



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

*I think it is fairly obvious that **Mother Nature is not a music fan!** It is disappointing that so many of our concerts have been rained out this summer, especially after all the hard work the Recreation Commission did to plan these great events. In the event we have some good weather Wednesdays this month, there are two more scheduled concerts. **The next one is on August 14, featuring The Racket, playing classic rock and party favorites. The other concert is August 21, the rescheduled date for what should have been our first concert of the season featuring Sidepiece playing rock and country favorites.** Rainy days on Wednesdays, always get me down; but keep your fingers crossed!*

*Although the path of the remnants of **Hurricane Debby** has been favorable to our area, we are expected to continue to experience storm conditions through the night and into tomorrow morning. **I want to remind everyone not to drive through flood waters and stay away from downed trees and wires. Please call 911 and await help. Our Police, Fire and Ambulance, OEM team, and Public Works Department stand ready to assist.***

Last Friday, in my email, I asked you to provide us with your concerns and issues regarding the tree removal and noise ordinances. I want to thank and appreciate everyone who reached out and provided meaningful comments and suggestions for both ordinances. All comments have, or will be, carefully considered while the committee and I, and the Borough Attorney, draft recommended revised ordinances for the Council's consideration and comments. The tree removal ordinance and noise ordinance are being reviewed and will be significantly revised and reintroduced in the coming weeks. I am confident that the revised ordinances will be a vast improvement that benefit the town and our residents.

Earlier this week, while Demarest was spared much of the heavy rain that affected areas like Hackensack and Englewood, those towns faced flooding and our **Demarest Volunteer Fire Department** answered the call for those towns to assist them. On Tuesday, our Fire Department responded to the City of Englewood with **Swift Water Rescue Team members Chief John McLoughlin, Captain John Young, Lieutenant Matt Carey, Firefighters Sean McFadden, John Iovino, and Tim Slattery.** Over a period of 4-5 hours, they assisted with the removal of numerous civilians trapped in vehicles and buildings from flash flooding caused by over 7" of rain that fell in Englewood over a very short period of time. Our Demarest firefighters worked alongside firefighters from Englewood, Teaneck, Edgewater, Wyckoff, Harrington Park, Carlstadt, and East Rutherford. **Thank you all and know that we are extremely proud of Chief McLoughlin and his entire department** for maintaining this important training and being

an asset not only to Demarest residents, but to our surrounding communities.

The paving of Madison Ave has been completed. We greatly appreciated your cooperation during milling and paving, which we recognize caused inconveniences for many of you. **The next road to be completed is Pine Terrace from Anderson Avenue to the east side of the cul de sac (which is the part of Pine Terrace that is already paved) and is scheduled for milling on 8/14 followed by paving.** Residents in the area will receive separate notice from the Contractor that will include contact information for the Borough Engineer and Contractor should any issues need to be addressed.

Olympic Update:

As of noon today, Friday 8/9/24, the United States is leading in the overall medal count with 104 medals. We hope to add to our medal total this weekend before the **closing ceremonies scheduled for this Sunday at 3 pm.** Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed and made us proud over the past two weeks of thrilling competition!!!

This week at the library:

Stop by at the library **starting Monday, August 12** for a BCCLS Library Passport. Library card holders that visit libraries in the BCCLS system through September 30, and get their passports stamped will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card! Open to adults and children. Visit the library for more details.

Check out our calendar for upcoming children's and adult programs [here](#). Never miss updates from the library by signing up for the library newsletter [here](#).

MAYOR'S EMAIL REGISTRATION:

In addition to my Friday emails, I send other emails with notices and warnings to promptly communicate with everyone registered to receive my emails, but you need to be registered to receive the emails. Last week, I sought your input on ordinances and you provided me with information to assist us in revising the ordinances. Please forward this email to a friend and ask them to click on the link to register, so updates, emergency notifications and communications can be promptly received by everyone. Thank you.

[Click here to register for all Borough update emails.](#)

Have a great weekend, which is forecast to be rain free!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **945 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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