

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of December 14, 2015

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated toys this holiday season for the Goryeb Children's Hospital at Morristown Medical Center. We made numerous trips in multiple vehicles delivering all the toys because of the wonderful response to our Town Hall collection. The Children's Services Department at the hospital was overjoyed to receive so many toy donations and assured me that the children who are receiving treatment and their families would surely appreciate the gifts and the spirit in which they were given. The tremendous outpouring of donations showed me what I have always known, that the residents of Parsippany are a caring and supportive network of people who generously give from their hearts to those who may be in need. Once again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and compassion in helping to make our toy drive a success and a happier Christmas for the children.

In the spirit of giving, our Human Services Department supplied the Meals on Wheels program with holiday gifts for our elderly residents who receive this food delivery service and are unable to participate in the holiday festivities at the Community Center. Many recipients cannot leave their homes because of health issues and this was a way to ensure that they are not forgotten during the holiday season.

Speaking of our senior residents, our Township EMTs held a seminar on CPR at a meeting of the Golden Age Club of Saint Peters. Educating the community on life saving procedures is only one of the many ways that our emergency personnel reach out to residents during the year.

Last Saturday I was pleased to cut the ribbon for the grand opening of Bleu Salon, located at 974 Tabor Road. This full service salon will also have a room for children's birthday parties. It is always a pleasure to welcome a new business into the Parsippany community and I wish them much success.

Our Parks and Forestry Department has been busy all year planting trees around town as part of a beautification project. In addition this helps keep our status as a Tree City USA. Over 50 shade trees have been planted in various neighborhoods throughout the town. In addition the Parks and Forestry Department are always checking the play equipment to make sure it meets safety standards. Mountain Way Park is a recent recipient of a new play structure. The old large play unit has been removed and will be replaced with a new one in the next weeks.

Please check out our Facebook page to view pictures of these events and to find out what's going on as it happens.

Parsippany Library

The Lake Hiawatha Library has a new device to check out! It's the Leapfrog Leap Pad 2! This is a learning tablet, pre-loaded with educational apps for children from preschool through first grade. The Leap Pad can be borrowed for 14-days, with one renewal. The fine is \$5.00 per day if you are

late in your return. This is another great way to help your child develop skills related to literacy and science.

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