



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Six New Jersey fallen firefighters will be honored this weekend by the National Firefighters Foundation. A time to pause and appreciate the heroic efforts and the selfless service of the fallen firefighters. It's also a time for our community to pause and thank the Demarest Volunteer Fire Department for their heroic efforts and selfless service. My thanks and appreciation to the members of the Demarest Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended the Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps (DVAC) installation lunch last Sunday with Council President Slowikowski and Council Members Fox and Collins. This annual event is to install new officers and recognize the DVAC's commitment to our residents and the selfless service of its members to our community. Special recognition was given to the following members at the luncheon:

**President's Award:** Michael Ceccon

**EMT of the Year:** Josh Zitomer

**Chief's Award:** Jeff Geisenheimer

**Cadet of the Year:** Jonathan Tillack

**Top Responder:** Jeff Geisenheimer

My sincere thanks to the award winners and the entire DVAC for their 24/7 lifesaving efforts for our community.

Congratulations to Liam McAndrews, a Demarest resident and longtime member of the Demarest Swim Club, for receiving a silver medal in the 1m board and the gold medal on the 3m board at the USA diving regionals in Michigan. Liam was also the regional champion for 12 to 13 year old boys. Congratulations Liam on your achievements and I am sure residents will see you at the Swim Club this summer giving pointers to lifeguards providing diving instructions. **The Demarest Swim Club wants the community to know that it is offering Lifeguard Training and Recertification courses in May and June and looking to hire lifeguards and staff members. Find out more information about the Lifeguard Course and job opportunities at [DemarestSwimClub.org](http://DemarestSwimClub.org).**

Sunday May 6, 2024 is the day of commemoration for approximately six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust by Nazi Germany and its collaborators. The day is also called Holocaust Remembrance Day or Yom HaShoah.

My thanks to the Council, the Finance Committee, our CFO and the Borough Administrator, as well as the Borough's Department Heads for their work in assisting in the introduction of the 2024 budget.

My thanks to DPW Manager Jason Gangi and Foreman Paul McCauley for leading public works employees, Todd Rogers, Jimmy Berlamino, Antonio Petryshyn, Nimon Ibrahimaj, Sean Keohane for cleaning out garbage and removing a truckload of wood and debris from the Brook this week. Their hard work is evident in these before and after pictures. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words!



This Saturday, May 4 is opening day for Demarest Baseball and Softball. It looks like Mother Nature will be cooperating so please come out and see Councilman Marks and me throw out the first pitch for baseball and softball and help us cheer on our young athletes!

June 4 is primary election day. New election machines will be in use for this primary election and the general election in November. Please click [here](#) for an instructional video on the new machines.

**REMINDER:** 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.

**COUNTDOWN:** 10 days till Mother's Day, Sunday May 12. **You know what to do!**

**This week at the library:**

*Hear from a New York Times Book Review and Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2023 Author in a couple weeks. Laura Sims, will be speaking at the library on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 pm. Registration and more information [here](#).*

*The library remains closed for construction. Check for updates about our reopening [here](#).*

Have a great weekend, *May the Fourth be with you and enjoy Cinco De Mayo* 😊

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **886 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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