



MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT DECEMBER 19, 2023

- Thank you to Perry Solimando and the DPW for their quick action to clean up and restore our town from the aftermath of Sunday's storm. Though Emerson was fortunate that we did not have the major widespread flooding, damage, and power outages that some of our neighboring communities are still continuing to experience, we appreciate, as always, the DPW's efforts to get us back to normal. Just today, the Clerk's Office had a resident visit to express his gratitude to them for clearing his roadway yesterday.
- Due to the storm, there will be a special pick up for garden debris this Saturday, December 23rd. Debris must be bagged, tied or put in barrels and placed curbside by 6am.
- We are filled with anticipation as the Recreation Commission's Annual Deck the Homes Contest winners will be announced tomorrow, Wednesday, December 20th! Check our Facebook and X accounts for the announcement!
- Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Emerson Police Department's 35th Annual PBA Toy Drive. All the toys were dropped off yesterday and will be distributed to the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack University Medical Center as well as through local school districts for children in need. Thank you to our police officers for, once again, helping to bring cheer to these children this holiday season.

- The Emerson Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual ‘Santa Around Town’ through Thursday, December 21st. Please visit our website or social media to see when Santa is expected in your neighborhood.
- You may have noticed that the Emerson Police Department Community Policing Unit is growing out their beards until the end of December to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Any member of the public wishing to donate can drop off checks at the Emerson Police Department. Please make your check payable to the Borough of Emerson.
- The Philip Morgan Foundation has **cancelled** the blood drive originally scheduled for Saturday, December 30th at the Emerson Senior Center. They are looking for a new date to reschedule. But, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be holding a blood drive through the American Red Cross at their church on Soldier Hill Road this Thursday, December 21st from 2pm to 7pm. As of this afternoon, there were 4 appointment spots remaining. To sign up or for more information, please visit www.redcross.org/give-blood.html.
- And speaking of the Church, Chief of Police Savino, Officer Howard, and I were happy to attend their “Unity in the Emerson Community” diversity symposium last week. We appreciate the Church hosting this event and we invited them to participate in Borough events in the future. For those not familiar, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has a genealogical library, called the Family History Center, which is open to the public, as well as offering community programs and resources on mental health, substance abuse, food security and to help learn English. If any of those interest you or could help you, I encourage you to reach out to them to see if their programs and resources may be of assistance to you.
- The Governing Body will hold its 2024 Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:30pm in these Council Chambers. I invite everyone to join us. Council President Timmerman and Councilwoman Rice will be sworn in as well as 2 new police officers.
- To all of our residents who celebrate, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas! And to all our residents, a happy and safe New Year!