



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Irish American Heritage Month continues throughout March, this weekend we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I hope you all have a fun and happy St. Patrick's Day Weekend and enjoy responsibly!

This past Monday the month-long observance of Ramadan began for Muslims in our community and around the world. I wish a Generous Ramadan to all!

This week our Police Department conducted a pedestrian safety detail in our downtown area to enforce and educate drivers about pedestrian safety laws; particularly making sure that motorists are stopping to allow pedestrians to cross at the crosswalks. **Please be sure to come to a full stop while pedestrians are in the crosswalk!** I want to thank them for their efforts. As the weather continues to get warmer, please use extra caution especially when school is ending for the day as there are many kids walking and riding bicycles in and around our downtown.

I am happy to announce that the Judiciary has approved the Shared Court Agreement between Demarest and Cresskill. Later this Spring, our Court will be held in Cresskill creating significant savings for the Borough. While we work towards transitioning to the Cresskill Court facility, I would like to thank and express my appreciation to our Court staff: Judge Calabrese, Certified Municipal Court Administrator Deborah Zafonte, Violations Clerk Kara Yako, Public Defender Louis DeAngelis and Prosecutor Linda Schwager.

The Borough Administrator and I met yesterday with the County Executive and his team to explore additional shared services opportunities with the County. I will keep you advised. We had a very productive meeting. Thank you County Executive Tedesco.

Upcoming Events:

On Saturday April 27, 2024 from 10am-2pm, the Demarest Police Department will be taking part in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Take Back Initiative.

The police department will serve as a collection site for citizens to rid their homes of unused, unwanted, or expired medications by disposing of them in a safe and anonymous manner. They will also accept Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices.

Keeping medications away from children and those that may abuse will only serve to keep our community safer.

News from the Demarest Public Library:

Stop by the children's section of the library for Maker's Day tomorrow, Saturday, March 16th from 10am-12pm to participate in STEAM activities! Best suited for ages 4+

Join us in the children's section of the library to celebrate Ramadan and Eid on Monday, March

18th at 3:30pm. There will be a story time followed by cookie decorating, while supplies last.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **867 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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