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May 12, 2017

To: Mayor Carl Hokanson and Borough Council

The following is a report of activities and work done during the period of April 19th 2017 through May 12th 2017.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

- Center will be closed May 29th, and June 6th for Election Day.

Community Affairs:

- We are very thankful to our Residents and the Methodist Church for donating perishable and non-perishable food which has enabled us to maintain a stocked food pantry, also United States Postal Service for having "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" on May 13th.
- I want to thank Dowling Irish pub for hosting a fundraising event, "2nd Annual Friends of the Pub Guest Bartender Day" to support our Fireworks Program.
- April 21st, seniors had a memorable afternoon at the Casano Center!, students from the SASS club visited and had a fun time with the seniors. It is heartwarming to see students from the High school serving food, interacting and bringing humor to bingo. It was great to see seniors smile and enjoy the moment.
 - Thank you Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Kurz, Mrs. Mooney and SASS Club for making it possible.
- April 24th, 34 seniors enjoyed a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a luncheon comedy show "Born Yesterday".
- April 28th. More than 100 students from Sherman elementary school celebrated the Boroughs 13th Arbor Day. Thank you Mrs. Glob for a great ceremony, students sang "Trees are the Kindest things I know," and planted a Dogwood tree in front of the school. Thank you Principal Glomb, Mayor Carl Hokanson, Council-At-Large Charlene Storey, Councilman Those Shipley, and Councilman Eugene Meola for distributing pine tree seedlings to the students.
- May 2nd, Union County Nutrition Program had a presentation on "Good Health". Topics were healthy food and exercise.
- May 7th, Borough celebrated "2nd Hispanic Heritage Festival", more than 500 enjoyed free traditional food that was donated by La Casa Rosita, EL Tiburon, Rockys, La Choza Nautica, El Tumi, X-Press Café, Carbonazo Restaurants, Stancis, Inca Kola and Neltican Restaurant. Followed by cultural and heritage performances from various Hispanic Groups in their traditional dress.
 - Thank Roselle Park Education Association, Casano Center Association, Police and First Aid Squad for the support.
 - Thank you Inca Kola and Goya for raffle baskets.
 - Thank you volunteers Sonia, Jackie, Neri, Maxine, Kim and Students from SASS club.
 - Thank you Mayor Hokanson, Councilman Meola, Councilman Fahoury, Councilman Connelly and Councilman Shipley for your presence.

- May 20th, Roselle Park Residents are invited to a FREE “AAA Driving Improvement Program.” The course is 6 hours. Registration is limited to 30 on first come first serve basis. This course will help Reduce 2 points from your driving record, and save minimum 5 % on auto insurance. Normally AAA members pay \$60 (non members \$85). Thanks to Casano center Association for sponsoring the event. The registration is still open and seats are available.
- Starting May 22nd, seniors will be enjoying trips to the Jersey Shore. The fee is only \$2 to cover the cost of parking and tolls. We have only five seats available. Trips to the Shore have been scheduled twice a month on first and last Monday of the month.
- May 29th this year close to 50 groups and organizations will be participating in our parade. I want to thank them for confirming. RP Police Department, American Legion Post 60 and Fire Squad, Catholic War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Irish Community Group, Union County K9, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Board of Education, School Marching Band, Robert Gordon PTA, Community Preschool, Indo American Association, Knights of Columbus, Church of Assumption, Italian Community group, Methodist Church, 7th Virginia Cavalry, H.O.W Church, Roselle Park Soccer Club, Colombian Community Group, Summer Jeep, High School Clubs, Roselle Park Historical Society, Fusion Dance, Lions Club, Mexican Community Group, Casano Center Association, RP Democrat Committee, RP Republican Committee, Puerto Rican Community Group, RP Business Chamber, Peruvian Community Group, RP First Aid Squad, RP Fire Department and RP DPW.
 - Parade assembly will begin at 9 am and marching begins at 10 am from Sherman School on East Grant Avenue to Chestnut Street, parade will pass the reviewing stand on the corner of East Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street. There will be 3 minute performances by various groups. Parade will end on the grounds of the Veterans’ Memorial Library for the service.
 - Immediately after the Service there will be a town picnic at the Casano Community Center. As a tradition Mayor and Council will be serving Free Hot Dog or Hamburger or Vegi Burger etc.
- The Westfield Board of Health sends a nurse to the Casano Center the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am to take blood pressure readings.
- June 17th, Borough will be celebrating Gazebos 25th anniversary along with Car, Jeep and Motorcycle show. The event is scheduled from 12 to 3 PM with the rain date being the following Saturday. The show will take place on Chestnut Street with the overflow going into the Michael J. Mauri Gazebo Park. Crusin time starts at 10 am. Registration is free. Everyone is invited to bring old or new cars, Jeep, and motorcycles. There will be Trophies, A 50/50 and something for everyone, While parents are enjoying the car show and music by “DJ Hot Rod Mike”, kids can enjoy activities and an Art show by Roselle Park Loves Art. Business owners along Chestnut St. are welcome to have a sidewalk sale and other businesses in town may set up a table to an assigned spot to showcase their establishment during the car shows. Casano Center Committee will also be selling Gazebo’s 25th Anniversary T-Shirts. The price is one for \$10 and 2 for \$15.
 - Thank you VIP Gold Sponsors: Carl A. Hokanson, Dunkin’ Donuts, Ryan Inc-Timpat, F D R Hitches LLC., First Independent Auto Repair LLC. Fruchter & Associates LLC. Jersey Jeep Flow, Kean University, Roselle Park McDonald’s, Samuel Klein & Company, World of Liquor. Neglia Engineering Associates and VIP Sponsors American Wear Inc., Casano Center Association, Capodagli Property Company, LLC., NAR Auto Sales, Park Trophies, Palumbo Renaud & Deapplolnio LLC., Roselle Park Education Association. Su

