



Friends and neighbors,

Congratulations to one of our new police officers, **Vincent Quintana**, who is finishing up his training at the Bergen County Police Academy this month. Vincent set a record at the Academy by doing **119 push ups in one minute** [and these were legit push ups] during his final training assessments. **WOW!!!** The previous record, which stood for 7 years, was 117. Congratulations on the impressive accomplishment, Officer Quintana!

Calling all seniors!

If you are a resident over 60, I want to hear from you. The Borough is looking to develop programming and facilities to serve our seniors, and your input is invaluable to assess your needs and concerns. If you or a family member is a senior, please reach out to me at mayor@demarestnj.gov or to the Borough Administrator at boroadmin@demarestnj.gov to detail your suggestions, needs and ideas or to set up a meeting if you would like to meet in person. **I also plan to schedule a luncheon in early 2025 for our senior community** where we can sit down together and you can provide me information to better understand our future programming and/or shared service agreements to meet the needs of our seniors. I look forward to hearing from you!

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Starting at 10 am on Sunday 12/22, the Demarest Volunteer Fire Department will be escorting Santa around town. Listen for the sirens on your block and make sure you come outside to say hi! **No need to report the sirens on Ring, it's Santa and his sleigh bell is not working.**

Menorah Celebration

Please remember to mark your calendar for our **Menorah Lighting celebration scheduled for Sunday, December 29th at 7 PM at the Gazebo.** Hanukkah this year is celebrated December 25 – January 2 and candles will be lit each night.

Demarest Library

The Friends of the Demarest Library wants to be Friends!

Membership is now open for 2025! The Friends provide additional equipment, programs, and services for the library. Learn more and become a member today at www.demarestlibrary.org/friends

The Demarest Library holiday hours are as follows: We will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26th next week for Christmas. We will be closing early at 1pm on Tuesday, December 31 and closed on Wednesday, January 1st. We wish you a Happy Holidays & New Year!

Important Reminder Holiday Schedule Alerts –

Borough Offices:

Christmas Eve 12/24/24 early close 1:00 pm

Christmas Day 12/25/24 closed

No Wednesday recycling on:

· Christmas Day 12/25/24; **Rescheduled** for Friday **12/27/24**

· New Year's Day 1/1/25; **Rescheduled** for Friday **1/3/25**

Please mark your calendars.

I want to wish all of our residents a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy Hanukkah**. Please enjoy the holidays and I hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with your families and loved ones!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,087 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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