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Honored Guests, and dignitaries, residents and friends

Good afternoon, and welcome to our annual state of the borough address, an update on the programs and projects that are redefining Carteret.

Last year was about bold initiatives and charting a course for the Future Carteret, today is about our progress, and continuing on that course of building a better Community, now and for future generations of residents.

In just a few years time, locals and visitors will have the opportunity to stroll a downtown, complete with shopping and dining options, entertainment that will include a completed Ritz theater and future cineplex.

They will have the opportunity to visit the best parks in the region and to join with their family and friends at one of the many festivals or community celebrations that we hold throughout the year.

Fostered in by an unprecedented era of local economic growth, and sound municipal financial policy, Carteret is undergoing a fundamental transformation.

A transformation, that started with the decision, over a decade ago, to clean up the once blighted lower Roosevelt Avenue.

The Chrome commercial corridor was home to boarded up buildings and shuttered businesses. Today, it has become the gateway to Carteret. Recently, I had the opportunity to cut the ribbon and officially open 101 Roosevelt Avenue. The building offers the opportunity for luxury living where once there was blight and decay. There is a public plaza to accommodate street-side shops that will serve the neighborhood and the entire Borough.

In 2015, we will see the completion of the fourth and final phase of this redevelopment. Work is now well underway on 88 Roosevelt Avenue, a tide changing moment for this neighborhood.

But our vision does not encompass only a renewed neighborhood, but instead a renewed Borough.

That is why we have focused our efforts on transforming all of Carteret, and that is why every decision we have made has been aimed at laying the foundation for improvement and smart growth, brick by brick.

In the past few years, we have completed millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades. Last year alone saw and investment of over 12 million dollars in improvements, repairing and repaving over 60 local roads. We have worked with planners to identify projects geared toward revitalizing entire neighborhoods. And we have expanded social and recreational opportunities for all of our residents.

This can be no more clearly observed than by examining our efforts to establish a new arts and theater district.

This time last year I announced that the Borough was in negiotations to acquire the former Ritz Theatre. This year, I can report that property acquisition is complete, interior demolition and preparation has begun and design work has entered the final phase.

Having partnered with the Middlesex County Freeholder Board on this acquisition, we are now on target to see the restoration and expansion of this regional landmark, the cornerstone of our Arts District, will begin full reconstruction this fall.

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Work to Begin on Improvements and Road Expansion at Base of West Carteret Bridge

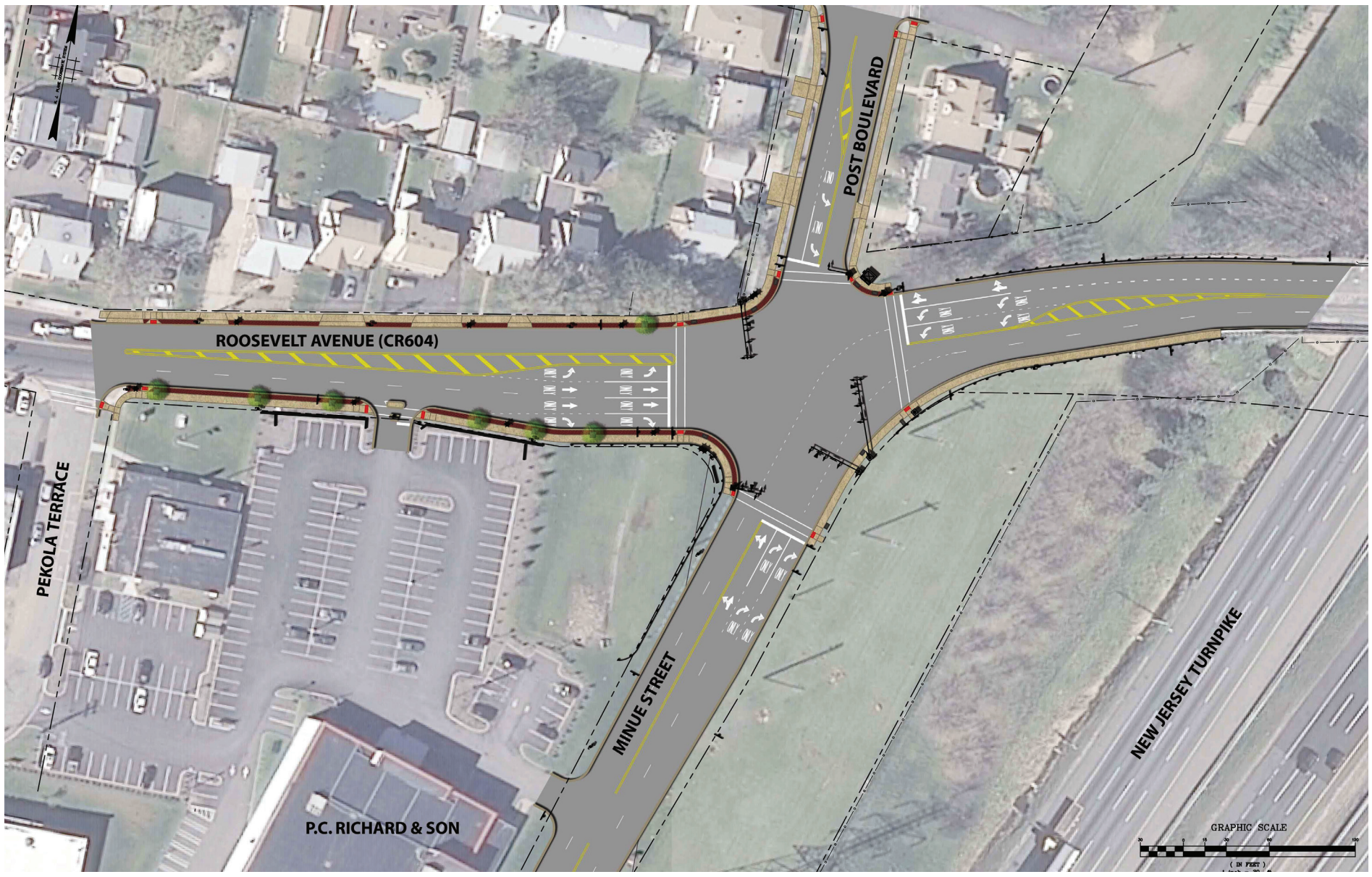
Mayor Dan Reiman was recently joined by Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ron Rios to announce that major road reconstruction will soon begin at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue (CR604), Minue Street, and Post Boulevard, located at the base of the Turnpike Bridge in West Carteret. When completed, the $3.1 million project will result in significant widening of the intersection and clearly defined, dedicated turning lanes that will ease the traffic congestion that has plagued the area for decades.

