



## MAYOR DIPAOLO'S MEETING REPORT

### April 21, 2026

- Former Mayor of Emerson and CEO of New Concepts for Living, Steve Setteducati, has reached out for help from our community. He has lived with progressive kidney disease for a few years and is now in search of a living kidney donor. If you're open to learning more or seeing if you might be a match, apply with Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center — Living Donor Program or the Kidney Transplant Program, a part of the NYU Langone Transplant Institute.
- Weekly collection for mixed garden debris restarted on Mondays from April 6<sup>th</sup> through December 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no interruption in service on Memorial Day, Labor Day or Columbus Day.
- The Shade Tree Commission will once again plant a tree in memory of those Emerson residents who passed away in 2025 in conjunction with their 2026 Arbor Day Ceremony being held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Rosengart Park starting at 10AM.
- Also on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Emerson Little League Baseball/Softball will be having their Opening Day. It begins at noon with a parade starting at the High School and ending at Benkovic Field where there will be a ceremony.
- Thank you to Emerson Fence for the donation and quick action in providing a fence for the new bee hives at the Community Garden, and another big thank you to those who attended the "From Bees to Cheese" event that assisted in paying for the fence.
- Please get your applications for the Community Garden in asap. All plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis and are strictly limited to Emerson residents. A donation of \$20.00 along with the completed application can be dropped off at the Clerk's Office. Applications are available on the Borough website, social media or from the Clerk's Office.

- As the weather gets nicer and people are outside more, please be alert for pedestrians walking, kids playing outside, and people riding their bicycles. If you are walking your dog, remember to “curb your dog” and pick up after them. Keep them on leashes and make sure that you have control of the dog at all times when out and about, especially if they are on a long leash. Reminder: It is the law that everyone 17 and under wears a helmet when biking, skateboarding, and rollerblading/skating.
- Free paper shredding day is on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Borough Hall.
- 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. In addition, the County of Bergen offers senior van services for doctor’s appointments outside of our coverage area. The coverage area is Emerson, Westwood, Oradell, and Paramus. Please call 201-368-5955 to learn more about their services.
- The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will take place on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Before the meeting, at 6:30 PM, Congressman Gottheimer's office is holding mobile office hours. During the meeting, we will be presenting the 2026 Municipal Budget and holding its final adoption/public hearing.