



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Shana Tovah!

Wishing you a year of peace, good health, prosperity, and warmth of family and friends.
Happy Rosh Hashanah!!

As hurricane Helene threatens Florida and the entire gulf coast, New Jersey has deployed the New Jersey Task Force-1 (NJTF-1), which is one of the 28 federal FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Teams that specialize in search and rescue and Swiftwater rescues. We are very proud that **Matthew Carey** a member of our Fire Department and a Special Police Officer in our PD for serving on this Task Force. **He deployed with the team on Wednesday evening, and we wish him a safe deployment and thank him for his continued service to his community and country. I know you will join me in wishing Matt Godspeed.**

Reminder from DPW:

Branch Removal will continue until **mid-October (weather permitting), when leaf pickup will begin.** Branch pickup is suspended during leaf pick-up season and emergency situations. When placing branches for pickup until then, **PLEASE** do not place any material in with the branches such as stones, lumber, metal, etc. Place large ends of branches facing in the direction of traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Leaf Collection

Leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin Monday October 16 through December 10. (weather permitting). All leaves must be close to the curb, but not within 10 feet of any storm drain. No leaves shall be placed at the curb following the December 10 deadline. The final pickup begins December 11 for leaves placed at the curb by 12/10. All leaves are to be bagged for pick up following the December 10 deadline. Please remind your lawn service company that all leaves must be bagged after December 10.

LEAF PILES MUST BE KEPT FREE OF TWIGS, BRANCHES, STONES AND GRASS OR THEY CANNOT BE PICKED UP!!

Demarest Day Success!

Demarest Day 2024 was a huge success. Many thanks to **Dakota Griffin** for a fantastic job!!! Also, my thanks to **Brandis Bukzin, Leigh Barker, Stephanie Dunatov** and the entire **Recreation Commission** for all of their hard work in making Demarest Day a success. And, thanks to **Marly and her kids [Music with Marly] and TreeOh** for their outstanding musical performances. On the Borough side, my thanks to **Julie**, our Borough Administrator, **Lee**, our Admin Assistant, **Michael**, our Deputy Clerk, the **Demarest DPW, Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.** And, of course, a very special thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. **A job well done by all of you. Thank you!**

In a very close competition, the **Demarest Day Baking contest** was won by **Kelly Casseus** for her Orange Spice Cake. Special recognition to **Marian Burros** [original plum torte] and **Kathleen**

Doshi [carrot cake with candied carrots] for their superb baked entries. I was one of the judges and can tell you, first hand, that the cakes and torte were all delicious!

This Sunday, 9/29 from 5:00-7:00 pm, the Art School at Old Church, 561 Piermont Rd., is holding a Chili Bowl Fest! Tickets are \$30 per person and include one handmade bowl filled with chili, and drinks. Click [here for all the details and to buy tickets.](#)

Demarest Nature Center Oktoberfest:

On Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, join the **Demarest Naure Center** for its Oktoberfest & Craft Fair at the Duck Pond. Click [here for more information.](#)

Free Health Screening:

Bergen County is offering a free health screening event for uninsured and underinsured individuals. This event will be held at the Garfield YMCA (33 Outwater Line, Garfield) on **October 19th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

They will be offering a variety of free health screenings, including:

- Pap smears
- Breast exams
- Mammogram referrals
- Colorectal and prostate screenings
- Flu shots

If you are in need please take advantage of [this opportunity](#) to improve your health and well being.

News from the Demarest Public Library:

Chess Club returns to the library on Saturday, September 28 from 10 - 11:30 am. Children ages eight and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and children cannot visit the library alone until the age of eleven. Players of all levels are welcome!

Borough Historian Mary Anne Clarke will be presenting Demarest History on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm. Register [here](#).

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,028 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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