



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The year full of Demarest weddings continues!

On behalf of the entire Demarest family, I want to congratulate Demarest Police **Officer Connor Owens and his bride, Karlee Savva**, on their wedding this weekend! Best wishes for a long and happy life together!

Tomorrow, September 21st, is Demarest Day. The events and festivities begin at 1 pm. Fireworks are scheduled to start at 7:45 PM. See Schedule below. I hope to see everyone at the duck pond for a day of games, fun and food!

DEMAREST DAY DETAILS

This year Demarest Day has gotten bigger and better with more sponsors to visit and new zones of fun!

In our "Fun Zone" this year, there will be a Bungee Trampoline, Rock Wall, Inflatable Slide, and Inflatable Bounce House.

Also, a new edition but one that everyone will love is a VR Gaming Truck courtesy of Happy Time Events, who will also be bringing an interactive digital photobooth!

Thanks to our sponsors we will also have "Carnival Row", a place for families with kids of all ages to win assorted prizes through different carnival games and inflatable sports booths run by some wonderful volunteers! We will be having Face Painting, a balloon artist, an art activity by the Art School at Old Church and a crafts table!

There will also be a dunk tank! We are looking for victims...I mean volunteers for that as well! We are also bringing some new fun activities throughout the day, including a Watermelon Eating Contest, a Vendor Scavenger Hunt, and a Baking Contest ([See Registration & Rules](#)) Throughout the day, there will be music and entertainment by several amazing performers, Music with Marley, Tiger Kim TaeKwon Do Presentation, Balansa Center Presentation, and the band TreeOh!

There will also be food trucks stationed throughout the day as well as a Beer Garden sponsored by Five Dimes Brewery. This whole awesome day will end with a spectacular fireworks show beginning at 7:45 PM.

Preliminary Schedule:

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Music with Marley

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Watermelon Eating Contest

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

TaeKwonDo Demonstration

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Baking Competition Judging
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Balansa Center Performance
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Tree Oh Concert
7:45 PM
Fireworks Display

In the United States, the third Friday in September is recognized as **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**. On this day [September 20th this year], we honor those who were held as prisoners of war and those tragically missing in action. We acknowledge and recognize the bravery and sacrifice of all of those held captive, missing or lost in combat while fighting for our country. Our hearts are with them and their families. On behalf of the entire Borough of Demarest, I want to express our gratitude for their service and sacrifice. We hope that these families can find peace and closure, if not the return of their loved ones.

**PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
OUR GOOD FRIEND AND CONGRESSMAN JOSH GOTTHEIMER:**

I've launched my SALT portal. The portal, which can be found [here](#), will be open for comments until October 4, 2024. Please provide comments in the portal so your voice can be heard in Washington and our SALT deduction fully restored.

*The back story: In 2017, Red Mocher States passed the Tax Hike Bill, which capped the SALT (state and location taxes) deduction to \$10,000 annually. **SALT is a middle-class issue for Jersey: families take an average annual deduction of \$19,000, almost twice the cap. Restoring the full SALT deduction is a key step to making Jersey a better place to live, work, and raise a family.***

*As the Co-Chair of the SALT Caucus, I am rallying North Jersey residents to stand up for SALT. Please use the following form to express your **support for restoring the full SALT deduction before the Tax Hike Bill expires in 2025**, and please share it widely, inviting your neighbors, community members, constituents, and local business owners to comment. All comments are due by **October 4, 2024**, so we can get them to Washington and integrate them into a report we're putting together on SALT. Again, this is a team effort, so we appreciate anything and everything you can do to help spread this widely and get North Jersey residents involved!*

Josh, thank you! Restoring the full SALT deduction is critical to our residents!

Fall (and sweater weather) arrives on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 8:43 AM. At this time, there's an almost equal amount of sunlight and darkness. Get ready for apple picking, Oktoberfest, pumpkin lattes, vivid leaf colors, and autumn leaves beginning to fall.

Election Information:

November 5, 2024 is Election Day!
Here are some important dates:

The last day to register to vote in the upcoming general election is **October 15, 2024**. The Demarest Municipal Clerk's office will remain open until 9 pm on **October 15** for any last-minute registration. No new voter registration will be accepted after 9:00 pm on 10/15/24.

Early in person voting will be held from Saturday October 26, 2024 through Sunday November 3, 2024. Please [click here for locations and hours for early voting](#).

The deadline to apply for a vote by mail application is **October 29, 2024**. The application for a vote by mail application is available [here](#).

If you would like to apply to be a poll worker, please visit the [Bergen County Board of elections here](#).

Have a great weekend & hope to see you tomorrow at Demarest Day!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **986 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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