



## *MAYOR DIPAOLA'S MEETING REPORT*

### *September 5, 2023*

- Last week, we concluded our “The Mayor and Council Present...” summer concert series that we brought to our residents through the Mayor’s Wellness Program. Beauty and the Grease really got the crowd up and dancing with their performance of doowop songs and everyone, once again, had a great time. On behalf of the Governing Body, I want to thank all the bands that performed - Steven Connolly, The Emerson Project, and Theresa Cannata and the rest of the members of Beauty and the Grease. Though they all played different musical genres, they each brought so many of our community members together with their uplifting performances. I also want to thank our sponsors without which these concerts would not have been possible - Rich’s Automotive, Avo’s Elegant Jewelry, K9 Resorts of Emerson and Kuiken Brothers.

While our outdoor summer concert series has concluded for this year, we will be continuing our program indoors with Elisa Brown who will be performing Hoodwinked from Heaven at the Senior Center on October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. More information on this will be sent out in the coming weeks.

- The Emerson Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its Annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse.

- Bergen County's Annual Senior Festival is Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Van Saun County Park in Paramus. To register, interested seniors can call Bergen County Human Services at 201-336-7416 or [seniors@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.bergen.nj.us).
- The next senior meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. New members are welcome. I encourage our seniors to join this vibrant and active group. They have many social events and plan fun activities such as a monthly meeting with speakers, trips, themed lunches and dinners, activities on various days of the week i.e., games and cards, and a holiday party at the end of the year.
- The senior bus is available to residents age 55 and up and to those with special needs. It runs each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call Stacy at 201-262-6086 x1212 to book a ride. In order to accommodate everyone, please call as far in advance as possible to ensure that your ride can be confirmed.
- Recyclable paper leaf bags will be distributed to residents at the DPW Garage beginning on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon. There will be no distribution on: Columbus Day, Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Election Day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Veteran's Day, Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Environmental Commission is holding its Emerson Upcycle garage sale on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The application is available online. To be included in their brochure, please complete the application and return it to the Borough Clerk's office with a \$15.00 donation by check payable to the Borough of Emerson by Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- The Borough has a part-time Recreation Coordinator position open. Please visit our website or contact the Borough Clerk for more information if you or anyone you know is interested.
- September is also Hunger Action Month. The Mayor and Council, through the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, will be collecting non-perishable food and personal items in the lobby area of Borough Hall through September 29<sup>th</sup>, which will then be donated to the food pantry at the Emerson Bible Church. Pastor Arturo, whose efforts to end food insecurity in our community are to be commended, has been invited to attend our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive the donated items.
- I have a couple of Save the Dates for you:
  - The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place at the Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation in Mahwah this Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM.
  - We have invited the Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office back to Emerson on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Emerson Senior Center.
  - Also, the Board of Health will be holding their annual Flu Clinic on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to Noon at the Emerson Senior Center.
  - The Borough of Emerson will hold a second free shredding day on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the DPW garage.
- The next regular meeting of the Emerson Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall Council Chambers.