

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of November 16, 2015

This Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, will mark a day of celebration to honor the 2015 State and National USBands Group IV A champions - the Parsippany High School Marching Band. I am pleased to announce that the Township will be hosting a motorcade to pay tribute to this outstanding achievement. I congratulate the band on bringing pride to Parsippany and this motorcade shows how proud we are of them for doing so. I invite the entire community to come out and celebrate with us. The motorcade will leave from Parsippany High School at noon. The entire procession should take about an hour at which time I invite everyone back to the high school where I will present the band with certificates to commemorate the occasion. For more information regarding the specific route the motorcade will take please log onto our Facebook page.

While I am speaking of students, I would like to let you know about a tutoring program for children in grades K-8 that is offered at the Lake Hiawatha Library. The Parsippany High School National Honor Society members volunteer to assist students that may need additional help in reading, math and science. This is a free program and you may register with the library for a one hour, one day a week tutorial. Please see below for the exact dates and times that are available.

Once again it was my pleasure to welcome another scout troop to Town Hall. Girl Scout Troop 6229 paid a visit to learn about local government. The troop toured Town Hall and visited the various departments to see how municipal government operates. I always enjoy meeting with our young residents and listening to their observations and answering their various questions.

Our Water Department has been working this week installing a brand new water main on Longport Avenue in Lake Parsippany. Due to the fact that the road was lowered two feet there was not enough coverage for the existing main and potential issues for homeowners could have arisen. This was a proactive move to alleviate any possibility of a potential break in the pipes resulting in a disruption of water service to the residents in that area.

You may have observed our Parks & Forestry Department around town this week planting trees. Thirty trees have been planted throughout the township continuing our commitment to being a Tree City USA. Also, repairs were made to the pavilion at Park Road Park. You will notice a much improved area with new brick pavers.

Once again I remind everyone during this holiday season that donations are always needed and welcome to our Food Pantry located at the Community Center. Also, please remember that we are collecting toys to be donated this holiday season to the Goryeb Children's Hospital for children who have been admitted to the hospital for treatment. We hope to brighten their spirits and bring a smile to their faces while they are facing trying times.

### **Parsippany Library**

Lake Hiawatha Tutoring Program – Registration begins a week prior to the desired date. Tutors will be available for one hour sessions on Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16, from 4-5 pm, and

on Saturdays, November 21 and December 5, 12 and 19 from 3-4 pm. Call the Lake Hiawatha Children's Department at 973-335-0952 to register, or sign up in person. Children may register for only one day a week.

The Parsippany Library can help you get ready for Thanksgiving. There are cookbooks and decorating ideas available for adults and children. The Parsippany Library has scheduled a Thanksgiving storytime for children on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 pm. Stop by on Black Friday (November 27) from 9-5 pm to borrow books for four weeks and movies for one week. That is the best deal in town.

### **Community Center**

The Parsippany Food Pantry, located at the Community Center, is open Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, if someone is in need of food for the holidays or anytime. Proof of Parsippany residency is required.

Medicare open enrollment will end December 7th. If you have any questions about this sometimes confusing program, we have a state certified Medicare Counselor who can help you at the Community Center every Friday from 9am to 12 noon. Call the Office on Aging at 973-263-7351 to schedule an appointment

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