"As a central connecting point between the NJ Turnpike, Route 1, and many other main avenues of transportation, Carteret has an infrastructure that undergoes a disproportionate amount of stress," said Reiman. *"These upgrades will significantly improve traffic safety, while simultaneously decrease commuting times in Carteret's busiest commercial corridor."*

The project is funded through a combination of state, county and local capital funds. Roosevelt Avenue is a county-owned road.

Added Rios, *"The only way to sustain local economic growth is to build an infrastructure that can support it. This project will provide yet another step in that direction. The Board of Chosen Freeholders is always looking for the best ways to invest in progress at the municipal level, and upgrading county-operated facilities and roadways is one of the best ways to do precisely that."*

Construction will begin this spring and is expected to take 18-24 months. Residents and travelers should expect significant delays while work is underway and plan accordingly.



Future improvements to the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue (CR604), Minue Street, and Post Boulevard

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The Carteret Office of Communications now offers advertising space in Carteret's full color newsletter, *"On the Move,"* issued to over 8,000 residents and businesses, and made available on the Worldwide Web. This opportunity can provide you with a new and affordable promotional edge, increase awareness regarding your business or organization, and attract new customers and clientele from both within and beyond the Carteret community.

For more information, or to begin promoting your business in the Carteret Newsletter, please call (732) 541-3817, or email crosond@carteret.net.

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Carteret Expands 'Green' Initiative with Solar-Powered Utilities and Electric Car Charging Units

Carteret residents and commuters will soon be afforded more environmentally-friendly ways to utilize mass transit, power their vehicles, and dispose of their trash as Mayor Dan Reiman and Councilman Dennis DiMascio have announced the addition of new solar-powered bus shelters, solar-powered litter receptacles, and an electric car charging station. The charging station will be located on Cooke Avenue near Borough Hall in the center of town, while the shelters and receptacles will be installed throughout various areas of Carteret based upon highest need.

"The Borough has a history of seeking out opportunities to practice environmental responsibility on a local level, and today's announcement is yet another example of that," said Reiman. *"From smaller initiatives such as distributing tens of thousands of energy efficient light bulbs and reusable grocery bags, to larger efforts such as installing green technology in municipal buildings, Carteret has risen to meet the challenge of creating a sound environmental policy. We have been proud to go green, and will continue to lead others in this direction."*

The solar-powered bus shelters and litter receptacles will be supplied and maintained by Sun Pacific Power at no cost to the Borough. Shelters will include Wi-Fi, security cameras, and 70-inch display screens for emergency messages, transit notifications, and advertisements. The charging station, manufactured by ChargePoint and containing two charging ports, will provide power to electric cars at a pre-set rate. Install of all utilities are expected to begin in the next several weeks.

Added DiMascio, *"These cost-effective additions to our municipal landscape are equally innovative as they are necessary. Improving the commuter and residential experience, while preserving resources and the environment, are the primary responsibility of local government, and we are proud to continue in our endeavors."*

Solar-powered bus shelters and litter receptables, as well as car charging stations, will contribute to a "greener" Carteret

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TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Borough of Carteret

2015 Spring Town-Wide Yard Sale

May 16th & 17th

SAVE the DATE September 12th & 13th

Sign up at the following locations:

Clerk's Office	Public Library
61 Cooke Avenue	100 Cooke Avenue

A list of participating homes will be available on May 15th at the Clerk's Office or www.carteret.net

Rain dates May 22nd & 23rd

Call (732) 541-3806 for more information

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CARTERET COMMUNITY CHOIR

Let's join our voices and our hearts to celebrate the talent, pride, & diversity of our community. Registration for the 2015 fall season starts now! All ages & experience levels are welcome as we explore a wide range of musical genres. Practices will be held every Tuesday evening starting in September. We will break for holidays and the summer months. Membership fees are waved for the 2015 season.

Made possible by Mayor Dan Reiman, the Borough of Carteret, & the Mayor's Charity Trust Fund with support from the Central Jersey Arts Council.

Carteret Community Choir
Registration for the 2015 Season

Register online at **www.carteret.net**, or mail this form to:
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Upgrades to Fire Department Headquarters Near Completion

Construction is nearly complete on improvements to the department's main firehouse. A portion of the firehouse, largely underutilized for decades, has been converted into 4 additional bays to stage the department's ambulances for quick response. Previously, the ambulances were kept outside, unprotected from weather and subsequent deterioration.

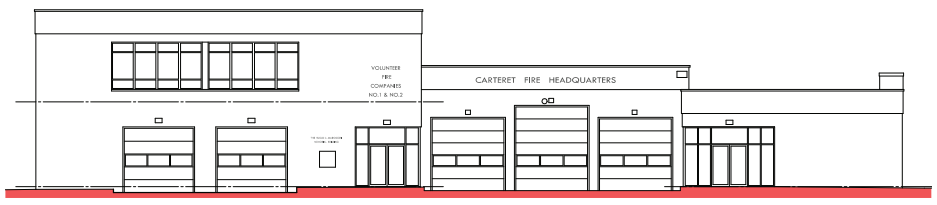
"These upgrades were a long time coming," Mayor Dan Reiman said. *"For years, this area of the firehouse sat underused; so, rather than spend millions of dollars constructing a new facility, we have pursued the most cost-effective and common sense path forward."*