Grants / Donation:

- Senior Focus Grant of \$25,000 for Casano Center Roof.
- Pride Grant \$200 for “Senior American Brunch”.
- Food Donation from La Casa Rosita, EL Tiburon, Rockys, La Choza Nautica, El Tumi, X-Press Café, Carbonazo Restaurants, Stancis, Inca Kola, Goya and Neltican Restaurant for Hispanic Heritage Festival.
- Pride Grant \$200 for Hispanic Heritage Festival.
- PBA Local 27 Soda and Water for Memorial Day Parade.
- Fireworks \$ 9,400.
- Car Show \$ 2,350.
- Have Applied for “HEART Grant”.

Casano Community Center Rental Year to Date: \$ 5,310

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- April 19th, CDBG meeting.
- April 20th, Mayor and Council Meeting
- April 26th, Casano Center Association Meeting.
- May 1st, NJ Transit Orientation.
- May 7th, Hispanic Heritage Festival.
- May 9th, Community Center Committee.

Publicity:

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

Upcoming Events:

29-May	Monday	Memorial Day Parade, Service and Townwide Picnic
17-Jun	Saturday	Crusin to Roselle Park (Car, Jeep and Motorcycle Show with RP Loves Art and Gazebo's 25th Birthday)
1-Jul	Saturday	July 4th Fireworks and Activities
16-Jul	Sunday	Seniors Picnic
1-Aug	Tuesday	National Night Out and Crusin Night (Rain Date Aug 8th)
11-Sep	Monday	9/11 service
16-Sep	Saturday	Festival of India
23-Sep	Saturday	RP Loves Art
8-Oct	Sunday	European Heritage Festival
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April 19, 2017

To: Mayor Carl Hokanson and Borough Council

The following is a report of activities and work done during the period of March 10th 2017 through April 19th 2017.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

- Center closed April; 14th.

Community Affairs:

- We are very thankful to our Residents and Methodist Church for donating perishable and non-perishable food which has enabled us to maintain a stocked food pantry.
- Thank you Anonymous donation of \$500 towards the Security Camera.
- March 19th, More than 100 residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Borough's first cultural event kicked off with great Irish music by Richard Stillman and his band. Everyone not only danced and sang along with his music, they also enjoyed mouthwatering Irish food that was donated by Dowling's Irish Pub and Restaurant and Sunrise Diner & Restaurant. Event ended with cake and coffee followed by bagpipes. The event was free for everyone. Thank you volunteers Sonia Chafta, Maxine Padulsky, Eleanore Gilbride, Pat McNamara. Also thank you for your kind words and for your help Council at Large Charlene Storey, Councilman Thos Shipley, Councilman Joe Petrosky, Councilman William Fahoury, and Councilman Michael Connelly.
- March 29th Roselle Park Casano Center Association had elections. I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers. President: Eleanor Gilbride, Vice President: Gerry Zarszymski, Secretary: Marlene Potts, Treasurer: Gladys Lugo, Trustees: Vince Dececco, Arlene Giegorch Tina Lang, Henry Motyczka and Emil Trgala.
- March 30th, 20 seniors enjoyed a FREE play "Wizard of Oz" at Roselle Park High School. Thank you Principal Sarah Costa for providing complimentary tickets to our seniors.
- March 31st, 20 seniors enjoyed the FREE play "Cinderella" at Union High school.
- April 4th, AAA came to the center for a free Senior Safety Presentation. The topics were The Older Wiser Driver / statistics, Safe Driving for seniors, RX for driving / website, vision, looking vs. seeing, maintaining your vehicle, buying a vehicle / safety technologies., Safe walking for seniors, CarFit, a program to keep you behind the wheel as long and as safe as possible, and roadwise for Seniors (Defensive Driving).
- April 5th, we distributed Easter baskets to more than 30 residents.
- April 8th More than 100 celebrated "Seniors American Month". Seniors enjoyed free brunch with music by Peter Liberman. I want to thank. Mayor Carl Hokanson, Councilman Joe Petrosky, Councilman William Fahoury, Councilman Michael Connelly and Councilman Thos Shipley for taking time to celebrate with us.

