



Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills MAYOR JAMES BARBERIO



Weekly update of 12/05/2016

Mayor Barberio's Weekly Update

The horrors of drug addiction are not discriminatory. They can affect any family. Addiction can happen to your best friend. There is no denying that the drug epidemic in New Jersey is hitting an all-time high. Due to these on-going issues I asked Morris County Prosecutor, Fred Knapp and Chief First Assistant Prosecutor, Brad Seabury, to join me on Pride in Parsippany to discuss the new trends in heroin and prescription drug abuse. For an informative session and to hear what the Prosecutor's Office is doing about it, watch the next edition of Pride in Parsippany. If you or anyone you know is suffering from drug addiction/abuse, please look into treatment options by calling 1-888-744-0069.



I have already begun planning for Relay for Life 2017. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life event is a life-changing experience that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, Remember loved ones lost, and Fight Back against the disease. I have recently met with Austin DeSavino, Community Manager for the American Cancer Society. With him are township residents Laura Donnelly, member of the Event Leadership Committee and Karen DeChristopher, Event Co-Chair. A lot of work goes into planning Relay for Life which has always had a lot of success in Parsippany. As more information becomes available about the upcoming event, we will release it.



I am very excited to report that the Parsippany robotics team, The NanoGurus, competed in New York on December 3rd where they were Winning Alliance Captain in the robot game and won Inspire 2nd place overall in all categories. They will now advance to the New York State Championship. This coming weekend on Sunday, Dec. 11th, they will be competing in the same competitions for the State of New Jersey. Way to go NanoGurus! All of Parsippany is behind you!



The Mom's Club does many amazing things for Parsippany, including their large donation to JBWS. Jersey Battered Women's Service holds a gift drive every year and this year the Mom's Club was able to donate many items for all age groups. They came to visit Town Hall to bring their holiday donations. The list of items that are being accepted are listed on our website, www.parsippany.net and we will be accepting donations until December 14th, 2016.



On Sunday, December 4th, 2016 Santa came to help me light the Christmas tree. Houlihan's and Shoprite provided us with fresh baked cookies and hot chocolate. It was the perfect refreshment for the occasion. As tradition serves, my wife read Twas' The Night Before Christmas to all in the crowd and when Santa came on the firetruck we were able to light the tree!



- Come to our holiday-themed programs at **Lake Hiawatha Library** this week. Children of all ages can drop in (no registration required) to decorate a mug to give as a holiday gift, on Wednesday, December 7, anytime between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There are still a few spots open in our Family Gingerbread House Decorating programs on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. These are fun programs for the whole family. Each family will decorate and take home a real gingerbread house! So come to the Lake Hiawatha Library to sign up today! A \$5 refundable deposit is required upon registering.
- With the holiday's vastly approaching I would like everyone to know the Community Center will now be accepting donations of non-perishable food items. Drop-offs can be made at the Community Center, 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, or at Town hall open 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. If you are in need of food, all you need do is complete a brief application in the Health Department. If you have any questions, please call 973-263-7160
- Troy Road will be paved on Friday, December 9th, 2016.

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