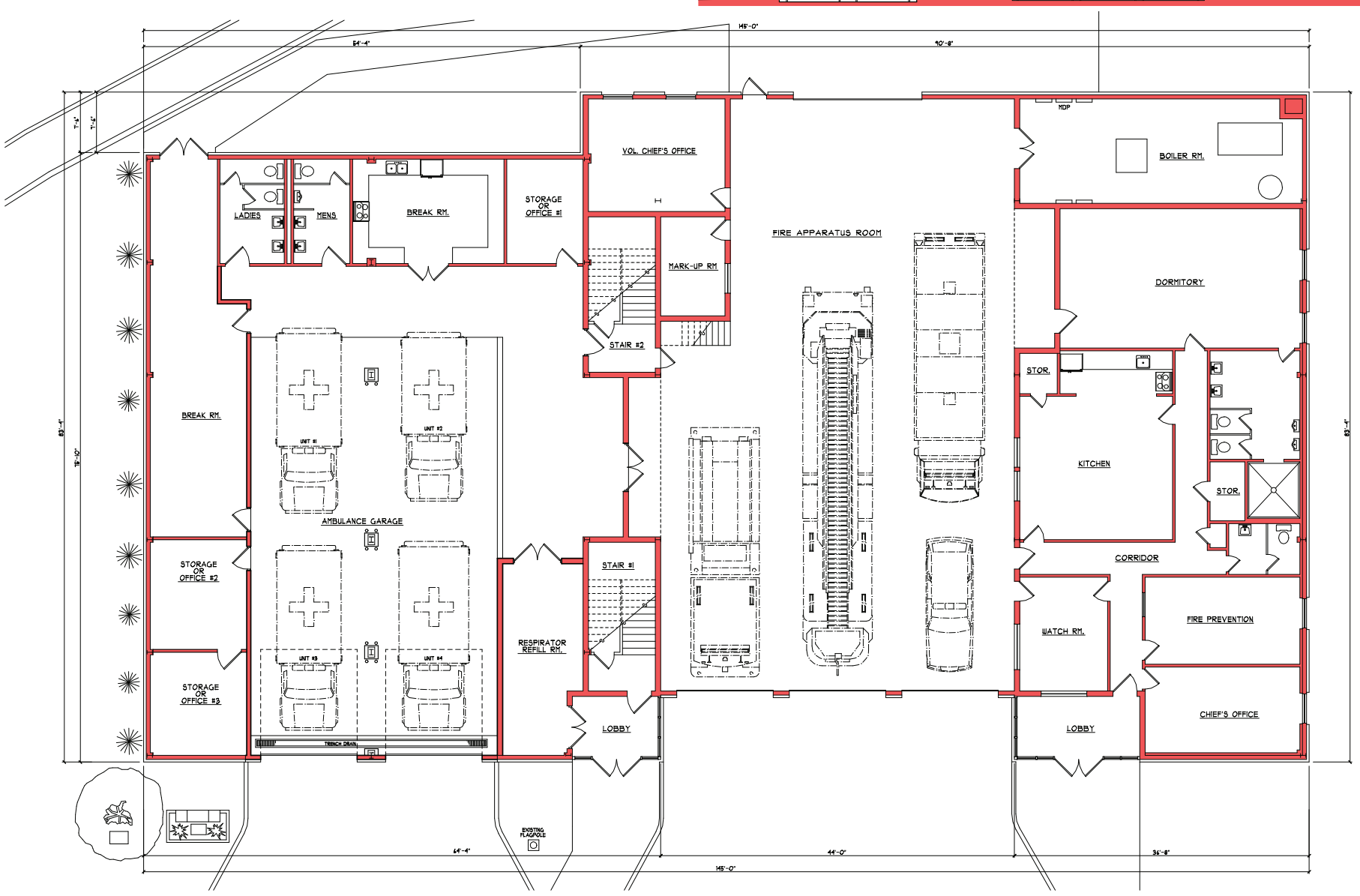
According to Fire Chief Mark Hruska, the new bays will also include a storage area for the department's self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA), and nearly double the usable capacity of the facility.

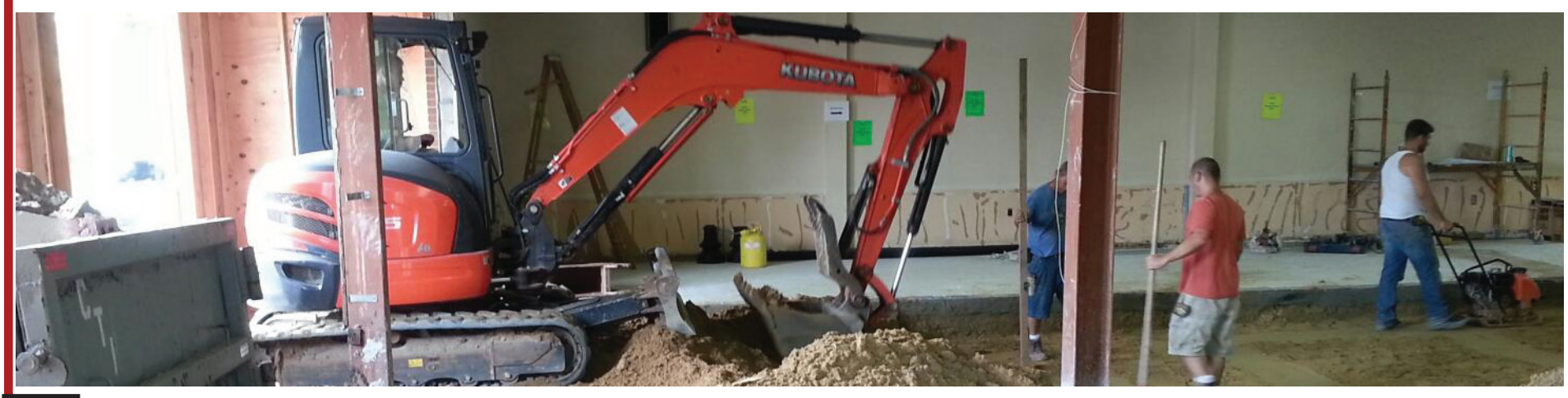
"We are very excited about what these improvements will mean to the department and, more importantly, to the level of services and protection we are able to provide Carteret residents," commented Hruska.

Fire Commissioner and Council President Randy Krum added, *"We are committed to raising local safety standards - in making proactive training, equipment, and facility improvements where needed most. In this day and age, and throughout our metropolitan corridors, it is vital to always be looking forward in the area of public safety."*

Construction is anticipated to be completed by early spring.







Construction on additional bays and improvements at the Carteret Fire Department Headquarters

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Carteret Fire Department Acquires New Aerial Ladder and Pumper Trucks

The Carteret Fire Department has secured both a 2015 Pierce Arrow Custom Ladder truck and a 2015 Pierce Arrow Custom Pumper truck. The Ladder Truck features a 75' aluminum ladder and is capable of pumping over 2000 gallons of water or foam per minute. The Pumper Truck, capable of pumping over 3000 gallons per minute of foam or water, is specifically designed for special chemical and petroleum hazards that are protected by Carteret Fire Department, while working seamlessly as a municipal fire pumper. Both trucks are expected to be fully operational by late spring.

"The Carteret Fire Department is tasked with protecting not only residential and standard commercial units, but also with several industrial facilities that call Carteret home," said Reiman. *"This type of specialized and versatile firefighting equipment will prove especially valuable in protecting our community."*

Both trucks also contain special safety items, including full frontal air bags, side curtain air bags, rollover protection, rear view cameras, four wheel anti-lock brakes, and back stop bumpers designed to stop the vehicle when an object or person is contacted while backing up. While these safety items are common in our families' vehicles, they are not normally found in fire apparatuses and, in fact, go above and beyond what is required by law.

"It is vitally important for our department to have the capability to fight fires with a variety of sources," added Fire Chief Mark Hruska. *"The more specified our equipment is, the more capable it makes us."*

Acquisition costs, totaling approximately $787,000 for the pumper truck and $905,000 for the ladder truck, were covered through a combination of grants from FEMA, the Carteret Hazmat Association, and the Carteret Special Improvement District, as well as a private donation from BP Amoco. No residential tax dollars were expended for this purchase.

These latest additions come on the heels of several other improvements to the Carteret Fire Department's services, including the addition of a fire boat to guard Carteret's portion of the Arthur Kill, an expansion of the local fire house, and upgrades to the department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).

