

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of September 7, 2015

Where were you 14 years ago on that clear morning of September 11, 2001? Maybe you were getting your kids off to school or grabbing a cup of coffee before you began your day at work. Maybe you were thinking of taking a walk wanting to enjoy the beautiful day. Wherever you were or whatever you were doing will always be firmly etched in your mind on that fateful day when the world changed for all of us. Now, there is life as it was before 9/11 and life as it is after. As a nation we've come far in healing, yet like any deep cut the scar remains and is a reminder of all that was lost that day. It is important for us to remember and mark the occasion so that future generations will understand the devastating loss and the sacrifices made by so many brave and courageous people. It is important to remember how our nation came together in its grief and also in its pride for a homeland that was wounded. Just as we remember Pearl Harbor, we will never forget September 11, 2001.

In honor and in remembrance of 9/11 our Parks and Forestry Department has painted a mural on the lawn at Town Hall. Please pass by to view this patriotic dedication to those lost and remembered.

As we recall and remember 9/11, it is also important to remember those who have sacrificed for their country – our veterans. **Operation Giveback**, a program initiated by Morris County Clerk, Ann Grossi, will entitle veterans to receive a booklet with names of Morris County businesses willing to discount goods and services to them. A simple ID card is all that is needed. In order to make the process of obtaining an identification card easier, I have asked the County Clerk to come to Town Hall and set up in the Council Chambers to issue these cards. Many of our older veterans may find it difficult to travel to Morristown. I firmly believe that it is our duty to give back to those who gave for us. If you are a veteran please come to Town Hall on **Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm or October 6, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm** to obtain an identification card. And thank you for having protected our beloved nation and preserving the freedoms we enjoy today.

Now that school is in session, I would like to remind all drivers to take care when approaching a stopped school bus. So many times it seems like it would be okay to pass that school bus especially if we are running late. But please refrain from doing so. Too many drivers are risking a student's life by doing so, and it is illegal. Violating this law can cost you a fine, imprisonment, community service or all three. So, please take care and remember the precious cargo those buses carry.

I am proud to announce and welcome a new officer to our Police Department, Patrol Officer Pasquale Parisi. Officer Parisi transferred from the Bloomfield Police Department and we are happy to have him on board here in Parsippany.

Finally, many residents are wondering when leaf bags will be available for purchase. Starting September 21st, leaf bags can be purchased from 10 am to 1 pm at Town Hall. The fee is \$15.00 per bundle with a limit of 2 bundles per resident. Please refer to our website for further details.

Human Services/Community Center

In the effort to address the many needs of our residents, the Parsippany Community Center is a location for the Morris County's Senior Nutrition Program. Any senior citizen, at least 60 years of age, can come Monday through Friday at 11:35 am for a meal. Housebound Parsippany seniors can have their meals delivered. There is no charge for the meal but a \$2.00 donation would be greatly appreciated. Please call 973-884-1868 or 973-285-6856 twenty-four hours in advance for a reservation and information.

If you have questions regarding the Medicare program, James Kim, a Parsippany pharmacist and a state trained volunteer can help guide you. Mr. Kim is at the Community Center every Friday from 9 am to 12 pm. Please call 973-263-7352 for an appointment.

Parsippany Historical & Preservation Society

This Saturday, September 12, 2016 stop by the Old Littleton School House on Littleton Road and Route 10 West, from 9 am to 3 pm for an antiques, collectibles and curios show. Aptly named The Attic, you will find a multitude of items to purchase.