

Report for Councilwoman Monica Holmes

Financial Assistance

Starting February 8th, registration will be opened for a new ERMA program. **ERMA** stands for Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance. The program is slated to assist NJ homeowners with mortgage arrearages, delinquent property taxes and other housing costs delinquencies that stem from the pandemic. Each **qualified** homeowner can **receive up to \$35,000** in assistance.

Housing counseling is also available to assist homeowners with applying for assistance and navigating the rules of the road with the mortgage company.

To qualify for the ERMA program, homeowners must demonstrate financial hardship due the pandemic, which occurred after January 20, 2020; the home must be the primary residence, owned and occupied by the applicant and have income 150% below the Area Median income.

Applicants can call 855-647-7700 for assistance or go to the ERMA applicant portal at www.NJERMA.com

Food Bank

The First Baptist Church of Chesilhurst Corner Cupboard Food Bank is open every third Wednesday of the month from 3 pm -6 pm. First Baptist Church is located at 57 White Horse Pike, Chesilhurst NJ. If you know anyone with an immediate need, this is an emergency food bank and all emergency needs can be directed to 856-882-8960.

That concludes my report.

Liaison for Revenue and Finance

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