



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

DROUGHT WARNING!!!

New Jersey is currently under a drought warning. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Governor's office have asked all of us to do our part to **conserve water**. Since June, NJ has seen 6-11 inches **LESS** rain than normal, so as New Jersey continues to experience historically low precipitation, above-average temperatures, and deteriorating water-supply conditions, **residents are encouraged to follow the following water saving tips:**

- At this time of year, it is appropriate to let lawns go dormant for the season.
- Winterize and shut off irrigation systems as soon as possible.
- Only use a watering can to water flowers and shrubs or allow them to go dormant for the season.
- Use a broom to sweep the sidewalk, rather than a hose.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water, as washing your car at home typically results in more water use.
- Take five-minute showers, or at least take shorter showers
- Only run a load of laundry or dishes when machine is full
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth
- Install low-flow showerheads, faucets, and toilets

Thank you for your help – Every Drop Counts!

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The Red Flag Fire Warning remains in effect; and is exacerbated by the drought conditions. **The NJDEP Fire Ban on All Public Lands AND Private Properties Remains in Effect. NO Fire Pits! NO Bon Fires! NO wood or charcoal fires! NO fireworks!** To borrow a well known phrase, **“Only YOU can Prevent Forest Fires!”** Thanks for your cooperation!

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LEAF PICK-UP - The DPW reminds us that **all leaves should be placed at the curb before December 9.** DPW will make one last sweep through town from 12/9-12/13 (weather permitting).

My thanks to the DPW for a job well done! I take this opportunity to personally thank the members of our DPW for their hard work this leaf season, which ends next month. Instead of thanking the Department, I am thanking our members personally: **Jason, Paul, Antonio, Dan, Jimmy, Joe, Keith, & Todd**, our top notch DPW street Leaf crew and **Owen** for keeping our

Borough properties and parking lots leaf free. They have picked up an enormous number of leaves already with a few weeks left in the season. **As I drive through Demarest, I am always impressed** with how quickly and efficiently our DPW accomplishes the hard work of leaf pickup to keep our streets safe and Borough properties free from leaves.

Traffic Alert:

A section of Durie Ave. in Closter will be closed through 11/28 due to a gas line replacement. **The closure is from Schraalenburgh Rd. to Knickerbocker Rd. in Closter and may affect traffic especially near the high school.** The Closter Police will be handling traffic flow but expect delays in this area.

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Calling All Volunteers:

As we begin to wrap up the Borough's business for the year of 2024 and start planning for 2025, I am asking all residents who are interested in volunteering their time to the Borough reach out to me about upcoming volunteer opportunities. **We will have vacancies to fill on many of our Boards and Commissions such as Recreation, Planning/Zoning Boards, Shade Tree, Environmental Commission, just to name a few. If you would like to be considered for an appointment, please send me an email at mayor@demarestnj.gov and let me know if you have a specific skill or interest or even if you are not sure how you can help, but are looking to get involved. I look forward to hearing from you.**

Demarest Library

Chess Club is in the children's section of the library this Saturday, November 16 from 10 - 11:30 am. Players of all levels are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Join us for a **movie matinee screening of [Thelma \(2024 Comedy/Action\)](#) in our new Community Room on Monday, November 18 at 12:30 pm.** Free popcorn will be provided!

Chef Teey will be at the library on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm for a Fresh Mozzarella Stretching Class for Adults. Registration is required. Register [here](#).

IT'S STILL PEEK DEER SEASON –

Peak deer mating season, also known as the rut, varies by location and can occur from late October to late December.

In the northern counties of New Jersey, **the peak of the rut occurs in the first three weeks of November.** Please drive carefully!!!

If there is a deer carcass on your property or the road, please call the Police Department. You can also call Animal Control and they will arrange to have the carcass removed. Their telephone number is: 201-229-4616. Our Borough has a shared service agreement with the County for this service. To my surprise, not every town has a shared service agreement for this purpose.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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