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COLUMBUS DAY PARADE KICKOFF PARTY

SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST

HAMDEN – Laura F. Luzzi, Chairman of the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven, has announced that this year's **Columbus Day Parade Kickoff Party** will be held on **Tuesday, June 21st**. The party will be hosted by Cascade Fine Catering located at 480 Sherman Ave. in Hamden. The event will feature food, drinks, entertainment & prizes which will run from 6-9 pm.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from co-chairman's Lewis Panzo at 203-287-1272, x 102, Art Giulietti at 203-287-7008, any Committee member, or at the Hamden Mayor's Office, located in Town Hall at 2750 Dixwell Ave. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door. "On behalf of our entire committee, we cannot express enough thanks to Cascade Fine Catering for generously offering to host this great occasion and for the contributions and donations from several area restaurants and pizza establishments. The event is a significant fundraiser for the Committee as all proceeds will be used for this year's Columbus Day Parade, which is being held in Hamden on Sunday October 9th beginning at 1:00 pm", said Chairman Luzzi.

Since 2003, the parade has become a regional event hosted on a rotating basis among six area communities, which include Branford, New Haven, East Haven, West Haven, North Haven and Hamden. The Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Committee remains the organizer of the program, with the annual assistance from each hosting community.

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng of Hamden is the Honorary Chairman of this year's Parade, which will step off at 1:00 pm from Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Avenue traveling northbound and concluding at Miller Memorial Library. The parade will cover approximately 1.5 miles.

Volunteers are also still needed for planning and the coordinating of the parade. To march in the parade any group or organization must complete the parade application which can be obtained on the web: www.columbusdaynewhaven.org or by emailing: Patrick Donnelly at pdonnelly@hamden.com, or by calling Mayor Leng's office, at 203-287-7100.

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