

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of October 5, 2015

Last week all eyes were focused on the possibility of a torrential storm coming our way. It was with great relief that we watched the path of Hurricane Joaquin drift out to sea. We were spared the devastating effects a storm of that caliber could have wrecked upon us. Unfortunately other parts of the US were not spared. As images of massive flooding from South Carolina entered our homes and the damaging toll to life and property were witnessed by millions, we realize how insignificant we are when faced with the wrath of Mother Nature. This is why, I firmly believe in being prepared for emergency situations of any kind. Response times matter in moments of disaster and crisis.

In a continued initiative to provide a high level of care to the public, especially to our children, I have supported the need for the Parsippany Day Care Center's purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator or AED. It was imperative to have this machine available in case of an emergency. With the collaboration of our first responders of the Par-Troy EMS, the staff at the Day Care Center were trained in providing infant, child and adult CPR and first aid. The total staff trained at the Day Care Center now exceeds the state requirements for the number of staff required to be trained. Parents can rest assured that when they drop off their most precious cargo they are leaving them in good care with a trained and knowledgeable staff ready for any emergency situation.

This past Tuesday, I was honored to welcome four government officials from South Korea to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This small contingent of men traveled to the US to observe the operation of various treatment plants across our country. We were privileged to have been selected by the Korean Delegation as one of the plants they wished to study based on our Plant's recent upgrade. I would like to thank the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for their hospitality and warm reception as they guided these delegates through the complex processes of the facility.

I would like to thank County Clerk, Ann Grossi and her staff for returning to Town Hall to provide discount ID cards to our veterans. Once again, I was proud to welcome these esteemed men and women to Town Hall and afford them the opportunity to accept a token of appreciation for their sacrifices for our country. Our country's foundation was built by brave men and women such as these and there is never enough gratitude that we can show them for their service.

I would like to extend my congratulations on behalf of myself and the township to Detective Edward Conklin. Detective Conklin was promoted to the title of Sergeant on Wednesday. Detective Sergeant Conklin has served as police officer with the Township since 2002 and has been the recipient of many awards during his career here. He is a true asset to the department.

This week I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Zinburger restaurant located on Route 10 West. I welcome them to our ever growing population of businesses in town. Their gourmet burgers are sure to be a culinary success.

As a reminder, in observation of the Columbus Day holiday, all township offices will be closed. Please stay safe and enjoy the day!

Department of Public Works

Town Wide Clean Up Day – Saturday, October 17th from 8 am to 2 pm. The Recycling Center will be open extra hours for you to dispose of unwanted items.

Leaf bags will be on sale until October 23rd. Residents have until then to purchase up to 2 bundles of leaf bags.

Community Center

The Health Department would like to remind all residents and businesses to keep Pride in Parsippany by properly disposing of solid waste. Please remember to store all garbage, while outside on your property and at the curb on pickup days, in garbage cans that have no holes or cracks and are equipped with tight-fitting lids.

Parsippany Library

The Children's Department at the Parsippany Library is looking for costumes. If you have costumes for children that are in good condition and wish to donate them to children in need, please drop them off at the children's department during regular library hours by Thursday, October 15th.

Come join the Maker Club and design your own airplane on Thursday, October 22nd at 4:15 pm. Registration is required.

Do you have a high school student getting ready to apply for college? Are they struggling with the application essay? Well this program is for them!

How to Write a College Essay

Thursday, October 22nd

7pm

In this FREE workshop you will learn how to tackle the process of creating successful essays that reflect your best attributes and true passions. You will be given practical methods to help you master the writing process and convey the unique qualities you bring to any school! Our expert offers information, instruction and individual attention to help you create a stress-free essay that gets attention! Presented by Linda Presto of College Coaching with Care.

Call 973-887-5150 x209 or click [here](#) to register.