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THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

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To: Mayor Carl Hokanson and Borough Council.

The following is a report of activities and work done during the period of January 2018.

Activity Concerning the Casano Community Center:

Closed: January 15 for Martin Luther King's day, February 12 for Lincoln's birthday, and February 19 for Presidents day

Community Affairs:

- We are very thankful to our Residents, Methodist Church, the Roselle Park Library and the RP Republican Committee for donating perishable and non-perishable food, which has enabled us to maintain a stocked food pantry.
- I have started planning for our Borough events and I am searching for volunteers to help serve food, decorate, and clean after the event.
- I would like to thank the Roselle Park Arts committee member Paul Zdanowicz for offering his time to help design our event flyers.
- I have sent follow-up emails to the School District, Groups, and organizations for their possible participation in our first Christmas Parade. I have created a Doodle link with two possible options. They can choose either the first Friday, December 7 with the parade marching from the Sherman School to the Gazebo, followed by performances, tree lighting, pictures with Santa, pizza, and hot chocolate (with the rain date on the following Friday). Or the first Saturday, December 1, with the parade marching from Sherman School to the Gazebo, followed by performances, tree lighting, photos with Santa, pizza and hot chocolate, and free kids activities (with the rain date on the following Saturday). I have requested a reply by February 15, 2018. I have received six replies, 4 in favor to have the event on Saturday and 2 on Friday.
- I am very happy to report that Chair Yoga, Healthy Bones, Senior Aerobics, and Zumba classes are well attended and appreciated by our seniors and residents.
- The Martial Arts program has more than 8 middle school students registered. The program is free and for Roselle Park residents only. Residents must register with proper ID and proof of residence.
 - Thank you, Carl Pulchino for volunteering your time for our Borough residents.
- January 15, 20 seniors enjoyed the Annual "Swing Dance" at YM-YMHA in Union. The party was FREE to seniors and youth.
- January 16, we had our first Community Haunted House meeting. The committee has decided to have our event on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. I want to thank the planning committee Jeff Cerceco, Jason Diorio, AJ Swirz, and Jose Munos for volunteering their time and commitment to planning the event. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 7:30 pm at the center.
- January 26, about 100 Middle School students from the 7th and 8th grade enjoyed the fun-filled dance party, which included a DJ, pizza, donuts, cookies, soda, arcade games, ping pong and the company of their peers.
 - Thank you, Casano Center Committee member Kit Mahan Rubino for chaperoning and the Middle School PTA President Elaine Anderko Weaver for providing raffle prizes along with promoting the party.

- February 10, we will be celebrating our 3rd annual Valentine's Day Party from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Casano Center. There will be live music by R&B Show, lunch, and dessert. The event is free and open to everyone.
- We have scheduled trips to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for April 11 for "Steel Magnolias." The price for the show is \$55 per person. Free bus service will be provided to the Roselle Park Seniors.
- BAPS, an Indian Organization has reserved dates for their meetings in 2018. Meetings are scheduled twice a month on Fridays from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- Indo American Senior Citizens have reserved dates for their meetings in 2018. They will not be meeting at the center during the month of January and February
- Girl Scouts Troop 282 has canceled their regular meetings at the Center. However, Troop 908 will continue having their regular meetings as scheduled.
- The Casano Center offers free blood pressure readings on the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Thank you to the Westfield Board of Health for their support.

Grants / Donation:

- I have requested \$11,400 from the Union County Freeholders to support our July Fireworks celebration.
- I have requested food donations from Dowling Irish Pub and Sunrise Dinner to support our St. Patrick's Day event.
- I have received approval for \$1,550 from the PRIDE grant to support Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Seniors American Brunch, Hispanic Heritage Festival, Annual Town Picnic, and Senior Picnic.

Casano Community Center Rental Year to Date: \$1,150

Events, Activities, and Meetings Attended:

- January 8, Roselle Park Arts Committee
- January 9, Casano Center Committee
- January 10, CDBG Cranford
- January 16, Community Haunted House
- January 17, CDBG Cranford
- January 23, Martial Arts
- January 24, Casano Center Association
- January 26, CDBG Cranford
- January 26, Middle School Dance
- January 29, Middle School PTA

Publicity:

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

Upcoming Events:

Borough of Roselle Park 2018 Event Dates for Consideration		
Date	Day	Event
10-Feb	Saturday	3rd Valentine's Day Party
10-Mar	Saturday	3rd St. Patrick's Day
31-Mar	Saturday	Easter Candy Run (Recreation)
27-Apr	Friday	14th Arbor Day at Middle School
28-Apr	Saturday	13th Seniors American Brunch
5-May	Saturday	1st USO 5K Run/Walk
19-May	Saturday	3rd Hispanic Heritage Festival at RP High School
28-May	Monday	Memorial Day Parade, Service and Picnic
2-Jun	Saturday	Roselle Park 1st Festival of Color and Pride Month
16-Jun	Saturday	1st Pride Month Celebration
30-Jun	Saturday	13th July 4th Fireworks (Rain Date 7/7/18)

