

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of September 21, 2015

I would like to thank the thousands of people who came out to our Fall Festival this past Sunday. It was a beautiful afternoon enjoyed by all and it was great to see so many smiling faces as both residents and visitors took advantage of all there was to offer. There definitely was something for everyone and the day wouldn't have been possible without the help and planning of all our volunteers, township employees, vendors and supporters. A lot goes into making this day a success and I think this year was by far our best yet. Please log onto our website to view the gallery of pictures from the day. Also, you can view a video of the festival compliments of the Daily Record by clicking the following link:

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/entertainment/2015/09/21/parsippany-celebrates-fall-lake-hiawatha/72565354/>

With the arrival of the new fall season, now would be a good time to go through and discard any old or outdated prescription medications. I am pleased to announce the Township's collaboration with the Morris County Sheriff's Office in an event to raise awareness of the proper way to dispose of prescription drugs. "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day," will take place this Saturday, September 26, from 10 am to 4 pm in the Arlington Plaza Shopping Center in front of the Kmart. I wanted to create an opportunity for people to conveniently dispose of these items properly without fear of any questions. And if you are unable to make it Saturday there will be a receptacle in the lobby of the Parsippany Police Department where you can place your meds 24 hours a day.

Also, on Saturday and on Sunday, in front of the Kmart, the Parsippany Police Department will be manning a vendor table in honor of National Preparedness Month sponsored by FEMA. Please stop by and receive valuable information that can help you prepare for emergencies in your home, business, and school within the community.

I would like to take this time to congratulate three people in our community that deserve special recognition for their outstanding achievements and milestones. Edward and Norma Geseking have lived in Lake Parsippany since 1960 and on September 1, 2015 they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Celebrating this event with them were their children, grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Congratulations to Brianna Kelley who was honored by the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Tour as a marching band member. Only 125 high school band members are selected across the United States each year to perform at halftime at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl scheduled this year for January 9, 2016. This is quite an honor for her and her family.

Additionally, I would like to thank and congratulate Frank Lorito, our Assistant Superintendent for the Sewer Department. After 32 years of service to the Township, Frank will be retiring to Delaware.

Finally, this week I attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new LiveWell Pharmacy, located at 1100 Rt. 46 West. I am pleased to welcome them into our community and hope everyone will do the same.

Water Department

This is a courtesy notification to let you know that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection is issuing a Drought Watch for the Northeast, Central and Coastal North drought regions. The affected drought regions encompass all or parts of twelve New Jersey counties, Morris being one of them.

The Drought Watch designation is prompted by our extremely dry, warmer than average weather over the past several months, which drives up water demands and the consumption of water at a faster than normal pace.

Due to this, the Drought Watch announcement calls for voluntary efforts by the public to curtail unnecessary water use, especially outdoors for activities such as lawn and landscape watering and other water-dependent activities around the home.

Parks & Forestry

Additional plantings of trees and shrubs to beautify our community have been done at Manor Lane and Powder Mill Road flower triangles.

Community Center

The following exercise classes are open to all Senior resident throughout the week: Senior Fitness, Stretch & Strength, Line Dancing, Yoga, Healthy Bones and Tai Chi. These classes are non-impact, non-aerobic classes but are designed to get you moving in a gentle manner. For dates and times of these classes please refer to the "Senior Exercise Calendar" under "Community Center Information" on the Township website.

Library

The Rockettes are coming to the Parsippany Library before they kick off their 2015 production of The Radio City Christmas Spectacular. They will be stopping by the Parsippany Library, 449 Halsey Road, on Tuesday, September 29 from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm where they will meet community members and take photos. Please stop by to say hello!

Have you been having a hard time figuring out what to do with your iPad or other tablet computer? Need a hand in downloading eBooks and audiobooks to your tablet, eReader, or phone? Exasperated by your e-mail? Come to the library and they'll try to help.

Tuesday, September 29, October 5, 13, and 20 from 2-4:30PM at the Main Library

Friday, October 16 from 9AM-12PM at the Mt. Tabor Library

Friday, October 16 from 2-5PM at the Lake Hiawatha Library

Can't make those times? To schedule a one on one session call 973-887-5150 x223 or email reference@parsippanylibrary.org

The Read to a Dog program at the Lake Hiawatha Library is a chance for beginning readers to have fun and gain confidence in their reading skills as they read aloud to a furry and gentle listener. Call the library at 973-335-0952 to register your child for a 10 minute session. Future children programs at the Library will be held on Wednesdays, October 21 and November 18 between 7 and 8 pm.

DPW/Public Works

Reminder that Leaf Bags are on sale now at Town Hall until October 23rd, from 10 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday.