

# THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

# NEW JERSEY

CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER
314 CHESTNUT STREET, ROSELLE PARK, NJ 07204

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July 15th, 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 June 11, 2016 through July 15, 2016.

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

- > Senior Bus requires service.
- ➤ CDBG Social Service Program final report has been submitted.
- ➤ Indo American Senior Association requesting bus on August 7 to attend Flag hosting ceremony in union. From 9 am to 12:30 pm.

#### **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.
- ➤ Roselle Park Girl Scouts are welcome to have their meetings at the center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 pm. The center may be available for some Friday evenings for meetings.
- ➤ June 18th, Borough celebrated "Hispanic Heritage Festival". Festival held at Michael J. Mauri Gazebo Park. Festival offered a venue for the community to celebrate the rich and festive nature of the Hispanic culture through a diverse program that included free food tasting, dance performances, live music, Zumba demonstration and variety of folk dance groups from different Latin countries such as Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico and Colombia.
  - Thank you for your support Roselle Park Volunteers, JC Peru Entertainment, Maria Teresa Bazan, Javier Carlos, Kevin Cancino, Roselle Park Dunkin Donuts, Xpress Café, Lechon de Tiffany Negron, Nealtican Restaurant, La Casa de Rosita Restaurant, La KoKona Peruvian Restaurant, Roselle Park Police, Roselle Park First Aid Squad, Roselle Park DPW
  - Thank you Mayor Hokanson, Council President Charlene Storey, Councilman Joe Petrosky, County Sheriff Joe Cryan, Freeholder Sergio Granados and freeholder Angel Estrada for your presence.
- ➤ June 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>, 20 seniors had a great free trip to Point Pleasant beach. Next trip are on July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ➤ June 24<sup>th</sup>, was our first "Crusin' Night" of the session. More than 50 cars and motorcycles participated in the show. RP Loves art was a great addition to the show. We had a fun event for all age groups. Thank you Ryan Inc., Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, NAR Auto Sales, Roselle Park Education Association, Hudson point Capital, Coldwell Banker's Union and Park Trophies for your support and sponsorship.

Thank you Mayor Hokanson, Councilman Joe Petrosky, Norte Auto and NAR auto for presenting trophies.

➤ July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Borough celebrated Independence Day at Roselle Park High School field. Thousands packed Roselle Park High School field on Sunday to celebrate Independence Day. Festivities kicked off at 4 pm with free carnival games, activities, live DJ and Concert. Mr. Vigglioti who is a lifelong Roselle Park resident and a World War II Veteran, sang God Bless America and rang the ceremonial bell along with Mayor Hokanson, Council members Charlene Storey, Eugene Meola, Joe Petrosky, Gino Elmarassy', Thos Shipley and freeholder Sergio Granados.

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Roselle Park Volunteers

Special thanks to Councilman Eugene Meola and Mrs. Meola for collecting \$820 in donation, also Councilman Shipley for help setting up sound system.

- ➤ We have scheduled Senior Picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm. there will be 50/50, free food and live music, seniors are welcome to play bingo. Thank you mayor and council for sponsoring the event.
- ➤ July 29<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for our second "Crusin' Night".
- ➤ August 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Night out with free townwide picnic. There will be free food and light refreshments. Thank you Mayor and Council, Roselle Park Police, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Community Center Association and The Roselle Park Education Association
- ➤ Casano Center has scheduled free trips to concerts every Tuesday and Friday. Concerts start at 7 pm in linden. Pickup starts at 6pm. seniors are requested to call day before to schedule their pickup.
- ➤ Casano Center also provides free trips to Mall every Monday, free shopping trips every Tuesday and Friday, free exercise classes Monday to Friday and nutritious lunch Tuesday to Friday, after lunch more than 35 seniors enjoys bingo on Tuesday and Friday.

- We have started Free Chair Yoga for our seniors every Tuesday from 11 am. It is free for Roselle Park seniors only.
- ➤ BAPS, a local Indian Organization, will be holding their meetings on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 19th at the Casano Community Center at approximately 6 PM.
- The Indo American Senior Citizens will be having meetings on July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- > The Westfield Board of Health sends a nurse to the Casano Center on the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am to take blood pressure readings.

### **Casano Community Center Rental:**

- ➤ July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>. August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

- June 13<sup>th</sup>, Union Car Show
   June 15<sup>th</sup>, Fireworks Meeting
- > June 15<sup>th</sup>, Barry Geller Union County
- > June 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor and Council
- > June 18<sup>th</sup>, Hispanic Heritage Festival
- > June 19<sup>th</sup>, Hot Rod Mike
- > June 24<sup>th</sup>, Car Show
- > June 29<sup>th</sup>, RP Business Chambers
- ➤ July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fireworks
- ➤ July 12<sup>th</sup>, Senator Tom Kean
- ➤ July 13<sup>th</sup>, Association meeting
- > July 15<sup>th</sup>, Burger King

#### **Publicity:**

Suburban News, Star Ledger, Tap into News, Local Source, NJ.com, Seniors News, Roselle Park News, TV 34, NJ 101.5, La Voz and Facebook.