



Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills

MAYOR JAMES BARBERIO



Weekly update of 10/17/16

Ribbon Cutting at the Amphitheater

I and Business Administrator, Ellen Sandman, have made it possible for the National Institute for People with Disabilities to rent space from the Township of Parsippany to run their Asperger's Skill Building Network. This successful program needed a home and they found it at the Amphitheater in Knoll Park. Seen in these photos is Mayor Barberio cutting the ribbon to welcome them to Parsippany. The National Institute for People with Disabilities of New Jersey (NIPD/NJ) supports people in residential group homes and apartments. The agency educates families and professionals through conferences, and provides respite and in-home services for children and adults living at home. Additionally, NIPD/NJ offers programs for social opportunities and the development of skills vital to success in school, employment, and relationships. Parsippany's own Davey Willans is president of the Board of this exceptional agency. They are a member of the YAI network. Established in 1957, YAI has been at the forefront of the field, supporting individuals with disabilities and their families, while advocating at the local, state and national levels. Today, YAI is an organization of seven health and human service agencies, enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, including autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, throughout the New York metropolitan area and New Jersey.



Parsippany High will be holding their October Service Night on Monday, 10/24 from 7-8:00p.m., in the PHS cafeteria. They will be doing pumpkins and pancakes. Specifically, they will be decorating pumpkins that they will eventually donate to various places, one being the St. Francis Retirement Home and feeding the kids pancakes as a fun way to reward them. I encourage everyone to come out for a fun evening of pumpkins and pancakes! Also, if anyone is able to donate pumpkins- they will be accepting donations!

Parsippany Police's Adult Citizen's Police Academy

The 2016 Parsippany Police Department's Adult Citizen's Police Academy is reaching its half way mark of the 10-week program. Here are some photos from each week. The academy is designed in two parts consisting of classroom material and practical exercises. Over the past 5 weeks, the students learned about our department's structure and chain of command, including what each of the divisions specialize in. They also learned about communications, response to assignments, use of force, motor vehicle crash reports, motor vehicle stops, domestic violence and arrests and summonses. Presentations were also given in the areas of crime scene investigation, firearms, and traffic enforcement by officers that specialize in each topic. To make things more interesting and fun, the 20 academy students were divided into 4 squads of 5 students. Each week a different student is assigned as that squad's Sergeant, which is a supervisory position. The Sergeant wears a full duty belt consisting of inoperable OC Spray (pepper spray) and a rubber training firearm, along with a bullet resistant vest. The Sergeants are also issued a portable radio during the class so they can communicate with Citizen's Police Academy Coordinator, Community Relations Officer Remo D'Alessandro, during simulated calls they are dispatched to. In the weeks to come, students will begin practical exercises, where Officer D'Alessandro will have them conducting mock motor vehicle stops in an actual police vehicle, along with mock calls for service ranging from quality of life issues to crime scenes with actors from the class and police department. They will also attend the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy's Firearms Simulator which presents shoot / no-shoot scenarios on a large projection screen. The Morris County Sherriff's Office will also give demonstrations from their Bomb Squad and K-9 Unit. We currently have a waitlist for the next two classes to be held and will publish through social media once we are accepting more applications.

PARSIPPANY LIBRARY COSTUME SWAP!

Do you have children's Halloween costumes that are still in good condition? Come drop them off and swap them out! In return, each family can register for a time to pick up a costume on either Wednesday, October 19 from 7-8p.m. or Thursday, October 20 from 10-11a.m. Costumes that aren't swapped, will be donated. For more information please call 973-887-5150.

I am proud to announce that Ashley Tobias, the creator of “Be True to You”, today performed her first of a series of three “Be True to You” programs which confront anti-bullying in a friendly manner, easy for children to understand. The assembly program took place today at Parsippany High School for elementary school students at Eastlake, Lake Parsippany, and Littleton and Mount Tabor schools. I am confident that the lessons learned will stick with these youngsters for a lifetime. Today’s performance was so well received by the students as they interacted with enthusiasm and walked away with a wealth of knowledge. “Ashley Tobias is a multi-talented young lady, an alumna of the Parsippany school system and a very talented and creative actress and songstress. 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.” The next assembly for Knollwood, Troy Hills and Rockaway Meadow schools will take place on October 26th at Parsippany Hills High School. Intervale, Northvail and Lake Hiawatha will see the same show on October 27th at Parsippany Hills High School.



