

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
April 4, 2016

The front walk of Town Hall is abloom with pinwheels and while they gently spin in the breeze you may be reminded that spring has arrived. However, these pinwheels signify something far more important. At Tuesday's Council meeting I presented a proclamation declaring the month of April *Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month*. Child abuse and neglect stem from stressful situations that people may find themselves in. A supportive community can help families that may be facing difficult circumstances and thereby help prevent abuse from occurring. Partnerships with schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community all have effective prevention programs to assist anyone that may need it. The idea of displaying pinwheels or having a pinwheel garden is to plant the idea that assistance is there if needed and that together we can try to make sure that every child is safe from abuse and neglect.

On Wednesday it was my pleasure to promote three police officers to higher ranks. Sgt. Thomas Pomroy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Pomroy has been with Parsippany for 14 years. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations and is certified as an instructor in various emergency services and law enforcement. Police Officers Daniel Conte and Michael Kimble have both been promoted to rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Conte serves in Parsippany's Investigative Division and serves on the Morris County Rapid Deployment Team. Sgt. Kimble has been with the Parsippany Police Department for 24 years. He has served the department proudly and has received for his service 4 Command Citations, 3 Unit Commendations and a Life Serving Medal. It is always a privilege to commend and advance officers of such high caliber.

Our Smithfield expansion project is moving along. The walls for the new multi-purpose building have been constructed and lighting for both the fields and tennis courts have been completed.



Construction of the multi-purpose building walls



New lighting at Smithfield Park tennis courts

Another project commencing this spring and one that will greatly improve the flow of river water is the Lower Rockaway River De-Snagging Project. This project will remove fallen, dead and uprooted trees, brush, submerged tree trunks and logs that block the continuous flow of water through the river. Starting in Boonton and continuing through Lake Hiawatha and Montville this project will affect a major portion of the lower river.

I would like to welcome another new business to the Parsippany community. Indus American Bank located at 1452 Route 46 has opened its doors with a ribbon cutting on April 8th. A friendly staff of employees greeted me at the event and reflected the reception that their customers will receive when doing business with them. While this bank has been founded to specifically serve the needs of the South Asian community it also serves the small to medium business owners as well as retail customers.

Please remember that on or about April 10th our Water Department will begin its annual fire hydrant flushing program. This work will be done in the overnight hours when water consumption is at its lowest. You may experience some discolored water after work has been done in your neighborhood. This is normal and not a health hazard. Just run your cold water until the water turns clear before drinking or washing. This program should be completed on or about May 6th.

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

Want to learn how to crochet? Or do you know how to crochet, but want some comradery at the same time? Call the Office on Aging at 973-263-7352 or 7351 to sign up for our Crochet Club. All skill levels are welcome.

Now's the time to brush up on your computer skills, or learn something new. Students from Parsippany High School and Parsippany Hills High School are available to give lessons on the computers here in the Community Center. To sign up contact Gloria Wilson 973-263-7351 or Stacey Reeber 973-263-7352 at the Office on Aging.

The Guilt Trip will be shown on Friday, April 15, 2016, at 1:00 pm in room- B. Starring Barbara Streisand and Seth Rogen, the movie depicts the relationship between an inventor and his mom who hit the road together so he can sell his latest invention, and the craziness that ensues. Rated PG-13; one hour and 35 mins.

The Office On Aging – Tax season is coming to an end next week on Friday April 15th, 2016. We would like to thank the AARP volunteers who gave their time every Tuesday for the last two months preparing income tax returns for our residents. They did a wonderful job.