

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of September 14, 2015

Last week I spoke of an important program sponsored by the Morris County Clerk, Ann Grossi, called Operation Giveback, where veterans can obtain an ID card that will entitle them to discounts at various participating businesses throughout the county. I arranged to have County Clerk Ann Grossi come to Town Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> to make it easier for those veterans that might not be able to travel the distance to Morristown to receive a card. I am pleased at the response that this program received. Yesterday, numerous veterans came to Town Hall to receive their cards. It was extremely heartwarming to see these men and women who proudly served our country accept a token of appreciation for their valor in serving our country. I was happy to have been able to meet and welcome so many of them to Town Hall. For those veterans that were unable to make it yesterday please remember that we are offering this service again on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm**. I hope to see you there.

While on the subject of honoring residents, it was my privilege to present a proclamation to Care One in tribute to Assisted Living Week. Often our residents who are the most frail and vulnerable are overlooked as we go about our busy lives. Many times holidays are the only reminder to spend time with our elderly family members and friends. Unfortunately by doing so, we miss out on their wisdom and humor and our link to the past. It was gratifying to see staff members at Care One show compassion and consideration to the residents and it brought home how important it is to include and involve our elders in our lives.

This Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, plan on joining me at our **Annual Fall Festival!** The weather forecast is promising a beautiful day for our event and there will be a lot to see and do. Food, rides and various vendors will all be part of the festivities, so please remember to mark your calendars. If you would like more information regarding the day please log onto our website.

And if you are looking for something to do on Saturday, The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms is hosting a Fall Family Day with hayrides, pumpkins and crafts.

So, please come out this weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather, the entertainment and the chance to be with family, friends and neighbors!

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

Upcoming Clinics:

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** – 9 am to 12 pm - Flu & Pneumonia Clinic for Parsippany senior citizens 65 years and older. No appointments needed. Flu & pneumonia vaccinations are free if you have Medicare Part B, otherwise the cost is \$10.00 and \$15.00 respectively. The pneumonia vaccine is available only for seniors who have never received that vaccine before.

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – The Child Health Clinic – Free for children five and under who are uninsured or have Medicaid. Please call 973-263-7160 to schedule an appointment.

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Podiatry Clinic – Free for Parsippany residents aged 65 and older. Please call the Health Department at 973-263-7160 to schedule an appointment.

### **Park & Forestry**

All artificial turf fields have been groomed and swept for the upcoming fall sports season.

Fall flowers have been planted along North Beverwyck Road in Lake Hiawatha in preparation of the Fall Festival.

### **Library**

September is Emergency Preparedness Month. The Lake Hiawatha Library has materials and books to help your children cope with certain emergency situations such as being separated from parent/caregiver in a public place. Pick up an informational brochure on “Survival Skills for Kids,” an emergency ID card and topical coloring sheets. Children can also take part in the “Emergency Scavenger Hunt” to find items they would put in their emergency backpacks.

### **Department of Public Works**

#### **Leaf bags :**

September 21 thru October 23, 2015 – 10 am to 1 pm (Monday – Friday) – Town Hall

October 17, 2015 – 8 am to 2 pm – DPW Yard

Purchase leaf bags at the Municipal Building Cashier’s window between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday. The cost is \$15 per bundle with a limit of 2 bundles per resident.

**Town-Wide Cleanup Day** – Saturday, October 17, 2015 the Recycling Yard will be open from 8 am to 2 pm.