



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

**This Sunday is Mother's Day. Join me in acknowledging and celebrating the moms who make infinite sacrifices selflessly without hesitation or the blink of an eye. No matter the situation, you are always there for your kids and family. Kudos and thanks to all of you. Wishing you a very Happy Mother's Day!**

We are in the process of updating our records of the Members of the Military/Military Veterans, as we finish planning for our Memorial Day Celebration. If you or someone you know served or continues to serve in our military, please send those names and their contact information to: [mgreco@demarestnj.gov](mailto:mgreco@demarestnj.gov) so we can appropriately recognize those service members.

I want to thank Mike Ferrence and the entire DAA for the great Baseball / Softball Opening Day festivities in Demarest. I also want to thank Council Liaison Dan Marks, Baseball Commissioner Mitch Jain, Softball Commissioner Stephanie Dunatov, all the volunteers, parents and sponsors for their continued support of our kids. My thanks to our fantastic DPW for their spectacular job preparing the fields for the this season and to our Fire Department, EMS and Police for their support and participation. Lastly, I want to thank the Ray Grieche band for providing great music for the day and to acknowledge the fabulous performances by Blair Gardner, Nicole Greiche and Auggie Tabacchi.

This past weekend, I was honored to join The Art School at Old Church for the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Since 1974, the school has been fulfilling its mission of improving life in our community by providing individuals of all ages with opportunities to study with professional artists and instructors in painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry, fiber arts, photography, and filmmaking. Here's to another 50 years of this important cultural gem in Demarest!

In March, I wished everyone a Happy (non-orthodox) Easter but let me extend that wish to those in our community who celebrated Orthodox Easter this past Sunday!

The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health is as important as your physical health. Please take care of yourselves and others in our community. For more information and resources, please visit the [National Alliance on Mental Health](#).

We celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage this month to celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history and community.

Finally, May is also Military Appreciation Month. The observance is to raise awareness, celebrate and show appreciation for all those who have served and continue to serve our Great Nation.

**Interesting Demarest Information:**

Earlier this week, I sent an email to update you on recent police activity in town. In that message,

I shared some information from the Police Department that referred to the “garden section of town.” It turns out that many people may not be familiar with that particular Demarest term. For clarification, the streets between County Road and Hillside Avenue and from Glenwood to Ross on the east side of town are the boundaries of the area of town known as the “garden section.”

### **Upcoming Events:**

Last reminder, the Borough is partnering with the BCUA to offer a paper shredding day for residents tomorrow, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the DPW building on Wakelee Drive. Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only. Non-confidential materials, such as books, magazines, newspapers, etc., will not be accepted at this event. No need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binder covers. 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 Demarest 5K** to benefit Demarest schools is scheduled for May 19. There is still time to participate! For more information and to register visit [demarest5K.org](http://demarest5K.org).

### **This week at the library:**

*Thriller Fans: Hear from NYT Book Review Best Book of 2023 Author Laura Sims, on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 pm. Registration and more information [here](#).*

*The library is still closed but plans to reopen soon. Check for updates [here](#).*

### **Happy Mother’s Day and have a great weekend!**

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **902 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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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