



# THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

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CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER  
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April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

To: Mayor Carl Hokanson and Borough Council  
From: Rupen Shah, Director

The following is a report of activities and work done during the period of March 24, 2016 through April 20, 2016.

### **Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:**

- We are still in search for a part time bus driver.

### **Community Affairs:**

- We are very thankful to the many residents, organizations, churches, schools, and clubs that have been donating perishable and non-perishable food and monetary donations which has enabled us to maintain a stocked food pantry.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> the center was closed due to Good Friday.
- April 1, Rachel from our Tax office hosted information session on Seniors Tax Freeze. More than 30 seniors attended the session.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Roselle Park high school had a Spring Musical from 12 pm to 6 pm.
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, we started FREE Zumba Gold for our seniors. More than 20 seniors have registered and are enjoying the class every Tuesday 10 to 11 am.
- April 7<sup>th</sup>, we started FREE seniors aerobics. Almost 30 seniors have registered and are participating in the class. Aerobics is scheduled every Thursday 11 am.
- April 8<sup>th</sup>, Roselle park first aid squad had a basics information session on CPR and EAD.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>, scheduled Wedding Expo was canceled due to low signups. We had only 2 businesses who had signed up for the expo. The program was designed to help potential brides and grooms to take advantage of having all vendors under one roof also to benefit business community.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, Casano Community Center Association held election. Congratulations to new officers elected.

President: Rose Marie Matkowski

Vice President: Eleanor Gilride

Secretary: Marlene Potts

Treasurer: Gladys Lugo

Trustees: Ed Bissel

Phyllis DeCecco

Vincent DeCecco

Arlene Giegerich

Irene Patrone

- April 28<sup>th</sup>, seniors will be going to AMC Theater for a movie. We have 20 seniors who will be enjoying their choice of movie. Thank you to anonymous donor for making it possible.

- April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Arbor Day this year the school receiving the tree is Robert Gordon elementary school.
- BAPS, a local Indian Organization, will be holding their meetings on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Casano Community Center at approximately 6 PM.
- The Indo American Senior Citizens will be holding meetings on May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Roselle Park Girl Scout will continue having their meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 to 7:15 pm.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for “Senior American Brunch” from 12 pm to 3pm. There will be live music by R&B Show group and FREE American brunch.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> RPCCA is hosting Chinese Luncheon. You are to choose your own lunch and the price is \$7. You may register your name with payment by May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> seniors will be going to Point Pleasant Beach. We have 20 seniors who have registered their names. However sign up is open for the month of June.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> is trip to AMC theatre. It is free to Roselle park seniors only. Seniors can enjoy free movie of their choice.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. We are in the final stage of planning for parade, Service and Town wide Picnic. This year Memorial Day is on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. I would like to extend an open invitation to everyone to come to our Parade and Service to pay their respects. After the service come to The Casano Center and enjoy the picnic. We will have live music and free food.
- We have planned for trip to Hunterdon hills play house for June 1<sup>st</sup> for the show “Rumors”. The price for the show is \$54.50 and it is due by April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. Thank you Church of Assumptions for letting us use the parking space.
- I have started working towards Hispanic Heritage Festival. The festival has been scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. From noon to 6pm.
- I have also started working towards Car & Motorcycle show along with RP Loves art show.
- I have also started working toward our July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks program. This year we are planning to add more games, activities, live dance and live music to make it more festive. I have been reaching out to Recreation Department, Roselle Park Board of Education, Principals, PTA/PTO, Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts to run some of the activities. I am happy to announce that we have been approved to receive \$3500 from Union County Freeholders to help support our Fireworks.
- The Westfield Board of Health sends a nurse to the Casano Center last Tuesday of every month from 10:30AM to 11:30 AM to take blood pressure readings.

**Casano Community Center Rental:**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 15, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:**

- March 30<sup>th</sup>, JC Peru Productions
- April 6<sup>th</sup>, Committee Meeting
- April 6<sup>th</sup>, Union County Freeholders
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, Hot Rod Mike
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, Association Meeting
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, Burger King
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, Education Advisory Committee
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, RP Recreation

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