



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

June is Pride Month in the United States and elsewhere around the world. Pride celebrations began as a commemoration of LGBTQ+ visibility and inclusion following the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, a series of gay liberation protests in June of 1969. This month we celebrate our families, friends and neighbors that are members of the LGBTQ+ community and wish them **Happy Pride!**

Yesterday, **June 6, 2024, was the 80th Anniversary** of 73,000 American troops joining the Allied forces to carry out one of the greatest military missions in history that would simply become known as **D-Day**. In December 1943, a command team led by American General Dwight D. Eisenhower began planning the unprecedented naval, air and land operations that would mark D-Day. The bravery, sacrifice and heroism of the troops that day started a path toward liberation of a continent and saved the world from tyranny. Please take a moment to remember the thousands of Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives on that day. On that fateful day, D-Day, the sacrifice by perhaps our country's greatest generation marked the beginning of the end of the World War II, Nazi control of Europe, the holocaust and saved the world. We honor their bravery, service and sacrifice and are reminded that Freedom is not free. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid. May our soldiers who lost their lives saving the world forever rest in peace.

The County Paving Project on Knickerbocker Rd. was completed this week. Thank you to everyone for your patience with the temporary traffic measures.

Upcoming Events:

Demarest Annual Summer Concert Series kicks off on **June 26 featuring Sidepiece**, a band that includes Demarest DPW's own Todd Rodgers. All concerts are at the gazebo and begin at 7:30 pm. Thank you to the Recreation Commission for planning these great events and to Christine Nicholas of KW Town Life for her continued sponsorship that makes our Summer Concerts possible. I hope to see all in the park! For the full summer line up visit the Borough Website.

Demarest Swim Club:

Demarest Swim Club will host another open house this weekend! All are welcome to check out the **pool Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 from noon to 7pm for just \$10 per person a day**. In addition, the Demarest Swim and Dive Team is hosting a kickoff party from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday June 11 at the swim club. The party will include a pop-up swimsuit shop (to purchase the team suit), pizza, games and another opportunity to register for the team. If you have interest in either the swim or dive team, this is your opportunity to find out more!

This week at the library:

The Bergen County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center will be bringing select cats and dogs to the Demarest Library for a Meet & Greet, on Wednesday, June 12 from 5-7 pm. There will be no adoptions at this event, but you can fill out an application!

"What's Nutrition?" with Michiko Tomioka, RDN, will talk about macro and micronutrients, the SAD diet, as well as a small tasting. Join us on Monday, June 10th from 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).

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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