

# THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

# NEW JERSEY

# CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER 314 CHESTNUT STREET, ROSELLE PARK, NJ 07204 WWW.ROSELLEPARK.NET

May 16<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 April 20, 2016 through May 16, 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.
- ➤ April 21<sup>st</sup> we had more than 15 seniors who comes to Knit and Crochet Club.
- ➤ April 28<sup>th</sup>, 17 seniors went to AMC Theater for their choice of movie. Majority of them had not seen movie theatre since long time, thanks to anonymous donor for making it possible.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> was Arbor Day. School who received the tree was Robert Gordon elementary school. Thank you Council President Charlene Storey, Councilman Thos Shipley and Superintended Pedro Garrido for coming to help plant the tree.
- ➤ BAPS, a local Indian Organization, will be holding their meetings on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 17th at the Casano Community Center at approximately 6 PM.
- ➤ The Indo American Senior Citizens will be holding meetings on May 27<sup>th</sup> 5 to 9pm, June 12 and June 26th from 10 to 2:30pm.
- ➤ Roselle Park Girl Scout will continue having their meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 to 7:15 pm.
- ➤ May 13<sup>th</sup> we celebrated "Senior American Brunch" from 12 pm to 3pm. close to 100 seniors enjoyed music by R&B Show group with brunch. Thank you Mayor Carl Hokanson and Council President Charlene Storey for coming and making the event more joyful.
- ➤ May 16<sup>th</sup> RPCCA hosted Chinese Luncheon with the movie. We had more than 40 who enjoyed the lunch with the movie.
- ➤ 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.
- Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. Parade assembly will begin at 9 am. Parade will march at 10 am passing reviewing stand at the corner of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue. Followed by Service at the RP Library than Free Town wide picnic at the Casano Center. I would like to thank TV 34 who will be filming the program to broadcast and also

the committee Jen Jaskula, Marian Bombach, Maria Bazan, Javier Carlos, Kim Power and Jasmin Santos.

- Thank you those who are marching in this year's parade:
  - Roselle Park Police Department
  - Grand Marshal Mr. James Vigliotti
  - Roselle Park Mayor and Council
  - Local Veterans
  - Union County K9
  - Roselle Park Town Crier
  - Roselle Park Board of Education
  - Roselle Park High School, Middle School
  - Roselle Park Elementary School Bands
  - Roselle Park High School Clubs
  - Roselle Park First Aid Squad
  - Roselle Park Fire Department
  - Roselle Park Girl Scouts
  - Roselle Park Boy Scouts
  - Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library
  - Friends of the library
  - Roselle Park friends of the library
  - Roselle Park Historical Society
  - Roselle Park Soccer Club
  - Roselle Park Baseball Softball league
  - Roselle Park Youth Baseball
  - Roselle Park Rotary Club
  - Roselle Park Business Chambers
  - Roselle Park Democratic Committee
  - Roselle Park Republican Committee
  - Roselle Park Casano Center Association
  - Roselle Park DPW
  - World Language
  - Ironbound TKD
  - Classic Cars
  - Church of the Assumption
  - The Knights of Columbus
  - Community United Methodist Church
  - United Methodist Church Preschool
  - 30 / 30 Motorcycle club
  - Robert Gordon PTA
  - Irish Community Group
  - Mexican Community Group
  - Puerto Rican Community Group
  - Peruvian Community Group
  - Colombian Community Group
  - Portuguese Community Group
  - Italian Community Group
  - Polish and Slavic Community Group
  - Indian Community Group

- ➤ We have a trip planned to Hunterdon hills play house for June 1<sup>st</sup> for the show "Rumors". We have more than 35 seniors who have signed up. Pickup will start at 9 am and will be dropped at the Church of Assumption. Bus will depart for the show at 10:00 am.
- ➤ June 9<sup>th</sup> we are having trip to Point Pleasant beach. It will be first come first serve basis. You must register in person.
- ➤ We have also planned trips to FREE Linden concerts for the month of June, July and August. Concerts start at 7:30 pm. bus pickup will start at 6 pm.
- ➤ Under the observation of parents, starting June we are introducing three new programs for Roselle Park youth. We have scheduled for chess and ping pong tournaments every other Wednesday from 6 to 9 pm. and "Club Casano" on two Fridays of the month. Kids will be enjoying the music and food. Casano Center association will charge 2 dollars to cover the cost of food.
- ➤ I have started working towards Hispanic Heritage Festival. The festival has been scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. From noon to 6pm. at Gazebo Park. June and July Car & Motorcycle show along with RP Loves art show, also July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks program.
- ➤ 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:**

- May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 15, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- > June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

- > April 29<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day
- ➤ May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Committee Meeting
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, Pride Grant
- ➤ May 9<sup>th</sup>, Parade Committee
- > May 11<sup>th</sup>, Association Meeting
- ➤ May 16<sup>th</sup>, Education Advisory Committee

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