carteret Soccer Academy First Day of Spring Season** w/ in-person registration & practice, Sullivan Field, Carteret Park (practices continue 6-8:30 p.m. through May 31)
- 10**  
**The Phil Collins Experience**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 12**  
**Carteret Soccer Academy Opening Day**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medwick Park (games continue weekly through June 1)
- 24**

- CHS Band Parents Association Presents "Shop Til You Drop" Fundraiser**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Carteret High School  
**Annual Bingo, Tricky Tray and 50/50**, 5:30 p.m., Saint Joseph School Gymnasium (\$15 per ticket includes one book of 30 bingo cards)
- 19**  
**Fourth Annual Carteret Earth Day Celebration**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carteret Park (park cleanup at 10 a.m.)
- 25**  
**Josh Turner/Grace Asbury**, 8 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 26**  
**Crossing Over with Psychic Medium John Edward**, 7 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center
- 27**  
**Rising Star Promotions Presents Live Championship Boxing**, 2:30 p.m., Carteret Performing Arts & Events Center



# ***Business Spotlight: Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22***



**Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22 sponsors an annual scholarship program for graduating Carteret High School seniors. The most recent recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Scholarship are pictured with their parents and lodge officers.**

**I**t was Mardi Gras time once again at the historic Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22.

The Carteret Freemason lodge's annual Mardi Gras Carnival Night returned March 8 at the lodge at 82 Elm St. The \$35 ticket included a buffet dinner, games & prizes.

"The Masons are a wonderful organization who have done an incredible amount of good for Carteret over the past 100 years," Mayor Daniel J. Reiman said. "I'm sure their Mardi Gras celebration is going to be a spectacular event that shouldn't be missed."

The mission of Freemasonry is to build a worldwide brotherhood that transcends differences in religion, ethnicity, culture, social status, and education. Freemasons strive to achieve this by:

- Teaching the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth
- Practicing benevolence, intellectual development, and mutual respect
- Embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values
- Promoting service to God, family, country, neighbors, and self
- Volunteering for public or community organizations
- Fundraising for charitable causes.

More than 100 years ago, a small body of Master Masons coming from various lodges, many from

Americus Lodge in Woodbridge and Raritan Lodge in Perth Amboy, became weary of traveling to and from their lodges by slow and inconvenient methods of travel. They decided to do something about it. With 33 Masons living in the Borough, they thought it only proper and fitting that a lodge be organized in Carteret.

The Theodore Roosevelt Lodge was instituted in April of 1920 with by-laws approved by June 14.

In February of 1957, plans were made for a new temple. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Sept. 27, 1958 at 86 Elm St. for the new Masonic Temple of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 219 F.&A.M.

In 1960, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 219 moved to its current location at 82 Elm.

In November of 2023, the lodge merged with Azure-Masada Lodge No. 22 in Elizabeth, giving birth to Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22.

In an effort to build tomorrow's leaders, the lodge sponsors the annual Theodore Roosevelt Scholarship Program, awarding scholarships to three Carteret High School seniors based on their grade point average, extracurricular activities, work and community service, and recommendations from the community. Since the scholarship started in 2016, the Lodge has donated more than \$100,000 to Carteret High School seniors.

For more about Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 22, visit [TR22.org](http://TR22.org).



# Important Information on Available Tax Relief Programs

**\*Consolidated application for all senior relief programs**

## **Stay NJ – Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens**

Filing Deadline: October 31, 2025

[nj.gov/treasury/taxation/staynj](https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/staynj)

The Stay NJ program offers property tax benefits to eligible homeowners aged 65 and older. It reimburses applicants for 50% of their property tax bills, up to a maximum of \$13,000, with a 2024 benefit cap of \$6,500.



## **State of New Jersey Property Tax Relief Programs**

Senior/Social Security Disability Recipient (Homeowners, Renters, and Mobile Home Owners)

New in 2025 — Single Combined Application: The State of New Jersey has made it easier for seniors and those receiving Social Security Disability in New Jersey to apply for Property Tax Relief with a new, simplified process. Their goal is to make the filing experience more straightforward and efficient. They have a single combined application for the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement), ANCHOR, and Stay NJ programs for residents 65 and over, or those collecting Social Security Disability Benefits. They will determine your eligibility for you and send a letter with the specific benefits you qualify for.

## **Affordable New Jersey Communities for all Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR)**

This program offers property tax relief to New Jersey residents who own or rent property in New Jersey as their main home and meet certain income limits. This year's ANCHOR benefit is based on residency, income, and age from 2024.

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### **Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)**

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence (main home). To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year.

#### Income Limits:

Your total annual income was:

- 2023 - \$163,050 or less; and
- 2024 - \$168,268 or less

#### Filing Deadline:

The deadline for the 2024 application is October 31, 2025.

**All applications have been consolidated. Applicants will submit a single application to claim benefits from Senior Freeze, ANCHOR, and the new Stay NJ Program**

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### **Additional Deductions, Exemptions, and Abatements**

New Jersey offers several property tax deductions, exemptions, and abatements. These programs are managed by your local municipality. Tax deductions, exemption, and deferment programs include:

- \$250 Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons;
- \$250 Veteran Property Tax Deduction;
- 100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption; and
- Active Military Service Property Tax Deferment.



[nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-deductions.shtml](https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-deductions.shtml)

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### *What can you expect?*

- Based upon your availability, two volunteers will be scheduled to visit your home for approximately 30 minutes.
- With you, and/or a family member, they will inspect each room in your home, including the entrance and exits, to identify fall risks and make recommendations to improve safety.

*For more information or to schedule a **Home Safety Check**,*

*please contact: **732.418.8091***

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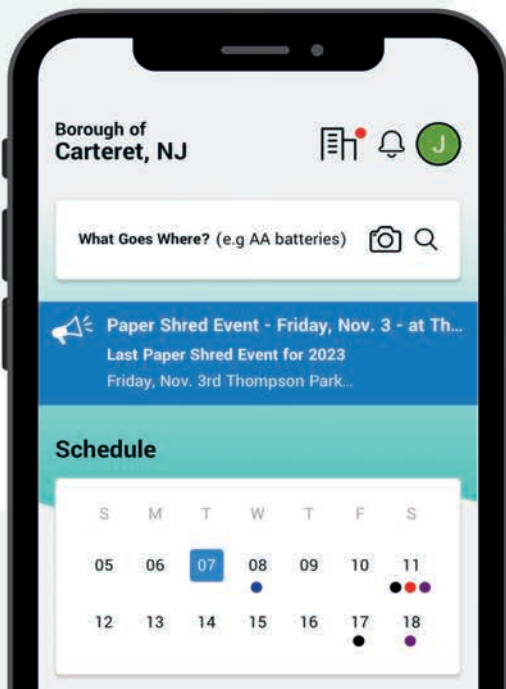
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