

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
March 14, 2016

I am extremely pleased to announce plans to enter into a shared services agreement with the Parsippany Board of Education pertaining to school resource officers or most commonly known as SROs. I have been advocating for this arrangement for some time and I am glad to see it finally coming to fruition. This is just the beginning of a relationship that will benefit the schools and the Township. It is unfortunate that our world today has cultivated a society that lives in fear for the safety of its children. I have felt compelled to provide our schoolchildren and their parents with peace of mind that we are doing everything we can to be aware and be safe. With this agreement we have joined forces to provide our schools with a safer environment for all of our students and faculty. In addition to the two officers that we currently have we will be adding two more officers and a Director of Security to further maintain the health, safety and welfare of everyone. The goal of this shared service is not just the policing of schools but to educate the students and eradicate bullying and drug use. These officers provide a presence of discipline but at the same time they foster relationships with the students inviting a sense of security, trust and confidentiality. I am confident that this relationship with the Board of Education and the School Resource Officers will continue to grow and flourish through the years.

Spring will officially arrive this Sunday however, Old Man Winter will be playing one final joke on all of us as we are expected to see accumulating snow Sunday into early Monday morning. Just how much snow we are to receive is still being determined but rest assured that we will be staying on top of the storm to ensure that the roads are safe to travel. The good thing is that warmer weather is right behind and will melt the snow almost as quickly as it falls.

Before winter lashes out one more time, I would like to remind everyone that the Easter Bunny will be arriving at Town Hall this Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am. The Easter Bunny will be giving out candy to all of the children so make sure to bring a basket and also a camera if you would like to have a picture taken with him. This promises to be a fun morning for everyone.

Our six new Spring Break Camps/ Spring Recreation Programs are quickly filling up and time is running out if you would like send your child. These programs are for Spring Break, not our summertime Playground programs. For more information on these or any of our recreation programs please check out our Recreation website at www.PTHrecOnline.com or call 973-263-7257.

I would like to bring attention to a worthy cause that can always use our support and that is Project Graduation for our high school seniors. Jersey Mike's Subs, located at 317 Smith Road is proudly sponsoring "Eat a Sub Make a Difference" day on March 30th. 100% of all sales will be donated to the Parsippany Hills High School for Project Graduation.

Finally, for all the Senior Citizens that like a little competition, the Community Center will be hosting a Pool Tournament on Thursday, March 24th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Trophies will be

awarded for 1st and 2nd place. There's still time to sign up and you can do so by contacting Gloria at 973-263-7351. Good luck to all of the competitors!

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center:

Parsippany Library's "Book Nook," located in the Community Center, sells used books, record albums, movie dvds, and music cds at great discounts. The hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm. For more information log onto the Town Website www.parsippany.net and click on "Book Nook. "

The Health Department would like you to be aware that mosquito season is here, and is reminding all to rid your property of standing water. Questions call the Health Department at 973-263-7160.

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