



MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2024

- Free paper leaf bags will be available to residents at the DPW garage beginning on Monday, October 7th on a first come, first served basis. Bags may be collected by homeowners only, Monday to Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM through November 10th. 20 bags per household will be given out during the first round of distribution. Please note though that there will be no distribution of leaf bags on Monday, October 14th due to the Columbus Day holiday.
- Congratulations to the Library's Board of Trustees and Director Camille Valentino on their hard work on the carnival recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Emerson Public Library at 20 Palisade Ave. Despite the weather, there was a strong turn out and it was great to see everyone there to celebrate!
- A Grand Opening for Local Infusion, a new business to Emerson that will be specializing in treating patients with chronic autoimmune conditions, will be held at 433 Old Hook Road, Unit 4 tomorrow, October 2nd. They will be a welcome addition to the borough's business community.
- The Motor Vehicle Commission will be at the Senior Center this Friday, October 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to process license renewals, registrations, and Real ID's. Real ID appointments are full for this day but don't worry, the requirement to have a Real ID doesn't go into effect until May 2025. We are working on scheduling more dates for Motor Vehicle to come back to Emerson, so keep a lookout for more information. Other MVC mobile services are still available and some do not require an appointment.

- The Environmental Commission is holding its Emerson Upcycle Garage Sale this coming Saturday, October 5th. Please check the Pascack Valley Press and their Facebook Page for the list of participants.
- The Bergen County Utilities Authority will conduct Tire Recycling, Mobile Paper Shredding, Unwanted Medication Takeback, and Electronics/Computer Collections at Campgaw Mountain Reservation in Mahwah this Sunday, October 6th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM rain or shine.
- The Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office will be accepting passport applications with photos taken onsite, administering Notary Oaths, and processing photo cards for Seniors, Veterans, and Exempt Firefighters on Wednesday, October 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at The Senior Center. Walk-ins are welcome. Only check payments will be accepted. In addition, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the Clerk's Office will be providing information on their new Property Alert Service, which immediately sends out notifications whenever a document with your name on it is recorded with the Bergen County Clerk's Office. This can help protect you from property and mortgage fraud. A representative from their office will also be available to assist those who are interested with registering for these notifications.
- As a reminder for our seniors, the next senior meeting will take place on Thursday, October 10th at 12:00 PM. Dues are \$12. And as always, the senior bus is available to residents age 55 and up and those with disabilities. Please call Stacy at ext. 1212 to schedule your bus ride.
- Register to get a flu shot through the Health Department's Flu Clinic on Thursday, October 10th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at The Senior Center.
- The last day to register to vote in the November 5th General Election is Tuesday, October 15th. The Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00 PM that night for Late Night Voter Registration. For more information, please contact the Borough Clerk's office.

- Two important programs that I would like to encourage eligible residents to participate in for property tax relief are:
 - The ANCHOR rebate program which provides up to \$1,750 dollars to income eligible homeowners or renters. More information can be found at anchor.nj.gov. The deadline to apply is November 30th.
- AND
- The State’s 2023 Senior Freeze Program, which reimburses eligible seniors and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. Applications are being accepted through October 30th.
- For further information on either of these programs, please visit the borough website or call Lauren in the Tax Office at (201) 262-6086 X 1211.

- Another program that I strongly encourage our residents to look into is Emerson’s Home Improvement Program, which provides up to \$17,000 in assistance to qualified residents who meet eligibility requirements to make needed repairs for roofs, foundations, heating, electrical, windows, insulation, plumbing and more. Please visit the borough website or www.hip.cgph.net for more information on this program.

- Adjustments have been made at the Linwood Avenue traffic light to improve the flow of traffic during the periods of 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM, Monday to Friday. During these times, there are 15 extra seconds of green light. I invite those who pass through during those times to contact the Borough Administrator to let us know how this is working.

- The Fire Department is holding its annual Fire Safety Open House on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM.

- The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign will be having a Community Conversation on “Opioid Misuse Among Teens” on Thursday, October 24th beginning at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. I urge our residents to attend to this discussion to hear valuable information on this important topic.

- I have a couple of Save the Dates for you:
 - The Recreation Commission is busy planning the Fall Harvest Festival for Sunday, October 20th at Hillman Park from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Visit our website for more details on the event.
 - Start getting your unwanted confidential papers ready for Emerson's free Paper Shredding Event, which will be on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at DPW Recycling Center.
 - The Emerson Board of Health is sponsoring a free Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, November 9th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at The DPW Garage.
 - The Governing Body and American Legion Post 269 will be honoring those who have served our country at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11th at 11 AM sharp at the Senior Center. The Emerson Police Department's Community Policing Program will be generously providing a full breakfast at 10:00 AM.
 - More information on all of these events is posted on the borough website at www.emersonnj.org/news
- Borough Hall will be closed on October 14th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.
- The next regular meeting of the Emerson Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 PM in Borough Hall Council Chambers.
- To all our Jewish residents and friends celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Happy New Year and may you have an easy fast!