



MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
June 20, 2016

I would like to congratulate the graduates of Parsippany High School and Parsippany Hills High School Class of 2016. It was a perfect day to honor these students as they set forth to forge a new path in their lives. This new trail that they are stepping out in is wide open and full of endless possibilities. While many of the graduates will move on to other cities, states and even countries may they always consider Parsippany home. On behalf of the Township, I extend best wishes to each graduate for an exciting future and commend them for this major accomplishment!

As I mentioned in last week's Update, the kick-off to our shared services agreement with the PTH Board of Education for our much anticipated SRO program was a huge success. I am very proud of this agreement that will foster positive relationships between our police officers and the students. The specially trained school resource officers will be onsite at each school and will be providing educational and preventative programs as well. I believe this partnership between students and officers will promote a connection that can last a lifetime.



Mayor Barberio, Chief Philipps, Lt. Brian Dowd and SRO Officers

Charles Jurgensen is probably a name that many residents are unfamiliar with. I presented Charles with a proclamation at our most recent Council meeting on the occasion of his retirement. Charles has served as the Veterans Service Coordinator for the Morris County Department of Human Services since 2003. As a former Marine he has firsthand knowledge of what it means to sacrifice for one's country. He was the recipient of the Unsung Hero Service Award in 2015 for his commitment through the years to the needs of military veterans and their families in Morris County. He has also provided the Township with numerous flags for our Veterans ceremonies. His

dedication to America's heroes is admirable and on behalf of the Township I wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement. Thank you for your service.

I would also like to extend congratulations to Daniel Bamert for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and to Jeff Cleary for winning the annual Wifflemania Tournament!

Please remember that our annual fireworks display will be held at Parsippany Hills High School on Monday, July 4th! I hope to see all of you there!

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

The Community Center offers many exercise classes taught by qualified instructors. Besides Healthy Bones and Senior Fitness, there are Yoga, T'ai Chi, and Falun Gong classes weekly. These classes are low impact and geared towards senior citizens. Also, four senior citizen clubs hold their meetings at the center and all clubs are open to new members. Senior club activities include parties, speakers, and camaraderie. Call 973-263-7351 with any questions.

The Community Center and Health and Human Services Department - The Parsippany Community Center is a location for Morris County's Senior Nutrition Program. This program serves lunch to any senior citizen sixty years old and older, Monday through Friday, at 11:35am. Homebound Parsippany seniors can get their meals delivered. There is no charge for the meal, but a \$2.00 donation is suggested. Call 973-884-1868 or 973-285-6856 forty-eight hours in advance for a reservation, and for more information.

The Community Center is also a location for New Jersey's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). James Kim, a Parsippany pharmacist, is a state-trained volunteer who knows the ins and outs of the Medicare program. Mr. Kim is at the Community Center most Fridays, from 9am-12pm, to help anyone with Medicare questions. He is knowledgeable and no sales pitch is involved. Call 973-263-7351 to schedule an appointment.

The Health Department wants you to be aware that mosquito season is here and is reminding all residents to rid your property of standing water. Questions call the Health Department at 973-263-7160.

Parsippany Library

The 2016 summer reading club begins on June 27 at the Parsippany Library. Children can pick up a copy of the summer reading log at the children's services desk beginning on **June 27**. They will receive a small prize each week for reading. Participating in the Parsippany Library's summer reading program benefits children academically as well. In 2010, a study carried out at Dominican University found that "Students who participated in the public library summer reading program had better reading skills at the end of third grade and scored higher on the standards test than the students who did not participate." Join the club today and enhance your child's reading skills.

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