Added Council President and Fire Commissioner Randy Krum, *"Our fire department responded to over 4,200 calls for assistance in 2014 alone. I am proud to be a part of a team that recognizes the need to responsibly invest in the capabilities of our emergency services, and am even prouder that we continue to do so without a dime of residents' tax dollars."*

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(732) 541-8000

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
(732) 541-4007

Other Borough services:

Office of the Mayor
(732) 541-3801

Library
(732) 541-3830

Health Department
(732) 541-3890

Finance / Tax Office
(732) 541-3820

Office on Aging
(732) 802-3014

Construction
(732) 541-3810

Engineering
(732) 541-3847

Public Works:

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(732) 541-3881

Sewage
(732) 541-3878

Tree Programs Continued in Observance of 2015 Earth Day

The Borough's annual tree planting and seedling program were continued this spring in observation of the 2015 Earth Day. During the months of April and May, Carteret residents could request that a tree be planted at their home at no cost. Additionally, the Borough Parks Department made tree seedlings available to local residents in quantities of up to 5 per household.

"We were excited to bring back such a successful program for our residents," Mayor Dan Reiman said. *"Highlighting the importance of conservation and sustainability in our community is something we encourage year round, but is especially important in lead up to Earth Day."*

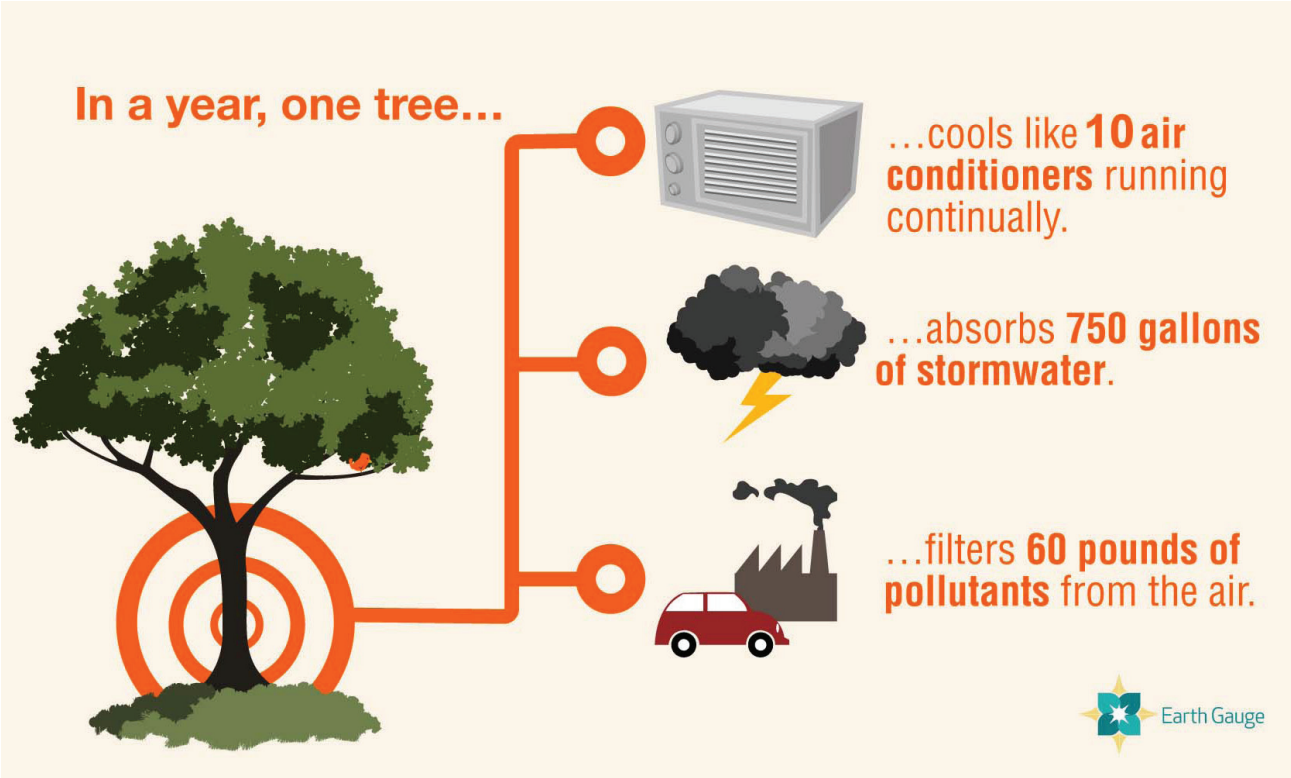
These Earth Day programs began in response to a need across the state to replace trees damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. The tree planting is covered entirely by local grants, while the seedling distribution was made possible due to a partnership with the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to distribute over 500,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of the next five years. It is a joint effort between each participating municipality, the New Jersey State Forestry Services, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, Arbor Day Foundation, Brothers International, BJ's Wholesale Club, Wyndham Vacation Resorts, and FedEx.

"The strategic partnerships on display today serve as a testament to the importance of environmental preservation," Reiman continued. *"While planting trees and seedlings are an important step, I would encourage each of us to evaluate what we can do in our daily lives to make a difference this Earth Day."*

Seedlings came with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant them. The guides have helped residents choose the right place on a property to plant a tree while keeping in mind the tree's full-grown size in the future.

When properly planted and maintained, trees are vital assets to a community. They improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood or business district, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

"Carteret lost a number of trees due not only to Superstorm Sandy, but beginning with the Asian Longhorn Beetle infestation we have fought beginning in 2004," added Councilman Vinnie Bellino, who also serves as the Commissioner of the Parks Department. *"Thankfully, through preventative planning and the cooperation of our local residents, we were sparred a more significant hit. Programs like this one are an integral part to our continuing recovery plan."*



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When completed, residents from Carteret and the surrounding region will be able to enjoy plays and concerts in a state of the art 1400 seat performing arts center.

More importantly, the restoration of this theater will solidify Carteret's position as a regional destination and will provide an economic infusion to support area businesses and our local economy.

The impact is already being seen.

Just across Cooke Avenue, site preparation has begun on a $53 million mixed-use project featuring luxury residential units, artists' lofts and thousands of square feet of commercial space.

This development known as Meridia Cosmopolitan, will provide new housing options to young professionals and artists and further support the local economy. And, the planned restaurant with a rooftop bar featuring a view of the Manhattan skyline will provide theater goers, local residents and shoppers a unique dining experience.

Architecturally, the Meridia project at 40 Washington will bring a completely new design to Carteret that will transform the look of this older commercial corridor into a vibrant bustling and modern downtown.

Across from Meridia, the Business Partnership will soon begin construction on a new parking facility to serve the growing business and residential community.

Once completed, the facility will also pave the way for construction to begin on the previously announced mixed use residential development at 29 Washington Avenue.

