



THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

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CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER
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November 17th, 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 October 15, 2016 through November 14, 2016.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

- Lights in the side and back of the building.
- Center will be closed on November 24th, November 25th, December 23rd and December 26th.for holidays.

Community Affairs:

- Almost 60 families will be receiving Thanksgiving Baskets on November 21st from 10am to 8pm. Thank you Sherman School, Middle School, Robert Gordon School, and Alden School for your support.
 - Thank you for your generous Donation:
 - Methodist Church for 10 Turkeys and 2 shopping carts full of food
 - PBA 27 for 8 turkeys and food
 - Joe DeIorio and Councilman Thos Shipley for 3 Turkeys.
- 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."
- Casano Community Center is happy to announce that now that we now have a handicapped wheelchair lift on seniors Bus. We will be able to provide service to all Roselle Park seniors.
- I am pleased to let you know that Union County has awarded and confirmed delivery of the seniors in Motion 12 passenger van this year.
- Zumba, Healthy Bones, Chair Aerobics and Chair Yoga are well participated.
- October 29, Recreation Committee had Halloween Party for kids up to the age of 5. Congratulations to Tina Schwarz and Jeanine Goodis for a great party, More than 200 came to enjoy the party. .
- November 11 was Veterans Day. Veterans Day Service was held at RP Library. More residents came to thank and appreciate our veterans. I want to thank the library for providing sandwiches and Dunkin donuts for donating the coffee.
 - Thank you Mayor Hokanson, Senator Kean Jr., Union County Commander for American Legion Mike Connelly and County Sheriff Joe Cryan for your support and kind words.
- We are getting ready for The Christmas Tree Lighting that has been scheduled for December 2nd at the Gazebo Park. We will be closing Grant Ave from Chestnut to Walnut Street from 4 pm. The event will kick off at 5pm. There will be a photographer who will

be taking pictures that can be downloaded from the “Casano Community Center” Facebook page. Thank you DPW for your cooperation and support.

- We will be lighting 2 trees and also adding activities for kids such as Pony rides, clown, face painting, Mickey and Minnie.
- There will be performances from RP High School, RP Middle School, Aldeen School, Robert Gordon and Sherman School singing Christmas melodies.
- There will be special performances by STEM National Champions Christina Rodden and Isaiah Gray also Mr. Eric W,
- There will be free gifts for children age 5 to 10 years sponsored by RP PBA 27.
- FREE Pizza, Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Cookies will be served after the ceremony Thanks RP PBA 27, RP Casano Center Association for donating pizza also Dunkin Donuts for Donating Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Cookies for the ceremony.
- November 16th seniors will be going to Delicious Orchard and on November 21st Cracker Barrel.
- November 27th, Girl Scouts will be decorating Tree at the Gazebo Park at 12:30 to 1:30pm.
- December 9th, Seniors will be going to Roselle Park high school for “Senior-Senior Holiday Social” at 3:30 pm
- December 11th, I have scheduled a special dinner for volunteer and for their partner. Thank you Community Center Association for sponsoring the food.
- December 12th, Community Center Association will be decorating Christmas Tree for the holidays.
- December 14th we will be distributing Holiday Baskets. From 10 am to 8 pm.
- December 28th, seniors will be going to Hunterdon Hill playhouse for “A Branson Country Christmas 2016” show.
- BAPS, a local Indian Organization, will be holding their meetings on Friday November 18th and December 16th at approximately 6 PM.
- The Indo American Senior Citizens will be having meetings on: November 13th, November 27th. December 11th and December 18th.
- Roselle Park Girl Scouts have scheduled their meetings at the center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 pm to 8 pm and they will be decorating the tree at the Gazebo Park on November 27th.
- 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:

- November 5th, November 12th, November 19th, November 20th.
- December 4th, December 10th, December 17th.

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- October 17th, Citizen Educational Advisory Committee.
- October 20th, Mayor and Council Meeting.
- October 25th, Business Chambers
- October 26th, Casano Center Association
- October 29th, Halloween Party
- November 2nd, Casano Community Center Committee
- November 11th, Veterans Day
- November 14th, Citizen Educational Advisory Committee.

Publicity:

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