



MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of
July 4, 2016

This year's fireworks started out a bit soggy but ended on a dry note with the finale. Even though the weather was not the most cooperative we still had a large turnout. As Mayor I always enjoy events that bring our community together and the 4th of July fireworks is one super event that does just that. The festivities began with music from the band The Trip, taking us all back to the days of great rock and roll music which then led us to the main event. And while the rain may have dampened the ground it did not dampen the enthusiasm and the spirit of the crowd. Please remember there are other events this summer that I hope to see everyone at as well. Our Summer Concert Series is ongoing and this Thursday, July 14th, The Bronx Wanderers, sponsored by Ferring Pharmaceutical and Indus American Bank, will be performing in Veterans Memorial Park at 7:30. Our website has the full schedule of concerts listed as well. I would like to thank the various Township departments that help coordinate and put together these events, without them none of this would be possible. I also would like to thank our Police Department, Fire Departments and EMS who ensure the safety of our residents not just at these events but at all times.

The Township has begun many of its road improvement projects. These projects will continue into the fall and will be improving many of our roadways and road surfaces. Each year our Engineering Department does an evaluation of sidewalks and curbing to ensure the safety of these surfaces. The ones deemed unsafe will be replaced or repaired. Additionally, those roadways that are in disrepair will be resurfaced. Troy Road and Vail Road, two of our largest projects, will be seeing much needed improvements this summer. Furthermore, a portion of the water main on Edwards Road will be undergoing repairs and replacement. These general repairs will improve the aesthetics and quality of our Township.

The hot weather we are experiencing is great if you are sitting poolside or at the beach, but if you are not so lucky to be doing that, please remember to stay hydrated and not to overly exert yourself with physical outdoor activities during peak heating hours. Also, make sure to check on any elderly neighbors because the heat can hit them hardest. Keep your pets hydrated and cool and never leave them in a locked vehicle while you may be in a store shopping. The heat can be extremely dangerous but with a few precautions everyone can remain cool and safe.

Other Noteworthy News:

Community Center

The Community Center is offering the AARP **Smart Driver Course** on Monday, July 11, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 pm. This course is for those 50 years and older, and teaches you the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. Reduction in your auto insurance premiums is a possibility upon course completion. The class is held every summer at the center, and throughout the year at other locations if you've missed this session. Call 97-3-263-7352 with questions.

The Human Services Department would like to remind residents with disabilities or access issues to visit the *Register Ready* website. People who may find it difficult to get to safety in the event of an emergency should visit this informative website, and consider registering at www.registerready.nj.gov. The Township of Parsippany's website also offers a link to *Register Ready* on the scroll at the top of the homepage. If you are without a computer, the Community Center has public computers for your use. Questions call Michele @ 973-263-7163.

The Office on Aging offers wheelchairs, walkers, and canes at no cost to people who need them for long or short term. Call 973-263-7351, 7352 for availability

Exercise Room– The exercise room is open to all Parsippany seniors (62 and over) free of charge. A physician's release form and waiver must be completed in order to use equipment. Forms are available in The Office on Aging.

Parsippany Library

Let the games begin! The children's librarians at the Parsippany Library have planned many games for children this summer. Summer Reading Bingo is held on Thursdays at 4:00 pm and Sports for Kids is scheduled for Fridays in July at 2:00 pm. Children do not need to register for these fun activities.

Hiawatha Library

Make the Lake Hiawatha Library Children's Room a regular destination this summer. On any day of the week you can have fun creating a craft at our craft table, playing with our educational toys at our Discovery Center, and playing educational games on our AWE computers, designed for kids from preschool through grade 5. Or, just relax on a giant comfy pillow and read a book in air conditioned comfort! Don't forget to check out our Library website for more program details, or come in to pick up our program calendars and pamphlet!

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