

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of  
January 25, 2016

The immense blizzard that swept through New Jersey last weekend dumping substantial amounts of snow in our area caused numerous problems throughout the state. Clearing the streets from the massive accumulation of snow was no easy feat. A storm of such magnitude is difficult to keep up with. Weather has an unfair advantage of doing what it pleases at any time. By planning ahead and working together with various township departments, I believe we achieved our course of action which was keeping our streets free for vehicles to pass and providing assistance to any resident who may have needed help. I would like to commend our Department of Public Works, Parks & Forestry Department, Water Department and Sewer Department for the excellent job they did plowing our streets. This was extremely difficult to do since visibility was an issue but I believe they truly did an excellent job. I would also like to thank our Department of Human Services which was ready in the event that warming stations were needed.

I would like to remind our residents with special needs that *Register Ready – New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters* allows NJ residents the opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies. This enables first responders to plan and better serve them in a disaster or other emergency situation. The information is kept strictly confidential and computer access is needed to register. Should you need assistance or access to a computer please contact our Department of Human Services, they will be glad to be of help.

This week I presented to the press my State of the Town address. As I mentioned in last week's update I am extremely pleased with the direction that the Township is going in. Under my administration Parsippany has seen many improvements and will continue to do so. Working to bring both major corporations and small businesses to Parsippany has been a priority of mine. I am extremely pleased that GAF decided to bring their corporate headquarters to Parsippany last February and UPS within the next 17 months will be building a new \$38 million facility here. While the loss of Pathmark left a void in food stores, Whole Foods will be coming bringing with it an upscale marketing experience. As I have made mention of before, a new CVS will be constructed by Cherry Hill Road.

In contrast to the larger enterprises, numerous small establishments have taken root in Parsippany as well. I always like to remark on the opening of any small business in town and encourage residents to frequent their establishments. This past Tuesday I attended a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Great Clips, located in the Morris Hills Shopping Center on Route 46. The owners have six other shops in the area and I welcome them to the family of businesses in Parsippany.

It is my intention to keep Parsippany growing as the best place to live and work in. I believe that we are accomplishing that goal and I look forward to seeing what the future brings to all of us. If you would like to view the entire State of the Town press conference you may click on the two following links:

<http://www.northjersey.com/community-news/town-government/mayor-barberio-says-that-parsippany-is-running-really-well-1.1499593>

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/2016/01/23/parsippany-mayor-town-good-shape-2016/79173280/>

Other Noteworthy Information:

### **Lake Hiawatha Library**

It's Super Bowl time! Come to the Lake Hiawatha Library children's room and vote for the Carolina Panthers or the Denver Broncos! Check out exciting books on the game and football greats! Preschoolers can make a football craft to take home, and everyone can complete the Super Bowl scavenger hunt to win a prize!

### **Parsippany Library**

February 6th is *Take Your Child to the Library Day*. You can borrow books, complete a puzzle, and attend the Chinese New Year Drop-in craft program on February 6th at 10 am. There is a wonderful display of Chinese New Year books in the children's department. There is also an aisle of holiday books for preschoolers and school-age children.

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