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HAMDEN SETS THE STAGE FOR **“FESTA ITALIANA”**

HAMDEN – Hamden’s second Heritage Festival will have some Italian flavor! Fresh off the success of Hamden’s inaugural “Barbecue & Bluegrass” Heritage Festival, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng has announced that the 2016 theme will be “Festa Italiana”. “Festa Italiana” will occur on September 30th, from 4:30pm – 9:00pm in Hamden Town Center Park, located at 2761 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT 06518.

The event will feature live music from Rich DePalma, a cultural exhibit showcasing Hamden’s Italian Heritage within the 20th and 21st Centuries, a special dedication to the various achievements of Hamden’s Honorary Event Chairs, and a wide range of both classic Italian and specialty foods. In addition, the Hamden Youth Services Bureau will be hosting a number of children’s activities and craft sessions, many with a focus on Italian culture and crafts. Hamden will also welcome Quinnipiac Women’s Soccer, who will be offering a soccer clinic for Hamden’s youth from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Finally, P.L.A.C.E. Multicultural Museum will be on site with their mobile museum unit, offering activities and historical information for children as a lead-in to the October 1st P.L.A.C.E 10th Anniversary Arts & Culture Festival, also occurring in Town Center Park from 10am-4pm.

“As we welcome the Columbus Day Parade to Hamden in October, Festa Italiana seemed like a perfect fit to match some great traditions of Hamden with some of the new

and exciting programming in Town Center Park”, Mayor Leng explained. The Mayor added “This event will have a real community and bi-partisan feel to it, as our event Chairs are former Hamden Mayors of Italian descent Lucien DiMeo, Peter Villano, John Carusone, Barbara DeNicola, and Carl Amento. We asked these servants of Hamden to help us out one more time, and all responded graciously and enthusiastically.”

Specialty vendors will include: [Poppy's Pizza](#), [Meriano's Bake Shoppe](#) & Cannoli Truck, [Mama Dee's Italian Kitchen](#), [Firedog Food Truck](#), [Sugar Bakery & Sweet Shop](#), [PopCentric Gourmet Ice Pops](#), Baskin Robbins of Darien, Italian Ices of Connecticut LLC, [Consiglio's Restaurant](#), [Spuds Your Way](#), and [Have A Ball NYC](#) Food Truck!

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