

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE  
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Businesses abound in Parsippany and I take great pride in the fact that Parsippany is home to so many; from the Mom & Pop types of shops to large corporate campuses, Parsippany attracts entrepreneurs of all kinds. Parsippany has an atmosphere that appeals to those who are inspired to start a business. We are the gateway to all major highways, our population grows during daylight hours providing a vast array of potential shoppers, and of course those shoppers can take a break at one of the many restaurants that populate our local landscape. There are also many service oriented businesses that complete the wide spectrum of commerce. With that in mind, nerdwallet.com released the results of a study that comes as no surprise to those of us residing here. I am proud to say that Parsippany was ranked 13 out of 231 towns in New Jersey as one of the top towns to start a business. Just another reason to take Pride in Parsippany.

Also, I would like to remind everyone to mark Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> on their calendars. Once again we will be having our **Annual Fall Festival** along North Beverwyck Road. As always it is a day for everyone to come out and meet their neighbors, maybe make new friends and enjoy being a Parsippany resident. 10,000 visitors last year can attest to the great time that was had by all. Various vendors, crafters, music and food will again offer something for everyone. If you are interested in participating in the Festival there is still time to get your application in.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that school will begin this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure to drive safely, especially in school zones. And I want to wish all the kids best wishes for a great school year!

### **Human Services/Community Center**

New school supplies donated from various local organizations are being given away **free** to Parsippany children in need. Backpacks, spiral notebooks, folders, crayons, pens, pencils and paper are available at the Health Department located at the Community Center. Please stop by if you still need any of these items for your child.

The Parsippany Food Pantry is open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. If you are a Parsippany resident in need of food please stop by the Community Center. You must provide proof of residency and complete a brief application. Donations are always welcome!!

The Health Department will conduct a Child Health Clinic (CHC) on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the Health Department at 973-263-7160 to schedule an appointment. CHCs offer vaccinations to children five years old and under who have no health insurance or are on Medicaid.

“Jersey Boys” the movie, will be shown at 1pm at the Community Center on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to attend.

## **Parsippany Library**

Children's books will now be easier to find according to your child's age at the Lake Hiawatha Library. Stop by and check out the new Transitional Fiction section for children in grades 2-3 where children who are more advanced than the Easy Readers can find books. Also the new Illustrated Fiction section are longer picture books with more complicated plots and deal with subjects most appropriate for elementary school children.

The Hiawatha Library is also offering a program for adults. If you are thinking of investing but have no idea where to start then this program is for you. On Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm Professor Doug Munson, of Caldwell University School of Business, will offer a 90 minute session in the basics of the Getting Ready to Invest program. Registration for this program is required. Please either stop by the Lake Hiawatha branch or call 973-335-0952 during business hours.

Students (and parents) now can get help for any kind of academic question in math, science, English, social studies and writing. Tutor.com can help with homework, writing papers or studying for tests. You can log onto Tutor.com through the library to get the help you need when you need it. Tutors are available every day from 2pm to 10pm for all grades, Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade including AP level class work and intro-level college coursework. You will need a library card and a computer or mobile device with internet access.

Fall programs for children are being planned at the Parsippany Library. Please check at the library for their listings.

Jewelry making will be offered on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program begins at 2pm.

Crazy 8s, an after-school math club for elementary school students will host its first session Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:15pm. Registration is required and is open only to students in kindergarten, first and second grades.