



The Port Report

News, Stories & Updates from the Port of Coeymans

Summer 2026 Community Update

Welcoming the Community to the Port

On May 30, we welcomed neighbors, families, and community members to the Port of Coeymans for Community Day. Visitors toured the facility, explored equipment, met employees, and got a behind-the-scenes look at the work taking place along the Hudson River.

For many guests, it was an opportunity to see how the area has evolved over the years. What was once home to the Powell & Minnock brick manufacturing site and the former Frangella Mushroom Farm has been transformed into a 425-acre maritime and industrial campus.

Today, the Port of Coeymans and Coeymans Industrial Park are home to over 20 businesses and support nearly 1,200 jobs throughout Albany County. Together, they serve as a hub for maritime transportation, manufacturing, logistics, construction, material handling, and industrial operations.

While the projects supported here often reach destinations throughout the East Coast, Gulf Coast, and beyond, the impact remains local. From jobs and workforce development to support for schools, local businesses, and community organizations, the success of the port and industrial park is closely connected to the success of the communities surrounding them.

More than anything, Community Day gave people the opportunity to experience the port firsthand, meet the people behind the work, and ask questions about the operations taking place right here in our community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Port of Coeymans and Coeymans Industrial Park support nearly 1,200 jobs throughout Albany County, including 805 jobs located within the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena.



Behind the Scenes at the Port

From Across the Ocean to Coeymans

When a vessel arrives at the Port of Coeymans, the journey often began thousands of miles away.

Depending on the cargo, a vessel may be loaded in places such as Egypt, Italy, Turkey, Chile, or other locations around the world before beginning its voyage to the United States. Long before the ship reaches the Hudson River, teams at the Port of Coeymans are already monitoring its progress, tracking weather systems, coordinating schedules, and preparing equipment, personnel, and resources needed for a safe and efficient operation.

As the vessel approaches the United States, agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection play an important role in ensuring the vessel meets all safety and regulatory requirements before entering the port. Once the vessel arrives in Coeymans, Carver's NYS-licensed security team coordinates with vessel crews and federal agencies to manage access to the ship, monitor activity at the dock, and ensure all security requirements are met before cargo operations begin.

In some cases, the vessel may be carrying too much cargo to safely navigate the Hudson River. When that happens, a portion of the cargo is lightered into barges in New York Harbor before continuing north. Once the vessel reaches the Hudson River, specially trained Hudson River Pilots come aboard to safely guide the ship through the river's channels, currents, bridges, and navigation challenges.

When the vessel finally arrives in Coeymans, the work is just beginning. Line handlers secure the ship to the dock, operators prepare specialized equipment, and cargo operations get underway. Depending on the cargo, cranes, loaders, conveyors, trucks, and the Port's specialized E-Cranes may all play a role in safely unloading materials that support businesses, infrastructure projects, and communities throughout the region.

While visitors may only see a ship at the dock for a few days, its arrival is often the result of months of planning and coordination involving dozens of people both onshore and at sea.



ASK THE PORT

WHAT IS LIGHTERING?

Lightering is the process of transferring cargo from a large vessel to barges before it reaches its final destination. Some vessels arrive carrying more cargo than can safely navigate the Hudson River due to water depth and bridge clearance restrictions.

By transferring a portion of the cargo to barges in New York Harbor, the vessel becomes lighter and can safely continue its journey up-river to the Port of Coeymans. Carver Marine Towing's tugboats and barges regularly perform these specialized operations as part of the region's maritime transportation network.



Protecting Our People, Port, and Community

For Rob Rosenberger, Safety and Compliance Manager at the Port of Coeymans and Coeymans Industrial Park, safety is about more than following procedures — it's about making sure employees, visitors, and the surrounding community are protected every day.

Each year, port employees participate in Water Rescue Training to strengthen emergency response capabilities on and around the Hudson River. This spring marked the first time members of the Coeymans Police Department joined the annual training, creating an opportunity for local first responders and port personnel to train side-by-side and strengthen coordination in the event of an emergency.

The training, conducted by Capital Technical Rescue, combined classroom instruction with hands-on exercises focused on cold water survival, rescue procedures, victim recovery techniques, emergency equipment deployment, and incident response planning.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Port of Coeymans and Coeymans Industrial Park contribute approximately **\$975,000 in annual property taxes** to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District.

COMMUNITY CORNER

From volunteer projects and community cleanups to local events and neighborhood partnerships, our employees enjoy finding opportunities to give back throughout the year.

Members Helping Members

The RCS Community Business Association recently hosted its first-ever Members Helping Members event at Spirit Trading Company, bringing local businesses and volunteers together to support owner Christine Hansen as she prepared her flower farm for the growing season.

Carver team members joined fellow volunteers in clearing garden beds, preparing planting areas, and restoring irrigation systems to help get the farm back in bloom.

Earth Day Community Cleanup

Carver employees joined residents, local organizations, and volunteers for the annual Earth Day Community Cleanup, helping beautify public spaces and demonstrate the positive impact that can be made when neighbors work together.

Community Day At The Port

Community Day welcomed families and residents from throughout the region for tours, equipment displays, children's activities, and an opportunity to learn more about the Port of Coeymans firsthand.





HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PORT?

We're always happy to answer them. Whether you're curious about port operations, upcoming projects, or something you saw along the waterfront, we'd love to hear from you.



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