



THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

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CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER
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September 14th, 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 August 13, 2016 through September 14, 2016.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

- The teakwood furniture should be weather treated before the cold weather sets in. The wooden tables and chairs have begun to separate, splinter and fade.
- We are in search for Volunteers for AARP tax aid Program.

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. We have also been receiving fresh produce from the Roselle Park Farmers' Market on Wednesday evenings to be distributed to everyone. The Farmers' Market donations have been made possible through the work of the "Friends of the Library."
- We had Kids summer movies in the month of July and August. Kids who participated enjoyed free soda and popcorn.
- Zumba is a great success, we have more than 20 residents who participates every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Healthy Bones, Chair Aerobics and Chair Yoga are well participated, we have almost 30 seniors who come out and enjoy free exercise every morning.
- We had more than 10 seniors who enjoyed free concert in linden every Tuesday and Friday in the month of August.
- We have full bus going to the PNC Bank Art Center on Tuesday, September 13th for a show by "Motown" and Thursday for a show "Tony Orlando" at 1:30 PM. We have received twenty free tickets for the show through the Garden State Arts Foundation.
- Senior Picnic on July 16th was a great success. More than 100 seniors enjoyed the music and free food. Thank you Mayor Hokanson and volunteers for helping serve and clean.
- Casano Center also provides free trips to Mall every Monday, shopping trips every Tuesday and Friday,
- Casano Center also provides nutritious lunch Tuesday to Friday. We have more than 35 residents who participate in the program.
- Seniors enjoyed free trips to Point Pleasant beach on August 4th and August 18th. Seniors also went to Seaside heights on September 8th one more trip has been scheduled for September 19th.
- We had FREE concert on August 1st that was well attended at the Gazebo Park. The concert was sponsored by "HEART" grant and was titled "1976 to 2016--- FORTY YEARS OF MEMORIES" that appealed to people of all ages. Thank you Mayor

Hokanson, Councilman Joe Petrosky and Councilman Thos Shipley for attending the concert.

- September 11th, 9 11 Service was well participated at Kelly-Kaulfers Memorial Park. Thank you Roselle Park Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, County Sheriff Joe Cryan, Mayor Hokanson, Councilman Eugene Meola, Joe Petrosky and Thos Shipley for attending the ceremony.
- September 25th has been scheduled for European Heritage Festival from 1 pm to 4 pm. There will be live music and free food. Thank you Vintage Restaurant, Costas Restaurant, Sun Tavern and Sunrise Diner for donation.
- October 1st has been scheduled for Festival of India from 6 pm to 11 pm at Roselle Park high School. Free food will be served at cafeteria from 6 pm to 7 pm and the performance will start at 7 pm in the gym area. Thank you Roselle Park Casano Center Association, Roselle Park Education Association, Rita Pharmacy, Quality Auto Center, 7-11 (Westfield Avenue), Roselle Park Liquors and Food, Superone Communication, Indo American Senior Association, Dunkin Donuts and Bombay Spice II for your donation.
- BAPS, a local Indian Organization, will be holding their meetings on Friday September 23rd, October 7th and October 21st at approximately 6 PM.
- The Indo American Senior Citizens will be having meetings on September 18th, October 16th and October 23rd.
- Roselle Park Girl Scouts have scheduled their meetings at the center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 pm to 8 pm.
- 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:

- September 3rd, September 17th, September 18th.
- October 1st, October 2nd, October 8th, October 15th, October 22nd, October 23rd.

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- August 18^h, Mayor and Council Meeting
- August 29th, Trinitas Hospital
- September 5th, Concert
- September 7th, Committee Meeting
- September 8th, UNICO.
- September 9th, Indo American Cultural Society
- September 11th, 9 11 Ceremony
- September 14th, Association Meeting

Publicity:

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