



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

***Welcome Home to Americans Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, and Alsu Kurmasheva who had been wrongfully imprisoned in Russia.***

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It's August and it remains **HOT! Enjoy your time with the kids before they head off to College!** They will do great and will do great things. Good luck to all of our Demarest kids starting their College path this August.

**I am concerned with the current noise ordinance** and have discussed it with our Borough Administrator and Police Department. I have also spoken with several residents to understand their concerns and issues. Currently, our Ordinance Committee is reviewing the ordinance to amend it to protect the peace and quality of life for our residents. The committee will work with the Borough Police and Administration, as well as the Borough Attorney, to revise the ordinance to keep Demarest a great place to live. If you have any specific issues related to nuisances or bothersome noise that you would like the Council to consider before the new Ordinance is finalized, please email your concerns to the Borough Administrator at [boroadmin@demarestnj.gov](mailto:boroadmin@demarestnj.gov). I want your input so it can be considered before we amend the Ordinance.

Please note that **I have also asked the Borough Administrator to work with me and the Council to review and amend, as necessary, the current tree removal ordinance.** I have heard from homeowners, contractors, Shade Tree Commission, and Borough staff regarding issues and want to address them. If you have concerns that you want to share with us as we review the Ordinance, please email your concerns to the Borough Administrator at [boroadmin@demarestnj.gov](mailto:boroadmin@demarestnj.gov).

**Our increasing geese population also has my attention.** Although the Borough has engaged the "Geese Police" for several years, it sometimes becomes necessary to change strategies every so often to discourage geese from congregating (and soiling) the areas of our parks where our children play. I spoke to the company last week to address the issue and to increase their visits to discourage the geese. I am hopeful we will see a decrease in geese and the "presents" they leave behind in the coming weeks.

**Looking for deer solution, too.** We recognize the proliferation of deer in our neighborhood and the issues they present. So many property owners struggle with keeping the deer from eating their beautiful and expensive plantings. I have reached out to companies to see if there is a safe town-wide deer solution that, like Geese Police, would discourage deer from coming to Demarest. So far, the solutions appear to be repellants to be applied by individual homeowners and not a townwide solution. I will keep you posted.

**There are no major, federal holidays celebrated during August, but there are a handful of religious holidays to be celebrated by many members of our community this month.**

To our families that celebrate, please enjoy your holidays!

**And yes, August 2024 has a full moon.** The first full moon in August is called the Sturgeon Moon and will rise on August 19<sup>th</sup>. So, if you need something to celebrate and get your howl on, you only need to wait 18 days!

### **Olympic Update:**

I hope you are enjoying routing on team USA and there are some great events still to come! GO USA!

### **Overall Medal Count as of this afternoon:**

**The United States leads the medal count with 41 and we have smashed certain records, France in 2nd with 31 and China in 3rd with 27. As for Gold, here is the breakdown:**

China 13  
USA 9  
France 9  
Great Britain 9

### **Upcoming Events:**

The next summer concert, scheduled for **8/7 at 7:30 at the gazebo** will feature *TreeOh!* - a three-piece band, playing popular music from the '60s to today.

### **This week at the library:**

Come to free outdoor yoga with a Registered Yoga Teacher at the Demarest Gazebo, this Tuesday, August 6 at 9:30 am. Just bring a yoga mat or towel!

The Children's Summer Reading Completion Celebration is on Friday, August 9 from 3 - 4 pm at the Demarest Gazebo. Join us for a bubble show and ice cream!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **942 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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