



## MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT

### Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- We invite you to join us on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM when American Legion Post 269 and the Emerson Mayor and Council hold our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and wreath laying to honor and remember those members of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will take place at Monument Park across from Villano School.
- The Recreation Commission will be holding a Drive-In Movie Night on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Emerson Jr./Sr. High School Grad Field where there will be a showing of the movie The Sandlot. More information is available on the Borough website.
- Emerson Day/Summer Kickoff and Fireworks will take place on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Food will be served from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be a beer garden; inflatable rides will be available for children and fireworks will begin at dark. We look forward to seeing you there!
- For your information, Emerson has many different civic organizations and I was asked by a member, Gail Kovacs-Felici, to announce that the Emerson Women's Club and Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter – Daughters of the American Revolution are vibrant groups and always looking for new members. If you are interested, please reach out to the Municipal Clerk who will put you in touch with them.
- Once again, we requested that the Bergen County Clerk's Office hold office hours in Emerson for the convenience of our residents to apply for or renew passport applications as well as other services. I am happy to report that they will be at Borough Hall for the convenience of our residents on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- The Bergen County Board of Elections is in desperate need of poll workers for the June 7<sup>th</sup> Primary. The hours are 5:30 a.m. until about 8:30 p.m. and you will earn \$300 for the day. You must be a resident of Bergen County, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and you must attend a training session in Hackensack. If you are interested, please call 201-336-6225 or email [elections@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:elections@co.bergen.nj.us).

- The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Only party members may vote in the primary election. For example, if you are a registered Republican, you may only vote for the Republican candidates during the primary election. If you are a registered Democrat, you may only vote for the Democratic candidates during the primary election. If you are an unaffiliated voter voting in your first primary election, you must declare a party affiliation at the polls on Primary Election Day. You will remain a member of that political party until you notify the Superintendent's office in writing.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Third Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Stop and Shop parking lot on Kinderkamack Road. They will also be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1 PM to 7 PM at Church of the Assumption. Appointments are strongly recommended. For more information please contact Giovanni from the Chamber of Commerce at (201) 967-9320.
- As part of the Safe Routes to School initiative, Council President McGuire and I, along with our Environmental Commission members participated in the Walk, Bike and Roll to School event this morning. It was a huge success and it was so nice to see the children excited about being outside and walking to school on such a glorious Tuesday morning.
- I attended the Senior Luncheon hosted by the Pavese family who are the nieces and nephews of Connie Rocanova and graciously donated the lunch for the seniors. There was music, dancing and delicious food and a good time was had by all.
- I attended the Pascack Valley Mayors' Meeting last Wednesday and discussed many of the problems that all of our communities' experience and discuss how we can work together in order to solve these problems.
- I attended the Police Golf Outing last Monday. It was sold out; the weather was great and we are appreciative to the dedicated officers of the Emerson Police Department, many of whom volunteer their own time for the benefit of Emerson residents, who run programs including Drug Awareness Classes, Senior Citizens Pasta Night, Bicycle Safety, the Civilian Police Academy, Resident Emergency Call-Out, Shop with a Cop and Safety Patrol Day. All of the funds expended for these programs come from donations to the Community Policing Unit.

- With the warm weather, come a lot of resident complaints; some that we are able to quickly resolve; others may take some time. But I will remind you that if something happens between 4:30 PM on Friday and 8:30 on Monday and it is a time sensitive issue, your first phone call should be to the Emerson Police Department so that the incident may be documented. This will allow the Borough to have a record of your concern and enable the officers to work to resolve it over the weekend or direct it to the appropriate staff when Borough Hall reopens on Monday.
- The Church of the Assumption Carnival begins tomorrow on the Assumption Academy grounds at 35 Locust Avenue from Wednesday, May 18th to Sunday, May 22nd. A little birdie told me that some members of the Governing Body will be volunteering on Thursday evening.
- We will be holding our Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, July 6th. All volunteers are invited to attend – whether you are a coach, a member of one of our Boards and Commissions, or a member of our Emergency Services, you are welcome to attend. Last year we had a great time and we have plans for lots of food and prizes. More information will be shared as we get closer to the date.
- Borough Hall will be closed to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mixed garden debris and recycling will be picked up on a regular schedule.
- The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:30 PM.