



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Please be advised that on Monday May 20, there will be a large police presence in and around St. Joseph's Church on Piermont Road to attend, and assist with anticipated traffic for, a funeral service in honor of State Trooper SFC Nam Kyu Cho, beginning at 10 am. **Please do not be alarmed by the Police presence.** SFC Cho's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

It is college graduation time! Congratulations to all of you with a family member graduating college. I would like to personally congratulate a few special graduates. **Shivam Patel**, who started as a summer intern with us in the finance office graduated from Montclair University this week and will be joining us full time! Congratulations on your graduation and your appointment as our full-time finance assistant. A few of our Councilmembers are the proud parents of college graduates this year, as well. Congratulations to **Merrick Reiss** - Indiana University Kelley School of Business, **Kate Slowikowski** - Boston College and to **David Collins** - Rutgers University. And, congratulations to Deputy Police Chief Frank Visaggio's daughter, **Amanda Visaggio**, on her graduation from Seton Hall – Doctor of Physical Therapy. You are all part of our Demarest family, and we are very proud of all of you!

I want to share with all of you my gratitude and recognition for **the excellent police work by a member of our Police Department.** Two weeks ago, the PIP Police called out for assistance to locate and apprehend two suspects. Police Officers Joe Solan and Fernando St. Hillaire responded to the call. PTL Solan located and detained two suspects on the PIP, involving the drawing of his weapon and placing one of the suspects in handcuffs. I was notified by Deputy Chief Visaggio, Captain Talty and Lieutenant Del Greco of PTL Solan's actions and their pride in his work. PTL Solan's professionalism and excellence in Police Duty was recognized by his fellow officers and will be formally recognized by the Mayor and Council. My thanks to PTL Solan for his hard work.

Here is a tentative schedule for the development of **Affordable Housing at 127 Hardenburgh.** According to the United Way, they anticipate being ready to apply for building permits this fall and to begin construction in early 2025.

A reminder that our **noise ordinance was updated in 2023** to protect the peace of our residents. Please note that construction, as well as the use of leaf blowers and other loud, power tools is only permitted between 8am and the earlier of sunset or 5pm Monday through Friday and 9am -4pm on weekends. Our police department is ready and able to stop any violation of these restricted times. Please call them when the improper work is being done so they can timely respond and restore peace. When these disturbances are reported to other Borough Officials after the fact, enforcement is more difficult. Our Demarest Police are available to all of our residents 24/7/365! The full ordinance can be viewed [here](#).

**The Demarest Recreation Commission** is looking for volunteers! There are two open spots if you are interested in serving the community. Please send an email to me at [mayor@demarestnj.gov](mailto:mayor@demarestnj.gov) to be considered for appointment.

**Traffic Alert!**

Bergen County is scheduled to **pave Knickerbocker Road from in front of NVD to the Dumont/Cresskill border on June 3, 4, & 5.** Please plan on avoiding the area and heed signage and directions from the Police Department. If you have a student at the high school, please watch for separate communications from the school for drop off and pick up instructions. Also, follow the Demarest Police Department on Instagram @demarestpolice for any schedule updates.

**Anti-Idling Law:**

New Jersey State law prohibits idling with limited exceptions. No one may leave their cars idling for more than 3 minutes without risk of a traffic violation that carries a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine of \$1,000. Idling is harmful to the environment by contributing to global warming, smog and air pollution and is harmful to your health.

**Upcoming Events:**

**The Demarest 5K** to benefit Demarest schools is this Sunday, May 19. For more information visit demarest5K.org.

On Memorial Day, **Monday May 27, the Borough will host its Annual Memorial Day Parade** beginning at 11:30 am. The parade route starts at the Demarest Library on Hardenburgh Avenue and continues east on Hardenburgh Avenue to Piermont Road, north on Piermont Road to Northwood Avenue, east on Northwood Avenue to High Street, south on High Street to Hardenburgh Avenue, west on Hardenburgh Avenue to the monument at the Duck Pond. We will have a small ceremony and some refreshments courtesy of Dunkin Donuts at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**Schedule Update:**

Beginning May 24 through the summer, Borough offices will begin a **modified summer schedule**. Staff will shorten lunch times, which will increase their availability Monday-Thursday and all offices will close at 12:30 pm on Fridays through Labor Day. Limited senior staff will be available select Friday afternoons, as needed by the Borough.

**This week at the library:**

**The library is now open!** Please visit the Library to see their renovation improvements. More information [here](#).

Join Children's author Tracey Baptiste on Tuesday, May 28th from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm at the United Methodist Church for a Pirates and Mermaid Author Talk. Tracey will read her new book *Mermaid and Pirate*. There will be a costume party, activities, treats, and books for sale. Register [here](#)

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **905 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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