- April 9th, was an “Easter Candy Hunt” From 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Congratulations Roselle Park Recreation Director Tina Ricigliano Schwarz and Committee for a great success.
- April 18th, YMCA had presentation on “Silver Snickers” program. Qualified seniors would enjoy free membership and classes such as Classic Total body conditioning with resistance tools, Circuit non-impact aerobics and strength work, Cardiofit low impact, heart healthy aerobics, Yoga safe movements and breathing exercise, and Splash fun, refreshing, non-impact water workout.
- April 22nd, Dowling Irish pub will be hosting “2nd Annual Friends of the Pub Guest Bartender Day” from 12:00 pm to 2:00 am to support our Fireworks Program. The day will consist of different "friends" guest bartending, There will be live music and house DJ all day and night. 10% of all proceeds will be donated to the July 4th fireworks.
- April 24th, 34 seniors will be making a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a luncheon comedy shows. “Born Yesterday”. The bus will leave from Church of Assumption at 9:45 am.
- April 28th. The Borough will be celebrating 13th Arbor Day. This year a tree will be donated to Sherman Elementary School and will be planted in front of the school. There will be a short ceremony at 2 p.m., Seedlings obtained by the Borough through the New Jersey Forest Service, Community Forestry Program will be distributed to 100 students at the closing of the ceremony. Borough of Roselle Park Arbor Day mayoral proclamation will also be presented to Department of Public Works.
- May 2nd, Union County Nutrition Program will have a presentation on “Good Heath”. Topics are healthy food and exercise.
- May 7th, “2nd Hispanic Heritage Festival” will be celebrated at RP High School. The event is for everyone and will start at 6 pm. Free traditional food will be served from 6 to 7 pm followed by performances from various Hispanic Groups. I want to thank Roselle Park Education Association, Casano Center Association, La Casa Rosita, EL Tiburon, Rockys, La Choza Nautica, El Tumi, X-Press Café, Carbonazo Restaurants, Stancis and Neltican Restaurant for your donation.
- Starting May 15th, seniors will be enjoying trips to Seaside Heights and Point Pleasant beach. The fee is only \$2 to cover the cost of parking and tolls.
- May 20th, Roselle Park Residents are invited to FREE “AAA Driving Improvement Program.”. The course is 6 hours. Registration is limited to 30 on first come first Serve basis. This course will help Reduce 2 points from your driving record, and save minimum 5 % on auto insurance. Normally AAA members pay \$60 (non members \$85). Thanks to Casano center Association for sponsoring the event.
- I am reaching out to the school district and organizations to participate in our Memorial Day Parade that is scheduled for May 29th. Anyone interested in participating, marching, performing or interested in bringing floats, classic cars, motorcycle or Jeep or would like to volunteer can contact the center.
- Community Garden has reserved the center for signups April 10th, 13th, 18th and 23rd.
- BAPS, an Indian Organization will be holding their meetings on Friday, March 17th, January 20nd, February 3rd and February 17th from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- Girl Scouts are having their meetings every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- The Westfield Board of Health sends a nurse to the Casano Center the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am to take blood pressure readings.

Casano Community Center Rental:

- April 1, April 2, April 23 and April 29.
- May 13, May 21, May 27 and May 28.

