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#### **SENIOR BRUNCH AT CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER**

On Tuesday, April 12th, the Borough of Roselle Park The event was well attended by seniors ages 55 and older. hosted a Senior Brunch at the Casano Community Center. A free brunch was served and there were live entertainers.

















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#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Positively Roselle Park 24/7 Volunteer Coordinators, Jodi Bellomo and Joe DeIorio collect and deliver much needed food items to the Roselle Park Pantry at the Casano Community Center. If you would like to donate non perishable items or need food, call the center at 908-245-0666."





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vessel Sea Dart II, one of the largest Sea Scout vessels on the east coast, along with a fleet of smaller vessels (including sailboats) from their base located in Linden, NJ. Sea Scouting (Part of the Venturing Program of the BSA – Boy Scouts of America) offers young adults the opportunity



future careers.

Whether you're steering the vessel from the wheelhouse, learning engine room repair or visiting a new port on one of the many trips, there's something you'll enjoy in Sea Scouting. So, try something different, check us out, and prepare yourself to set sail for a real adventure.

Parents, give your son or daughter a valuable gift by encouraging them to join Sea Scouting today. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.

Sea Scouting is for boys and girls who are at least 14 years old (or 13 years of age and have completed eighth grade) and under 21 years of age. We have a Maritime Explorer Club for middle school aged youth as well. Potential adult volunteers are welcome too!

The crews of Patriots Path Sea Scouts will host

Sea Scouts from Ship 228 operate the 65' to travel and learn skills that could be useful in their open house at the Carteret Marina, located in the Carteret Waterfront park, 200 Middlesex Avenue, Carteret, NJ, on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sea Scout Ship's 228 and 243 normally operate out of their base at 4400 Tremley Point Road in Linden, NJ, which is currently undergoing a construction project. As a result, the town of Carteret has graciously offered the use of their municipal marina to host our open house this year.

> The open house will include tours of the council's main vessels (the 65-foot Sea Dart II and Sea Horse), an introduction to the Sea Scout program, and fun activities that are bound to pique a young adult's interest in boating and scouting. There will be free hamburgers and hotdogs for those who tour the vessels. No reservation required. Come down to visit and bring a friend or family member!

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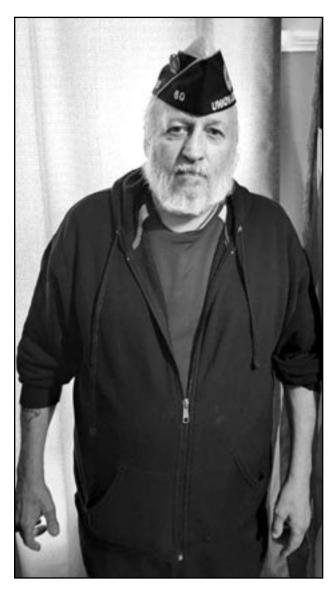
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#### STEPHEN C. JERDEN, GRAND MARSHALL OF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



(above) Stephen C. Jerden will be Grand Marshal for annual Roselle Park Memorial Day parade.



Borough of Roselle Park

The American Legion Post 60 has nominated Stephen "Steve" C. Jerden as Grand Marshal for the Annual Roselle Park Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th at Sherman Elementary

Jerden was born August 3, 1953 and was raised in Hillside, NJ before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1972. He served during the end of the Vietnam War, from July 10, 1972 to May 30, 1975. Stephen was ranked E-4, a petty officer third class. He earned the Navy "E" Award, which denotes the wearer was on permanent duty aboard a U.S. Navy ship or in a unit that won a battle efficiency competition after July 1, 1974.

Currently, Stephen resides in Elizabeth, NJ. He has two sons, one daughter, and four grandkids - one of which is currently serving in the Navy. Stephen continues to serve locally as Vice Commander of American Legion Post 60, located in Roselle Park. He also serves as Vice Commander for the Union County American Legion, where he is a regional representative for military veterans and their family members.

"Mr. Jerden is an excellent nomination by American Legion Post 60, and we could not be happier to have him walk in this year's Memorial Day Parade," said Mayor Joe Signorello. "Memorial Day is meant to pay respect to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country, but veterans such as Mr. Jerden certainly don't go unrecognized. I hope all Roselle Park residents will come out and join us as we pay our respects to our fallen heroes and all they have given us."

All organizations are invited to walk in the Roselle Park Memorial Day Parade in our annual tradition of honoring those who have defined heroism and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Lineup will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Participation is free - please contact the Casano Community Center at (908) 245-0666 to reserve your spot.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY & SUMMER KICKOFF PICNIC**

Borough of Roselle Park

Roselle Park will be holding its annual Memorial Day Celebration, consisting of a parade and solemn service, followed by a summer kickoff community picnic.

