

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE
Week of July 20, 2015

I was saddened to learn about the 5 servicemen that were killed in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Sadly, I ordered that all US flags at Township buildings and facilities to be flown at half-staff in honor of these innocent victims. Please keep U.S. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan, U.S. Marine Sgt. Carson A. Holmquist, U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Squire "Skip" K. Wells, U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. David A. Wyatt and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith, along with their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Those Par-Troy East Girl's Softball Team members continue to astound us all with their performance. As a send-off for their next competition in Worcester, Massachusetts, I invited the team to join me at Houlihan's for dinner.

I would like to thank the generous public and township employees for helping to stock the Parsippany Food Pantry. Please continue with the donations and let's try to fulfill the need for non-perishable items.

The Township has been entertaining a group of middle school and high school Chinese students who have come over for two weeks to visit Parsippany. These students entered a competition in China where after studying English, the most proficient students won a trip to the United States to take classes here. In conjunction with the Parsippany Board of Education, the program entitled Wide World of Summer has been designed to provide education and various activities to these students. One of their excursions included a trip to my office. They were given a tour of Town Hall by my Aide and then I spoke to them about government in Parsippany. They had a good command of the English language and were an amazing group of young people with a true thirst for knowledge.

Fire Prevention

The Parsippany Fire Prevention Bureau and Parsippany Fire District #6 gave a presentation at Central Middle School to the Chinese students that have been visiting Parsippany. The students were excited to see the fire apparatus and educated on fire safety and received a fire helmet. The students and teachers were so impressed that they will be visiting Parsippany Fire District #6 firehouse on Monday night to see the firehouse and other apparatus and the operation of the fire department.

Recreation

Just a reminder that the free summer concert next week, "Hotel California", is on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30 pm at Veterans Park.

Our Recreation Department has been busy introducing some new and exciting sports programs for the end of the summer. These pre-school sports programs involve ages 2-3 and 3-5. "Total Sports Squirts" involves a wide variety of different sports and "Parent and Me Squirts" introduces sports, games and group activities with the help of Mom & Dad. Children ages 5 – 11

years will have an opportunity to participate in “Total Play Multi Sports Camps” and in “First Play Soccer Camp”. Flyers are available on the Township website, www.Parsippany.net.

Water Department

The Water Department recently completed the connection of a six inch main on Longport Road in Lake Parsippany where previously there were two dead ends. They are also working on North Beverwyck Road by Condit Road, in conjunction with DPW paving three water utility patches and the sewer trench that keeps settling. Detours are in place and it is recommended that you avoid this area. This work is about to begin currently.

Parsippany Library

Tablets, smartphones and laptops were demystified for their owners at the Lake Hiawatha Branch Library last Friday. Owners stopped in for help from the library's Emerging Technology Librarian, with a variety of issues that puzzled them about their devices. The library's technology specialist can be found at the Hiawatha Branch the third Friday of the month between 2:00 and 5:00pm. Can't stop in? Call to set up a date for help 973-887-5150 ext. 223.

Lake Hiawatha Library hosted its 3rd annual children's bookmark contest this summer. Children from preschool through grade 8 submitted bookmarks they designed themselves! All bookmarks will be on display from July 27 through August 10. Patrons are encouraged to visit the Lake Hiawatha Children's Department to vote on their favorites. The two designs in each age category, with the most votes, will be reproduced and distributed by the library starting August 21. Each winner's first name and age will be printed on his/her bookmark.

Did you know you can borrow Kindles at the library? We have 7 Kindles available within our library system. They come preloaded with eBooks and are loaned for 14 days. So, if you headed to the beach, going on vacation, or just looking for a good read check one out! We also have 2 iPad minis to loan. Stop by or give us a call for more information. 973-887-5150, ext. 209.

Housing

Biennial inspections for Troy Gardens are starting this week.

Engineering

The Reynolds Avenue road construction project is finally over.

Health and Human Services

Please keep in mind when working or playing outside that there may be ticks in the environment which carry Lyme disease. Check out this widget for some important information.

<http://morriscountynj.gov/health/public/disease/lyme.asp>

The “Lake Hiawatha Senior Citizens Club,” which is one of many senior citizen clubs based at the Community Center, hosted a presentation by Parsippany Police Officers Remo

D'Alessandro and Brian Conover. The topic, "Scams and Identity Fraud," was filled with important information and handouts. If you would like to join the "Lake Hiawatha Senior Citizens Club," or any of the other senior citizen clubs which meet at the Community Center, call 973-263-7163.