

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of August 31, 2015

The unofficial end of summer has arrived. Labor Day weekend is here; and while temperatures are still soaring into the 90's the kids are heading back to school. It's hard to believe that the summer of 2015 has gone, but the memories of the parades, the incredible 4th of July fireworks and the fantastic concerts held in Veterans Park will remain with us. The good news is that the Fall Festival on September 20th will bring us all together again. I look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying what is always a memorable fun filled day.

Barbeques are a staple when it comes to celebrating Labor Day. What started out as a way to celebrate the American worker has now become the last hurrah of summer. With that in mind please remember to celebrate safely. As always our Police Department will be making sure the roads are safe. Once again the Police Department is taking part in the statewide crack down on drunk drivers with the **2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over** campaign. There will be sobriety check points and roving patrols making sure our roads are safe from intoxicated drivers. So, please enjoy your celebrations while knowing Parsippany's finest are out there keeping you and your loved ones safe.

Speaking of safety - for parents of infants, toddlers and young children please be aware that the State of New Jersey has issued new guidelines regarding child safety seats. This law took effect on September 1st. Full information regarding this new law can be found on the Township Facebook page.

NJ Monthly has released its annual list ranking almost every New Jersey town. Based on taxes, crime rates, school performance, home values and lifestyle factor, Parsippany is ranked in the top 50 of Best Places to Live in NJ. As always my goal is to continue making Parsippany the best place to live and work in. I am always striving for ways to improve our community while bringing us all together as we work for the same goal.

On a final note as I speak about community, I would like to thank everyone who donated items to our food pantry during the library's "Food for Fines" drive. In lieu of monetary fines for late returns the library asked for a donation to the Parsippany food pantry. The library collected approximately one ton of nonperishable items to distribute to our residents in need. Please click the link below to view the complete article on this great achievement.

http://www.nj.com/morris/index.ssf/2015/09/patrons_settle_library_fines_with_food_for_residents_in_need-th.html#incart_river

I would also like to send a bighearted thanks to Ferring Pharmaceuticals, located at 100 Interpace Parkway for generously donating money to the Rainbow Lakes Volunteer Fire Department #2 to purchase some much needed equipment. I welcome their enthusiasm and community spirit.

Once again have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Human Services/Community Center

If you are a senior and looking to make friends please check out the six senior citizens clubs at the Community Center. New members are always welcome. Bus trips, parties and friendships are all part of these organizations.

On Thursday, September 17th, at 10:00am, at the Community Center, Judith Ryan will give a talk about Feng Shui, the 5,000 year old Eastern “art of placement.” Learn how to decorate your home or workplace in order to achieve success and happiness. This presentation is free and light refreshments will be served.

Parsippany Historical & Preservation Society

The Old Littleton School House, located on Littleton Road & Rt. 10 West will be holding and antiques, collectibles and curios show called “The Attic.” This event will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Various items will be on sale for purchase.

Engineering Department

Work has been completed on the Carlson area streets. These streets include Carlson Place, Ute Avenue, Pawnee Avenue and Manito Avenue. Some minor cleanup is still being done.

Road reconstruction work has started in the Sedgefield area. This project includes drainage, curbing and road improvements to Sherwood Road, Robin Hood Road, Friar Road, Exeter Street, Hastings Road, Crawford Road and Little John Road.

Water Department

Valve boxes are being marked for the Road Reconstruction project in the Sedgefield area.

The NJDEP inspector has determined that our water facility is in compliance with applicable Department regulation and/or Permit conditions.

Zoning

CVS Pharmacy has been granted Zoning Permits for the site of their new location at 3503 Route 46, which is by the intersection of Cherry Hill Road.