Because of our aggressive work in the area of economic development and the vision we have shared, people are investing in the Washington Avenue Arts District.

And businesses are making investments throughout Carteret.

Through our business recruitment and retention program Our business community continues to grow, most recently with BCB Community Bank finalizing their lease at the former First Fidelity site in the Shoprite Shopping Center. With locations across the region and state, BCB has demonstrated a steady commitment to each community they call home, and we are pleased to welcome them to Carteret. We look forward to their opening later this year.

Construction is also nearing completion on the new Medical Arts Building on Washington Avenue. When we cut the ribbon on this project, Carteret residents will have access to top rated medical care in a state of the art facility right across from Investor's Savings Bank, which has been a great partner in building our community. Whether financing development projects, or supporting local causes and charities ISB has already helped to make s difference here in Carteret, and im happy to acknowledge them and thank them for their support.

Today I can announce that two national hospitality chains will construct hotels in the Borough. Marriot and Hilton have both recognized the strategic location and importance of Carteret along the I-95 corridor.

One of these hotels will be located on the long shuttered diner site and will serve as the cornerstone for the revitalization of this business district in West Carteret.

Together, with the previously announced West Carteret façade improvement project and the Roosevelt/Minue intersection widening, both of which will begin this spring, this commercial corridor will be completely transformed within a few years time.

Their construction is an acknowledgement of Carteret's important place in the regional economy and the growth of fortune 500 companies in Carteret.

In recent years, I have spoken about the attractiveness of Carteret as a location for clean, port based businesses. Situated in close proximity to Port Newark and Port Elizabeth we have seen nearly a billion dollars in construction in the past decade. In addition to the 100's of union construction jobs, these facilities have created 1000's of permanent jobs within the Borough.

I am happy to report that their continues to be a strong desire on the part of business to locate and expand in Carteret.

Last year, Hampshire Group broke ground on a 460,000 square foot distribution center that will create hundreds of permanent jobs In addition to the 48 million dollars they will pay in taxes over the next 30 years. The added long term job growth and the local spending of these new employees will be a boon to our businesses in West Carteret

And today I am able to announce, that Federal Business Centers has finally moved ahead with plans to construct two new facilities on their vacant sites in the West Carteret Industrial District. These distribution centers will also create new job opportunities and millions in additional tax revenue and we are happy to be working with the Visceglia family to redevelop their portfolio of properties here in town.

In just a few weeks we will sign an agreement with Kinder Morgan to expand its Port distribution operations, which will include them making a 29 million dollar capital construction investment. Over the term of this project, the Borough will realize an additional $11 million in new revenue, along with the added benefits to our local economy and businesses.

Collectively, these projects, whether residential, industrial or mixed use commercial have a benefit beyond the jobs created and the dollars attracted to Carteret. By continuing to grow our Borough tax base we are able to increase revenue without the need to place an additional burden on our residential property owners.

A prime example is the Meridia project at 40 Washington. In recent years, the properties on which the project will be constructed paid a combined $55,000 a year in taxes. Once completed, these same properties will generate over $700,000 annually.

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Perhaps more significantly, because of smart growth planning, these new units will have little to no impact on local services. This is consistent with every residential development that has been constructed in the last decade. Essentially, the borough realizes the benefits of additional revenue, without the significant municipal service cost burden, caused by single family residential construction.

That story repeats itself regardless of the project. One of the first questions that we as an administration ask is, will this project alleviate or reduce the burden on local tax payers and what will be the net effect on the community ?

It is part of our integrated approach to municipal planning and financial management that has allowed us to offer the highest level of service in the most cost effective manner.

That is why, according to recently released numbers by the State Department of Community Affairs and reported on NJ.Com, property owners in Carteret now pay the third lowest taxes in Middlesex County and one of the lowest in the entire central jersey region.

It is why Moody's Investors Service has once again awarded us one of their highest ratings.

It is why total municipal debt obligations continue to decline and

It is also why when other towns are cutting services to residents we are able to expand those same services that improve their quality of life.

In fact, our 2015 budget will contain spending proposals that are 2.3 million dollars below the state mandated appropriations cap and $1.3 million under the tax levy cap.

Years ago we inherited a municipal government that had one of the highest aggregate property taxes in the region and today we have one of the lowest. In fact Carteret now has the 3rd lowest property taxes in central New Jersey.

But we have never believed that holding the line on taxes means that we can't provide our residents with the best municipal services possible.

In this regard, last year we implemented our Teachers in the Library program. In partnership with the Carteret Business Partnership and the Library Board of Trustees this program has provided over 1100 local students with free after-school homework assistance. Select teachers commit to providing a structured, after-school learning environment in the library where they assist students in completing assignments.

We also significantly expanded our recreational programs and public events, both in the summer and throughout the entire year.

And we recently sought and obtained additional grant funding to purchase a new senior jitney bus that will be used to expand the number of day trips that are offered to our active senior population. This year we will run trips that will take our seniors and residents to museums, theatrical performances and other recreational destinations around the state. And of course, we will once again fund our senior Sewer Rebate program to provide direct relief to our seniors veterans and disabled residents.

Over a decade ago the borough relocated its library operations to the Thomas J Deverin Community Center adjacent to borough hall.

In doing so they also closed down the antiquated home on Carteret Avenue that served as a YMCA in the 1800's and the Borough's library from the 1900's until 2001.

While this building sat vacant, it was not forgotten. Over the past few years, we have been making modifications to this facility to allow for a reopening of a historic treasure that will serve both as a cultural center and home to our historic committee, a place for history and art to be displayed but also a meeting place for education and passive recreation.

Today it serves as our version of the Barron Arts center- officially known now as the Blazing Star cultural arts center, and home to the Central Jersey Arts Council (CJAC). We recently unveiled this treasure in December during a limited holiday open house, and I am pleased to announce that we will be formally opening the Blazing Star Cultural arts center this spring to serve the residents of Carteret and friends of the arts in central New Jersey.

This facility and CJAC will offer support for arts education and programming here in Carteret to residents of all ages.

Our aggressive grant seeking and sound financial planning has also provided us with the resources to improve our public safety operations.

We have increased the size of our police force to make Carteret safer. We have increased the minimum level of staffing and we have upgraded the technology in the police department by installing a Computer Aided Dispatch system that assists 9-1-1 operators.

I am happy to say that our investment is paying off. According to recently released information from the New Jersey State Police, total crime in Carteret is down by over 16%.

By increasing the number of police officers and expanding the number of walking patrols we have been able to see:

- Robberies drop by 21 %
- Assaults are down by 11%
- Motor vehicle theft is down by 38%
- And forcible entry and thefts have both fallen 18%

Let me be clear, while any criminal act is a concern and there is always more to be done, our comprehensive approach to fighting and preventing crime has begun to show significant results, and our administration and the Carteret Police Department will continue to work tirelessly in these efforts

Working with our partners in the business community, we have

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also expanded the capabilities of our Fire Department.

