



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Upcoming Public Meeting Schedule – Please mark your calendars!

There are no council meetings on Monday July 27 and Monday August 10. The Council next meets on August 24, 2026. Our first meeting in September is on September 14, and the agenda will include a review of the initial designs and plans for upcoming paving of several unimproved roads – Carlotta Way, a portion of Lincoln St., Demarest Ave. and Blanche Ave. Residents of the affected streets will receive additional written notification to attend the meeting, but all residents are welcome to attend to view the plans, ask questions and provide comments.

The Demarest Catchball Team

*A group of Demarest residents has organized a competitive volleyball/dodgeball sports group and welcomes others who may be interested in joining. **This is a resident-led activity and is not sponsored, supervised or operated by the Borough.** I am providing the following invitation from the group as a community courtesy.*

Looking to get active, have fun, and play to win? The Demarest Catchball Team is **seeking competitive moms with a volleyball or basketball background (and a great spike!) to join our roster for the upcoming season.** Catchball combines the best elements of volleyball and dodgeball into a fast-paced, high-energy sport centered around teamwork and great vibes. **We practice weekly during the school year on Wednesdays from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Luther Lee Emerson (LLE).** Official practices kick off in September, but we're happy to meet interested moms beforehand to introduce you to the game. If you're ready to de-stress, move your body, and bring your athletic spirit to the court, please reach out to Judy at judy.buchnick@gmail.com

Music with a Mission — Paws in the Park Night

Please join us for Night 5 of the Demarest Summer Concert Series — Music with a Mission on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, featuring Sessions.

This evening's theme is Paws in the Park Night, and the mission is to support animal adoption, animal shelter services, and responsible pet care in our community.

We are grateful that the night is sponsored by Demarest's own Mark Hirschberg and his company, *Multipet*. Multipet will be conducting a raffle and giving away pet toy packages during the event. The Office of Animal Shelter & Adoption Services, Division of Animal Services, Bergen County Department of Health Services will also be in attendance and will be bringing its pet adoption bus to the concert. This will give families and residents the opportunity to meet adoptable pets and learn more about the adoption process.

For those who are not able to adopt, the shelter will be accepting donations to support its work. Requested donations include: cash donations, canned dog or cat food, pet wee wee pads, unopened bags of dry dog or cat food, and unopened dog or cat treats.

As a thank you, anyone who brings a donation item or adopts a pet will receive a free ice cream cone, sponsored by Stacey Esser Real Estate Group.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Band: Sessions

Theme: Paws in the Park Night

Mission: Animal shelter support and pet adoption

Location: Gazebo

Please bring a chair, enjoy the music, and help us support animals in need.

Demarest Swim Club

August 1- September 7 memberships are available; you can even start a membership early for additional daily fees! Check out DemarestSwimClub.org or email DemarestSwimClub@gmail.com for more information.

The swim club has recently made a change to Family Membership regulations. They have lowered the age for its youth members to visit the pool alone from 13 to 10 years old. This new Family Membership privilege involves a deep-water swim test and some parent permission and cooperation. Let the swim club be a place for community youth this August.

The Art School at Old Church

Registration for Fall Session (Sept 8-Nov 13) and **one-day workshops** (Nov 14 & 15) are now open. Choose from more than 80 art and craft courses for adults, teens, and children. Enroll **online** at www.tasoc.org, **in person**, or by **phone** at **(201) 767-7160**

We also have spaces in ***Blast of Art!***, our summer camp for children **ages 6–12**. Week-long sessions begin **August 10** and **August 17**. Register at www.tasoc.org or **call the school** for more information.

We look forward to seeing you here!

Federal Holiday Calendar

There are no official federal holidays during the remainder of July or August. Remaining 2026 Federal holidays & Bank closures: September 7 (Labor Day), October 12 (Columbus Day), November 11 (Veterans Day), November 26 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas Day)

Demarest Library

Attention Demarest teens entering grades 9 - 12: Are you interested in volunteering at the Demarest Library to support library programs and initiatives and be a part of meaningful community building? Apply for the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) [here](#). We are currently accepting applications and will reach out to new interested members before the start of the 2026 school year.

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 28th** from **10:00 - 11:00 AM** at the **Demarest Gazebo** for a cooling summer yoga flow with yoga therapeutics teacher Lorig Hamparian. The practice will include posture, breathing and meditative relaxation. All levels welcome as adaptations will be made! **If there is inclement weather or heat, we will meet at The Demarest Library* * Registration is required. Register [here!](#)

Our Beginner Tai Chi class, presented by Mad Monk Tai Chi, is having a make-up class! This class will be from **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** on **July 29th** at the **Demarest Middle School New Gymnasium, 568 Piermont Rd.** Register [here!](#)

The DPW, Fire department, Police department, and Ambulance Corps will all have vehicles for children to explore with our **Touch a Truck Program** on **Friday, July 31st** from **10:30 - 11:15 AM!** Vehicles will be supervised by community workers, but we ask that you please stay with children at all times! **This will take place at the Demarest Department of Public Works located across from the Demarest Gazebo. The address is: 22 Wakelee Dr. This event is weather permitting. Please check for updates! No registration is required.**

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,240 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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