



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Demarest Day Postponed Due to Weather

It looks like this Saturday will bring a Nor'easter to Demarest, so our Demarest Day Celebration will have to wait! **The rain date is 10/10/26**, so we hope you will join us then to celebrate our community and America's 250.

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

This year's event will have a patriotic Americana theme in recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary. **Music, games, rides, food and drink for the entire family from 1 pm- 5 pm.**

My Warmest Wishes to All Our Demarest Families Celebrating Sukkot

Tonight, at sundown marks the beginning of the Jewish festival of Sukkot! Many of our Jewish families will erect temporary structures to share meals, welcome guests, and celebrate the harvest. I wish everyone a season filled with joy, peace, and unity.

Chag Sukkot Sameach!

Wishing our entire community a joyful and peaceful Chuseok!

Chuseok is a major Korean holiday that brings families and loved ones together to give thanks, honor ancestors, and celebrate the harvest. May this special time bring you and your loved ones happiness, good health, and meaningful moments together. Happy Chuseok!

Condolences and Rest in Peace

I want to offer our sincere condolences to two families that are part of our Demarest Family. Long-time Demarest resident **Christopher Marty** passed earlier this week unexpectedly and his family is in our thoughts. And, **Valerie Dilascio**, long time Demarest crossing guard who many of you will recognize from her post at Knickerbocker and Hardenburgh, also passed away this week. Valerie kept our children safe and always with a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Christopher and Valerie** and their families and friends. They will be missed and always remembered; and may they both rest in eternal peace!

A Hero Among Us!

Thank you to **Demarest Fire Department Lieutenant Matthew Carey** for his life saving actions during the Haworth 5K last weekend. Lt. Carey was running in the **Haworth 5k** when a fellow runner collapsed from a cardiac arrest within 100 yards of the finish line, just steps from Lt. Carey. Lt. Carey is also a Demarest Special Police Officer. Witnessing the collapse of the fallen runner, Matt rushed over and began immediate aid. Matt, along with members of the Haworth Police and Haworth EMS, performed **CPR**. Thanks to their actions, the runner regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital. We wish him a speedy and full recovery! We are lucky to have Matt serving our community.

Thank you, Jim Tedesco

On behalf of the residents of Demarest, I want to give a big thank you to County Executive Jim Tedesco for his assistance with some County infrastructure in Demarest this week. A resident brought a drainage concern to my attention this week involving a county road. and Jim sent a team out to address

the issue within 24 hours. Bergen County has 70 towns that need attention, so I appreciate Jim's swift action to assist our residents.

United Methodist Church at Demarest

The Church will host Homecoming Community Sunday on **October 4 at 10:00 am**. All are welcome to enjoy music, an inspiring message and fellowship. UMC Demarest, 109 Hardenburgh Ave, [201-768-4355](tel:201-768-4355)

On Saturday, **October 10, at 5:00 pm**, United Methodist Church at Demarest will host a free concert and dinner event. Mission Choir is a 40-voice mixed choir serving churches and communities through music. All are welcome. No RSVP is required. UMC Demarest 109 Hardenburgh Ave, Demarest [201-768-4355](tel:201-768-4355)

Demarest Nature Center

Mark your calendar to join the Demarest Nature Center on **Saturday, October 3rd from 12-5 at the Duck Pond for their annual Oktoberfest**. Bring the family for canoe rides, birdhouse building, food, beer and live music. There will be instructional demonstrations on fishing, nature photography, raptors and a host of other nature-themed topics. It is sure to be a fun-filled event, so don't miss it! Visit www.demarestnaturecenter.org for further details, and don't forget to become a member.

The Art School at Old Church

Please join us on **October 1st, 6 pm - 8-pm** at the reception for **Salon 561, our annual faculty show**. Works in all fine arts and fine craft media will be on view to enjoy and collect. **Meet the instructors** who contribute so much talent, knowledge, and enthusiasm to our community! Light snacks and refreshments will be served. And, please attend the **Annual Chili Bowl Fest, October 11th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM!**

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

Please join us at The Demarest Free Public Library on **Saturday, September 26th from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM for a presentation on Dementia from Demarest Resident Dr. James Noble, author of "Navigating Life with Dementia."** Dr. Noble is pleased to return to the library to provide an update after his last presentation in 2023. Register to secure your spot [here!](#)

Join Demarest Resident Miss Leslie, Registered Dietitian, Nutritionist, and Certified Diabetes Educator, for a **Children's Nutrition Class on Friday, October 2nd at 11:15 AM**. Let's move, groove, and learn about new foods! Register [here!](#)

Please drop off pre-owned and clean children's Halloween costumes in good condition that you no longer want starting **Thursday, October 1st until Wednesday, October 14th** to the **Children's Room**. **Come to the library to pick up costumes to keep on Thursday, October 15th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.**

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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