Earlier this year we announced almost 2 million dollars in upgrades to our fire fighting equipment and improvements to our fire head quarters.

This was made possible through the generosity of the Carteret Business Partnership, and support from the local Hazmat Funding Association and a federal homeland security grant.

As I have said many times before, Carteret has the best police, fire and emergency service personnel in Middlesex County and now they will also have the best facilities and equipment.

During our tenure we have invested over 70 million dollars into our local parks, and the results speak for themselves.

Recent improvements at Cornell Park are now complete, which include a new basketball court and other amenities

At Bishop Andrewz Park, we have resurfaced the basketball courts, and are in the process of adding a new security system that will live-stream directly to the police department and in-car Data Terminals. This system, which comes on the heels of improved lighting, will serve to reduce potential crime and ensure the safety of all those in the Chrome area.

Most significantly, I am pleased to announce that we soon expect the United States Army Corps of Engineers will grant final approval for the Borough to construct a municipal marina at Waterfront Park.

This approval, which represents the culmination of decades of planning and development, will allow for construction of nearly 200 slips for recreational boat users and pave the way for the continued future redevelopment of the waterfront as a regional destination.

Since the Borough first acquired the property under Mayor Sica's leadership in the early 1990's, Carteret has been planning for the creation of a Waterfront Park.

The history of this project is one of individual achievements culminating in a major success for the residents of the Borough.

In 2003 we started and completed construction of our municipal pier and improvements to the boat ramp soon followed.

In 2005 we opened Waterfront Park. In recent years, we expanded parking, constructed a pier extension and attracted a New Jersey State Police marine Barracks.

Now, after taking on the special interests that sought to stand in the way of public access, Carteret will have its marina.

Today, we prepare to celebrate a victory for our entire community and look forward to construction beginning in the fall.

But we will not stop there, in the coming years we will complete our river walk and expand access to our waterfront. We will build an urban beach, pool house, boardwalk and outdoor ampitheatre,

Along the waterfront that we are reclaiming from the chemical operators and industrial polluters that ravaged the land and then abandoned Carteret.

Our commitment to environmental responsibility extends beyond green technology, as last year we announced and approved plans to remediate the long-contaminated Cytec site. The project, which began operations last fall, is addressing the decades-old contamination at the site and will protect Carteret residents and those along the Rahway River from the risk of a future environmental disaster. Soil Safe has been a good neighbor and responsible member of the business community.

A few years ago Super storm Sandy wreaked havoc and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage in Carteret. Thousands of residents were impacted by tidal flooding and an entire block of homes along Noe Street were first flooded and then destroyed by the major fire that ensued.

To help insure that such storm surge and flooding does not reoccur on this street and in this area again, we have partnered with the New Jersey Green Acres program to acquire the entire block to provide passive recreation and open space preservation in this area.

As part of this effort, the Borough has secured a 8.5 million dollar low interest loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust to fund to upgrade our antiquated storm water collection system and to build a regional retention pond and pump station with the capability of pumping nearly 30,000 gallons of storm water a minute.

This project will help alleviate flooding for thousands of local homes on upwards of 800 acres and will provide important storm surge protection to our community.

As I stand here today, it is hard to imagine that I am embarking upon my 15th year in municipal government and 13 years of serving as the mayor of my home town, the place where I was born and raised. I have enjoyed this wonderful opportunity afforded to me to meet and work with so many of Carteret's residents, both old and new. Together our residents, employees and administration have created a shared vision for our future and worked hard to implement our plan to build a better Carteret.

Along the way, we have greatly improved our town's finances and fiscal outlook, while also enhancing and expanding local government services and programs for our residents and businesses. We have built a local park system and recreational programs which are second to none. We have opened up our wonderful waterfront for all to enjoy and are preserving open space. We have proven to be a leader and innovator in smart growth, mixed-use and commercial redevelopment, all while honoring our past. And, we are about to establish Carteret as a regional center and destination for the performing and cultural arts.

So I am proud and happy to report the borough council, to you assembled here and to the residents watching on TV or the web, that the state of the Borough is good and getting better.

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CONCERTS by the bay

JULY & AUGUST

7:00 SUNDAYS at Waterfront Park

presented by Mayor Dan Reiman & the Carteret Business Partnership, Inc.

JULY 12TH
MOONLIGHT MILE
Rolling Stones Tribute

AUGUST 9TH
LARRY STEVENS
Pop rock / 60's to current

JULY 19TH
JOEY ARMINIO & THE FAMILY
American Bandstand Revue

AUGUST 16TH
REMEMBER WHEN
70's, disco, Classic Rock

JULY 26TH
JOEY ZELNIK / MOVE
50's and forward

AUGUST 23RD
TOTAL SOUL
Motown, R&B, Soul, & Disco

AUGUST 2ND
SOUL GROOVE
Motown / classic R&B

AUGUST 30TH
THE INFERNOS
Classic Rock tribute

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Mayor Dan Reiman

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Concerts in the Park

Live music at Carteret Park

JULY & AUGUST

7:00 FRIDAYS at Carteret Park

JULY 10TH
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KARICKTER

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JULY 17TH
JOEY UHRIN

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AUGUST 14TH
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JULY 31ST
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AUGUST 28TH
KIM & TIM

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Heat-beating tips for 2015

An advisory from the Office of Emergency Management

Quick Heat-Beating Tips:

- If possible, stay out of the sun. When in the sun, wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15) and a hat to protect your face and head.
- Use an air conditioner if you have one. Set the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees.
- If you do not have an air conditioner, keep rooms well-ventilated with open windows and fans. Consider going to a public pool, air-conditioned store, mall, movie theater, or cooling center.
- Fans work best at night, when they can bring in cooler air from outside.
- Make a special effort to check on your neighbors during a heat wave, especially if they are seniors, young children, and people with special needs. Many older residents live alone and could suffer unnecessarily in the heat because they are isolated from friends and family.
- Seniors and others who may be sensitive to extreme heat should contact friends, neighbors, or relatives at least twice a day during a heat wave.
- Drink fluids – particularly water – even if you do not feel thirsty.* Avoid beverages containing alcohol, caffeine, or high amounts of sugar.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing that covers as much of your skin as possible.
- Never leave children, pets, or those who require special care in a parked car during periods of intense summer heat.
- Avoid strenuous activity, especially during the sun's peak hours – 11 AM to 4 PM. If you must engage in strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning between 4 AM and 7 AM.
- Cool showers or baths may be helpful, but avoid extreme temperature changes. Never take a shower immediately after becoming overheated – extreme temperature changes may make you ill, nauseated, or dizzy.
- *People with heart, kidney or liver disease, or on fluid restricted diets should check with their doctors before increasing fluid intake.

