



MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
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The Open House for the Parsippany Police Explorer Program this past Wednesday night was a huge success. I was truly pleased with the turnout of young residents interested in a possible career in law enforcement. It was also great to see some retired police officers attending, whose children are now thinking of following in their footsteps. This program goes beyond the classroom and out into the field with ride-a-longs with police officers, community policing and so much more. The students will grow and develop in numerous ways during the course of the program and emerge with a better understanding of what a career in law enforcement is really like. It truly is an exceptional program and I am excited that we are able to offer it in our community.

This week I interviewed Rev. Dr. Stacie Turk from the First Baptist Community Church Play House. The Play House was established by Rev. Turk in 2006 and is a free play group for children with autism and their siblings. Parents can drop their children off at the Play House where there are games and activities that foster interaction, communication and imaginative play all with a qualified staff of caring adults and in a safe environment. It's a wonderful program and Rev. Turk is compassionate and understanding to the needs of these special children and their families. We are truly fortunate to have people like Rev. Turk in our community providing support to our residents.

I also interviewed our Health Officer Carlo DiLizia, who talks about his department and all of the services that we offer to our residents. It's an informative session and I think you will learn a lot about that department and how to take advantage of their programs and benefits. So, make sure you tune into Pride In Parsippany TV21 to see both of these interviews.

Troy Hills Elementary School's fourth graders recently paid a visit to Town Hall. It's always a learning experience for me as well when I speak to the students about Parsippany and how our government operates. Their numerous questions and insights always impress me and this group was no different than the many other groups of school children that come through our doors each year.

This Thursday I swore in new Police Dispatcher, Taylor Donnelly. I would like to extend him a warm welcome on behalf of the Township and wish him much success at his new job.

As you drive through town, take notice of all the blooming flower beds and planters scattered around. Our Parks & Forestry Department employees have been busy planting and refurbishing them so that residents and visitors can enjoy their colors throughout the warm months. A lot of

hard work goes into keeping our parks, both active and passive, manicured and maintained but its all part of keeping Pride in Parsippany.

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

The *New Horizons Band of Morris County* is giving a free concert on Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Community Center's theatre. *New Horizons Band* is a 30-piece orchestra comprised of people over the age of fifty.

St. Ann's Social Seniors Club invited Andrew Tucker, Special Assistant in New Jersey's Office of the Attorney General, to speak at their last meeting. His presentation on *Fraud Protection* informed club members of the dangers, and how to protect themselves simply by being aware that fraud is out there. The seminar was a huge success.

Office on Aging-

On Thursday June 9th, Farmers Market vouchers were distributed to qualifying Parsippany senior citizens.

Health Department-

The next *Podiatry Clinic* is scheduled for June 17th, 2016 and is open to residents 65 and older. Call 973-263-7156 for an appointment.

Our next *Child Health Clinic* is on June 21st, 2016 at 10am. Please call the nurses for an appointment and more information @ 973-263-7156.

Parsippany Library

There is a new biography section for easy readers at the Parsippany Library. Kindergarteners, first, and second graders can check out books about Babe Ruth, Mae Jemison, Jackie Robinson, and many more famous people. These biographies for primary level students will build reading confidence and prepare children to read longer biographies during their upper elementary years.

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