

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
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Transparency in government is a mandatory requirement in any municipality. Residents want to know what is happening and how their tax dollars are being spent. They also want the convenience of having information at their fingertips. I am a firm believer that everyone has the right to know and understand what is transpiring in their home town. Under my guidance my administration has made sure that residents have access to a variety of information and that this information is available to everyone on our website. Now residents will have even more material accessible to them. Under the guidance of our new Township Clerk, Khaled Madin, all Township resolutions, ordinances, minutes and agendas are available to the public on our website. You can easily retrieve this information by clicking on "Public Documents & Municipal Code." You will also be able to find proposed new ordinances here as well. This further expands our goal of enabling everyone's "right to know."

This week was a challenging week for our Water Department. The bitter temperatures that encompassed our area last week truly played havoc with water pipes. Throughout town frozen pipes and water meters necessitated the demand for emergency shut-offs to numerous residential homes. Crews have been responding to 4 and 5 shut-offs a day. Many of these homes were unoccupied at the time and were not winterized by their owners prior to leaving. It is extremely important to winterize your pipes before leaving your home for an extended vacation. Water can be extremely damaging which is why taking a few precautions can prevent devastating effects when returning home.

Spring is just around the corner and with it will come our new improved Smith Field Park. Smith Field is one of our most widely used and widely known parks in the township. You may have noticed work going on as you passed by. Due to the construction all power has been shut off except for C-Field and will be off until approximately March 1st. The restrooms have also been temporarily closed as well, however a port-a-john is in place until the restrooms reopen. This minor inconvenience will result in a new multi-purpose field which will be used for lacrosse, field hockey, softball and cricket and a small Little League field.

Another restroom will be added which will include a concession stand and storage. Tennis and basketball courts will be repaved and refitted with new lighting. All of these improvements will come in advance for the busiest seasons at the park.

Spring also brings our annual Easter Bunny visit. He will be arriving at Town Hall on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am. Make sure to bring a basket as candy will be given out to each child. Mark your calendar and remember to bring a camera!

The award winning Parsippany High School Marching Band has brought great pride to the township. It was my pleasure to present to Greg Dalakian, Director of the PHS Marching Band a plaque and Key to the City to commemorate their success at being awarded the 2015 State and National Championships USBands Group IV A.

It was also my pleasure to host the third graders from Knollwood Elementary School on their tour of Town Hall and the Police Station. I am sure there will be many future leaders within the group and I hope that inspiration was ignited here as they learned on site about local government.

Other Noteworthy News:

Recreation Department:

Early registration has begun for children returning to our Parsippany Recreation All Day Playground Program.

For new campers all Parsippany Recreation Summer program information is available on the Township website at www.parsippany.net. This includes information for ½ Day Playground, Full Day Playground and Tot Time.

Registration for all local sports organizations is ongoing and links to those groups are on our website as well.

The new 5 day “Spring Break” multisport program during the school’s spring break session is hosted by Parsippany Recreation and information for this program is also on the Township website.

You may also call the Recreation Department directly for more information at 973-263-7257.

Community Center:

Health - The Zufall Health Center is providing Parsippany with their new Zufall Highlands Health Van, which offers affordable primary care services. The van is parked in Parsippany at 1259 Rt. 46 East, Building #2, the first and third Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 5pm.

The van is a mobile medical unit and resembles a standard doctor’s office with 2 exam rooms equipped for both medical and dental use. Primary care services available in the van include well visits, treatment of illness and injury, preventive care, health education and counseling and referrals to specialists. Zufall accepts most insurance plans and those without insurance pay on an affordable sliding scale. Please call Zufall at 973-328-3344 x604 for more information. Walk-ins are welcome.

Office on Aging – the Office on Aging is promoting the Vial of Life Program. Everybody should be familiar with this program and consider filling out a Vial of Life form. It’s simple, free and it’s a smart way to store your medical information on hand in case of an emergency. Senior citizens can particularly benefit from this because of their often complex medical histories. Forms and directions are available at the Parsippany Community Center’s Office on Aging and online at www.vialoflife.com. For more information please call Gloria or Stacey at 973-263-7351 or 7352 at the Parsippany Community Center.

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