



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Design work has started, and content is being loaded onto our new website. We look forward to a launch in the coming weeks to improve communication with the community.

I want to remind residents that in October of 2023 the Borough adopted an ordinance to address bamboo within the Borough. The goal of the ordinance is to abate current issues and prevent the spread of bamboo to neighboring properties in order to protect properties from damage. If you have bamboo on your property, I urge you to review the requirements in the ordinance [here](#) and plan to abate any issues before summons are issued. If you have any questions about the requirements, please reach out to our Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance department at 201-768-0167 extension 130. Additionally, the Borough's Public Works Department does not have the equipment to pick up bamboo that has been removed from your property. Please make arrangements to have it removed as it will not be picked up in regular branch pick up. If placed by the curb you may be subject to a summons for a violation of the Borough Code.

Upcoming Events:

The Recreation Commission is hard at work planning our 2024 Summer Concert Series and sponsorship forms are available [here](#). Watch your email for a full concert schedule as summer approaches!

The Demarest Nature Center is holding a community trail walk and clean up on Saturday March 2, 2024. To join naturalist Mark Gussen as he leads the walk through the Demarest Trails meet at the Imagination Playground at 10 a.m. The walk will be immediately followed by a spring clean-up in partnership with the Environmental Commission.

The Borough is partnering with the BCUA to offer a paper shredding day for residents on May 11, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the DPW building on Wakelee Drive. Acceptable documents are limited to confidential and sensitive materials only. Non-confidential materials, such as books, magazines, newspapers, etc., will not be accepted at this event. It is not necessary to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binder covers. In an effort to accommodate all those wishing to participate, there is a limit of 4 bags or boxes of documents weighing no more than 10 lbs. each.

The **39th Annual Demarest 5K** is happening on **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**. Registration is now open at demarest5k.org. Don't miss our town's 5k and fun run tradition! To volunteer, donate, sponsor, or ask questions, contact demarest5k@demarestpto.org. Looking forward to seeing our runners, walkers, families and spectators, so lace up and join the fun!

News from the Demarest Public Library:

Join Demarest resident and artist, Rakefet, on Saturday, March 2nd at 11am for an adult

beginner mandala drawing class! All materials will be provided. Register [here](#).

Michiko Tomioka, a Demarest resident and registered dietitian, is returning to the library for another traditional Japanese tea ceremony on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 pm. Welcome Spring early and enjoy a bowl of matcha! Register [here](#).

Laura Sims, a librarian and local author of the 2023 book, *How Can I Help You*, will be coming to the Demarest Library on Saturday, March 9th at 11am. Reserve your seat [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **858 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 on the Demarest homepage [demarestnj.gov] under "Quick Links."*

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