



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

School's Back in session! You must be mindful of the increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic that the new school year brings. **YOU MUST OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS AND NOT EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT!** The Demarest Police will have their ticket books ready for those that do not obey traffic laws. Nothing is more important than the safety of our residents and students. On that note, the Borough executed a **shared service agreement with NVD this week to provide additional security at the High School.** My thanks to **Acting Chief Visaggio** for working with the high school to ensure that safety remains a top priority for our students.

A special thank you to our Congressman Josh Gottheimer for sending a representative from his office to our 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. Josh, Demarest appreciates your support and friendship. My personal thanks to the Borough staff, volunteers, and residents that attended the ceremony.

As I said that day, a growing number of Americans have no personal memory of that day either because they were too young or not yet born. And, for many, the events of that tragic day can fade from their memories. We must, however, continue to fulfill our duty to honor and remember those innocent lives that were taken from us as a result of the terrorist attacks and honor those who gave all responding that day. On behalf of the Borough of Demarest, we pay our respects to those who lost their lives on 9/11 and the many who have died of 9/11 illnesses since that day. And, our personal respects and affection for the lives lost that will be forever connected to our own Demarest Family: **Christopher Vialonga, Scott Vasel, Martin Wohlforth, Rick Solow and Johnny Cortazzo. May you all rest in eternal peace!**

Congratulations to **Demarest Fire Department members Deputy Chief Carl Pavlik, Captain John Young, Lieutenant Matthew Carey, Firefighters Michael Morrison and Kyle Pavlik who have been selected to receive the Rinaldi Unit Service Award** at the upcoming J. Fletcher Creamer, Sr. Valor Awards dinner sponsored by the Bergen County 200 Club. They are being recognized for their life saving swift water rescue on September 23, 2023. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Borough and making a difference!

The **United Methodist Church** at 109 Hardenburgh Ave. is welcoming a new pastor to their church and has extended an invitation to all residents to attend a **multicultural service featuring music at 10 am, followed by a luncheon on 9/29. We welcome to Pastor Jisun Kwak to the Demarest Community.**

Flu Clinic:

We have had an overwhelming response to our Flu Clinic scheduled for **Monday 9/16 10 am-Noon at Borough Hall.** Although registration is now full, the County will have a limited number of vaccines available for walk ins.

More Demarest kids To Marry:

On a personal note, on behalf of myself and my wife, Linda, I would like to congratulate Demarest residents **Gregg and Debbie Longest as their daughter Mary marries our son Adam this week!** My wife and I are thrilled for Adam and Mary, and we welcome the Longest family to our family!

More wedding news! **Congratulations to Borough resident and Planning Board member Lynn Paulison and her husband Harry on the upcoming wedding of their daughter Carly to Frankie Greco.** We wish them the best!

Attention Job Seekers!

Bergen County is hosting their Annual Job Fair on Friday, 10/18 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Bergen Community College. Job Seekers can [Register Here](#)

Find your next job opportunity with over 100 employers in multi-industry fields. Free workshops and headshots to participants!

News from the Demarest Public Library:

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is offering another Back-to-School Night Babysitting Fundraiser at the library on Thursday, September 19. More information and registration [here](#).

Learn more about the Yankees with Paul Semendinger on Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm. Paul runs a popular New York Yankees blog, and co-wrote the book *Roy White: From Compton from the Bronx* along with Roy White. Register [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **978 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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