



# Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills

## MAYOR JAMES BARBERIO



Weekly update of 09/19/16

### **MOVIN' ON UP PARSIPPANY BECOMES 5th BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE USA!**

I'm proud to announce that the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills has once again become a national stand-out. Money Magazine just declared what we in Parsippany have known all along, PARSIPPANY IS THE 5th BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE USA. With many amenities, a top-rated school system, abundant recreational facilities, quality services, a business haven where corporations can set down roots, a safe and clean environment with easy access to highways, airports and mass transit, Parsippany offers residents a high quality of life. Money Magazine made their selection based upon those facts and more. They stated in the article, that "residents pay less in property taxes relative to their homes' values in Parsippany than they do in 75% of the New Jersey locations on our list."

It took a lot of work and effort to reach the status we achieved. I continually invite corporations to come in and speak with me regarding expansion and/or relocation to Parsippany to increase our ratables; having had much success improving the business climate in Parsippany, we have been able to keep property taxes at bay.

Money Magazine specifically made mention of Parsippany's Tree City designation for 40 years. A lot of time and planning has gone into making Parsippany one of only two towns in the entire state to satisfy the criteria. Beautifying, caring and nurturing our trees is important to the environment and this is something I have long advocated.

Township administration, under my guidance, continues to provide excellent services to township residents. Promoting community spirit is important to our quality of life, therefore, a lot of time and effort is put in to continuing township events like the Fourth of July Fireworks, Fall Festival, Summer Concert Series and holiday parades and ceremonies. With the world we now live in, safety and vigilance are of the utmost importance. I have increased Parsippany's police force to ensure that every Parsippany resident feels safe and secure.

All in all, Parsippany continues to thrive and more people are taking notice!



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to partake in the Fall Festival Fun! The event was a huge success! If you have pictures tag us in them- we want to see you having fun!

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I had the opportunity to address the Spanish exchange students at a dinner held in their honor at Parsippany High School. The program, run by Jay Duhl, has had much success. In attendance were the 31 host families with whom the students are staying. The exchange students are due to visit Town Hall on September 29th for a tour and to visit with the Mayor.



I attended Governor Christie's presentation of his Fairness Formula, the governor's solution to lowering New Jersey property taxes. The event was held at the Hanover Township Community Center on September 19th. Governor Christie has 16 months left in office and he wants to provide equal education funding for every student in the state before he leaves office. With his plan, he hopes to end the unfair practice of excessive spending by failing school districts.

I am proud to announce that Ashley Tobias, the creator of "Be True to You", is the recipient of the 2016 United Nation's Youth Peace Award. I asked Ashley to perform her "Be True to You" program which confronts anti-bullying in a friendly manner, easy for children to understand. The assembly programs are scheduled to take place on October 19, 26 and 27 for elementary school students. I'm confident that the lessons learned will stick with these youngsters for a lifetime. Ashley Tobias is a multi-talented young lady, an alumna of the Parsippany school system and an excellent choice for the United Nation's Youth Peace Award. She has proven that her belief of changing children's lives through the power of music does work and Parsippany is very proud of her. We are looking forward to Ashley's performance promoting confidence and acceptance in our youths. Ashley Tobias is an accomplished actress, singer and songwriter. She is a graduate of Montclair State University, has performed in off-Broadway shows and served as back-up to Grammy winning artists.

