

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of June 22, 2015

I hope that all the Dads, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great grandfathers and even father figures who have influenced a person's life, had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. I was so happy that the weather held out and all the barbecues and celebrations were able to go on as scheduled.

Parsippany hosted the North Jersey Regional Human Trafficking Conference at the Public Safety Training Academy on West Hanover Avenue this week. I was asked to deliver opening remarks and share the podium with the Morris County Prosecutor, the Assistant Attorney General and the Acting Attorney General. The main focus was to increase public awareness of this terrible crime and of course put an end to this gross injustice through education, collaboration and prosecution. I believe that human trafficking is inexcusable and an abuse that must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I hope that through public awareness, we can call attention to this horrible crime and put an end to this gross injustice.

On June 25th, I attended the graduations of Parsippany Hills High School and Parsippany High School which were held at County College of Morris. I want to congratulate all the seniors of Parsippany High School and Parsippany Hills High School on their graduation and wish them well as they embark on future adventures. With the completion of their public education, they have gained valuable lessons and skills to pursue their dreams. We shall remember this day, the sense of pride and accomplishment our students take away to move toward their next goals. Accomplishing small things is the first step in achieving greatness and graduating shows that they are on their way.

Many thanks to the teachers, staff and parents who have participated not only in their academic education but in teaching life lessons. We hope all the graduates will come away with a keen sense of self and community. And Grads, please stay safe, use good judgment and be careful when attending parties and celebrations.

Police

After many months of negotiations, I am happy to report that a fair and equitable contract has been signed with PBA 131. This contract covers a period of time from January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2017. Both sides negotiated in good faith and worked long and hard to come to an agreement. It was a pleasure to work with PBA President, George Tsimpedes, former SOA President, Sgt. Gene Natoli and current SOA President, Sgt. Darren Theobold. One of the key components we were able to achieve was the maximum sick time payout of \$15,000 per officer for new hires.

Recreation

The summer programs start Monday, June 29th. There are still some openings in the half-day programs. Please contact the Recreation Office at recreation@parsippany.net for more information.

Just a reminder that the fireworks are on Saturday, July 4th at Parsippany Hills High School on Rita Drive. There will be a concert by “The Trip” that will begin at 7 pm and fireworks will begin at dark.

I would like to extend a hearty thank you to Provident Bank for their support with our Summer Concert Series. They will be sponsoring Time Machine on August 13th.

Health Department

The Health Department offers free Podiatry Clinics to senior citizens. This is particularly helpful to those with diabetes. For more information and to obtain an application and appointment with our podiatrist for the July 24th clinic, please call 973-263-7160 and ask for our nurse, Carmela. Space is limited.

Also, the Health Department is offering a Free Baby Clinic on August 24th for **uninsured** children five years old and under. Your child will receive a wellness checkup and immunizations from our pediatrician. Call 973-263-7160 and ask for our nurse, Carmela to schedule an appointment. Please remember to submit your child’s vaccination records to our nurse prior to your appointment on August 24th.

Human Services/Community Center

Our Farmer’s Market is now open every Friday, from June 26th through October 23rd, at 2pm-7pm, in Lake Hiawatha, 59 N. Beverwyck Road Parking lot. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, nuts, honey, pickles and more are sold.

The Senior Center Friday Movie schedule is as follows: June 26th, “Still Alice,” July 10th, “Jim Gaffigan: Mr. Universe,” July 24th, “Fury”. All movies begin at 1pm.

Our Food Pantry is in dire need of restocking. We distribute food all year long to needy residents, not just on holidays. Donations can be brought to the Community Center. Please call 973-263-7163 if you have any questions.