

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of April 27, 2015

As we bid farewell to April, we are finally seeing signs of spring. With the change in season and the nice weather upon us, things are picking up and many of our departments are facing their busiest time. Please check out our accomplishments and upcoming events below.

Mayor Barberio presented certificates to the 2014 Parsippany High School Track & Field Team for winning the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Small Schools Championship. The presentation was made at the April 21st Council meeting.

In his effort to help call attention to child abuse, Mayor Barberio issued a proclamation declaring April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The proclamation was issued to Kiwanis at their weekly meeting on April 30, 2015.

Mayor Barberio is proud to announce that an article appeared in NJ Biz Magazine this week about the occupancy of office space in Parsippany. The forecast for the commercial real estate market is very positive and good things are slated to happen soon.

Parks & Forestry

It takes a lot of effort and maintenance to prepare for the new season and the employees have been hard at work preparing all the grass cutting machinery for maintenance of the parks and township property.

The nice weather has enabled the Parks & Forestry team to plant flowers in the triangular boxes you see throughout town. They have also been hanging the floral baskets at Veterans Park and installing plantings in the barrels in Lake Hiawatha.

You will be happy to know that the two tennis courts at Smith Field have been repaired for temporary use until the new Smith Field Park Expansion project can be completed.

Building Department

I am happy to announce that Parsippany's plumbing inspector, Dave Bishop, was selected 2015 Plumbing Inspector of the Year by the NJ Plumbing Inspector's Association. Dave has been on staff in Parsippany for 16 years. The Township is so fortunate to have an inspector who not only is a master plumber, but is trained, certified and experienced in every aspect of the plumbing industry.

Zoning

Permit activity has increase in the Zoning Department. If you are planning to build a deck, pool or shed to enjoy this summer, the time to submit for a permit is right now. Zoning applications can be found on our website.

Township Clerk/Registrar

We are now in wedding season and as couples rush to get their marriage licenses, there are a few things to remember. Applications for marriage licenses are scheduled by appointment only. Please call 973-263-4355 and keep in mind that there is a 72 hour waiting period. Ideally, appointments should be made at least 2 weeks before the ceremony.

Residents who come into possession of new dogs are asked to come to the Clerk's Office to register them. Proof of rabies shot is required.

The deadline for registering to vote is May 12th. The primary is being held June 2nd.

Water Department

Hydrant flushing has been completed this week in the Powder Mill area, well ahead of schedule. Two new water services were installed at the extension of St. John's Road in Mt. Tabor. It started with one resident having low pressure and when the service was shut off it also left the neighbor without water. We excavated and ran a new separate service to each house.

New Generators were delivered to the South Beverwyck Road Booster Station and Well #18. Installation and tie-in to the facilities are progressing. This is part of a Water Capital Project that will improve our emergency capabilities. All of this is a result of lessons learned during Hurricane Sandy.

Victory Gardens

The gardens have been tilled and the planting has begun. There are two gardens remaining. Anyone wishing to purchase a garden can go to the Mayor's Office.

Craftsman Farms/Stickley Museum

The annual Family Fun & Games Day is being held at Craftsman Farms on May 9th from noon to 4 pm. A special feature for the kids will include Animal Experiences from Happy Tales Animal Sanctuary from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Family members can partake in scavenger hunts, crafts, games and Storytime in the Log House presented by the Parsippany Library at 1 pm, 2pm and 3pm. This is the perfect day to enjoy an outing with the family.

Parks & Recreation

Opening day for Partroy Little League East was held on April 25th with Mayor Barberio throwing out the first pitch.

Veterans

Mayor Barberio helped the VFW kick-off their annual Buddy Poppy sale. Disabled and needy veterans in the VA hospitals who assemble the poppies are provided compensation by the program. Sales of the poppies also provide financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially support the VFW National Home for Children. When you see a veteran selling poppies, please be sure to buy one and to thank him/her for their service to our country.

Wellness

In an effort to reduce medical claims, we are always seeking innovative ways to have employees take care of their health. The Township has entered into an exercise competition to compete against other municipalities. In conjunction with Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Workout 2 Win (W2W) was a nine-week very successful competition that focused on a goal of 150 minutes a week of organized exercise. The competition is now over and we are anxiously awaiting the results to see which municipality is the grand winner.

Police

Our Community Relations division of the Police Department recently conducted a presentation to members of the business community entitled, "How technology Helps Solve Crime". Officer Remo Dalessandro discussed the use and benefits of Mobile Video Recording in-car cameras and Automated License Plate Readers. He was also the speaker at the Parsippany Chamber of Commerce meeting where he gave a presentation on Crime Prevention for Small Businesses.

A Body Armor Replacement Fund state grant was received which paid for 10 new bullet proof vests for officers.

Senior Citizens

Mayor Barberio has appointed Michelle Piccone to the position of Acting Director of Human Services. Michelle has assumed responsibilities at the Community Center and has some very exciting new ideas. She has begun a new movie series, the first of which is entitled, "St. Vincent", and will be shown at the Community Center Friday, May 8th at 1 pm.