

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of  
May 30, 2016

This morning I attended Parsippany High School's Fifth Annual Drinking and Driving Simulation. While this event is only a reenactment it brings home to the students the reality of what happens when you drink and drive. Real emergency vehicles from EMS, Fire Districts 4 and 5 and Rescue Recovery were present, all while various actors portrayed the devastating cause and effects of drunk driving. This time of year as graduations approach it is especially important to drive home the dangers and the life altering consequences that can and will occur should anyone drive drunk. We all want to keep our children safe. This program has students witness what happens when a drunk driving accident occurs including its aftermath on parents and friends. It truly sends a message that tragedies like this can alter not just yours but other peoples' lives forever. I know this reenactment left an impression on me, and I am sure it affected everyone there as we learned a valuable lesson.

This past Wednesday, another new police officer has been sworn in to protect and serve the residents of Parsippany. Officer Christopher Dottino a transfer from the Orange Police Department is a welcome addition to the force and comes to us with years of experience to bring to his job.



Officer Dottino being sworn in by Mayor Barberio

It seems that we have been saying farewell to many longstanding employees as they retire. Two more long term employees have retired this past week. Chris Dikovics, our Animal Control Officer who was with us for almost 25 years and Richie Herbst our police mechanic who has been repairing police vehicles for 28 ½ years. On behalf of the Township I wish them all the best for a long happy and healthy retirement.



Chief Philipps, Richie Herbst, Chris Dikovics and Mayor Barberio

Congratulations are extended to Temple Beth Am on South Beverwyck Road in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also to Brownie Troop 5750 and Junior Troop 4949 for their Bridging Ceremony. The girls have moved up by completing certain tasks in order to earn merit badges. I was honored to be chosen to cut the ribbon for the new bridge to the Littleton School Girl Scouts built by Troop 4949 and earning them their Bronze Award.

Our Food Pantry is in desperate need of replenishing. Donations are needed now more than ever. Holiday seasons are always times when people donate but it is during the regular course of the year that donations tend to be sparse. Those in need depend on the Food Pantry throughout the year. I encourage your generosity and thoughtfulness to help restock the shelves. You can drop off donations at the Community Center or at our drop box located at the main entrance of Town Hall.

On a final note, I would like to remind everyone about our Police Explorer Open House on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Municipal Building. This is an exciting program for young adults ages 14 to 20 looking for a possible career in law enforcement.

*Other Noteworthy News:*

### **Community Center**

**Movie at the Community Center** – “Everest,” will be shown on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 1: 00 pm in Room B. The movie takes place on May 10, 1996, when two expeditions start their final ascent toward the summit of Mount Everest, and an epic battle to survive against nearly impossible odds begins. Rated PG-13; 2 hours and 1 min.

**Blood Pressure Checks at the Health Department** – Any resident who wants to have their blood pressure checked by our nurses can come to the Health Department located at the Community Center between 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. No appointments needed.

**Vial of Life Forms at the Office On Aging** – The Vial of Life program was developed to help people organize their medical history in case of an emergency. This program is particularly useful for senior citizens who may have complicated health backgrounds with numerous medications. Vial of Life forms are available at the Parsippany Community Center's Office on Aging and on line at [www.vialoflife.com](http://www.vialoflife.com). For more information, please call Gloria or Stacey at 973-263-7351 or 973-263-7352 at the Parsippany Community Center.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of food donations of non-perishable items. Drop-offs can be made at the Community Center, 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, open 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. If you are in need of food, all you need do is complete a brief application in the Health Department. Questions call 973-263-7160.

### **Parsippany Library**

Summer is almost here. Get ready for sun, sand, and summer reading! The Parsippany Library has summer reading books for incoming middle and high school students. Many required reading books are also available in an e-book format. Search the library catalog from the library website, [www.parsippanylibrary.org](http://www.parsippanylibrary.org) to check if the book you need is available.

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