



## MAYOR DIPAOLA'S MEETING REPORT

### April 16, 2024

- Weekly mixed garden debris pickup resumed on April 1<sup>st</sup> & will continue each Monday through the year's end.
- Please join us next Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Senior Center for a full demo of the new voting process on the new machines by the Bergen County Superintendent of Elections. This is a great opportunity for voters to become familiar with this new voting process ahead of this year's elections. Last year, Bergen County retired the decades old voting machines, replacing them with new machines and a new process, and they have further updated the process for this year's elections. Those in attendance will be able to do a mock vote and get answers to any questions from the Election Officials themselves. Light refreshments will be served.
- The next 2 weekends will be very busy with community events and activities. This coming weekend:
  - This Saturday's DPW Truck & More Tour sounds like it is going to be a great event. Thank you to the Environmental Commission for putting together such great events to celebrate Earth Month, and to the DPW, especially Perry Solimando, for all their assistance too!
  - You can get your cars ready for the weekend at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Car Wash Fundraiser off Soldier Hill Road from 12pm to 2pm on Saturday. Please contact the Church for more information.
  - This Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the BCUA is holding a recycling event at Bergen Community College from 9am to 2pm. Please visit [bcua.org](http://bcua.org) for more details.
  - The Environmental Commission will be holding their Sustainability Storytime at the Library with yours truly as guest reader next Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. I'll be reading a children's book in honor of Earth Month with a planned activity afterwards.
  - Next Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Rosengart Park aka Sunset Park, please join us for the Shade Tree's Arbor Day Ceremony to remember Emerson's residents who have passed away since 2023. There is still time to have names placed on the remembrance list by contacting the Clerk's Office. Thank you to the Shade Tree Commission, especially Karin Argenzia and Jessica Fricke for putting this program together.
  - Also on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, residents can drop off unwanted and expired medications at the Police Department from 10am to 2pm as part of National Drug Take Back Day.
  - And that night, the Assumption Church's Knights of Columbus are holding a Texas Hold'Em Tournament in the Church's gym. Please contact the Church directly for more details.

- On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Community Garden will open for the season at 8am, followed by Baseball and Softball's Opening Day Parade at 9am, as well as The Philip Morgan Foundation's annual blood drive at the Senior Center from 9am to 2pm. Please visit our website for details about how to schedule an appointment.
- The deadline to order a Military Tribute Banner to honor veterans who currently live or have resided in Emerson is April 30<sup>th</sup> for placement by Memorial Day.
- The Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office is scheduled to come on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Senior Center to accept passport applications, swear in notaries. More info can be found on our website.
- Get your unwanted, confidential papers ready! Our Annual Free Paper Shredding Day, in collaboration with the BCUA, will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at Borough Hall.
- The Emerson PBA's annual Community Police Golf Outing is on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hackensack Golf Course. All of the money raised will once again be donated to the Community Policing Fund, to help fund Community Policing Events hosted by the Emerson Police Department. They are anticipating another sellout this year so if anyone is interested in golfing, register ASAP. The link can be found on our website or on our social media. You can also make a donation or get tickets to the dinner through the link as well.
- Today, I had a very nice meeting with Paul Aronsohn, former Mayor of Ridgewood and current Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities and their Families. He had received a complaint from a resident and I am confident that after our meeting, Mr. Aronsohn was satisfied with the efforts that the Borough has undertaken in the last 5 years to make Emerson more inclusive and accessible for all our residents. Having said that, we are always striving as a Governing Body and as a Borough, to be more inclusive and we are constantly evaluating our operations and approaches. If you or a family member need a special accommodation and would like to attend one of our borough events, please reach out to us so we may try our best to accommodate you.
- Today, the Bergen County Mosquito Division conducted their annual spraying of Emerson Woods to combat the mosquito population. As relayed in the information found on our website and the County's that has been posted for weeks, there was no threat to residents or animals. We thank Bergen County for their diligence to keep our mutual residents safe.
- The Governing Body's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, at which time we will hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget. Our CFO and Borough Auditor will be in attendance to give a presentation and answer questions.
- For our Emerson neighbors and friends who celebrate, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you and your families a Happy Passover!
- With schools on spring break this week, I just want to remind everyone to be alert for children playing. Be safe everyone!