



MAYOR'S REPORT

Tuesday, December 21st, 2021

- In November, there were 71 reported cases of Covid-19 in the Borough. So far this month there are 83 reported cases. Please remember the guidelines from the CDC and practice social distancing, vaccinate, get your booster shot, wash your hands frequently and wear a mask when indoors with others if you are unable to be socially distant.
- On Monday, December 13th the Borough held a Booster Shot Clinic at the Senior Center and administered the vaccine to 47 individuals. Thank you to Construction Official Rich Silvia who served as our EMT during this event. As of January 2022, the Borough will also begin holding monthly blood pressure clinics on the second Thursday of each month at the Emerson Senior Center.
- The Emerson Senior Club will be welcoming members of the Westwood Senior Club to their weekly activities. They will not be members or joining the club, just be joining different activities. More details will be shared as they become available.
- We have once again initiated our Snow Buddies program where we match up volunteers with seniors who need help with snow shoveling. We encourage volunteers to sign up to assist our seniors so there are adequate resources to assist all who sign up. Please see the Borough website or call Borough Hall for further information. Volunteers can be school students, Boy and Girl Scouts, any young adult looking for community service hours or any resident looking to help one of our seniors in need.
- Our Senior Bus service continues to be available for residents age 55 and older and residents with special needs. If you wish to book a ride, please call Stacy at 201-262-6086 x1212.
- I want to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for continuing our annual tradition of escorting Santa Claus through town last week on the Emerson firetruck to the delight of children of all ages. My understanding is that he was also joined by Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and Buddy the Elf. We appreciate all of your volunteers who spread so much joy during this annual event.

- The Emerson Police Department recently concluded their annual toy drive and received an abundance of gifts to share with those less fortunate. I commend their efforts in coordinating this event and appreciate your continued generosity to provide toys for children in need.
- The 2nd Annual Deck the Homes contest, sponsored by the Recreation Commission, has announced their winners. They will be posted on the Borough website. Everyone who participated did a great job spreading so much holiday cheer throughout Emerson.
- Borough Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24th for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Monday, December 27th.
- The Police Department is reminding residents to lock your car doors and remove your key fobs from inside your cars. There have been burglaries in Emerson and surrounding towns recently.
- The last mixed garden debris pick up of the year will be on Monday, December 27, 2021. Garden debris will not be picked up again until mid-March of 2022.
- The Sine Die meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting for Council President Kenneth Hoffman.
- The Emerson Police Department is in need of Crossing Guards. If you are interested, please contact their non-emergency number 201-262-2800.
- The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. We will be swearing in our newly re-elected officials, Councilman Brian Gordon and Councilman Don Pierro as well as our newest Councilmember Kelly Moore as we continue our commitment to work diligently on behalf of all our residents of our Family Town.
- In closing, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Very Happy New Year. Be smart, stay healthy, God Bless You and God Bless Emerson.