



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

February is Black History Month which was created to recognize and honor the many sacrifices and contributions of African Americans to our country. Bergen County will hold an event celebrating Black History Month on Tuesday February 6 at the Moses Center at Bergen Community College. The event begins at 5:30 pm and will highlight the impact African Americans have had on American culture and society.

My thanks to Alex Parlamis who recently resigned as a member of the Planning Board for his service to the community. While I am disappointed that Alex's current schedule prevents him from continuing on the Board right now, I am grateful for his past service and look forward to a time in the future when his schedule allows him to serve his community again.

I would like to welcome Dimitri Gatanas to the Shade Tree Commission and Fatemah Mamdani to the Planning Board. I was glad to make both of these appointments at our recent Mayor and Council meeting and am confident that Dimitri and Fatemah will both jump right into their new roles. Our volunteers are vital to the community, and I thank all those that continue to serve.

We received confirmation from the County that they will be able to supply the Borough with the rabies vaccine needed to hold our first free rabies clinic since 2019. The clinic will be held at the DPW building on Wakelee Drive on February 10 from 9:30AM-11:00 AM. If your pet's vaccine expires before November 1, 2024, please plan on attending so that you can get your annual license application in before the February 29 deadline. A late fee will be assessed for all applications received on March 1 or later. The application can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to Jodi Reiss on a sensational performance in the Players Guild of Leonia's production of *Death Trap*. Jodi is a Demarest resident and wife of Councilmember Jonathan Reiss and plays the featured role of Myra Bruhl in this comedy thriller. I was lucky enough to attend last weekend and thoroughly enjoyed both her performance and the production. There are additional performances this weekend and next, if you are looking for something to do, tickets are available [here](#).

#### **News From the Library:**

The library invites you to stop by the children's room and decorate Valentine's Day cards for residents in the community on Monday, January 29 and Wednesday, January 31 from 3:30-4:30 pm. No registration required. They provide the materials - just bring your creativity!

Led by an instructor from Steph's Baking Boutique, you can learn to decorate cookies for Valentine's Day, on February 8 at 6pm. You will get to bring three cookies home in a box. Registration required and limited. Call 201-768-8714 to register.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **837 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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found on the Demarest homepage [[demarestnj.gov](http://demarestnj.gov)] under "Quick Links."*

Borough of Demarest | 118 Serpentine Rd., Demarest, NJ 07627

[Unsubscribe boroadmin@demarestnj.gov](mailto:boroadmin@demarestnj.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [boroadmin@demarestnj.gov](mailto:boroadmin@demarestnj.gov) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!