



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Here are the final medal counts for top finishers in the 2024 Paris Olympics (and congratulations to Team USA):

USA		40 Gold and 126 total medals
CHINA		40 Gold and 91 total medals
JAPAN		20 Gold and 45 total medals
AUSTRALIA		18 Gold and 53 total medals
FRANCE		16 Gold and 64 total medals

New schedule for remaining summer concerts that were postponed due to weather. **Wednesday 8/21 will be *Sidepiece*** and **TUESDAY 8/27 will be *Action Park!*** In September, ***Tree Oh*** will perform on **9/21 (Demarest Day)** from approximately **6-7:30**, between the daytime activities and the planned fireworks. Again, my thanks to the entire **Recreation Commission and Leigh Barker** for their work in bringing these concerts to Demarest. Also, **special thanks** to **Christine Nichols of Keller Williams of Town Life Realty** for her continued sponsorship of the concert series and helping make them a reality. This past Wednesday's concert, **The Racket**, was exceptional. I asked them to be sure to return next year; don't miss their concert.

This week, I was proud to present a **Certificate of Appreciation to Marly Kay of Music with Marly**, on behalf of the governing body, for her contributions to the Arts and Culture of so many young people in Demarest and the surrounding communities. Marly's talent, enthusiasm and dedication to her students has fostered confidence in them and helps add to their well-rounded education. **Marly was touched by the public recognition she**

received for her work and thanked the Mayor and Council. She, in turn, gave recognition and praise to Alex Jacob, one of her long-time students and success story, for his leadership and mentoring. Alex is heading off to Tufts University this summer. Alex, wishing you the best of luck and success in college!

At our next Mayor and Council meeting on **August 26**, we will be honoring former **Demarest Police Officer, Richard Devlin**, who was gravely wounded in the line of duty in 1970, while serving Demarest. Officer Devlin was never properly recognized for his service and sacrifice for the residents of Demarest, so I have invited Officer Devlin and his family to our meeting to honor him publicly.

A representative from ASI (Appraisal Systems, Inc.) visited my home this past week as it was my turn for an inspection as part of the borough wide reassessment. I wanted to share that it was as painless and quick, as promised. The inspector was in my house for less than 10 minutes (I think it was about 6 minutes) and was very professional. Please be sure that you allow the inspector to conduct this quick inspection when it is your turn so that this county tax board mandated assessment is accurate and that your assessment is not based upon maximum assumptions that may be used in the absence of the inspection.

Reminder from the DPW:

The Demarest Department of Public Works reminds residents **when placing brush at the curb for pickup to please be mindful and have all butt ends facing the same direction and neatly stacked for pickup**. When it is just thrown in a pile at the curb it can double or triple the time it takes the Department to conduct chipping throughout the town. Your cooperation ensures that all brush can be picked up efficiently and completely.

Demarest Swim Club:

First off, the Swim Club has opened the pool this weekend for **Demarest Employee Appreciation weekend**. All Demarest employees, including, Fire, Ambulance, Police, DPW and Borough staff may swim for free and their family members will only pay \$10 per family member per day. **Thank you Swim Club for recognizing the hard work of our staff and volunteers!**

Kids' Movie Night is Sunday 8/18 free for members, but open to the public, \$10 a person, starting at 4pm. The 90 minute animated movie will start shortly after 7pm. You may watch from the pool on noodles or rafts until 8:30pm, but finish watching on blankets and chairs. The name of the movie will be available on Friday, just call or email the swim club on Friday, as the Swim Club is awaiting the results of a member survey. (FYI, this is included for all borough employees and their families)

Also, the Club is offering **end of the summer memberships to finish out the season: \$375 for a family of 2 or more and \$300 for a single**, for people who are home for the rest of the summer and need a place to swim and relax.

There is also a 14 and up, **4 on 4 volleyball tournament on 8/25** on the sand court. \$80 per team and it's open to the public. More information can be found on their website DemarestSwimClub.org.

This week at the library:

Stop in the library for your BCCLS Library Passport. Library card holders that visit libraries in the BCCLS system through September 30 will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card, for each stamp they collect! Open to adults and children. Visit the library for more details.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **975 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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