



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, we had an exciting morning in Demarest! The question asked this morning was “Did you feel it?” And, the answer is: yes, most of you probably felt the earth shake at about 10:25 am from the effects of a reported 4.8 magnitude earthquake, the epicenter being near Lebanon, NJ. It was a little concerning for a few seconds! This is a good reminder to please make sure you are signed up for Nixle alerts from our Police Department. It is the best way to get immediate safety alerts in the event of any kind of disaster. You can sign up by either by visiting nixle.com and registering with our zip code or simply text 07627 to 888777 from your cell phone. Some tips on what to do in case we ever get hit with something a little stronger are [here](#) from the USGS (the United States Geological Survey).

While we are on the topic of impressive natural phenomena, the United States will experience a total eclipse of the sun on Monday April 8. In Demarest, the eclipse will begin at approximately 2:11 pm with the total eclipse likely to occur at 3:25 pm and ending at approximately 4:36 pm. **We remind everyone that it is dangerous to look at an eclipse without proper eye protection. Also, it will likely get dark when the sun is mostly hidden, so drive carefully and turn on your headlights. Please click [here](#) for safety information from NASA.** FYI, Monday’s Yankees game was pushed back four hours due to the solar eclipse. Originally scheduled for 2:05 pm, it will now start at 6:05 pm. A delay of game that is NOT in the baseball rule book!

Our project in collaboration with the County to improve the traffic signal and traffic flow at the Hardenburgh and County Road intersection is moving along even quicker than we had hoped. When we started working with our Special Project Engineer, Neglia Engineering, and Bergen County Engineers in mid 2023 we were advised that the project could take two and half years to five years to complete! However, our work with the County is moving better than expected. We have a resolution for approval by our Council for a shared service agreement with the County on this Monday’s agenda regarding the Project and it’s on the Bergen County Commissioners’ agenda for May 1, along with a final design meeting scheduled for April 10. I will keep reporting the status in my Friday emails.

Lastly, we are preparing a request to Congressman Josh Gottheimer for consideration of Community Project Funding to address infrastructure and flood mitigation in Demarest. Josh has always been committed to clawing back as many federal tax dollars as possible to support our communities and I appreciate his work in this area. I spoke to him last week and he is fighting for us! Thank you, Congressman.

Upcoming Events:

The Demarest Nature Center is having a guided nature walk this weekend. The Community Trail Walk will begin **at 10:00am on Saturday 4/6**. The topic is "*The Structure of Wood - the Beauty Beneath the Bark*". On the hike, they will explore the features and intricacies that are found within

different trees that make them unique. To join the hike, please meet at the entrance to the Demarest Nature Center, near the Imagination Playground adjacent to Wakelee Field.

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 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!

From the Library:

Bring a lawn chair and come listen to rock hits from the '60s on electric cello! Alex Prizgintas will be performing at the Demarest Gazebo on Saturday, April 13th at 1:30pm. More information [here](#).

Noted Schedule Change:

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

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **882 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 about halfway down the homepage.*

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