The day's events will begin with the parade, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Lineup will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The parade will be led by the Roselle Park Police Department and Newark Mounted Police. Roselle Park American Legion Post 60 and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Roselle Park will follow, along with Mayor Joseph Signorello III and the members of the Borough Council. Marching bands from the School District and the Roselle Park Board of Education will also feature in the parade.

The parade will proceed westbound along the East Grant Avenue corridor toward Chestnut Street, turning right onto Chestnut Street and ultimately dispersing at Roselle Park Veterans

Memorial Library where a solemn outdoor On Monday, May 30, 2022, the Borough of memorial service will be held. Following this service, the Borough will host a kickoff to summer community picnic at the Casano Community Center. All residents are encouraged to join in on the fun!

"Our annual Memorial Day activities are always a fantastic way to celebrate the holiday, and, most importantly, honor the men and women who have sacrificed everything defending our nation," said Mayor Joe Signorello. "I look forward to a great turnout at our parade, community picnic, and service dedicated to honoring our fallen heroes. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event possible."

If you have a group that would like to walk in the Memorial Day Parade or would like more information, please contact Director Rupen Shah at the Casano Community Center; rshah@rosellepark.net or 908-245-0666.





#### RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN

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Northeast Spine & Wellness Center uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets Northeast Spine & Wellness Center apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call Northeast Spine & Wellness Center now for a RISK FREE consultation.



#### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- · Rehabilitation can take years.

#### Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- · Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- · No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications
- · Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

#### **How Does This New Treatment Work?**

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with Northeast

Spine & Wellness Center investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain. especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection. the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

#### Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. Northeast Spine & Wellness Center understands the symptoms you have been

living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- Pain Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- Swelling This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- Stiffness Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- Loss of muscle strength This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- Joint deformity Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- Creaking Joints Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- Sleepless nights Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

#### Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoros-

copy we use at Northeast Spine & Wellness Center these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact Northeast Spine & Wellness Center today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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#### Here's what our patients have to say

"I'm dancing without pain. I can more with no problem whatsoever. I can go up and down steps with no pain." - Patricia G.

"Over 85% relief for the first time in 15 years, suffering with knee pain. My life is getting back to normal." - Perry O.

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On Sunday, May 15th, Kenilworth Boulevard will be closed to vehicle traffic from 14th St. to 24th St. and transformed into a giant block party from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This event is hosted by the Borough of Kenilworth. It will feature quality exhibitors, a special crafter's section, lots of great food, kiddie rides, and a kids area, live music, performances, and local merchants and civic organizations will have goods and services to promote.

Shop til you drop along the Boulevard with over 100 quality exhibitors selling their merchandise such as jewelry, handbags, sports collectibles, clothing, home decor and much more. There will be a special section with handmade crafts from local and nearby crafters, and artisans with unique one of a kind items.

Quality exhibitors will be selling a selection of assorted items, and a special arts & crafts section, live entertainment, kiddie rides & games, great festival foods & food trucks, and so much more. Don't miss stopping by the many local merchants & civic organizations to see what goodies they are passing out.

As you stroll along the Blvd stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in the live music area. So come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheese steaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh cut fries, fresh squeezed lemonade, Italian ice and the many great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

There will also be a "Kidz Traveling Shindig" which is a section dedicated to children with kiddie bounce rides, slides and interactive blow ups, face painters, sand art & kids games just to name a few things.

A special thank you to our sponsors: Renna Media and Wide Eye Security Systems.

For info on sponsorship and vendor space please visit our website or email us at events@jcpromotions.info.



#### **ROSELLE PARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY – MAY PROGRAMS**

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#### **RPVML BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 18th @ 7:00 PM Open forum discussing Library resolutions and news

#### **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: KNITTING CLUB**

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM Knit hats, scarves, and blankets to donate to organizations in needs - Basic help for beginners available.

#### **ESL FOR ADULTS**

Thursdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Come and practice your conversational English skills.

#### **QUILTING CLUB**

2nd + 4th Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM Try out new quilting patterns with friends **ADULT YOGA** 

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#### **WRITE ON!**

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#### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS: **RHYMES & RHYTHMS**

Mondays 11:00 - 11:45 AM Expand your child's literacy through classic nursery rhymes and songs

#### **CRAFTERNOON**

Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM - even weeks Get crazy! Get creative! Get CRAFTY!

