



## *MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023*

- Governor Murphy has extended the Anchor deadline (formerly referred to as the Homestead Benefit) to February 28, 2023. The program has been changed and expanded to make more people eligible and to give out additional monies. Please contact the Tax Office at 201-262-6086 x1211 for more information.
- Save the date – we will be holding our free Spring Shredding Day on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM at Borough Hall. Please limit your shredding to four boxes or bags. There will be a fall shredding day as well on 11/4.
- First Quarter property taxes were due on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The grace period extends to this Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please reach out to the tax office.
- We have requested that the Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office to visit on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Emerson Public Library. They will be accepting passport applications and swearing in notaries as well as providing additional services.

- In case you signed up, don't forget that on Wednesday, February 8th, is the Mayor's Wellness Campaign free Valentine's Day Tasting at the Emerson Senior Center. Renowned Chef Michael Merida, winner of the Food Network's "Beat Bobby Flay" and owner of Rockin' Roots in Hillsdale, will be preparing delicious, healthy creations to sample, and will be sharing menu recipes to inspire nutritious delights to celebrate this special holiday. This event is sponsored by a grant from the Mayors Wellness Campaign, which promotes healthy lifestyles in New Jersey communities. Please join us for this fun evening. With this campaign, we have also done Walks with the Mayor which will be starting up again in the spring and we gave away free bicycle helmets to children and adults at last year's Emerson Summer Kick Off. There will be more programming scheduled this year so be sure to stay tuned for more information.
- I have started up 'Coffee with the Mayor' again at 7:00 p.m. before each Council meeting. If you have an issue you would like to discuss with me or a new idea or any comment or question, please feel free to stop by and chat.
- I attended a celebration along with members of the Governing Body where I presented a proclamation to the legendary wrestling coach Stan Woods naming January 27<sup>th</sup> as Stan Woods Day in Emerson. It was a wonderful event attended by friends and family as well as wrestlers going back to the 1970's.
- Our Senior Bus service continues to be available for residents age 55 and older and residents with special needs. We are looking at ways to make it more convenient for our seniors, possibly shifting the hours. If you are interested in discussing a better schedule for the bus, please give Mr. Hermansen a phone call so we know how to best serve you.

- I attended the Pascack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Mayors' Breakfast in January. It was well attended and I'm sure everyone saw the write up in the Pascack Press which covered the event very nicely.
- The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 7:30 PM.