

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of July 13, 2015

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the twelfth this year, all of which I hope have helped to keep you updated on the latest news and provide you with some useful information. I hope that everyone has been enjoying the warm weather as the summer months seem to be flying by.

Wow! The Senior Girls PTE Little League Softball team has done it again! Just think – in the Little League's Senior Division NJ State Tournament, they won their first game 17-1 and they won their game last night by a score of 12-2. They will be playing the finals at 5:30 pm on Friday, July 17th at Lodi (72 Church Street). Here is a link with additional information on the team. <http://www.soar-nj.com/summer-sports/little-league/item/1118-pte>. Should the girls win on Friday, they will qualify for the Senior Softball East Regional Tournament located in Worcester, Massachusetts. If they continue to excel, you might want to see the chart for the Regionals - <http://www.llbws.org/llbws/slsbws/east.htm>. Way to go girls!!

I recently received notification from JCP&L reminding us of State Statute Section 27:5-9 that prohibits the placing of signage on utility poles. Aside from being illegal, the signs pose a safety hazard to utility workers. Not only do the signs often prevent them from being able to physically climb the pole, but nails, staples, etc. could cause injury to utility workers or could jeopardize the integrity of safety equipment such as gloves that may unknowingly be punctured by staples or nails.

So please, do not place any signs on the poles if you are planning on having a garage sale, trying to sell your home or for any other reason. This includes political campaign signs. You could be subject to a penalty ranging from \$50 to \$500 for each offense. For more information, go to https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/jersey_central_power_light.html.

Every year, New Jersey Natural Gas hosts "Dig Safe Fairs" at various Home Depots across their service territory. These fairs are to educate the public about damage prevention and natural gas safety. This year, they expanded their fairs into Morris County and held one in the Township of Parsippany at the Home depot in Arlington Plaza. I had the opportunity to attend the fair on July 15th where I actually learned a lot about damage prevention and energy conservation. Something as simple as digging to put in a new mailbox post requires a mark-out by utility companies. This simple step can eliminate a potential hazard of severing a utility line. If you require a mark-out, all you have to do is dial 811 or 1-800-272-1000. This service is free. www.njng.com.

I am happy to see that the County repaving project on Littleton Road and Parsippany Boulevard has concluded.

Animal Control

The Parsippany Animal Shelter, located at 1069 Parsippany Boulevard, has a terrific array of beautiful kittens for adoption. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to noon. All kittens have been fully inoculated and already spayed or neutered. The adoption fee is \$35.

Human Services/Community Center/Health

The Health Department conducts many clinics throughout the year at the Community Center. One of our most popular clinics is our free Podiatry Clinic for Parsippany senior citizens 65 and older. Although the July 24th podiatry clinic is full, if you are a Parsippany senior citizen interested in attending the next Podiatry Clinic on September 25th, please call the Health Department at 973-263-7160 for an application.

On Friday, July 24th at 1pm, the Human Services Department will be showing the movie "Fury" at the Community Center, 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, for Parsippany senior citizens. Also at the Community Center, the Human Services Department will kick off a monthly speaker series with, "Protecting Seniors' Assets," on Tuesday, July 28th, 10am with Robert Bernstein, Esq. This presentation is geared towards senior citizens and caregivers. Light refreshments will be served. Questions call 973-263-7163.

As I mentioned in my last update, the Parsippany Food Pantry is in dire need of non-perishable donations. During the holidays in the winter months, the public remembers to contribute the items so those in need can have a good holiday. However, the Pantry operates all year long and often runs low during the summer months. Please find it in your hearts to give this season. Most needed items include canned fruit, juices, evaporated milk, canned meat & fish, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, coffee, tea, etc. as well as paper goods like napkins, toilet paper. Supermarket gift cards are also accepted. I have set up a box in Town Hall to accept the items and hope that when you come in to pay your taxes or water bill, you will give generously.

Parsippany PAL

The excitement is mounting as word of the Bingo Bash is spreading. This upcoming event is scheduled for July 22nd. For the cost of \$20, participants will receive packets with game cards for all games and will also be entitled to an array of delicious food provided by Buffalo Wild Wings. Please call the PAL at 973-335-0555 to purchase packets.

Recreation

The Rachel Allyn Band, sponsored by Waseem Petroleum (corner of Route 46 & New Road), appeared at Veterans Park on July 16th. Country music enthusiasts had a ball. The next summer concert, Hotel California, is scheduled for July 29th at 7:30 pm at Veterans Park.

Recycling/Sanitation

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Rockaway River Cleanup on August 8th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (weather permitting). Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For information, call 973-263-7273.

Water Department

The Lake Parsippany street improvement project began on July 15th. Streets affected include Longport, Madison, Allentown and Bridgeton. This project will include the installation of a 6" water main to eliminate a dead end on Longport which will also improve water quality and fire protection. This improvement will at times involve the temporary suspension of water service. The contractor has been instructed to provide notices prior to any shut downs.