

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE  
Week of August 3, 2015

Safety is one of the most important issues I have advocated throughout my administration. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Officers Remo D'Alessandro and Brian Conover represented Parsippany at National Night Out at Mennan Arena. They set up a presentation table where a various array of safety information was displayed. The concentration was mostly on drug prevention and used Parsippany's drug identification kit to educate children that stopped by the table. By the time they left, the kids were well educated on what to look for when avoiding drugs.

The officers explained to the younger children how even though some pills may look like candy, they are very dangerous for you. They advised them that if it's not their own candy and strangers try to offer them some, to say "No" and tell a parent, teacher or police officer. Teens were also educated that even though a doctor can prescribe medication like pain relievers, taking prescription medication, when not prescribed by a doctor, will cause serious physical side-effects and lead to addiction. Some may even graduate to using other narcotics such as Heroin.

### **Water Department**

Many of you have seen our employees out in the field and have wondered what they were working on. Thus far this week, they have completed the transfer of all water services to the new water main on Pawnee Avenue and changed the compound water meter at Tivoli Gardens. Our water superintendent, Kevin Ryan, met with officials to plan for the cleaning and painting of the Knoll 2 mg elevated water tank.

### **Recreation**

Thanks to Provident Bank for sponsoring our next concert, "Time Machine" on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Bring your chairs and/or blankets and sit back and enjoy the evening under the stars. Come early and you can feast on the barbecue prepared by ShopRite with proceeds going to the Parsippany PAL.

The Fall Festival is coming on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Vendors and non-profits, please get your applications in now for a table. Applications can be found online or in the lobby of Town Hall.

### **DPW/Road Department**

The Rockaway River Clean-up is this Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should meet at the Lake Hiawatha Swim Club at 8 am. The Township will supply gloves.

### **Parsippany Library**

Have you been having a hard time figuring out what to do with your iPad or other tablet? Do you need a hand in downloading eBooks and audiobooks to your tablet, eReader or phone? Exasperated by your e-mail? The library is here to help. You can drop by during their Tech Help Drop-in Days:

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 18 and 25 from 2-4:30 pm at the Main Library  
Friday, Aug. 21 from 9am-noon at Mount Tabor Library  
Friday, Aug. 21 from 2-5 pm at Lake Hiawatha Library

On August 6, the Lake Hiawatha Library hosted a costume party featuring an appearance by Anna, star of the movie, *Frozen*. Children came dressed in “hero” costumes, played games, made crafts to take home, enjoyed a snack and had their pictures taken with Anna! More fun-filled activities are planned during the month of August. Children still have time to complete their Summer Reading Club activity sheets, and collect their goody bags full of prizes!

At the Main library, it has been a busy week in the children’s department. Children enjoyed painting superhero pictures during our drop-in craft. Eyes of the Wild entertained many families by bringing an arctic fox, a tarantula, and even a skunk to the library for an evening event. Children learned how these animals have superhero traits that help them survive in the wild.

The summer reading club celebration will be held on **Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 am**. Children of all ages are invited to attend this event.