

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of November 2, 2015

Last week's Trunk or Treat was a huge success! I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated. A fun time was had by all and it looked as if the adults had as good of a time as the kids. It was great to see all the smiling faces as they received their treats and enjoyed the perfect weather that we had for the event.

So often sports are what we focus on when it comes to winning championships that we forget there are other students out there competing for various titles as well. The Parsippany High School Marching Band is to be commended and congratulated on a job well done! The band took First Place in the States Competition at the Highpoint Solutions Stadium at Rutgers University receiving the prominent Marines Award. They won the Group IV A 2015 State Championship. This is a high honor and we should all be extremely proud of this accomplishment and the recognition that it has brought to the Township.

The Morris County Clerk's Office held a breakfast this week for all businesses participating in Operation Give Back. This is the program where veterans obtained discount cards to use in various businesses throughout the County. I am proud to say that Parsippany was congratulated on having the most businesses sign on. Once again this demonstrates how all of our local merchants are an integral part of our community. I would also like to congratulate Michele Sylvin, my Confidential Aide, on receiving an award given by the veterans for her dedication and work throughout the years and for her assistance to them and their various programs.

This week we will be honoring all veterans on November 11th, Veterans Day with a ceremony held at Veterans Memorial Park at 11:00 am. Please join me and members of the VFW and the American Legion as we pay tribute to the men and women who are and were our American soldiers. I can never stress enough the importance of honoring our veterans and our troops. Even though we have special days during the year that commemorate these brave men and women, most other times people don't give much thought to the sacrifices and dangers that are faced by our troops on a daily basis. We, as Americans, should always remember that freedom does not come free and that when our liberty is at stake there are brave men and women at the front lines defending our inalienable rights that our forefathers fought so valiantly for. We all need to love our country and live with pride and always remember that without our veterans our country would not be the great nation it is today. Everyday is a day of remembrance; and should you see a soldier in uniform or a veteran, take the time to tell them thanks for their service, it's the least we can do.

On a last note, I would like to remind those residents with dogs and cats that our annual rabies clinic is being held this Saturday, November 7th. Please refer to our website for the location and times.

Also, this coming Monday, we will be placing a box in Town Hall for toy donations for the holidays to the Goryeb Children's Hospital which is affiliated with Morristown Medical Center. The Goryeb Children's Hospital is in dire need of toys and while we customarily sought gifts for

Toys for Tots, this year we can directly help children in our own area. Please feel free to stop by with a donation anytime during the week from Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Community Center

Friday, November 13th – Senior Citizen Podiatry Clinic. Appointments necessary. Please call the Health Department at 973-263-7160 to schedule one.

New participants needed for playing Bridge, Mahjong or Pinochle. These groups meet throughout the week and are always looking for new players. Call 973-263-7163 for information.

Parks and Forestry

120 were received and will be planted throughout the township in the coming weeks.

All lights have been repaired along Mazdabrook Road.

Water Department

Fire hydrant markers are being installed in preparation for the snow plowing season.