

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE  
Week of April 20, 2015

Welcome to my first weekly update. As Mayor of the Township of Parsippany I am pleased to be launching a new way for you to be kept posted as to what is going on in our great town. Part of my job as Mayor is to keep everyone up to date with what is occurring in our community. Now, you can receive that information by logging on to our informative Township website at [www.parsippany.net](http://www.parsippany.net). However, in the near future, you will also be able to sign up for email updates which will offer a more personal touch and a sure way for those of you who may not have a chance to log on, to receive that information. That way, for sure, you will not miss any current information or events that may directly affect you. And this is also a way for me to keep in touch with you, Parsippany residents and friends.

### **Arbor Day**

Today marks Arbor Day and I am pleased to announce that Parsippany once again has been named a Tree City. This marks our 39<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for this honor. Tree City USA recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation is a symbol of how important our community forestry program is to us. At 11:00 am, I invite you to join me along with our Parks and Forestry Department, Forester Jack Shuart and students from Littleton and Mount Tabor schools in celebrating this honor at the Municipal Building. Free seedlings will be available at Town Hall for residents to plant at their homes in recognition of this day. At 12:30 pm, there will be tree planting ceremony at the historic Baldwin House located at 460 South Beverwyck Road.

### **Engineering/Road Construction**

Road reconstruction will begin this spring on many township streets. Making repairs to our infrastructure is an ongoing process and I am always on the lookout for areas that are in need of improvement. The Township assesses which projects are most critical to perform. Bids were received and projects were awarded for Lake Parsippany, specifically Pitman, Madison, Longport, Allentown and Bridgeton Roads. This work will involve milling, paving, curbing, water mains and guide rails for those streets. In addition there will be roadway improvements to Robin Hood Road, Friar Road, Exeter Street and Sherwood, Hastings, Crawford and Little John Roads. This project will also involve the excavation, milling, paving, curbing and minor drainage to those streets. Should you require further information or have any questions regarding these projects, please contact our Engineering Department at 973-263-7266.

### **ECOS**

As Mayor, I am and have always been concerned about the environment our children are growing up in. This concern has spurred me into taking action in reducing our carbon footprint. One of the ways I have done so is by encouraging local businesses to engage in practices that will keep our planet safe and protect the environment. In that regard, I am very proud and happy to welcome ECOS to Parsippany. Earth Friendly Products, which produces the ECOS label is a leader in the green cleaning products industry. Their plant-derived cleaners contribute to a healthier planet and are safe for the environment. They join many other businesses in town that have generated “green awareness” and are making a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our environment. I am glad to welcome them into our family of local businesses.

## **Memorial Day Parade**

Warm weather is finally making a comeback after a long, cold winter and with that brings the honor of remembering our fallen heroes on Memorial Day, May 25th. Our Memorial Day parade brings out the pride and spirit of our community and offers everyone a chance to commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It also lets us recognize the courage and selflessness of those serving in the military forces today. Parade planning is well under way for this event with new additions to our lineup. Should you or your group wish to join me in participating please contact the Recreation Department at 973-263-7257 as soon as possible.

## **Public Works**

The street sweeper has been making its way through town and all streets are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Phase III of the Troy Brook Watershed Implementation Plan is underway at DPW. In conjunction with Rutgers, all plans have been finalized and construction will begin within one week. The intent of this project is to capture any contaminants from the Public Works garage that might infiltrate the Troy Brook watershed.

## **Parsippany Library**

Residents are now able to access the NJ Motor Vehicle Permit Practice Test by going to the library's website [www.parsippanylibrary.org](http://www.parsippanylibrary.org). E-books can also be downloaded free from the library's website.

## **Water Department**

Approximately 125 hydrants are being flushed nightly and the crew is moving along well in completing the flushing of every township hydrant. Four employees will be attending a Safety Work Shop on topics of Backhoe Safety Awareness and Work Zone Traffic Safety.

## **Recreation**

Registration for summer programs is underway. The deadline is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be accessed through the township website, [www.parsippany.net](http://www.parsippany.net) or in person at the Recreation office.

## **Knoll Country Club**

The Knoll is currently undergoing a membership drive for the upcoming season. Please contact the Golf Club office at 973-263-7111.

## **Senior Citizens/Community Center**

The Community Center is always abuzz with activities. Preparations are being made for the Senior Citizens College Scholarship Tricky Tray which will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center. Donations will be gladly accepted. For information call 973-263-7163.

Welcome to our new health inspector, Amy Huynh and Office on Aging employee, Gloria Wilson.

### **Police Department**

Just a reminder that residents can dispose of their unused medications at a designated box in the lobby of the police department. The lobby is open 24 hours a day.

### **Clean-up of Mountain Way Trails**

Mayor Barberio worked with township resident, Cecilia Inwentarz, to welcome the spring season by holding an event to create a safe and attractive trail environment for the people of Parsippany at Mountain Way Park. Assisting them was the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and their Partners in Parks Program. Many volunteers from GlaxoSmithKline were there to help out. Also present to educate the volunteers and explain their duties was Duncan Douglas, founder of the Morris Trails Partnership and trail designer for the Morris County Park Commission. The trails were cleared, debris was removed and new trailblazing signs were placed on trees.

I hope you have found this first edition of my weekly emails to be informative and helpful. My goal is to keep the good news of Parsippany circulating and to let you know that as Mayor, I take enormous pride in all the good that our community has and will achieve.

Until Next Week,

Mayor James Barberio