



MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT

April 2, 2024

- I am excited to announce that the Borough of Emerson has been designated, “A 2023 Healthy Town Up-and-Coming”, by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute for our efforts with the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign. We look forward to offering even more programs and events in 2024!
- Weekly mixed garden debris pickup has resumed & will continue each Monday through year’s end.
- The State’s 2023 Senior Freeze Program is open to reimburse eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. The deadline to file is October 31, 2024. More information can be found on the Borough’s website or please feel free to call Lauren at the Tax Office for further information.
- Bergen County is seeking poll workers for the 2024 Primary and General Elections. More information can be found on our website or by calling the Clerk’s Office.
- Wednesday, April 10th is the deadline to file a change of party affiliation form with the Bergen County Superintendent in order to be eligible to vote for that party’s candidates in the Primary Election on June 4, 2024. Forms can be found online at www.emersonnj.org/elections or by contacting the Clerk’s Office at 201-262-6086 x1200.
- The Motor Vehicle Commission will be coming to Emerson on Wednesday, April 17th from 9am to 3pm. At this time, the Real ID appointments are filled. If you need one and were unable to get an appointment, please feel free to come that day to see if any appointments become available. Otherwise, Motor Vehicles will be back in Emerson on October 4th.
- The Borough, through its Shade Tree Commission, will once again plant one tree in memory of those Emerson residents who have passed away between January of 2023 in conjunction with their Arbor Day Ceremony. This event will take place on Saturday, April 27th at 10am at Rosengart Park aka Sunset Park. If you would like your loved one to be remembered at this year’s Arbor Day ceremony, please contact the Clerk’s Office.
- If anyone is getting rid of their freestanding, adjustable basketball hoop that is still in good playing condition, please consider donating it to the Borough instead, so our DPW can place them in parks for our smaller kids to use. Please contact the DPW at 201-262-8199.

- The Environmental Commission is always looking to make the Borough more sustainable. They are considering the idea of having Borough beehives in our parks, and would like to gauge interest from our community members to possibly put together a beekeeping team to be a subsidiary of the Environmental Commission. If you are interested in being a beekeeper or assisting in other ways, please contact the Clerk's Office so we can report back to the Environmental Commission, which will consider moving forward at one of their meetings.
- 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 or by contacting Mr. Hermansen. The deadline is April 30th for placement by Memorial Day.
- Mark your Calendars, I have some important dates to share:
 - The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission's Mobile Unit will be in the Borough Hall parking lot on Wednesday, April 17th from 9am to 3pm.
 - The Bergen County Superintendent of Elections' Office will be holding a demo of the new voting process on the new machines as well as answering voters' questions on Wednesday, April 24th starting at 6pm in the Senior Center.
 - Arbor Day Ceremony is Saturday, April 27th at 10am at Rosengart aka Sunset Park.
 - Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 2pm at Emerson Police Headquarters.
 - The Community Garden will open for the season at 8am on Sunday, April 28th.
 - Baseball/Softball Opening Day is Sunday, April 28th at 9am.
 - The Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office is scheduled to come on Wednesday, May 1st from 10am to 2pm at the Senior Center.
 - Our paper shredding day, in collaboration with the BCUA, will be on Saturday May 18, 2024 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Borough Hall.
 - Emerson's Summer Kickoff will be on Saturday, June 22nd.

Details on all these events can be found on our website, social media, or by calling the Clerk's Office!

- For those 55 and up, please consider joining our Seniors Group. They are a vibrant group that meets monthly and plans fun activities and trips. Those interested should contact them at 201-599-6351 for more information. Their next meeting is Thursday, April 11th.
- Reminder! Call Stacy at 201-262-6086 x1212 to book a ride on our senior bus!
- I also want to remind our seniors about two programs offered through Bergen Volunteers. The CHEER program offers companionship as well as assistance with errands to homebound seniors needing support. The CHORE program helps seniors and those with disabilities to live independently by offering minor home repairs and implementing safety measures. More information is on our website tomorrow or feel free to call the Clerk's Office.
- The Governing Body's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM at which time we will hold a public hearing on our 2024 Bergen County Open Space grant application for improvements to Rosengart aka Sunset Park.