



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur 2026 begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20th. I would like to wish everyone observing Yom Kippur a meaningful day of reflection, peace, and renewal and an easy fast. May the year ahead bring health, happiness and peace to our entire community.

Hispanic American Heritage Month!

This month, we celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, history, and contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities. We take this opportunity to recognize the many voices and experiences that have helped shape our community, while honoring the heritage and traditions passed down through generations. Demarest is better when we celebrate our diversity, embrace our shared connections, and learn from one another.

Demarest Day 2026 – America 250!

Demarest Day is on Saturday 9/26/26 and here's what is in store for the day! (Rain date 10/10/26)

- 1:00 PM – the party gets started!
- 1:00–2:30 PM – Performance by **Marley & Me**
- 2:45 PM – Tiger Kim's Taekwondo Demonstration
- 3:00–4:30 PM – Performance by **Sessions**
- 5:00–7:00 PM – Performance by **Shoreline**

Fireworks will cap off the evening when the sun goes down!

This year's event will have a patriotic American theme in recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Music, games, rides, food and drink for the entire family from 1 pm- 5 pm. We hope you will join us for this great event!

Golden Seniors

New Jersey offers several property tax relief programs for eligible seniors, including **ANCHOR, Senior Freeze and Stay NJ**. More information about these programs is available through the [New Jersey Division of Taxation](#).

The Demarest Golden Senior Committee is helping residents understand these programs and apply for the benefits that may be available to them.

On Thursday, October 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Demarest Library, qualified representatives from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will provide free assistance with preparing the applicable property tax relief forms.

The Demarest Golden Senior Committee will also be available at our **Demarest Day Celebration on September 26 and Oktoberfest on October 3** to answer questions, provide additional information and help residents register for the **October 15** assistance session. **Filing Deadline is November 2, 2026!**

Flu Clinic

In collaboration with the County of Bergen, the Borough will hold a flu clinic next Wednesday, 9/23/26 from 10 am - Noon at Borough Hall and is open to all Demarest residents. [Click here to register](#) or reach out to Lee at lcampbell@demarestnj.gov or 201-768-0167 x130 with questions.

Voter Registration Deadline & Mail in Ballots

The deadline for new voter registration to vote in the November election is **October 13, 2026**. If you are not sure if you are registered or need information on how to register, please click [here](#). For those registered to vote by mail, the ballots were sent out this week, so you should see them in your mailboxes soon. Ballots can be safely put in any [ballot box in the County](#) including right here at Borough Hall. They are collected by the County daily.

The last day to apply for a mail in ballot at the County Clerk's office is October 27, 2026.

Demarest Library

Join us on **Monday, August 24th** from **4:00 - 4:30 PM** for a brief presentation on endangered animals and some cookie decorating with **TAB Animal Cookie Decorating!** Registration is required! Register [here!](#)

Come to the Demarest Public Library on **Thursday, August 27th** for **Read to a Dog (4+)**! Community Volunteer Ms. Jody will bring one of two therapy dogs for beginning readers to practice reading to, in a safe setting. **Registration is required for a 10-minute time slot from 4:30 - 5:00 PM.** Register [here!](#)

Chess is back at the Demarest Public Library on Saturdays for **Summer Kids Chess Club!** Come play chess with players of all levels on **Saturday, August 29** from **10 - 11:30 am**. This event will take place in the Children's Room. As always, children ages eight and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and children cannot visit the library alone until the age of eleven.

Registration is not required, but space and chessboards are limited. Your child may have to wait for a turn to play, but we encourage them to learn from observing games.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,247 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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