

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of June 1, 2015

National Trails Day is this Saturday, June 6 and it is a great opportunity for families to spend time outdoors together and experience nature. You can get so much enjoyment from hiking and/or backpacking. Why not take advantage of Parsippany's wonderful resources and celebrate this weekend, June 6-7, by hiking with your family on the beautiful Mountain Way Trail System? All trails have been re-blazed and refreshed by corporate volunteers, courtesy of GlaxoSmithKlein and sponsored by The Land Conservancy of NJ, working to preserve New Jersey's open space, farmland, and water resources.

You will easily locate the information kiosk and trailheads at the Mountain Way Playground which also features volleyball and basketball courts just 1/2 mile east of the intersection of Mountain Way and South Powder Mill Road, accessed from Rt. 10.

Newly added to Parsippany's 3-mile Red-White-Blue hiking trails is the 3-mile Yellow Loop Trail, a scenic connection through deeply wooded acres to the ponds of Morris County's Central Park. Designed and professionally constructed by the Trails Division of the Morris County Park Commission, the Yellow Loop Trail doubles the overall hiking distance which reaches to views from 1,000 feet above sea level at the top of Watnong Mountain.

In coordination with the unique Children's Theme of Central Park activities, the new Yellow Hiking Trail features "Frisbee Golf," enjoyed by flying your frisbee into special containers positioned along the trail. The Yellow Hiking Trail can also be accessed directly by its small parking lot alongside the ponds of Old Dover Road, across from a main Central Park Entrance.

Community Center

If you are a Parsippany Senior Citizen, the Parsippany Community Center (aka Senior Center) at 1130 Knoll Road, is waiting for you! The center is a beautiful building we are fortunate to have in town, and is home to six senior citizen clubs. Parsippany seniors are welcome to join these clubs and enjoy their activities which include bus trips, speaker series, holiday celebrations and more. If joining a club is not for you, the Center offers pool tables, exercises classes, dance classes, movies, a library, and bingo, too. Some seniors do none of the above and just sit in our comfortable chairs! Call 973-263-7351 for information or come by for a visit. It's free!

Jim Gaffigan's stand- up routine entitled "**Mr. Universe,**" will be the movie playing at the Community Center on Monday, June 8th, at 1pm.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works will be starting the "Clean Community Program" within the next couple of weeks. We ask all residents that if you know any areas within the Township that need a good clean-up to please call the DPW office at 973-263-7273.

Engineering

The reconstruction of Ball Avenue and Summit Street has been completed.

Parks & Forestry

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, I hope you have taken notice of the beautiful flowers that have been planted in township-owned flower beds. This and the planting of new trees has been a major seasonal activity of Parks & Forestry. They have been busy at work renovating the planting bed in front of Town Hall and repairing the irrigation system at Park Road Park.

The American Cancer Society is hosting Relay for Life at County College this weekend. To assist with their event, Parsippany Parks & Forestry has provided tents, tables and chairs. I am very grateful for their participation in such a worthy cause.

Parsippany Library

The Main library was very busy on Tuesday. Since it was Election Day and the schools were closed, many families visited the Library. Reference librarians gave a presentation to the Professional Support Group of New Jersey on how to use the RefUSA database to find jobs and make professional contacts. They also conducted a free Java class and sponsored a drop in Tech Tuesday.

There is a world of information provided to Parsippany residents and I hope you will avail yourselves of the wonderful programs they offer. Just this week, the library held “Read to a Dog” program. This was also the first week of a Super Heroes themed storytime session. In addition, the library has a preschool outreach program and the librarians read to children from the Carousel of Learning in Lake Parsippany.

Water Department

Please be aware that water restrictions have begun June 1st and will go through September 30th. The complete ordinance is available on the township website.

Recreation

Many thanks to Waseem Petroleum for their generous donation to sponsor the Rachel Allyn Band, our first summer concert on July 16th.