

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE  
Week of June 15, 2015

This was a very exciting week because I was able to honor and celebrate the Parsippany High School Girls' Softball Team at Tuesday night's Council Meeting with a proclamation, certificates and a cake to commemorate their successful season.

The team had an outstanding 2015 season with a record of 24 – 6 with the second most wins in program history. They won the 2015 NJAC Liberty Division Conference title, the school's first such title since 1991. The team has also captured the 2015 North II, Group II State Sectional Championship, the first section title for the softball program since 1986. They were the only team to win a State sectional title in Morris County this season. Parsippany High School Red Hawks were ranked #3 in the State for Group II Schools by the Star Ledger.

I cannot express the pride and pleasure I feel in the accomplishments of this team. These young ladies are self-confident, superior athletes and a credit to their families and their school. I want to thank each and every player for their contribution and for making Parsippany proud.

### **Community Center**

We have a lot of activities that will be taking place this upcoming week. The next movie at the Senior Center, "Still Alice," will be shown at 1pm, Friday, June 26.

We will also be offering free Medicare counseling at the senior center once a week through New Jersey's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). A trained counselor will be on hand at the Center for 3-4 hours one day a week.

Our "Munch and Learn," series for caregivers and senior citizens will be offered through the Caregiver's Coalition of United Way. You will be informed of the topics and dates as we assign them.

### **Parks & Forestry**

The Parks & Forestry Department is always upgrading our parks. This past week they installed new children and infant swing sets at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 46. In addition to their regular duties, they planted approximately 50 street trees. Most of these have been replacements of those town trees lost in Hurricane Irene.

### **Road Resurfacing Projects**

The section of Parsippany Boulevard from Littleton Road to Route 46 is being repaved. Construction is temporarily planned for next Friday and Saturday so please try to avoid the area.

The State just milled a section of Littleton Road from Park Road going north to the entrance of Route 80 West and will be paving it momentarily, weather permitting.

### **Road Department/Purchasing**

We are currently bidding for another street sweeper to help clean the streets. Bids are due on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If all goes well, we hope to award a contract to purchase the new sweeper at the July Council meeting.

### **Library**

The Children's Librarian visited Lake Parsippany School to tell the students about their upcoming Summer Reading Club, which will run from June 29 through August 29. The children also learned about the growing collection of children's Playaway audio books, some of which are packaged along with the actual book and others that play a video of the book. This is a wonderful way to get your children interested in reading and summer is a great time to visit the library.

### **Police Department**

I am not sure that many of you are aware of the Community Outreach Program within our police department. They are very busy and this week, Officers D'Alessandro and Conover held a Distracted Driving presentation at the New York Life Health Fair which addressed drinking and driving and texting while driving. They showed videos and made use of fatal vision goggles which simulate being under twice the legal level of intoxication.

Then yesterday, Officers D'Alessandro and Conover went to Tiffany's to address their "Safe at Work and Home" program. They set up a table to supply information on safety tips, ID theft, phone scams and crime prevention. They are available to any and all community groups and will provide Parsippany residents and businesses with free crime assessments.

I want to extend congratulations to all of Parsippany's graduates from elementary to middle school to high school. I am proud of each and every one of you and I want you to know that a sound education is a wonderful foundation upon which to build a future. You are on your way! Best wishes to all.

