



MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT

February 20, 2024

- Preliminary applications are being accepted to join the wait list for two, new affordable rental apartments on the Valero Site. Those interested should visit www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com or call 609-664-2769 ext. 5. Info is also available on the homepage of our website. Those who submit an application will be entered into a random lottery for priority order and although any eligible households may apply, residents and workers of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex counties will be selected before residents of other counties or states. From anyone who submitted their names to the Clerk's Office, your names have been sent to CGP&H, the Borough's Affordable Housing Agent. If you have not been contacted, please reach out to them directly to apply. The deadline to submit the preliminary application is March 19th. Please note that CGP&H is administering this process not the Borough.
- The Borough's Military Tribute Banner program is up and running for 2024. Banners are to honor our veterans who currently live or have resided in Emerson. If you want to purchase one, more information can be found on the website.

- Don't Forget! The Mayor's Wellness Campaign will offer a new series of programs in 2024 called "Community Conversations". This initiative will be aimed at educating the public on a wide range of health and wellness topics throughout this year. The first topic will be "Opioid Misuse Among Teens" and representatives of Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, Emerson Board of Health, and the Emerson Police Dept. will be sharing their knowledge from health and law enforcement perspectives. We hope that you can join us on March 13th at 7pm in the Senior Center for this very important conversation. Narcan will be distributed while supplies last.
- Mark Your Calendars and Get Your Unwanted Paper Documents Ready! We will be having a mobile shredding day in collaboration with the BCUA on Saturday May 18, 2024 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Borough Hall. We are also working with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission as well as the Bergen County Clerk's Office to have their mobile offices come in the Spring. We will announce more details as soon as those are finalized.
- During the recent snowstorm, I noticed that residents had their garbage cans out, which means they aren't signed up to receive Rave alerts and they didn't receive the message that garbage pickup was canceled that day. Stay connected with the Borough to know what's happening! It's quick and easy - Click on the "Notify Me" button on our website's homepage to create an account. You can opt in/out of how you want to be reached by Borough.

- The Borough of Emerson, through its Shade Tree Commission, will once again plant a tree in memory of those Emerson residents who have passed away between January of 2023 and the present in conjunction with their Arbor Day 2023 Ceremony. This event will take place on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 at a location within the Borough. In the coming weeks, be on the lookout for a flyer with all the details. The names of the departed will be read and family members will have the opportunity to share their thoughts with those gathered. If you would like your loved one to be remembered at this year's Arbor Day ceremony, please contact the Acting Borough Clerk at (201) 262- 6086 Option 9 or by email at clerk@emersonnj.org.
- The State of New Jersey started mailing application booklets for the 2023 Senior Freeze Program last week. If you do not receive one, contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation at 800-882-6597. This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. To qualify, certain eligibility requirements must be met for each year from the base year through the application year. The deadline to file is October 31, 2024. A link to the State's website with applications and information will be posted to the homepage of our website or please feel free to call Lauren at the Tax Office for further information.

- The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30 PM, at which our CFO and Department Heads will be in attendance to discuss the 2024 budget. We will also be honoring Susan Liddy, an Emerson resident, who attained her 800th career win as Head Coach of the Holy Angels' Basketball Team.