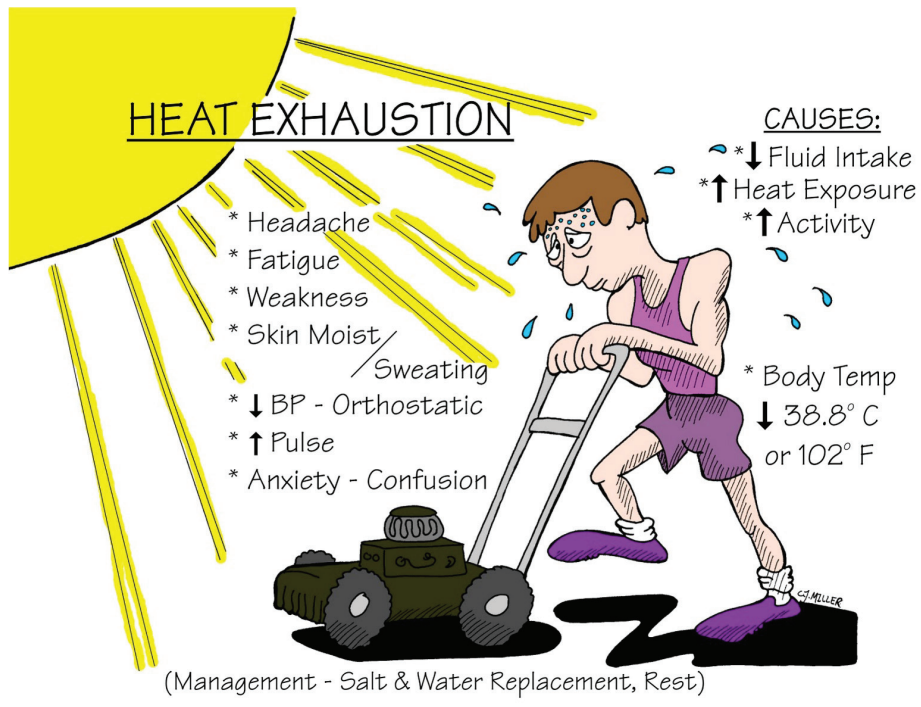
Heat-Related Illnesses:

Seek help if you feel symptoms of heat-related illness.

Heat Cramps: Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms, usually in the leg or stomach muscles, resulting from heavy exertion during extreme heat. Heat cramps usually occur when the heat index is between 90 and 105 degrees. Although heat cramps are the least severe of all heat-related health problems, they are often the first signal that the body is having trouble coping with the heat and should be treated immediately with rest and fluids. Stretching, gentle massaging of the spasms, or direct, firm pressure on cramps can reduce pain. Seek medical attention if pain is severe or nausea occurs.

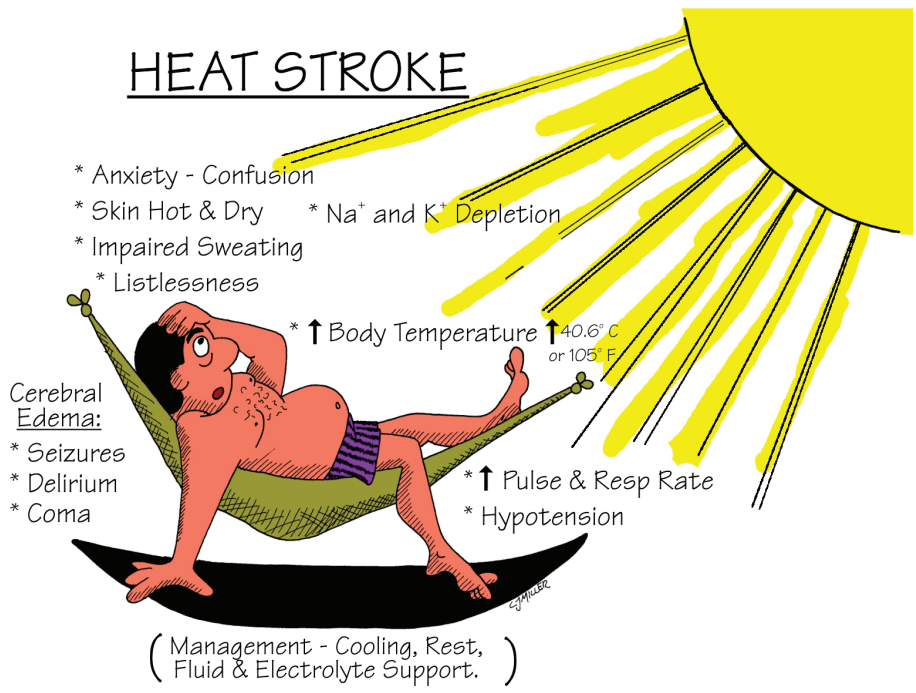
Heat Exhaustion: Heat exhaustion occurs when body fluids are lost through heavy sweating due to vigorous exercise or working in a hot, humid place. Blood flow to the skin increases, causing blood flow to vital organs to decrease. Symptoms include: sweating, pale and clammy skin, fatigue, headache, dizziness, shallow breaths, and a weak pulse.

Heat exhaustion should be treated with rest in a cool area, sipping water or electroyte solutions, applying cool and wet cloths, elevating the feet 12 inches, and further medical treatment in severe cases. If not treated, the victim's condition may escalate to heat stroke. If the victim does not respond to basic treatment, seek medical attention. Heat exhaustion usually occurs when the heat index is between 90 and 105 degrees.



Heat Stroke: Heat stroke — also called "sunstroke" — occurs when the victim's temperature control system, which produces perspiration to cool the body, stops working. The skin is flushed, hot and dry, and body temperature may be elevated. In fact, body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. The victim may also be confused, develop seizures, breathe shallowly, and have a weak, rapid pulse.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and people exhibiting its symptoms should seek emergency medical attention. Heat stroke usually occurs when the heat index is 130 degrees or higher, but can occur when the heat index surpasses 105 degrees.



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The Carteret Free Public Library

The dedicated professionals of the Carteret Library are here to help you. We have an excellent selection of books for young and old. We have many computers that are available with Internet connections. Please enjoy some of our programs listed below!