#### **LET'S EXPERIMENT**

Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM - odd weeks Explore the mysteries of science and expand your mind with fun experiments

#### **YOUTH STORY BOARD - KIDS**

Mondays 4:45 - 5:30 PM - ages 7-10 Learn how to write creatively in this 10-week workshop (Ends with Open Mic Event on Tuesday, May 24th @ 4:30 - 5:30 PM)

#### **BEDTIME STORY**

Tuesdays 6:00 - 6:30 PM PJs and stuffies encouraged

#### **LET'S GO BILINGUAL**

Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 AM - even weeks Learn some basic Spanish, listen to a tale, and work on a craft

#### **SENSORY SPROUTS**

Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 AM - odd weeks Enrich your toddler's senses through tactile learning

#### **MOVE + GROOVE**

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:15 AM Get your blood pumping w/ Ms. Maria

#### **BLOCK PARTY**

Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM Open play and build with LEGOs, wooden blocks, and magnet panels

#### **TALES W/ TEDDY**

Fridays 11:00 - 11:30 AM Bring your squishiest of cotton-stuffed friends to hear a fun story!

#### **TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

Fridays 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Open play for toddlers + parents

#### **PROGRAMS FOR TEENS** (AGES 12+): **NERD CLUB**

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#### **YOUTH STORY BOARD - TWEENS**

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#### LIBRARY EVENTS: **GROWING TOGETHER SERIES: SEED-SUN OF LOVE**

Monday, May 2nd @ 11:00 - 11:45 AM & 3:30 - 4:30 PM

From seeds to sprouts to sunflowers, Moms affectionately sow love and watch us grow. Plant these special sunflower seedlings for your Momma this Mothers Day!!

#### **TOAD-ALLY HOPPIN'**

Monday, May 23rd @ 11:00 - 11:45 AM Hop on in and join us for a TOAD-ally fun time as we learn about the journey from tadpole to frog as part of our Growing Together series -Ribbit!!



#### **REUSABLE BAGS DONATED TO SCHOOLS & LIBRARY**

donated over 2,000 reusable bags throughout the single-use plastic bags. As an alternative, singlereceived 300 bags for each elementary school, in grocery stores larger than 2,500 square feet, with Roselle Park Middle School and Roselle Park High School each receiving 600 bags. In addition, the Veterans Memorial Library received a donation of 300 reusable bags.

These donations come in light of New Jersey's "Bag Up" campaign, which promotes the switch from plastic to reusable bags for the upcoming plastic bag ban taking effect on May 4, 2022. This new law will prohibit New Jersey

The Borough of Roselle Park recently businesses from both providing and selling community. The Roselle Park School District use paper bags can be provided and sold, except which may only provide and sell reusable bags similar to the ones given out by the Borough for free.

For more information on New Jersey's "Bag Up" campaign and the new plastic bag law, please visit bagupnj.com. For questions about the Borough of Roselle Park's Clean Communities efforts please contact Coordinator Rupen Shah at 908-245-0666.

# Whoever your heart beats for, our hearts beat for you.

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#### **SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ MAY SHOW**

The Salem Roadhouse Café, located at 829 Salem Rd., Union, NJ, presents the Mark Adamy Band, Saturday, May 14, 2022. The doors open at 7:15 p.m. Admission: \$20, includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

New to the Roadhouse Café, Mark Adamy is a multitalented keyboardist and vocalist who works with artists around the globe as a live performer and recording artist. This includes his own band: The Mark Adamy Band, which is a group of accomplished musicians that has thrilled listeners with its original stylings fusing pop, rock, jazz, R&B, world, and spiritual music.

Mark has enjoyed popularity as a sought-after talent for special events, productions, and performances. Mark has won honors including Entertainer of the Year and Boston Music award nominations. He has shared the stage with greats like Chaka Khan, James Brown, The Four Tops, John-Lee Hooker, Pieces of a Dream, Howard Hewitt, Phil Driscoll, Phil Keaggy, Roger





Humphries, and many others. Mark has played in many Broadway productions as well as music directing off-Broadway productions in NYC.

Mark's concert credentials are extensive with acts such as the Coasters, the Cadillacs, Ink Spots, Jive Five, Silhouettes, Marvellettes, the Charelles, and guitarist Billy Davis. He has jammed with jazz artists such as Warren Hill, Makoto Ozone, Darren Lyons Group, and Lee Robinson at venues ranging from New York's Russian Tea Room and Knitting Factory to Boston's Symphony Hall.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

#### **ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

It's not "church music." It's music music.

Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

**Community Involvement** 

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

#### "A BRONX TALE" IS COMING TO CDC THEATRE

The musical "A Bronx Tale", the final show in CDC Theatre's 103rd season, is in rehearsal and getting ready to open June 10.

Based on the critically acclaimed play that inspired the now classic film, this streetwise musical will take you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s—where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. Featuring a book by Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, music by Oscar, Grammy, and Tony Award winner Alan Menken, and lyrics by Grammy Award winner and Oscar and Tony Award nominee Glenn Slater, "A Bronx Tale" is a story about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family.

Director Sean Lough describes the show as

"taking place on the streets in the 1960s, with all the pop styles of the time: Doo-wop, Frank Sinatra-style ballads, R&B and Motown.

Even though it's set in The Bronx, it's a very New Jersey show. The musical started at the Paper Mill Playhouse then moved to Broadway. We're honored to be the first NJ community theatre group to get to perform it after the smash Broadway run."

The show will run June 10-25, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on June 19th. Tickets can be purchased by visiting cdctheatre.org. Made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.







#### **SHINING STARS TO PRESENT "GREATEST HITS" - MAY 14TH**

years on the stage, the talented special needs cast will be presenting "The Greatest Hits" covering many of the memorable performances over the past decade.

The outdoor show will take place on the campus of Woodbridge High School, located at 1 Samuel Lupo Way, Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 5 p.m. There will be food trucks, a tricky tray and a 50/50 raffle.

"It's hard to believe it's been ten years, but it's been an incredible journey," noted Shining Stars

The Shining Stars are back! Celebrating 10 Network Founder and Show Director Sally Curci. "We continue to be inspired by our performers every day. Their passion, dedication and talent is what makes our shows come to life."

> The Shining Stars have performed in front of audiences of 1,000 or more, with cast members from seven different counties performing over the years. The Cranford-based organization still has many Cranford residents, but is open to anyone who wants to experience the performing arts.

> "We're all about inclusion and opportunity while building self-esteem and creating

friendships," said Shining Stars Network Founder and President Mike Curci. "There have been so many incredible performances over the years and we can't wait to see our stars shine on stage once again."

Tickets are available by going to ShiningStarsNetwork.org and clicking on the "purchase tickets" page. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the show. Please bring a folding chair or blanket. Seating boxes are first-come, first-served. Gates open at 4 p.m. Plenty of on-site parking is available. Rain date is May 21st. Any cancellation will be noted at ShiningStarsNetwork.org.

SHINING STARS NETWORK is a non-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. founded by Sally and Mike Curci that shines the light on the special needs community by creating opportunities in the performing arts, with the goal of building self-confidence and self-esteem while enjoying the experience of performing on stage. In addition, their Shining Stars Ambassadors basketball team travels to play local first responders and organizations while building friendship and understanding. Now entering its 6th year, Camp Shine (for ages 10-20 years) and The Shining Stars Summer Workshop (21 and over performers) are two-week intensive programs open to everyone, including those with developmental disabilities, that will take place August 15-26, 2022. For more information on Shining Stars Network or any of their programs, please visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org or send your email to ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com.

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(above) Shining Stars, a special needs performing arts group, takes the stage on May 14th. For more information visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org.



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#### **PORCHFEST 4 SEEKS TALENT & VOLUNTEERS**

With warmer weather on the horizon, it's time music is abundant. The Positively Roselle Park 24/7 volunteer organization is calling on local musical event for 2022.

Roselle Park 24/7 Porchfest was showcased during the summer of 2020 as a way to encourage people to bike and walk around town while enjoying Roselle Park's aspiring and seasoned music professionals. Residents volunteer their home porch fronts or front yards as venues.

"The warm weather sun is shining, that means it's time for people to come out and watch our artists shine!" said Positively Roselle Park 24/7 representative Joe DeIorio. "We created Porchfest to showcase local talent and the beautiful borough we live in."

Each performance can be from 20 to 45 for Porchfest, where local talents shine, and minutes long and residents are welcomed to get to know the performers and sing along.

With volunteer help, performances are also musical talent of all ages to sign up for its next live streamed, and residents are encouraged to bike or walk to each location and stop by a Roselle Park small business eatery and grab a bite.

> While organizers are considering dates, the group is looking for talent, homes as venues and volunteers. Interested talent is encouraged to email RosellePark247@gmail.com.

> Positively Roselle Park 247 a volunteer organization whose mission is to create and support activities for the Borough of Roselle Park that bring people together to celebrate, educate and promote pride and the many positive and diverse aspects of our community.





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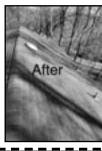
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