

## MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of  
May 23, 2016

Warm temperatures have arrived in time for the unofficial kick-off to summer. While most of us will be spending this coming weekend bar-be-queuing with family and friends, we mustn't forget what this holiday is truly about and why we are able to enjoy the simple luxury of being with those we care about. For the men and women of the VFW this time of year means pulling together for a cause that provides financial assistance in maintaining both the state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and also helps support the VFW National Home for Children. I was honored to help the VFW start off their annual Buddy Poppy sale which is a huge fund raiser for these programs. Most people may not know that the poppies you receive when you place a donation in their buckets are assembled by disabled and needy veterans in the VA hospitals. So, the next time you see a veteran selling poppies make sure to purchase one and say thank you for their service to our country. It's a small token but it has a large impact.



Commander Richard Kunz, Mayor Barberio and John Flavin

This week I attended the graduation of the 86<sup>th</sup> Basic Police Training Class at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. I would like to congratulate all the new recruits especially Scott Baker, Denis DeMuro II, Schussler Ferguson, Jr., Christopher Konysz, Ryan Taylor and Wandely Torres-Czaka our newest Parsippany Police Officers.



Mayor Barberio, Councilman Paul Carifi, Jr., Chief Philipps with the new recruits

I would like to thank the Home Depot which as part of their “Give Back” program is donating indoor and outdoor plants, decorative rock, dirt, mulch and their own employee labor to refurbishing the indoor and outdoor areas at the Community Center which were destroyed during the new generator hook up. I always appreciate when businesses and the community work hand in hand to improve the quality of our Township.

Please remember to join me as we hold our first Memorial Day ceremony of the day at 9:00am in Lake Hiawatha Park. The VFW will be honoring two servicemen who lost their lives in Vietnam. Our second ceremony of the day will take place at 10:00am in Veterans Memorial Park in conjunction with the American Legion and the VFW. Our keynote speaker will be Cheryl Doltz, Gold Star Mother and mother of Parsippany’s Iraq War hero Ryan Doltz. Finally we will end with our annual Memorial Day parade at noon beginning at Sylvan Way and proceeding north down Route 202. Our ceremonies honoring our heroes are just as important as our parade and I hope you’ll come out to recognize their sacrifices.

Working together, helping each other out and giving of ourselves is perhaps what we should take from this week’s update as we remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. The ultimate sacrifice that these heroes paid shall never be forgotten. Their silence speaks volumes for what they gave up for our great nation. And for those who can no longer speak, we will speak for you as we say thank you. Thank you for our freedom and for letting us sleep safely at night; know that your sacrifice has not been in vain.



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Each of the 7,500 boots represents a life lost in the war on terror at Fort Bragg, NC

*Other Noteworthy News:*

**An Important Message :**

**Poles and Posters** – The season for garage sales is once again here. Just a reminder- for the safety of those workers from JCP&L, Verizon and Cablevision please do NOT publicize any activity with a poster on a utility pole. Nails, staples or other fasteners that attach signs to poles are extremely dangerous to the workers. State law PROHIBITS the posting of signs or outdoor advertising on any utility poles. Please post your signs on stakes in the ground not on the utility poles.

## **Community Center**

Parsippany senior citizens hosted a tricky tray this past Friday at the Community Center. It was a huge success! All the proceeds will fund college scholarships for two students from each high school.

Morris County's Asian Tiger Mosquito travelling display was at the Parsippany Community Center May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 through May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The senior citizens learned how to eliminate mosquito habitats and how to protect their family and themselves from mosquitoes.

**Tickets are on sale now for The Township of Parsippany Bus Trip to the Jefferson House Restaurant and Marina** on July 25, 2016. Included in the \$32 ticket price are a celebration of Mardi Gras complete with buffet lunch, a boat tour of Lake Hopatcong (weather permitting), and transportation. Please purchase tickets at the Office on Aging in the Parsippany Community Center. You must be a Parsippany resident 55 years and up. For more information, please call Stacey at 973-263-7352.

## **Parsippany Library**

Let the countdown to summer begin. The children's department has planned an exciting calendar of events which will begin on June 27. Children's librarians will be visiting the elementary schools in June to speak to the students about the summer reading club. Preschoolers can also join the club and develop a lifelong love of reading.

## **Hiawatha Library**

Lake Hiawatha Library will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Science Olympiad this summer. Students entering grades 2 through 8 in September can come to the library now to pick up an application. All applications are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Science Fair will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This is a great way for children to think creatively and use the scientific method! Prizes will be awarded for the best overall project, most creative project, and the project requiring the most involved thought process. Everyone will receive a certificate for a free ice-cream cone! We expect to have many impressive projects again this year!

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