



**Community Center Rentals Month of May 2026**

5/2	Spring Marketplace
5/12	Justin Beach House Meeting
5/13	Beginner's Mah Jongg Class
5/20	Disaster Preparedness Seminar
5/26	IRHS Boys Volleyball Banquet
5/27	IRHS BPA Awards Banquet
5/28	IRHS Girls Lacrosse Banquet
5/29	Hoban Graduation Party

**Events:**

We hosted the Spring Marketplace featuring 15 handcrafted artisan vendors and two food trucks. Due to the threat of inclement weather and high winds, the event was relocated indoors. Despite the change in venue, the marketplace was well attended by community members. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to support local artisans. Additionally, the IRHS Girls Lacrosse team held a bake sale featuring a variety of homemade treats. The bake sale was very successful and received great support from attendees, helping to contribute to the event's positive atmosphere and community spirit.



Our first Beginner's Mah Jongg class was a success, drawing nearly a full house and receiving rave reviews from participants. Attendees learned the fundamentals of the popular game in a fun and welcoming environment. The class was led by Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza and her assistants, who brought a combined total of more than 100 years of Mah Jongg experience. Their expertise, patience, and enthusiasm helped make the program both educational and enjoyable for everyone who attended.



Mayor Ron Belinko dedicated the American Elm tree at the Park as part of the community's participation in honoring America's Semiquincentennial. The tree serves as a living tribute to our nation's history and a symbol of strength, resilience, and growth for future generations.



The Disaster Preparedness Seminar, organized by Secretary Debbie Sosnoski, who has decades of experience as a firefighter and EMT, was another full-house event and an outstanding program filled with valuable information. Featured speaker Tim Cooper of the Sussex County Office of Emergency Management discussed basic emergency preparedness for weather-related disasters, providing practical guidance on how residents can stay safe and prepare ahead of storms that may impact our area. The strong attendance demonstrated the community's interest in being informed, prepared, and ready to respond to emergencies.



### **Upcoming Events:**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** To help those in need and save lives, we are hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm-6pm. A QR code is offered for faster registration. So far 45 appointments have been registered, the goal is 57.

**Community Meeting with Dr. Tam:** Dr. Tam will be visiting on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to provide updates on the South Coastal Emergency Department as well as seeking input and feedback from residents.

### **Park Maintenance & Operations:**

Continued routine maintenance including mowing, trash removal, and equipment inspections. Landscaping improvements around the pickleball courts will begin soon.

### **Projects & Improvements:**

**Commemorative banners installed:** Eric and Ray hung banners commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US and Delaware along the walking path, adding a patriotic touch and celebrating this historic milestone.

