



MAYOR DIPAOLA'S MEETING REPORT

February 17, 2026

- Tonight, the Borough held our second “Welcome Ramadan Crescent Moon Lighting Ceremony”. It was a joyous occasion with a great turnout of residents who came to celebrate the start of Ramadan as a community. Thank you to all who participated.

Throughout the month of Ramadan, the Emerson Muslim Community is hosting a food drive to benefit the Center for Food Action a local non-profit organization. Donations are being collected at the Emerson Public Library.

- The new Senior Center ADA Doors project is underway and will be completed within the next two months. Our Borough Engineer is working closely with the contractor and will provide us with an installation date once it becomes available.
- 2026 Commuter Parking Permits for parking on Emerson Plaza East are available now at police headquarters, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 7:30pm. The Resident fee is \$250.
- No-Knock Registration Forms are available on the website and in the 2026 Garbage & Recycling Newsletter. Please note there is a \$5 fee for the decal for anyone under 65 years old and free for anyone 65 and older. Although it doesn't pertain to nonprofit, charitable, religious and political groups, being on this registry prohibits licensed solicitors from knocking on your door for a five- year period. Please display the decal on your door. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the police department.
- The next senior meeting is this Thursday, March 12th at 12 noon. New members are always welcome. If you are 55 or over and are interested in learning more about our Senior Club you can visit www.emersonnj.gov/seniors or attend their next meeting to see what it's all about. They offer fun events, day trips and plenty of social activities on a regular basis.

- 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 Samantha at 201-262-6086 x1201 to book a ride.
- The Bergen County Utilities Authority Household Hazardous Waste Collection of 2026 will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine, in Moonachie. Please visit www.bcua.org for all the details.
- Mark Your Calendars and Get Your Unwanted Paper Documents Ready! We will be having a mobile shredding day in collaboration with the BCUA on Saturday May 16th from 9 AM to 1 PM at Borough Hall.
- This year's Arbor Day Ceremony will be on April 25th at 10:00 AM. The Borough, through the Shade Tree Commission, will once again plant a tree in memory of Emerson residents who have passed away since January of 2025. If you would like your loved one to be remembered at this year's Arbor Day ceremony, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at (201) 262- 6086 Option 9 or by email at deputyclerk@emersonnj.gov.
- The State of New Jersey has announced the 2025 property tax relief programs for eligible New Jerseyans. There is a single streamlined application to apply for the Senior Freeze, ANCHOR, and Stay NJ programs. The deadline to file is November 2, 2026. Please call Lauren at 201-262-6086 extension 1211 in the Tax Office for further information.
- I encourage our residents to sign up to receive emergency notifications and other borough information through our RAVE Alert System at www.emersonnj.gov/RAVE. And, as always, all of our events and current news are posted on the borough website at www.emersonnj.gov/news and our social media pages.
- The Military Banner program is open for 2026. The Borough has made this program available to our residents who wish to honor their family members who currently live or have resided in Emerson in the past. The banners are displayed from Memorial Day through Veterans Day and then stored by the DPW during the winter months. They are rehung every year as long as they are in good shape. We look forward to displaying many more this year. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women of our great United States Military. The sponsorship rate is \$200 per banner and is tax deductible. Please place your order by April 30th in order to have them displayed by Memorial Day.
- The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30 PM.