



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

Please be aware that **unhealthy air quality continues** in our area as a result of Canadian wildfires. Please visit the National Weather Service [here](#) for up-to-date air quality conditions and avoid being outside while these conditions exist.

Police Department Calls on 7/4

We received feedback that some residents had difficulty reaching the Demarest Police on 7/4 when a substantial number of calls to 911 were made simultaneously during the storm. **Our Police Department has spoken to Bergen County Communications, and the issue has been resolved.** Should you ever have any issues reaching our emergency services, please let us know ASAP.

Downtown Redevelopment

The Borough has executed the **Redevelopment Agreement with our appointed downtown Redeveloper for 129 Hardenburgh Ave. (the bank building).** We expect a full concept plan to be reviewed in the coming months but anticipate that it will be substantially similar to the initial concept plan that the Council approved as part of the Agreement. The plan is for 9 residential apartments, which includes two Affordable Units above first floor retail space, as well as appropriate on-site parking.

The new tenant of the **Train Station** has submitted its plans to the NJ Historic Preservation team for review of compliance with the Resolution that the Commission approved a few months ago. Once that review is complete and approved, they will submit to the Borough for final approval and issuance of construction permits.

FIFA

Congratulations to Argentina and Spain who will face off in the **FIFA 2026 World Cup finals right here at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Sunday 7/19.** The tournament has been great fun to follow and the USA has been a fantastic host! **Expect heavy traffic in and about MetLife Stadium!**

Demarest Day

Please [click here to see the Mayor's appeal](#) for donations to support Demarest Day and America 250 celebration.

Summer Concert Series

Please join us for our next Demarest Summer Concert Series — Music with a Mission event featuring **TreeOh! on Wednesday, July 22, at the Gazebo from 7:30 to 9pm. The evening's theme is Golden Neighbors Night, celebrating and supporting the seniors in our community.** We encourage our senior residents to bring their families and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of music, community and fun.

The concert is being organized by the Demarest Golden Committee and generously sponsored by The Art School at Old Church in Demarest. Senior attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for a

complimentary art class at the art school. Seniors, please also stop by the Demarest Golden Committee table to complete a survey and learn more about future senior events. We will also have a surprise sweet treat for everyone to enjoy. Please bring a chair and join us for this special evening honoring our Golden Neighbors!

*The cancelled 7/15 performance from ***The Possums*** has been rescheduled for 8/12/26.

Demarest Library

Celebrate Space Exploration Day with a storytime and craft on **Monday, July 20th from 4:00 - 4:30 PM!** We are reading: *It's Possible: The Story of Ronald McNair* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard. Best for ages 4 - 10. Register [here!](#)

Join us for the **SOAR Program Series - Bonkers for Bugs (Ages 6 - 9)**. Bugs come in all shapes and sizes. How many? Grab a magnifying glass, butterfly net, bug wheel, and let's discover together! Create cool Geoboard designs of various bugs and decorate a set of fun mini-bugs to transport and store in a cool bug box.

****These programs are funded by the Demarest Nature Center, Demarest Environmental Commission, Friends of the Demarest Library and Demarest Library.**

All programs will take place in the Children's Program Room at the Demarest Library. This program will include a walk outside and then back to the library. Register [here!](#)

Come to the Demarest Library to attend one or all of our Beginner Tai Chi classes to kick off a mindful summer presented by Mad Monk Tai Chi. Classes are from **10:00 - 11:00 AM** on **July 22nd and 29th at the Demarest Middle School New Gymnasium, 568 Piermont Rd, Demarest, NJ, 07627**. Register [here!](#)

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,238 people!** My goal is for every Demarest resident to be up to date on what is going on around town, please help with that goal by forwarding this email to your friends so they can visit demarestnj.gov and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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