



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying Hanukkah celebrations. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

I'd like to thank all of our employees, volunteers, boards and commissions, the Borough Council and all of our professionals for their work throughout the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Governing Body and the residents of Demarest.

We received final notice from the Bergen County Commissioners that our Open Space Grant in the amount of \$119,571.00 was approved to refurbish the gazebo. The Gazebo is the iconic center of town used for gatherings and celebrations and dedicated to the memory of cherished resident Nancy Woods. I look forward to working with our special projects engineer and the Woods Family on the renovations in 2025.

Seniors

Thank you to the seniors who have already reached out in response to my request for input on programming and senior needs. I look forward to meeting with our seniors in early 2025 to continue planning.

Menorah Lighting

The Menorah

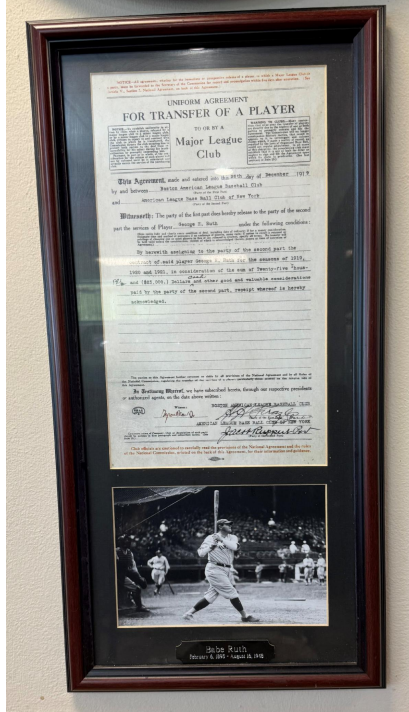
Lighting celebration scheduled for this Sunday, December 29 at 7 PM at the Gazebo. Hanukkah this year is celebrated December 25 – January 2 and candles will be lit each night.

Annual Newsletter

Each of you should have received the Borough's annual newsletter that is supplemental by these weekly emails. The annual newsletter is important since some residents don't receive these weekly emails and we hope you find the 2025 calendar helpful.

Sale of the Century

On December 26, 1919, the Boston American League Baseball Club (Red Sox) sold its' rights to Babe Ruth to the American League Base Ball Club of New York (New York Yankees) for \$100,000. The date of the promissory note to secure the installment payments was December 26, 1919, so even if you don't like the Red Sox, you've got to love the Red Sox!



Demarest Library

The library closing early at 1pm on Tuesday, December 31 and closed on Wednesday, January 1st. We wish you a Happy Holidays & New Year! Visit [website](#) for updates.

Happy Holidays & New Year

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,088 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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