

AN EAST RUTHERFORD ACCESS FOR ALL SPECIAL FREE EVENT

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 5:30PM to 8:00PM
East Rutherford Community Center, 32 Vreeland Avenue

ARE YOU PREPARED TO MEET THE LIFE CHANGES FOR YOUR CHILD OR PARENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

As you manage the care for your loved one with special needs, each day brings new challenges. Being informed and prepared eases the overwhelm and stress. Join us for this **FREE EVENT** with a light supper provided by The Garden State Ale House.

Keynote speaker, Donald Vanarelli, Esq., specializes in NJ Guardianship law. He is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Bar Association's Elder and Disability Law Section. Guest panelists will share their extensive special expertise in: design and construction processes; along with sourcing the right supportive services and resources for your loved one.



- * *Learn which legal documents you must have to make decisions and care for your over 21 child with special needs.*
- * *Avoid costly changes by discovering the right design trends for your entry, kitchen and bathroom to make your home more accessible for your loved one.*
- * *Gain understanding of the construction and permit processes to ease planning stress.*
- * *Ask the County expert about resources for children and adults to manage life changing events.*

Seating is limited. Pre-Register by November 14, 2016 by e-mail to: ERaccessforall@gmail.com.

For more information visit the Access for All website page at: www.eastrutherford-nj.net.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DONALD VANARELLI

ATTORNEY
SPECIALIZING IN LAW
FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES & ELDER
CARE

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ANTHONY ARDIZZONE

ARCHITECT & SR.
PROJECT MANAGER
HOME & OFFICE DESIGN
FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
ACCOMMODATIONS

2

FRANK RECANATI

CONSTRUCTION
OFFICIAL

MANAGING THE
PROCESS OF HOME
RENOVATIONS

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DANIEL KOTKIN

INFORMATION &
RESOURCE
COORDINATOR -
BERGEN COUNTY DIVISION
ON DISABILITIES

Meet Our Speakers

KEYNOTE: DONALD VANARELLI, ESQ..

Mr. Vanarelli has practiced law in NJ and NY since



1983. He is committed to protecting the legal rights of persons with disabilities, seniors, and their families. His Westfield, NJ firm focus includes: special needs planning, guardianships, elder law, estate planning, and trust

administration. Mr. Vanarelli is a recipient of the Marilyn Askin Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Bar Association's Elder and Disability Law Section. The Lifetime Achievement Award - Elder and Disability Law Section's highest honor, - is bestowed on attorneys with a history of distinguished service who made significant

contributions in the field of elder and disability law during his or her career. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognized Mr. Vanarelli's advocacy in elder and disability law, including a number of precedent-setting legal victories which includes the rights of seniors and persons with disabilities. He is a Certified Elder Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. In addition, Mr. Vanarelli is: an Accredited Veterans Attorney; Founding Member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners; an Accredited Professional Mediator; Co-Founder of the Elder Center of Jersey; and Co-Founder of the New Jersey Collaborative Law Group. He is also past Chair of the Elder and Disability Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Mr. Vanarelli has been rated "AV Pre-Eminent" by Martindale-Hubbell for 15 years; and named a NJ Super Lawyer from 2007 to present. He graduated from Montclair State University and Rutgers Law School; and served as Corps Volunteer in Kathmandu, Nepal. For more information, and to learn about the firm's services, visit: www.VanarelliLaw.com

PANELIST: ANTHONY ARDIZZONE, GUZZO + GUZZO ARCHITECTS

Anthony, is a Senior Project Manager with the Lyndhurst based firm of Guzzo + Guzzo Architects. After graduating from NJIT with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, Anthony began his 16 years tenure with the firm as an intern drafter.

In his current role, Anthony is responsible for overseeing a five-person team, managing a multitude of projects. His design and project management expertise ranges from single family residential and retail development, to institutional, private and public schools.

For two generations, this family-owned firm has significantly contributed to the retail landscape throughout New Jersey and the surrounding metropolitan area. Their diverse client portfolio includes: commercial properties, retail centers, government, public and private schools, and multi-family residential projects. Shop Rite Supermarket in Wallington, and the East Rutherford Police Department are among their many notable, local projects.

To learn more about Anthony, or the firm's projects and services, visit: www.gg-architect.com.

PANELIST: FRANK RECANATI

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

MANAGING THE PROCESS OF HOME
RENOVATIONS

Frank Recanati is a Construction Official with over 22 years experience proudly serving the local communities of: East Rutherford, Carlstadt, and Rutherford. He grew up in Carlstadt, graduated from Becton Regional High School, and studied at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Frank holds a State of New Jersey license as a Class 1-Plumbing Inspector, Sub-code Official, and Construction Official. His broad scope of construction experience includes commercial and residential projects designed for use by persons of all ages with special needs.

As an advisor for the East Rutherford's Access for All Committee Frank provides code expertise on community accessibility-related projects that serve community residents with special needs, differently-abled children, and students. Frank is also a planning team member for the design and development of a workforce readiness school-to-work program serving differently-abled students. The program is a collaborative project with East Rutherford's Access for All Committee and leadership at the Becton Regional High School.

Frank and his wife, Stacey, of 28 years, have two adult children; Sarah and David.

PANELIST: DANIEL KOTKIN

INFORMATION & RESOURCE COORDINATOR

BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES, DIVISION ON DISABILITIES

In his role with the Division on Disabilities, Dan Kotkin is responsible for managing three key community programs. The Information & Referral Coordinator for People With Disabilities program, serves ages 18 through 59, connecting clients to services in the community.

The In-Home Caregiver Education & Support Program that provides free in-home instruction to caregivers who wish to learn better techniques in how to better care for the care recipient.

The Post Stroke & Disabled Adult Support Groups program offers opportunities for individuals with disabilities and caregivers to share common concerns, along with developing their social, independent living and coping skills. The program assists clients to overcome isolation, loneliness, maintain, and prevent, physical and cognitive deterioration.

Previously Dan was Advocacy Coordinator for the Alliance for Disabled in Action where he provided testimony on disability issues at state hearings and presenting lectures on legislative issues to various disability organizations. He majored in Political Science, and minored in Public Policy, at Ramapo University.

Pay It Forward! Support Our Event Partner: The Garden State Ale House

Chef/Owner Adam Zebib brought his New Brunswick success to 340 Paterson Avenue in East Rutherford in November, 2015. The Garden State Ale House is an authentic American gastropub that offers an impressive selection of craft beer, unique cocktails, and great food at an exceptional value. We invite you to visit The Garden State Ale House and consider them for your next holiday, business or friends and family gathering for a fun night out. To see their menu and hours visit: www.gsalehouse.com

Special thanks to Rutherford's Access for All Committee for their promotional support! Access for All neighboring towns include: Wallington and Lyndhurst.