



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Safety Alert: A bear cub was spotted near Holy Angels in Demarest last night, shortly after a large bear was spotted on the west side of Cresskill. Please exercise caution when spending time outside and particularly keep an eye on kids and pets. If you see a bear, do not approach and do not leave any food sources, like unsecured garbage out. For more tips on bear encounters click [here](#).

This coming **Tuesday is primary election day**. Your vote is your voice so make it heard and make sure you vote.

Please see the message from our Borough Clerk below on how you can vote. I voted early at the Fort Lee location and it was a very easy process. Early voting is available through this Sunday.

A Message from the Clerk's office:

Next Tuesday June 4, 2024 is primary election day. Polls are open on 6/4 from 6 am to 8 pm. All Demarest voters vote at County Road School, 130 County Rd. Early voting is available now, through Sunday 6/2 at several locations around the County. Mail in ballots can be dropped in the drop box at Borough Hall right here in Demarest or at any of the other drop boxes around the County. For early voting locations and drop box locations click [here](#).

2024 Road Paving:

The following roads are scheduled to be paved in mid-June:

- Mayforth Terrace (Stelfox to Eastern Terminus)
- Broad Street (Piermont to Eastern Terminus)
- Duck Pond Road (Northern Terminus to Alpine Border)
- Lauren Pond Court (County Rd to Western Terminus)
- Van Horn St. (Madison to Northern Terminus)

Final road design is with the Department of Transportation for approval for road paving of Stewart and Stelfox with the goal of Fall paving.

We are currently out to bid for the paving of Madison Avenue, which is also scheduled to be completed this year.

Please watch your emails for definitive dates to come and follow the Demarest Police Department on Instagram [@demarestpolice](#) for the most up to date traffic alerts.

Our Borough Administrator, DPW Manager and Borough Engineer are reviewing the condition of roads around town for possible additional Fall 2024 paving, as well as finalizing our 2025 road paving goals. Many factors including but not limited to budget, availability of grant funding and schedules of other construction projects all have an impact on paving schedules; however, if you think your road is in need, please email boroadmin@demarestnj.gov to make sure it is being considered.

Traffic Alert!:

Please remember to plan an alternate route if you normally use Knickerbocker Rd. as Bergen County is scheduled to **pave Knickerbocker Road from in front of NVD to the Dumont/Cresskill border on June 3, 4, & 5 (weather permitting)**. Please follow 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.

Demarest Nature Center - Community Trail Walk

Join the Demarest Nature Center for their monthly **Community Trail Walk, Saturday, June 1** at 10:00AM. Meet at the entrance to the Imagination Playground near Wakelee Field

Join them as they set out on the trails and do a group scavenger hunt, looking for a variety of nature-themed items. All ages (including adults) are welcome! There will be cool prizes!

June 1 is also National Trails Day. Come help clear the spring overgrowth from the trails and make the nature center more enjoyable for all to use! Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves.

Schedule Update:

Remember, beginning tomorrow, 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:

Michiko Tomioka, registered dietitian, is presenting a Demarest Nutrition Series on Thursday nights in June at 6:15 pm. Learn the basics of nutrition, the benefits of plant-based meals, mindful eating, along with small food samplings. Register for the Thursday night series [here](#). Michiko will offer an additional general nutrition class on June 10th at 1pm. Register [here](#).

Are you looking to downsize your home? See the [library website](#) for upcoming events and registration.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **916 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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