



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I am thrilled to see the new upgraded electronic sign downtown. It's up and running and the Borough will use the sign to share important news and upcoming events. Please be certain to drive or walk by the sign downtown. Thank you all for your patience.

Last month, Gov. Phil Murphy signed a joint resolution making **Lunar New Year**, also known as the Spring Festival and is a new years' celebration, a public holiday in New Jersey. This year, beginning on **February 10**, we usher in the year of the Dragon. New Jersey is home to the third-largest per capita population of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders [AAPI] in the nation. It is important to honor, celebrate and embrace the rich traditions of our diverse AAPI community. To the many families of our community who are celebrating – wishing you good health, good luck and fortune in the new year!

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day this coming Wednesday **February 14!**

Upcoming Events:

Tomorrow, Saturday, **February 10, 2024** from 10 am – Noon, the Demarest Nature Center is holding its **Annual Maple Syrup Day!** Meet at the entrance to the Nature Center adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive for games, hot cocoa, and donuts while you learn how to make maple syrup!

The Borough is holding a **free Rabies Clinic** tomorrow morning, **February 10** from 9:30-11:30 AM at the DPW building on Wakelee Drive.

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 [here](#). 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:

Reminder: Come to *Cruising: Making Waves & Sense* on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6pm to learn from a cruise expert. [Registration](#) recommended.

Want to enjoy a night out this Valentine's Day? The library invites you to drop your kids off at the library from 5-7:30pm for a Friends of the Demarest Library TAB fundraiser. Kids must be 5 and up. More information can be found [here](#).

Do you enjoy reading and discussing great literature in Korean? The Korean Book Club's first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 11am-12pm. They will be discussing **■■■**, **■■■** **■■■** (The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho). More information can be found [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **854 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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