

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL SUMMER 2024 UPDATES

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had an excellent Summer Kickoff and Fireworks Extravaganza, organized by our dedicated volunteers of the Emerson Recreation Commission. They really outdid themselves!

Congratulations to the Class of 2024, especially all Emerson's graduates! We wish you all the best and much success as you embark on your next chapter!

Congratulations to the Junior Police Academy graduates! Thank you to the Emerson Police Department for teaching our students, and maybe even future leaders, all about law enforcement!

## **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY CLOSURES:**

Borough Hall offices and the DPW will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for the holiday and will re-open on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Emerson Police remain operational 24/7.

## **HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE:**

- **RECYCLING will be picked up on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **GARBAGE will be picked up on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.**
- If for some reason a pickup is missed, please bring your containers in and hold them until next week's scheduled pickup. We apologize for any inconvenience, but there will be no one at the Borough to answer your calls.

## **BOROUGH HALL SUMMER HOURS:**

- Starting the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, the Borough Hall Offices will be operating on Summer Hours:
  - Mondays: 8:30am to 4:30pm
  - Tuesdays: 8:30am to 7:00pm
  - Wednesdays 8:30am to 4:30pm
  - Thursdays: 8:30am to 4:30pm
  - Fridays: 8:30am to 1:00pm
- Please note that the DPW are following their summer schedule, Monday to Friday 6:00am to 2:30pm, through Labor Day.
- The Emerson Police Department and Police Records Clerk continue to operate on their regular schedules. And, as always, if there is an emergency, dial 911.

## **THE MAYOR & COUNCIL PRESENTS...SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:**

We are excited to announce that The Mayor & Council Presents...Summer Concert Series, brought to you through the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, is back each Wednesday starting July 17<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. The concerts, featuring Emerson and other local talent, will be held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on the front steps of Borough Hall. Raindates will be on Thursdays if needed. Thank you to all our sponsors who made this possible. We look forward to enjoying these concerts with everyone!

- July 17<sup>th</sup> – The Hazmats
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Beauty and the Grease
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – The Last Minute Band
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Steven Connolly
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – The Emerson Project
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – *To Be Announced*
- August 28<sup>th</sup> – Buckshot Band

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup>:** Cornhole Tournament sponsored by the Emerson Recreation Commission. For more details or to register, visit Facebook page [@Emerson Recreation Commission](#) or [www.emersonnj.org](http://www.emersonnj.org).
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>:** SAVE THE DATE for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Festival. Details to follow.

## **EMERSON'S HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

Does your home need repairs? Emerson's Home Improvement Program may be able to assist you! The Governing Body and I are pleased to announce that Emerson's Home Improvement Program is available to help eligible residents make up to \$17,000 in necessary home repairs. A flyer with the list of the types of repairs offered and eligibility requirements can be found on the borough website. For more information or to submit a preliminary application, visit [www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net) or call 609-664-2769 ext. 9. Eligible applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Funding may also be available for rental properties. Landlords can call CGP&H for terms.

## **PROJECTS IN EMERSON:**

I am excited to announce that your Governing Body has approved several projects that will be commencing in the borough shortly which will improve the infrastructure within Emerson and the recreational facilities for the enjoyment of our residents:

- The Borough and the Emerson Board of Education have entered into a shared service where the Borough will be contributing towards lining new tennis courts for pickleball play as well. Matching funds are being utilized from a 2022 Bergen County Open Space Grant. We anticipate this project to be completed in the Fall.
- A contract was awarded at our June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to resurface the three basketball courts and install new backboards at Ackerman Park. Matching funds are being utilized from a 2023 Bergen County Open Space Grant. We anticipate this project to be completed in September.
- The Cindy Lane Pump Station project is nearing its final stages to bring improved sewer service to the residents in that neighborhood. Grant funds are being utilized from Bergen County Community Development.
- The Borough has previously been awarded \$11,833 from the NJ Dept of Transportation to upgrade to audible traffic signals at the intersections of Van Wagoner Avenue and Kinderkamack Road as well as Old Hook Road and Main Street. This project will proceed once final plan approvals have been received from DOT.
- The Borough's 2024 Road Paving Program will commence this Fall. A full list of streets to be paved will be provided in the coming months, after bids are received and costs determined.
- The Borough is continuing to work to address flooding and drainage issues throughout the Borough. Grants to help fund these projects have been applied for and announcements will be made as award information is received.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm
- Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- All meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Borough Hall. We invite you to join us. Links to view these meetings through Youtube are also available on the borough website 48 hours in advance of each meeting.

## **REMINDERS:**

- With summer upon us and school out, please be mindful of more residents being outside – walking, playing, and enjoying the outdoors.
- Stay Connected with the Borough!
  - Website: [www.emersonnj.org](http://www.emersonnj.org)
  - Facebook: [Borough of Emerson](#)
  - X (formerly Twitter): [@EmersonBoro](#)
  - Sign up to receive emergency notifications and borough updates through Rave Alerts by clicking [here](#)
  - Police’s Facebook: [Emerson Police Department](#)
  - Police’s X: [@EmersonPolice](#)
  - Police’s Instagram: [EmersonPoliceDepartment](#)
  - Environmental Commission’s Facebook: [Emerson Environmental Commission](#)
  - Recreation Commission’s Facebook: [EmersonRecCommission](#)

Paper copies of this “Summer 2024 Updates” are also available next to the Building Department’s window outside Borough Hall on the Municipal Place side.

**We wish you all a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!  
Happy 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday America!**

*Mayor Danielle DiPaola  
Council President Michael Timmerman  
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Councilman Brian Gordon  
Councilwoman Jill McGuire  
Councilwoman Kelly Moore  
Councilwoman Ashley Rice*