



MAYOR DIPAOLA'S MEETING REPORT DECEMBER 5TH, 2023

- The Emerson Recreation Commission is holding its 4th Annual Deck the Homes Contest. Participation is open and free to all Emerson residents. Anyone interested in participating should email recreationcommission@emersonnj.org by this Friday, December 8th. 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 9th, the Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club will be holding a Food Drive from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Volk-Leber Funeral Home parking lot in Oradell. Personal care items as well as supplies for Ukraine are particularly needed.
- The Emerson Police Department is holding their 35th Annual PBA Toy Drive. Please drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Emerson Police Department no later than December 17th.
- The Emerson Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual 'Santa Around Town' from Tuesday, December 19th through Thursday, December 21st. Please visit our website or social media to see when Santa is expected in your neighborhood. You can follow Santa's route in real time by visiting www.emersonfire.org/santa-tracker. There will also be a Holiday

Market with special appearances by Santa and the Grinch on Saturday, December 16th from 11 AM to 1 PM. There will be light refreshments and cotton candy as well as a 'Cup of Cheer' coffee cart sponsored by Emerson Starbucks, festive caroling courtesy of the Bergen County Players, a Winter Story Corner with our friends from the Emerson Library, an ornament workshop with Emerson's Environmental Commission and a drawing of the Annual 50/50 Raffle at 1 PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

- You may have noticed that the Emerson Police Department Community Policing Unit is growing out their beards from November to 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.
- 3,168 pounds of paper were shredded/recycled at the Borough's 11/4 Shredding Day.
- The Borough held our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday, November 27th at Borough Hall to kick off the holiday season. It was enjoyable, seasonally chilly night, with yummy treats donated by Shop Rite and Rispoli's, and a rousing visit from Santa!
- The Philip Morgan Foundation will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, December 30th from 9am to 2pm at the Emerson Senior Center.
- Cradles to Crayons has invited all Emerson seniors and veterans to join them to enjoy a spectacular holiday concert on Tuesday, December 19th starting at 10am at their Jefferson Avenue location. Please contact Cradles to Crayons for more information.
- I wanted to share some PSA's with our residents:

- For iPhone users, the iOS 17 update has a known security risk. Specifically, a new feature, Name Drop, is automatically added after the update and this feature risks user privacy by automatically sharing contact information when iPhones are close together. I encourage everyone who has an iPhone to learn more about this feature and how it can affect your privacy. The Bergen County Prosecutors Office has released information on their social media accounts regarding this issue and how to disable the feature.
- As everyone is shopping for gifts this holiday season, whether in-person or online, I remind everyone to remain vigilant to your surroundings. The Bergen County Prosecutors Office has put out tips for shopping online, which can be viewed on their social media accounts.

- The next regular meeting of the Emerson Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall Council Chambers.

- Hanukkah will begin this Thursday evening, December 7th and end on the evening of Friday, December 15th. To all of our residents who celebrate, I wish you and your families a Happy Hanukkah! And a special thank you to Gary Schwinder of Congregation B'nai Israel for lighting the candles on the Borough's Menorah each night.