



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This Saturday, August 1, **Lt. Michael Bartelucci** will serve his last day with the Demarest Police Department. Mike has earned and will now enjoy his well deserved retirement. Congratulations, Mike!

It was my privilege to have been on the Demarest Council in 2004 when we hired Mike as a full-time Demarest Police Officer. Prior to Mike joining the Department as a full-time police officer, Mike served the Borough as a Demarest Police Explorer and Police Special. Mike has served the Borough in the Police Department as an Explorer, Police Special and then Police Officer [2004-2026] since 1997.

We will miss his presence in and dedication to our town. Wishing you only the best in retirement and time with your wife Angela and kids Gabby and Gio. Congratulations on your retirement! I wish you, Angela, Gabby, and Gio nothing but happiness, good health and opportunity to enjoy your retirement.

On behalf of the Borough Governing Body, staff and residents, I want to thank you for your professional and dedicated service. While you may have retired, you will always be a part of our Demarest family. Thank you, Mike!

3rd Quarter Property Taxes

The 3rd Quarter 2026 Property Taxes are due August 1st, 2026, with a Council adopted 10-day grace period. Last day to pay property taxes without accruing interest is Monday, August 10th, 2026. If you pay after the grace period, interest is assessed as of August 1st – so please do not be late. Tax checks must be received before close of tax office business hours at 3:30PM.

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 underway. We are excited to offer more than 80 art and craft courses for adults, teens, and children. Enroll **online** at www.tasoc.org, **in person** at **561 Piermont Rd.**, 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 for one or both sessions** at www.tasoc.org or **call the**

school for more information.
We look forward to seeing you here!

Music with a Mission - Community Heroes Night

Please join us this week for **Night 6 of the Demarest Summer Concert Series - Music with a Mission on Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, featuring Shoreline Anthem.

This week's theme is Community Heroes Night, and we will be honoring the first responders, veterans, police, fire, EMS, and community service members who help keep Demarest and our surrounding communities safe.

The concert will take place at the **Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo** from **7:30 PM to 9:00 PM**. Please bring a chair, enjoy the music, and join us for an evening of community appreciation.

We are grateful to **The Spine & Health Center of Closter** for sponsoring this special night. We also thank Demarest's own **Hilde Cho of Coldwell Banker Realty**, who is sponsoring free ice cream for the evening.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Band: Shoreline Anthem

Theme: Community Heroes Night

Mission: Honoring our first responders and veterans

Concert Sponsor: The Spine & Health Center of Closter

Ice Cream Sponsor: Hilde Cho, Coldwell Banker Real Estate

Thank you for helping make the Demarest Summer Concert Series about more than music, it is about community.

Demarest Library

Unearth a Story with **Fossil Fun with Rutgers Geology Museum (Ages 5+)** on **Monday, August 3rd from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**. The Rutgers Geology Museum staff will teach about fossils and participants will participate in hands-on activities such as creating a fossil cast! Register [here](#)!

Join us on **Thursday, August 6th** from **10:30 - 11:00 AM** for **Yoga for Littles - Storytime with a Twist - with Miss Shelley**. Come do a bit of yoga and listen to a story with the wonderful Miss Shelley! For ages 2.5 - 5. Registration is required. **Register only your child**. Register [here](#)!

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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