

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of October 12, 2015

It's not often we get visitors from other countries coming to Parsippany. This month not only did prestigious dignitaries from South Korea come tour our Wastewater Treatment Plant, but I had the honor of welcoming the Italian Police to Town Hall. These prominent men and women came to the US to pay a holiday tribute by marching in New York City's Columbus Day Parade on Monday. On Tuesday the Township was given the distinction of playing host and guiding the officers on a tour of Town Hall with a chance to meet with our Chief of Police, Paul Philipps. Even with a language barrier the bond between law enforcement agencies was established. Certain characteristics of the job transcend cultural boundaries and it was easier to see the similarities rather than the differences.

I recently attended the Parsippany Hills High School's, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony to the Hall of Fame. The hall of fame was established to honor those graduates and faculty who have made exceptional achievements in their fields or who have made noticeable contributions to their community. I would like to extend congratulations to Scott B. Sheehy, Craig Zagorski, Tim Baxter, Kathy Smith, Erik Sylvan M.D., M.S., Steve Smithers and the 1987 Boys Tennis Team.

This weekend the Emergency Medical Services Council of New Jersey will be hosting an EMS Educational Symposium and Trade Show at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. I encourage everyone to come out to see the exhibits and ambulances on display and to support our own Parsippany Rescue and Recovery team as they demonstrate an Underwater Recovery rescue at the pool.

Although Halloween is a couple of weeks away it is never too soon to start planning ahead. Once again I invite all Trick or Treaters and their parents to join me at Veterans Park on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, between 4 and 6 pm for Trunk or Treat. Full details for the event are available on our website [www.parsippany.net](http://www.parsippany.net) or on our Facebook page. This is a hauntingly fun afternoon and I hope many of you will join me!

Finally, as a reminder, this Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> is our *Town Wide Clean Up Day*. The Recycling Center will have extended hours from 8 am to 2 pm in order for you to dispose of unwanted items. You will also be able to purchase your leaf bags this Saturday at the same time. This week is the final week to purchase leaf bags, so if you haven't done so already please purchase them by Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Community Center**

The Community Center will be showing the movie "Whiplash," at 1pm on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Free Rabies Clinic – the Health Department will be hosting a free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at Smith Field in the garage located near the tennis courts on Grange Road. Please bring dogs between 1pm and 3pm and cats from 3pm to 4pm. All dogs MUST BE LEASHED and cats must be in individual CARRIERS.

## **Water Department**

Hydrants are being replaced with the Sedgefield Road project. Temporary shutdown of the water service may occur at times. Notices will be given to the residents this may affect prior to shut down.

## **Parks and Forestry**

New evergreen trees and shrubs were planted at the Craftsman Farms Museum for all visitors to enjoy.

## **Parsippany Library**

Planning a visit to Disney World and want to get the most out of your visit? Katy Halpern, Children's Librarian and Disney Trip Consultant, will give you the benefit of her expertise at the Lake Hiawatha Branch Library, on Monday, October 19, 7-8:30pm. She will give you tips on the best time to visit, how to save money, the pros and cons of lodging on the Disney property, and much more! You can register on-line at the [Parsippanylibrary.org](http://Parsippanylibrary.org) website. (Go to adult programs at Lake Hiawatha) or call the Lake Hiawatha Branch Library, 973-335-0952 during library hours to register for this program.

In the past few weeks, Lake Hiawatha Children's librarians have begun making visits to local preschools, daycare centers and Kindergarten classes, to read to the children, and familiarize them with the services the public library has to offer. We also schedule school visits to our Children's Department throughout the year. Children and librarians all look forward to these enjoyable visits!