

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
March 28, 2016

Tuesday was an exciting day for Parsippany and UPS. The Township already has the privilege of being home to UPS's giant warehouse on Jefferson Road, now we will be welcoming their newest facility, a 200,000 square-foot technology building at 10 Upper Pond Road. This new technology center will house more than 1,000 workers of the 15,000 in New Jersey that UPS employs. The technology professionals that will be at this new facility are those who design and create the ideas that command UPS's global network. You may be familiar with UPS Tracking and UPS WorldShip, which are two tools that were built and designed by this team.

Emphasizing the importance of UPS's newest venture for Parsippany and New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie was an honored guest and speaker at the ground breaking ceremony. Both the Governor and I believe this endeavor has built a foundation for future employers to consider not just Parsippany but the Garden State as home to its companies and we both spoke of this at the ceremony. These partnerships between businesses and municipalities are beneficial to everyone fostering a bond that benefits the community and the state as well. Not only will jobs be created but revenue for the township which in turn will help relieve some of the tax burden from residents. As I have mentioned before I am an advocate of economic development and this collaboration between UPS and Parsippany is one that I am extremely proud of and is a model for future undertakings.



Groundbreaking at the future site of UPS Technology Center

I would also like to welcome two other new businesses to our community – Garden State Orthopaedics which is located at 2 Sylvan Way and Kafe Mozart in Powdermill Plaza West. Smaller businesses provide essential services to our residents and are the backbone to our business base. These businesses also provide great support to our schools and local events and we are always appreciative of that.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned that Jersey Mike's Subs on Smith Road was donating 100% of its proceeds from "Eat a Sub Make a Difference" day to support the Parsippany Hills High School Vikings Project Graduation. I'd like to thank Jersey Mike's for their generous donation to a very worthy cause and for their support of our community and it was great to see so many customers come out to support the cause as well.



Many questions regarding FEMA and flood insurance have arisen through the years, especially since Hurricanes Sandy and Irene. Since many Lake Hiawatha homeowners were directly affected by Hurricane Irene and FEMA has been assisting in the rebuilding of their homes I was happy to host the FEMA Region II and NJDEP North Region Consultation Coordination Officers Meeting for Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Studies this past Wednesday. Thirty nine towns from the North Region of New Jersey attended this meeting where changes to the National Flood Insurance Program were highlighted. It was an opportunity for communities to provide feedback as well.

The annual Knights of Columbus fundraiser supporting mentally handicapped individuals has begun and if you see them along the side of the road please consider making a donation for this very worthy cause.



Pictured left to right: Albert Clark, Dave Szmak, Mayor Barberio & Steve Roman

Other Noteworthy News:

Water Department

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS HYDRANT FLUSHING

On or about April 10, 2016 the Parsippany-Troy Hills Water Department will begin its annual fire hydrant flushing program. The work shall be conducted during the overnight hours when water consumption is at a minimum. Our flushing operation is expected to conclude on or about May 6, 2016 during which time you may experience some discolored water when we are working in your neighborhood. Do not be alarmed, this is not a health hazard. If you do experience discolored water, we ask that you run your cold water tap until it runs clear before drinking or washing cloths. If you have any specific questions about the hydrant flushing in your area you can contact the Water Department at 973-263-7099 Monday thru Friday 7am-4pm. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Department of Public Works

Yard waste pick-up season starts 4/4/16. Make sure material is placed in biodegradable bags or properly marked refuse containers no larger than 35 gallons.

Community Center

Office On Aging – Do you have questions about Medicare? Get your answers from our Medicare counselor, James Kim, on Friday April 8th, 2016 from 9 am -12 pm in the Community Center. Call for an appointment at 973-263-7351 or stop in and see Gloria.

Human Services- Many types of assistance are available through Morris County Social Services. Call Morris County Social Services Intake at 973-829-8176 to find out if you are eligible for property tax relief, Medicaid, food stamps, utility assistance, and more. They are located at 340 West Hanover Avenue Morris Plains Township, NJ 07950. Dialing “211” is another source of information for people who need assistance. In New Jersey, “211” is answered 24/7, and their website is accessible at www.nj211.org .

The Community Center would like to congratulate our Pool Tournament winners. First place winner was Harish C. Rawal, and second place went to Richard W. Kunz. Thank you to all the participants for making the Tournament a big success.

Parsippany Library

The children’s department is hosting a local author event on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm. There are several local authors in Parsippany who have written children’s books. If you are an author that would like to participate in this event, please call 973-887-5150 ext. 233. Children, teens, and adults that want to attend the event may register online at www.parsippanylibrary.org

The children's department is ready for spring. Let's Bloom Together will be coming to the Parsippany library on Tuesday, April 12 at 2:30 pm for a special flower planting project. This program is for children in grades K-5. Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, March 16 at 9am. *****Register in person only at the Main Library Children's Department. A deposit of \$1 is required to register for this program. Deposits will returned when you check in for this program.*****

Did you miss the NJ Makers Day on March 19? You can still find out about the new equipment in the Making Memories Makerspace. Sign up for a training session online at www.parsippanylibrary.org to learn about the scanner, scan and cut machine, and the other machines that are in the makerspace. Adults can join the Pinterest Junkie group and make an etched glass vase on March 28.

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