



## MAYOR DIPAOLA'S MEETING REPORT DECEMBER 3, 2024

- The Borough held our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at Borough Hall to kick off the holiday season. It was enjoyable, seasonally chilly night, with yummy treats provided by The Emerson Chamber of Commerce and Inserra ShopRite of Emerson, and we had a special visit from Santa on the firetruck!
- The Emerson Recreation Commission is holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Deck the Homes Contest. Participation is open and free to all Emerson residents. Anyone interested in participating should email [recreationcommission@emersonnj.org](mailto:recreationcommission@emersonnj.org) by December 14<sup>th</sup>. The first-place winner will receive a \$250 gift card. Second place will receive a \$100 gift card; third place a \$50 gift card. More information is available on the Borough website.
- This Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club will be holding their “Food Drive with Santa” from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Volk-Leber Funeral Home parking lot in Oradell. Photos with Santa will be from Noon-2:00. Personal care items and diapers for St. Joseph Care Corner are particularly needed.
- This Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM the Bergen County Police Chiefs will be hosting their annual “Holiday for Our Heroes” with a wreath laying ceremony at the Paramus Veterans Home to honor the over 80,000 deceased veterans in Bergen County during the holiday season. Thank you to Chief of Police Mark Savino who is co-chairing this special event.

- The Emerson Police Department is holding their 36<sup>th</sup> Annual PBA Toy Drive. If you'd like to participate, please drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Emerson Police Department no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Emerson Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual 'Santa Around Town' from Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. You can follow Santa's route in real time by visiting [www.emersonfire.org/santa-tracker](http://www.emersonfire.org/santa-tracker). There will also be a Holiday Market with special appearances by Santa and the Grinch on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Emerson Firehouse. There will be light refreshments as well as a 'Cup of Cheer' coffee cart sponsored by Emerson Starbucks, a Winter Story Corner with our friends from the Emerson Library, and more surprises to come. We look forward to seeing you there!
- The Borough is pleased to announce that we are working with Congregation B'nai Israel on setting a date to hold a Chanukah Celebration with a Public Menorah Lighting at Borough Hall. More details to follow.
- The ANCHOR rebate program provides up to \$1,750 dollars to income eligible homeowners or renters. More information can be found at [anchor.nj.gov](http://anchor.nj.gov). The deadline to apply has been extended to December 6<sup>th</sup> for new applicants. Any issues please call Lauren Roehrer at 201-262-6086 ext. 1211
- As we get into the winter months, I encourage our residents to sign up to receive emergency notifications and other information through our RAVE Alert System at [www.emersonnj.org/RAVE](http://www.emersonnj.org/RAVE). And, as always, more information on all of events and current news is posted on the borough website at [www.emersonnj.org/news](http://www.emersonnj.org/news) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Emersonnj>
- The next regular meeting of the Emerson Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall Council Chambers.

- As the public is aware, we have been experiencing some technical difficulties with streaming our meeting over the last several months or so. Next week, we have a company coming out to assess our equipment and make recommendations.
- The Motor Vehicle Commission will be at the Senior Center on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the exception of New Year's Day, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to process license renewals, registrations, and Real ID's. Real ID appointments are full for these days 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. Appointments for registration renewals and duplicate or replacement titles are still available. Other MVC mobile services to surrender license plates or get handicapped, veterans or purple heart placards do not require an appointment. Visit our borough website, [www.emersonnj.org](http://www.emersonnj.org), or call the Clerk's Office for more information.