

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of  
March 7, 2016

Unseasonable warmth this past week has everyone thinking ahead and anticipating the arrival of spring and summer. Outdoor projects that have been in the planning phase during the winter can now be implemented. The township too has been actively planning improvements as well. As I mentioned before Smith Field is undergoing a renovation which includes a multi-purpose field, an additional restroom and concession stand along with repaving the tennis and basketball courts and refitting them with new lighting. You may also notice now as you drive past our newly refurbished Smith Field Park sign which our Parks and Forestry Department recently installed.

Major projects and developments will also be going on at the Knoll Country Club. Construction of a new driving range will begin shortly. A new master plan for both the East and West golf courses is in the works and we are in the design phase of a new irrigation system at the Knoll West. The Knoll West catering facility will be receiving a face lift with many new improvements and enhancements both inside and out. Our plan is to restore and expand the reputation of our champion golf courses and catering accommodations by having state of the art golf and banquet facilities. If you would like to hear more regarding these improvements please check out my *Pride in Parsippany TV21* show on Cablevision, channel 21 every Tuesday at 8:00pm, where I interviewed Township CFO Ann Cucci and Golf Superintendent Glenn Foesel about the plans and direction that the golf and banquet facilities are going in.

While on topic of our golf courses I would like to let everyone, especially our golfers, know that both courses are now open for the season.

March 8<sup>th</sup> was National Pancake Day and to help promote a great charitable cause IHOP invited me to participate in honoring the day with them. IHOP offered free stacks of pancakes to customers in exchange for a donation to the Children's Miracle Network. This was a fun way to bring people together and to feel good about helping to make a difference in a child's life.

Making a difference in children's lives is what the Law Explorers of the Morris County Bar Association do as well. The Law Explorers is a program in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America that exposes young people to the various career opportunities of lawyers, judges and elected officials. It is my pleasure to address the Law Explorers and discuss how government works and my role as Mayor of Parsippany. It is my hope to provide knowledge and inspiration to our youth of today and future leaders of tomorrow.

Finally I would like to extend my condolences on behalf of the Township of Parsippany to the family of Mayor Art Ondish of Mt. Arlington. Mayor Ondish was one of the most respected politicians in Morris County and New Jersey and was a dear friend of mine. He was a caring person and a true leader and he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace.

*Other Noteworthy News:*

### **Community Center**

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is Daylight savings time. So let's spring ahead and turn those clocks forward one hour. When you're done with that please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. One more thing to do is check the dates on all your medications and dispose of the outdated medication properly. Call 973-263-7157 for information on medication disposal.

**MOVIE DAY** Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 pm. **The Intern**- starting a new job can be a difficult challenge, especially if you're already retired. Looking to get back into the game, 70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker (Robert De Niro) seizes the opportunity to become a senior intern at an online site. Ben soon becomes popular with his younger co-workers, including Jules Ostin (Ann Hathaway), the boss and founder of the company. Whittaker's charm, wisdom and sense of humor help him develop a special bond and growing friendship with Jules. Rated PG-13 and is 2 hours & 1 min long. Will be showing in room B of the Community Center.

St. Ann's Social Seniors Club and Golden Age of St. Peter's Senior Club hosted their St. Patrick's Day parties at the Community Center. Irish music and a catered lunch of corned beef and cabbage were enjoyed by all. If you care to join these clubs, or any other senior club that meets at the center, call the Office on Aging for more information, 973-263-7351; 7352

**Health Department**- Each day the township's Health Inspectors go out on the road, and make unannounced inspections of our local restaurants. Ensuring food safety and protecting the public health are the goals of each inspection. If violations are found, establishments are given a time period to correct, and follow-up inspections are made to ensure corrections are done. In 2015, eight hundred and seventy-four (874) food establishment inspections were conducted. If you intend to open a new food establishment, or serve food or beverages to the public at any event, please call the Health Department for more information; 973-263-7160.

### **Recreation**

Registration for Parsippany's Youth Roller Hockey Program is in progress. Register online at [pthreonline.com](http://pthreonline.com) or in person at 1 Knoll Drive, Lake Hiawatha. For questions please email [rollerhockey@parsippany.net](mailto:rollerhockey@parsippany.net).

Registration for 2016 Summer All Day Playground starts on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am or online or in person until the program is full.

Registration for 2016 Summer Half Day Playground starts on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am both online or in person until the program is full.

Please remember the Easter Bunny will be coming to the Parsippany Municipal Building at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parsippany Library**

Children who registered for Kindergarten in the Parsippany school system this week received bookmarks from the Parsippany-Troy Hills Library system, on which they can draw pictures of their favorite books. Children are encouraged to bring the completed bookmarks to any of the 3 Parsippany Library locations (Parsippany Library, Lake Hiawatha Library, or Mount Tabor Library) to claim a prize! While at the library, children can pick up a list of great books about Kindergarten, sign up for a library card, and register for exciting children's programs!