

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
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It is always a pleasure to acknowledge members of our community for an achievement, milestone or accomplishment. This week is an exceptional week for bringing recognition to certain individuals who have accomplished that goal. A party was given this week for a very special resident of Troy Hills Center. Marguerite Garde was the guest of honor as she celebrated her 107th birthday. I presented Marguerite with a certificate in honor of the occasion. I realized how much she has seen the world change in her lifetime and that she can provide firsthand commentary on a century of history. What better way to learn about the past than through the eyes of someone who has been there.

Tuesday we will say farewell to a longtime employee of the Township. Pete Devlin, the General Supervisor of Public Works is retiring after 49 years of dedicated employment with the Township. Pete has been a valued employee who has shown loyalty and commitment to his job and the people he has worked with. On behalf of the Township I would like to wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

I would also like to commend and congratulate five courageous members of Parsippany Fire District 5 for being honored for their bravery by the 200 Club. The 200 Club of Morris County supports Morris County Police Officers, Fire Fighters, First Aid Squad members and NJ State Police serving Morris County who die in the line of duty. Each January recommendations are made for recognition for Acts of Valor in which a person puts their own safety aside for the sake of another's. Firefighters Pat Calabrese, Dave Cavaliere, Anthony Conductor, Carl Fales and Lt. Michael Lambert will be receiving the Meritorious Team Award for saving the life of an unresponsive woman by performing CPR and using an automatic external defibrillator until EMT's and paramedics arrived. Fortunately the woman made a full recovery thanks to their quick actions and response.

Thank you to all the folks who came out last Saturday to meet with the Easter Bunny. It was a fun time for everyone but especially for all of the children who seemed to be happy to receive a chocolate gift and a chance to sit and have a picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Please log onto our Facebook page to view all of the pictures and smiling faces.

I would like to remind everyone that Township offices will be closed this Friday and will reopen on Monday, March 28th. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

The Office On Aging offers wheelchairs, walkers, and canes at no cost to people who need them for long or short term. Call 973-263-7351, 7352 for availability.

Do you take multiple prescriptions? Do you know their side-effects? Do you know their drug interactions? Let's schedule a "Brown-Bag." Gather all of your current medications and over-the-counter products into a "brown-bag," and bring them to the Community Center's Library for a scheduled appointment with James Kim our SHIP Counselor/Local Pharmacist. James will look for any potential problems. To make an appointment please call 973-263-7351, 7352.

The Community Center will be showing the movie, **The Martian**, on Friday, April 1st, 2016 at 1:00 pm in B room. The movie follows the survival of an astronaut stranded on Mars, and the daring rescue attempt by NASA.

Lake Hiawatha Library



An Astronomy Adventure!

Learn about the latest discoveries in our solar system and beyond! See breathtaking pictures of Mars, Pluto, and the moons of Jupiter and Saturn. Hear about the next manned and robotic missions to explore space.

Speaker: Paul Cirillo, 25 year member and Qualified Observer with the NJ Astronomical Association.

Tuesday, March 29th

7-8:30pm

Lake Hiawatha Branch Library

Visit our [website](#) to register online!

A new science-based program, *Afternoon Experimenters*, for grades 3-5, was held this week at Lake Hiawatha Library. Children attending this monthly program will have fun engaging in exciting STEM activities. The next *Afternoon Experimenters* will be held on Monday, April 18, from 4-5 p.m. Registration for this program begins on April 4, two weeks prior to the program date. Patrons can register in person, online at parsippanylibrary.org, or by calling Lake Hiawatha Library at 973-335-0952.

Spring preschool storytimes at Lake Hiawatha Library began this week, and will run through the week of May 2. *Nursery Rhyme Time* storytimes, for babies and toddlers under 24-months-old, are held on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:30. *2s&3s Together* storytimes, for 2- and 3-year-olds, are held on Mondays from 11:00 – 11:30. *Preschool Storytimes*, for 3- to 5-year-olds, are held on Tuesdays, from 11:00 to 11:45. These weekly storytimes are "drop-in" events, and do not require registration. We ask that parents and caregivers remain with their children during storytimes.

Mt. Tabor Library

Mount Tabor continues to be a meeting place for those who love the “homey” atmosphere of this small library branch. Storytime will continue through April 14. We meet at 10:00 AM, before the library opens. This allows us to sing songs, play with puzzles and instruments, and generally have lots of fun. Stop by anytime through the end of March to play our Dr. Seuss matching game for a small prize.

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