



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In Memoriam ...

I am deeply saddened by the passing of two people with strong ties to our community. We say farewell to Sherryann Bartelucci, who passed away this week. SherryAnn is the beloved mother of Demarest's Lieutenant Michael Bartelucci, Holly Gilpatrick and Terryann Schwiederek. She was also the loving grandmother to Ashley, Victoria, Alison, Gabriella and Giovanni and a great-grandmother to SJ, Colton and Sophia. The Mayor and Council send our sincere condolences to Michael, his wife Angela, and their family. May SherryAnn rest in peace and smile down on her beautiful family.

We also say goodbye to Vito Doria, Jr. a longtime resident of Demarest. Vito was a great individual, outstanding resident and was very community minded. His memory will always be cherished by his loving family and friends. Vito served as a firefighter in Englewood and was involved in construction of homes throughout the area, including Demarest. I came to know Vito personally in about 1992, as he was part of the team that built my home. I will miss him and our talks. Rest in peace, my friend.

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The Planning Board this week approved a recommendation to the Governing Body that the commercial areas downtown be designated as an area in need of redevelopment. The Council will consider this recommendation at Monday's Council meeting. I believe this designation is an important tool to encourage responsible improvements to our downtown area.

ANCHOR Program:

This program offers property tax relief to New Jersey residents who own or rent property in New Jersey as their main home and meet certain income limits. This year's ANCHOR benefit is based on residency, income, and age from 2021. If you qualify you should have received a letter from the State of Jersey, but more details can be found [here](#). The filing deadline for those that qualify is November 30, 2024.

Demarest Recreation Commission:

Demarest Recreation is partnering with TGA of Bergen County to bring two new co-ed recreational clinics for grades K-3 on the field behind LLE school this fall. Flag football will be offered on Saturdays 9/28-11/9 (no 10/12). Grades 2 and 3 at 9:30 and grades K and 1 at 10:45. Cheerleading will be offered on Sundays 9/29-11/3 at 11:30 am. Each of the 6 session programs cost \$150. Registration is done through the [TGA website](#).

A note from the Demarest Nature Center:

Don't know the difference between an oak and a maple? Join the Demarest Nature Center this

Saturday, September 7 at 10am for its monthly Community Trail Walk. Led by Jeff Shaari, this hands-on hike will discuss how to identify a variety of common trees found in the nature center. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome! Meet at Demarest Nature Center entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive.

Reminders:

9/11 Ceremony – Please mark your calendars for our **9/11 Memorial service.**

It will be held on Wednesday, September 11th, beginning at 4:00 PM at the 9/11 Memorial site.

News from the Demarest Public Library: Little Wiggler's Storytime starts next week on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11 am. There are still spots available for the Wednesday session. Register for the 5 week session starting on Wednesday, September 11 [here](#). The library is hosting Guided Meditation on Wednesday, **September 11 from 9:30 - 10:15 am** with certified guided meditation teacher Revital. Register [here](#).

Join Michiko Tomioka for a Chado Japanese Tea Ceremony on **Wednesday, September 12 from 6 - 7 pm.** Register for the class [here](#).

Demarest Swim Club News:

Demarest Swim Club's regular season has come to an end, but before the pool is drained, there will be a **Dog Paddle Fundraising Event on Saturday, 9/7 from 10am to noon.** An adult handler must accompany each dog that wants to run and swim at Demarest Swim Club during that period. Handlers must provide proof of rabies vaccination for each dog to participate and must be prepared to rescue and clean up after their own pet. The entry fee is \$12 per person whether a handler or spectator. The event will be held rain or shine, unless an electrical storm is in the vicinity.

I want to thank the Swim Club's new management team and members of the Board for their successful season and congratulate them on a **Sunsational** Summer!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **977 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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