

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of February 22, 2016

A few weeks ago I brought to everyone's attention the recent phone scams regarding the IRS and how this crime has affected at least two Parsippany residents. The only defense against scammers such as these are awareness and knowledge, for then you are equipped with the tools to disarm the intent of the criminals. The Parsippany Police Department has been diligently working on educating the public on how to protect themselves in certain scenarios and how certain crimes are aimed at particular groups or individuals. Chief Philipps and I felt the importance of reaching out to the public at large and to those individuals or groups that could assist in communicating this vital message. Working together we hosted through the police department a Religious Outreach Project. Members of our religious community were invited to a seminar regarding crime prevention, security and safety, bias crimes, disaster preparedness partnerships and social services offered by religious groups. The intent of this program was to enlighten the leaders of these groups so they could bring this information back to their congregants advising them on how to protect themselves. Programs such as these are great tools in bringing residents together with a common goal to inform and educate.

One of my objectives as mayor was to utilize the various medias to reach out to residents. I think it is important to let everyone know what is going on in our town and to also acknowledge those residents, employees and groups who have contributed or distinguished themselves in the community. *Pride in Parsippany TV21* is my newest venture in bringing our community into your home. I have interviewed a variety of people all related to Parsippany, from our awarding winning PHS Marching Band and PHHS football coaches to our municipal department heads and police officers. Each show brings with it new and exciting reports on life in Parsippany. You can watch *Pride in Parsippany* on Cablevision, channel 21. Our newest shows air every Tuesday at 8:00 pm and can also be seen each night after at 8:00 pm. In addition you can view previous shows on our website or Facebook page.

If you are a senior citizen and have questions regarding Medicare you may be interested in meeting with James Kim, our Medicare Counselor. He can answer many of your questions and guide you in the various options. Mr. Kim will be at the Community Center library, 9 am till noon, on Friday, March 4th and Friday, March 18th. You must schedule an appointment for this service and you can do so by calling Gloria at 973-263-7351.

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

The Senior Citizen Clubs of Parsippany will be holding a Tricky Tray on May 20, 2016, at the Parsippany Community Center, to benefit their high school college scholarship fund. Donations of new items for the tricky tray are being accepted at The Office On Aging at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ. Any questions call Stacey 973-263-7352.

Friday, March 4th, 2016 is Movie Day at the Community Center. "A Walk in the Woods," starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte, is the featured film this week. Movie starts at 1:00 pm in room B of the Center. Rated PG-13; 1 hour and 44 mins.

Health Department

The next Child Health Clinic will be held on March 10th. Examinations and vaccinations are available for children two months to 5 years who are on Medicaid or have no insurance. Call Marianne at 973-263-7157 for an appointment.

Parsippany Library

Looking for some fantastic children's books to read this winter? Check our Library website for lists of the best books for children in elementary school. Just go to www.parsippanylibrary.org, click on *Resources*, then on *Children*, and scroll down to "*Best Books for Libraries – 2014 Elementary School*" and "*Best Books for Libraries – 2105 Elementary School.*" A summary and grade range for each title is provided. Come to the Library to check out one of these great titles, or place a request using our online catalog. These books are sure to please!

Recreation

Registration for Parsippany's Youth Roller Hockey Program for children in grades 1 through 8 is ongoing until Monday, March 28th. Register online at www.pthreconline.com or in person at 1 Knoll Drive, Lake Hiawatha. You may register as a team or individual.

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