

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of  
April 25, 2016

Today, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the official date of Arbor Day and the Township marked the occasion with our Annual Tree City ceremony held in Veteran's Park. This year marks our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a Tree City USA. We are proud to hold this honor and in observance of this milestone Parsippany was chosen by the State as the municipality to host this major event. This year was a bigger celebration with many dignitaries attending as well as entertainment being provided by the award winning PHS Marching Band, cheerleaders and PHHS choir. The Parsippany Police Honor Guard was in attendance and third grade students from five elementary schools from the west side of town treated us to songs about nature. Being a Tree City means we encourage the planting of new trees and shrubs while maintaining the health and wellbeing of existing plants and trees. It is a huge commitment and requires a lot of dedication by our Parks and Forestry Department. I would like to thank Jim Walsh, Superintendent of our Parks and Forestry Department along with his staff for all of their hard work in preserving the natural beauty that trees inspire and for looking out for our environment to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy and appreciate the essence of nature. I also extend thanks to Boy Scout Troop 72 and Cub Scout Packs 177 and 215 for helping to prepare 3,000 tree seedlings for distribution to our community. You may come to Town Hall to pick up a free seedling or two for your own yard. By doing so you too will play an important role in keeping the green in Parsippany.

Langan Engineering has relocated from Elmwood Park to 300 Kimball Drive in Parsippany. I attended their ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening on Wednesday. I welcome this company to our family of esteemed businesses. Langan Engineering has worked on many well-known projects such as MetLife Stadium, Prudential Center, Liberty Science Center and American Dream Meadowlands and we are glad that they have chosen to call Parsippany home to their company. I would also like to note that their building is LEED Certified Silver, which means they have a commitment to preserving the integrity of our environment as well.

As I mentioned last week, Tuesday night I held an informative session on human trafficking and the Dark Web in order to bring awareness to the public. I believe it is important to enlighten the public in regards to this criminal activity and I believe we achieved our goal with our presentation. I would like to thank everyone that attended and encourage them to pass this information on to others.

We are in our final week of hydrant flushing. Our Water Department has been diligently working on and repairing the hydrants as they go to ensure their proper functioning in the case of an emergency. Please remember that if your water appears brown to let it run for a few minutes until it becomes clear.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2pm at the Marshalls store located at 310 Route 46, the Parsippany Police Department and the Morris County Sheriff's Office are taking back any unwanted prescription drugs. No needles or sharps are allowed only patches and pills.

*Other Noteworthy News:*

### **Community Center**

**Human Services and the Office On Aging** – The “Brown Bag” checkup was a huge success. We would like to thank our SHIP Medicare Counselor, James Kim, and Bethany Kim for volunteering their time to help the senior citizens organize their medications. James will be back on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to answer any Medicare questions you might have.

**Office on Aging-** PAAD is pharmaceutical assistance for seniors who are 65 plus years and handicapped persons who meet the financial eligibility cutoff. Applications are available at the Office On Aging. Please call Gloria or Stacey @ 973-263-7351 or 7352 for assistance in completing the application.

**Health Department** – The Podiatry Clinic was held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 10:30 am. This clinic is open to Parsippany senior citizens, and is particularly helpful for those with diabetes. The next podiatry clinic is scheduled for May 20. For information please call the nurse @973-263-7156. You must have an appointment.

### **Parsippany Library**

Are you looking for a weekend activity for your child? Come to the Parsippany Library on **Saturday, May 7 at 10 am** for a **Build It! Storytime**. Listen to stories about construction and build with blocks and Legos. Registration is not required.

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