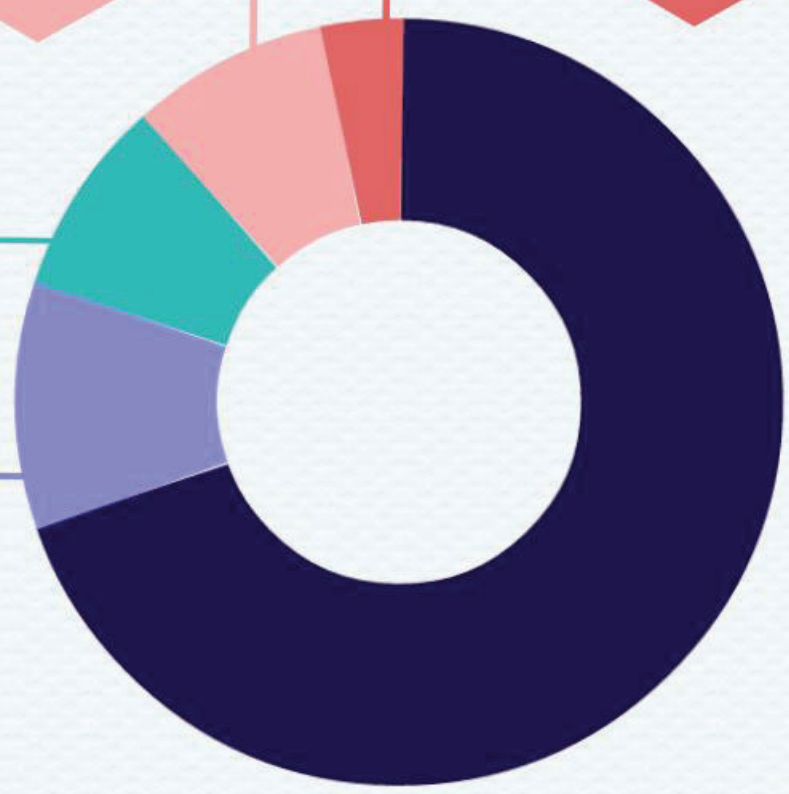
Thursday Story Time & Craft Activity

All children are welcome to attend our story time activities every Thursday at 11AM for children ages 1 to 4 years old.

Tech Help Program

The library provides free tech support to our patrons three days a week. We welcome anyone with questions to come to the Carteret Library.

Mondays & Wednesdays from 4 PM Until 7 PM
Saturdays from 12 until 4 PM



Knitting & Crochet Club

Every Monday
10 AM - 12 PM
Open to all skill levels

Free Homework Help Program

Need help with homework?

Come to the Carteret Public Library for homework help!

Every Monday - Thursday:
From 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Every Saturday:
From 10 AM - 1 PM

Fully accredited, certified teachers helping Carteret students, grades K - 12, complete homework assignments by focusing, utilizing appropriate strategies and identifying proper resources.

Computer Class

Please join us every Friday as Mr. Norris explores the interesting world of computers and the internet. Fridays from 10 until 11 AM.

June 5 Internet Basics - Surfing the web, Browsers, Email
June 12 Internet Safety - Passwords, Keeping your identity safe
June 19 Microsoft Office - Part I - MS Word
June 26 Microsoft Office - Part II - MS PowerPoint
July 3 Let's Write Our Resume Part I
July 10 Let's Write Our Resume Part II
July 17 Games That Train Your Brain Part I
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PROGRAM

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Saturday June 13th
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2015 Summer Food Program

The Borough of Carteret will be participating in the 2015 Summer Food Service Program from Monday July 6, 2015 to Friday August 14, 2015.

The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency.

Renaissance Revival Center Church 12pm-1pm
45 Edwin Street Carteret, NJ 07008

Cornell Park 12pm-1pm
Orchard Street Carteret, NJ 07008

Thomas J. Deverin Community Center 1pm-2pm
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Community Spotlight

Pastor Christine A. Bridge

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church / First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Christine Bridge was born on February 23, 1947 in Pittsburgh, PA, the older of two children. Her father worked two jobs, one of which was for The Boy Scouts of America. This led to her growing up in Camp Guyasuta, a Boy Scout Camp. Living seven miles outside the City of Pittsburgh, she had the best of two worlds—country and city. In the summer, for a week, she would also get to experience the shore at Wildwood Crest or North Wildwood. Little did she know back then that she would one day be living and working in New Jersey!

When she was 14, while in confirmation class, Pastor Bridge felt a call to ministry. At that time, only men were able to become ordained ministers, so she followed another route—to become a teacher. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education/Social Studies. She then worked for the City of Pittsburgh Schools, got married, and raised two boys—Mark and Tim.

In 1994, she felt another call to ministry. By this time, women were able to be ordained in many denominations. Under the governance of the Southwest Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Christine Bridge was accepted as a candidate for ministry and began her studies part-time at The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. After her youngest son graduated from high school in 2000, she began to seriously consider full-time studies. With loans and a grant, Bridge started full-time at The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, graduating (at age 59) with a Masters of Divinity Degree in 2006.

In August, 2006, Pastor Bridge came to Carteret (for the first time) to lead worship and preach at Zion Lutheran Church and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Linden. She came back on September 10th to lead worship and preach for these two congregations one more time. The two congregations individually voted whether or not to extend a call to her to serve as their pastor. Fortunately, both congregations did vote "yes." Pastor Bridge was ordained on September 17th and accepted their call.

In January, 2010, St. Paul's closed its ministry and Christine began to serve as a part-time chaplain at Port Newark/Elizabeth through Seafarers and Int'l House while continuing to serve Zion. In 2013, a funding cutback meant she needed to find another ministry to go along with Zion's or she would need to leave Carteret. Divine Providence stepped in and she received a call to serve as temporary part-time pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Carteret.

Since arriving in Carteret, Pastor Bridge has become a staple of local community events. From volunteering for charitable causes, to offering benedictions at Borough ceremonies, she maintains a constant presence town.

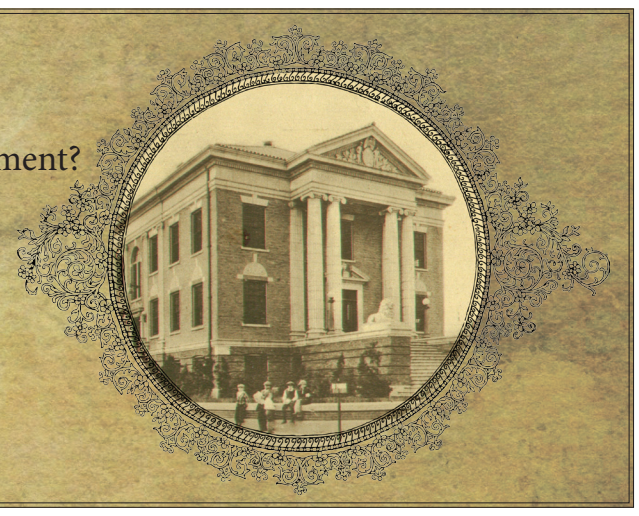
Christine is also the proud grandmother of Harrison and Molly Bridge. You will often see her sitting with a cup of coffee, in the morning or the evening, on the front porch of the parsonage or walking her dog, Minerva.

Are you a Carteret historian?

Q1: How many fallen soldiers are honored on Carteret Park's Soldiers & Sailors monument? From how many wars?

Q2: In what year did Minue School first begin operating ?

Q3: Carteret High School's clock tower was erected in honor of what former Mayor ?



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