



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I want to commend our DPW and all of emergency services for their response to this week's snow storm. The wet and heavy snow caused downed branches and wires and our team did a great job responding to each of these emergencies and with their storm clean up. Please be careful driving tonight and tomorrow morning as we are expecting some more light snow.

It's less than 40 days until Easter Sunday. For our residents who observe Lent, wishing you and your family a reflective and meaningful Lent.

Borough offices and the Demarest Public Library will be closed on Monday February 19, 2024 in honor of President's Day.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first in a few years rabies clinic. We learned a few things to make next year's clinic run even more smoothly! Remember that all pet licenses are due by the end of February and a late fee will apply to any applications received March 1 or later.

Upcoming Events:

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 [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:

Celebrate Black History Month with a storytime, craft and snack on Tuesday, February 27th at 3:30 pm. Children will learn more about two African American inventors.

Bring your family, your favorite board game, and your competitive spirit on Thursday, February 29th from 6 - 7:30 pm for Family Board Game Night. Pajamas are encouraged and snacks will be provided!

Have a great long weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **857 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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