



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Easter and enjoy this very special day!

I met with our **Congressman Josh Gottheimer** yesterday who continues his unwavering support for Demarest in identifying and helping us secure federal grants for Demarest. The most recent federal grant, a SAFER grant, was for approximately \$220,000. Thank you, Josh! John Goodwin photo contest 2024 – the Demarest Nature Center holds the contest once a year in fond memory of John Goodwin, an original Demarest Nature Center board member, photographer and former resident of Demarest. **Submission Deadline is only days away - March 31, 2024 click [here](#) for more info or to enter**

And they call it Puppy Love. This week, our police department rescued a puppy that escaped his yard and we reached out to the community for their help to find his family. With your help, we found the owner and reunited Marshmallow with his family. Thank you. I also want to thank Lee, Julie, Dot and Michael from Borough Hall for their fabulous and loving care of Marshmallow while he stayed with us for the day until the happy reunion. Your conduct and care for Marshmallow made me proud and should make every resident PROUD. Thank you!! A point to consider - a dog collar, dog tag and microchip would help identify the owner and help reunite families with their lost dogs (and cats)! If we cannot locate the family, the lost pet will be taken to the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro, and we know you wouldn't want that for your pet.

Former United States Senator Joseph I. Lieberman died Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Senator Lieberman was a four-term U.S. senator and served from 1989 – 2013. He was also the first Jewish candidate on a U.S major party presidential ticket. Senator Lieberman's life was dedicated to his family and to public service for our Country. We salute his service to our Country and extend our condolences to his wife Hadassah and family.

Noted Schedule Changes:

Borough Offices will be closed on Friday 3/29/24 in observance of Good Friday.

The second Mayor and Council meeting in April is scheduled for Tuesday April 30, 2024 in observance of Passover.

Upcoming Events:

The Demarest Garden Club's **Annual Plant Sale** is on now! Please click [here](#) for details and an order form to support the garden club. Orders are due April 11, 2024.

In celebration of Arbor Day on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, the Shade Tree Commission will be giving out saplings from 10:00-4:00 in front of the railroad station. Stop by and get ready for spring planting!

Reminder, 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 at this event.

Please note that non-liquid medications can also be dropped off at the Demarest Police Headquarters any time throughout the year, but this event is a good reminder to clean out your medicine cabinet! (*vape pens and e-cigarettes cannot be dropped off any other time, but are accepted at the 4/27/24 Take Back Initiative Event*)

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

From the Library:

The library has two donation drive collection bins. Help those in need by dropping off non-perishable food items for Mega Food Drive and dental hygiene products for CC4U.

Happy Easter!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **874 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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