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- March 16th, Mayor and Council Meeting
- March 19th, Saint Patrick's Day
- March 20th, Citizen Advisory Committee.
- March 21st, Center Committee Meeting
- March 25th, Historical Society Brunch.
- March 29th, Association Meeting.
- April 4th, NJ Transit Orientation.
- April 7th, RPLA at Library
- April 8th, Senior American Brunch
- April 9th, Easter Candy Hunt
- April 11th, Committee Meeting.
- April 19th, CRBG Meeting

Publicity:

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

Upcoming Events:

28-Apr	Friday	Arbor Day @ Sherman School
7-May	Sunday	Hispanic Heritage Festival
29-May	Monday	Memorial Day Parade, Service and Townwide Picnic
17-Jun	Saturday	Crusin to Roselle Park (Car, Jeep and Motorcycle Show with RP Loves Art and Gazebo's 25th Birthday)
1-Jul	Saturday	July 4th Fireworks and Activities
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March 10, 2017

To: Mayor Carl Hokanson and Borough Council

The following is a report of activities and work done during the period of February 10th, 2017 through March 10th 2017.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

- Leaking Roof.
- Center will be closed April; 14th.
- Teakwood furniture needs to be power washed and treated with sealer/oil
- Parking for seniors.

Community Affairs:

- We are very thankful to our Residents and Methodist Church for donating perishable and non-perishable food which have enabled us to maintain a stocked food pantry.
- February 17th, more than 70 enjoyed the Valentine's Day Party with Fresh food and live music by R&B Show. Thank you Mayor Hokanson and Councilman Fahoury for celebrating with us and for the help with cleanup. I have received requests for to have the party on Saturday or Sunday for 2018.
- March 7th, about 50 3rd graders from Robert Gordon Elementary school came to the center to read a book and spend time with our seniors. Thank you Principal Ms. Kenny and Ms. Kanark for your support. Events like these makes a huge difference in seniors, especially those who are living alone and children who do not have grandparents.
- March 19th, we will celebrate St Patrick's Day. There will be free food and live music by Richard Stillman. Richard is a Broadway actor, performer, musician and tap dancer. The event is free for everyone. Thank you Dowling Irish pub and Sunrise dinner for your donation.
- March 31st, seniors will be going to Union High school to enjoy the play "Cinderella". The show is FREE for seniors. The bus is full and pick-up will start at 9:30am.
- April 4th, AAA will be coming to the center for free Senior Safety Presentation. The topics are The Older Wiser Driver / statistics, Safe Driving for seniors, RX for driving / website, vision, looking vs. seeing, maintaining your vehicle, buying a vehicle / safety technologies., Safe walking for seniors, CarFit, a program to keep you behind the wheel as long and as safe as possible, roadwise for Seniors (Defensive Driving).
- April 8th we will be celebrating Seniors American Month from 12 to 3 pm. There will be live music by Peter Lieberman and brunch. FREE Senior American Brunch is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today.
- April 9th, Indo Senior Association will be having their first meeting of the year. Meetings are scheduled twice a month for the year.
- April 9th, Recreation Committee has scheduled "Easter Candy Run". From 3:30 to 5:30 pm with the rain date April 23rd.
- April 22nd, Dowling Irish pub will be hosting event to fundraise for our fireworks program.
- April 24th, seniors will be making a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a luncheon comedy shows. There will be a full bus and seniors will enjoy the show "Born Yesterday".

- I am reaching out to the school district and organizations to participate in the Hispanic Heritage festival that is scheduled for May 7th and the Memorial Day Parade that is scheduled for May 29th. Anyone interested in participating, marching, performing or interested in bringing floats, classic cars, motorcycle or Jeep or would like to volunteer can contact the center.
- Residents can now sign up to Casano Centers Calendar so they can participate on free events, activities and trips offered by the Borough. Residents can sign up by clicking the calendar link on Casano Community Center Facebook page.
- Welcome booklet for our residents and businesses to provide information and services offered by the Borough. It will be available for residents at Borough Hall, Casano Center and Library for pickup and will also be available at borough events.
- BAPS, an Indian Organization will be holding their meetings on Friday, March 17th, January 20nd, February 3rd and February 17th from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- Girl Scouts are having their meetings every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- The Westfield Board of Health sends a nurse to the Casano Center the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am to take blood pressure readings.

Casano Community Center Rental:

- March 4, 5, and 18.
- April 1, 2, and 29.

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- February 14th, Councilman Mike Connelly for Memorial Day and Fireworks.
- February 15th, Union County, Elizabeth
- February 22nd, Association Meeting
- February 23rd, Budget Meeting.
- February 24th, CDBG Meeting
- March 7th, Coffee with a Cop

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