

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of May 18, 2015

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, I hope you will help to honor the spirit of all those who died in service to our nation. Parsippany is holding three ceremonies on Monday, May 25th. The first will occur At 9 am at the Viet Nam Memorial on Lake Shore Drive in Lake Hiawatha. Soon after, at 10 am is the ceremony at Veterans Park with special guest speaker, Siobhan Fuller, the mother of Sgt. Derek McConnell who lost his life as a result of injuries sustained in Afghanistan. Please join your friends and neighbors at our annual Memorial Day Parade along North Beverwyck Road at noon.

For those of you who cannot attend on Monday, the Rainbow Lakes American Legion Post 451 is having their traditional Rainbow Lakes Memorial Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, May 23rd at 10 am by the Rainbow Lakes ball field near Oakdale Road.

Safety has always been a priority of my administration. I am happy to introduce two programs that will help provide greater protection while in your vehicle. On May 28th, at the Community Center, between 1 and 3 pm, we are sponsoring CarFit, an educational program for older adults to see how their personal vehicles “fit” them. Partakers of this program will receive information and materials on resources to enhance their safety as drivers as well as being properly adjusted in their automobile. Please call 973-263-7160 to make an appointment.

Every year, 9,000 families in the United States and a million families around the world lose a child because of a preventable injury. Some of those injuries involve car crashes which is the number one cause of death in children over 6 months. In an effort to raise awareness, we are holding a “Car Seat Check” to ensure that your child is in a car seat that is properly installed. Please join us on May 30th between the hours of 10 and 2 pm at Town Hall. In case of rain, please go to the District 6 firehouse at 60 Littleton Road.

Ed Robert Zelichowski turned 100 on May 14th and I was very fortunate to be able to attend the party in his honor and present him with a proclamation declaring it *Edward Zelichowski Day*. Mr. Zelichowski was drafted into the Army at the age of 26 and served during World War II as a staff Sergeant. He was awarded the Silver Star and was also a recipient of the Purple Heart. He will be honored as our special guest at the ceremony on Memorial Day at Veterans Park. Way to go Ed!

This past weekend I had the pleasure of joining Sheriff Rochford and Assemblyman Jay Webber at Vidyalaya’s annual educational and cultural variety show. The school, based in Morris County, teaches students Indian culture, language and dance. A wonderful time was had by all as we absorbed the wonderful traits of the Indian culture presented to us.

At the Council meeting of May 19th, I was pleased to present a proclamation to the Parsippany Woman’s Club proclaiming May 2015 as Mental Health Month with the hope of increasing public awareness and education related to mental illness. Additionally, I honored Reverend Richard Horn for his 38 years of service as chaplain for the Parsippany-Troy Hills Joint Chiefs

Council and 21 years of service as chaplain for the Parsippany-Troy Hills Police Department. We wish him well in his retirement.

Water Department

The water main break on Minnehaha & Nokomis in Lake Hiawatha has been repaired. The water was turned on for the soon-to-open, Panera Bread, located in the Troy Shopping Center on Route 46.

Parks & Forestry

You might have noticed the flower barrels along North Beverwyck Road and the American flags that were hung there and in Veterans Park in honor of Memorial Day. The Parks & Forestry staff, in addition to their regular duties, has been hard at work preparing for the holiday. In addition, they installed new benches, repaired brick walkways and installed new trees in Hiawatha Park.

Sewer Department

On May 13th, the Morris County School of Technology was given an annual tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Every year, the Environmental Science Class takes a trip to the plant to be educated on the workings of the entire system.

Recreation

A new summer afternoon Tot Time Program is being introduced for 3-5 year olds that will run from June 29th to August 21st. There will also be 2 sessions of a new Mad Science Program on July 6-10 and August 24-28. Registration can be done on www.pthreconline.com or by calling 973-263-7257 for additional information.

Parsippany PAL

A reminder that there is Bingo every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. The PAL's primary fundraiser, "Slug Fest", will be held at 6:30 pm on May 30th. The public is invited to watch Canada challenge the PAL Boxing Team for a cost of \$30.

The Women's Theatre Company

The next presentation is "**Always Patsy Cline,**" May 29th, 8 pm; May 30th, 3 pm and 8 pm; & May 31, 3 pm, at the Senior Center, 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha; tickets \$20.

Parsippany Library

Early literacy programs for preschoolers were held at all three branches and included preschool storytime and preschool science programs. Mad Science programs for kids were sponsored by GSK.

The children's librarians visited Littleton and Eastlake Schools and All Saints Academy to inform the children about the summer reading club. The children were so excited that they came in to the Library and wanted to sign up early!