

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of November 28, 2015

The holiday season is in full swing now and Town Hall is decorated and ready to welcome Santa Claus this Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 pm for the Christmas Tree Lighting. I always enjoy this time of year as it once again brings residents both young and old together to have fun. I hope you and your family will join me as we light the trees and celebrate Santa's arrival with hot chocolate and cookies. Please remember that we are collecting toys for the Goryeb Children's Hospital at Morristown Medical Center for those children who are admitted there and are seeking treatment. What a wonderful way to send a message of caring to one of the children with a donation of a new toy. The donation boxes are located in Town Hall and will be there until December 17th. I'd like to thank those who have already made generous contributions for the children.

We will also be having our holiday Menorah Lighting to celebrate the Festival of Lights on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. The children from temple Adath Shalom and temple Beth Am will be singing Hanukah selections. There will be latkes and jelly donuts cooked in oil to signify the oil that burned for eight days and nights reminding everyone about the miracle of the holiday. This is a very festive celebration and I encourage everyone to come and join me for a night of enjoyment.

The St. Ann's Seniors have already kicked off their holiday season. It is always a pleasure to spend time with Parsippany's seniors and it was truly a festive occasion at their annual Christmas party. Their observations and keen insights regarding Parsippany are always appreciated and they truly know how to enjoy themselves

This week I met with two very special classes at Lake Parsippany School. On Tuesday, I met with the third graders to discuss what government is about. The students asked many knowledgeable questions and were eager to learn what the day to day process was in governing a town. I also met on Thursday with the Special Education students to speak about my career as Mayor. I am always proud to talk about the honor of being Mayor of Parsippany and the children clearly had many observant questions regarding the position and all the responsibilities that go with it.

Yesterday I hosted JCP&L's first public information session regarding storm restoration. The responsibilities of homeowners and JCP&L both during and after storms were discussed. JCP&L encourages residents without power to call 1-888-LIGHTSS to report power outages. They also introduced their new mobile website and app for JCP&L customers which provides important information and services related to their electric accounts. You can find out more information regarding these programs by logging on to www.firstenergycorp.com.

Finally I would like to say how proud I am of our residents, civic organizations and businesses who have donated over 20,000 pounds of food so far to the Parsippany Food Pantry. Your generous donations have provided for Parsippany's residents in need and have enabled them to enjoy the spirit of the holidays as well. Thank you.

Community Center

Friday, December 11th, at 1:00 pm, Mt. Tabor resident and professional storyteller Carol Titus will present, "True Stories that Never Happened," at the Community Center. This is open to all residents.

Parks and Forestry

All decorations for the holidays have been put up at Town Hall and around town. Twenty more trees have been planted as a continuation of the town's street tree reforestation plans.