



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

*In Memory of **Edwin Hirning**, a long-time Demarest resident who passed away the night of Sunday, June 9, 2024, at the age of 79. Edwin was a member of, and an asset to, the Demarest Shade Tree Commission for more than 20 years. His years of dedicated service was important to our town and appreciated by the Commissions, Mayors and Councils he served. My heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife Kathy and their family. Rest in Peace, Ed.*

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Happy Father's Day to all the dads and granddads! Hope you all have a great weekend with an opportunity to kick back, relax and enjoy the day!

June is National Cancer Survivors Month. Please honor cancer survivors, support those who are still on their journey and remember loved ones and friends who have passed.

It was my honor this week to swear in two **new Demarest police officers, Kyle Polo and Vincent Quintana**. We are confident they will be assets to the Demarest Police Department and serve our community well after completing their training at the Bergen County Police Academy. We welcome Officers Polo and Quintana to our Demarest family.

I was also honored to present five of our Police Officers with commendations for their exceptional police work and bravery. Commendations were presented to **SRO Don Cho, Lt. Joe Del Greco, Lt. Paul Schmidig, and Detective Brian Hampton** for their Outstanding Police Work and Bravery in response to the NVD Lockdown on April 24, 2024 and to **Officer Joseph Solan** for his Outstanding Police Work in assisting the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police in apprehending two suspects on May 4, 2024. They all deserve our recognition, praise and commendations for their remarkable professionalism, training, courage, and bravery. Thank you!

New Turn Lane at Duck Pond Intersection! - Yes, we will be getting new traffic lights at the Duck Pond with a turn arrow [north on County to make left onto Hardenburgh] to make that intersection safer for our school kids, residents, pedestrians and drivers. I have been working with the County to approve upgrades to address pedestrian safety and signalization improvements at the intersection of County Road and Hardenburgh Avenue. Last week, I signed a shared service agreement with Bergen County for those improvements. My sincerest thanks and appreciation to County Executive **Jim Tedesco** and the **Bergen County Board of Commissioners** for partnering with Demarest to make these improvements. Special thanks to **Tom Connolly** and **Nancy Dargis** for their assistance on this project. See Press Release [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

The Borough office will be closed next **Friday, June 21, 2024**, in observance of **Juneteenth**.

Summer Concert in the Park:

The Demarest Recreation Commission will host seven summer concerts this year. All concerts will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9 pm at the Gazebo. **June 26, 2024**, starts off the

season with **Sidepiece**, a band focused on fun, playing rock and country favorites.

This week at the library:

The children's summer reading registration starts Tuesday, 6/18 at 9 am. Register online [here](#) and be sure to stop into the library and pick up a summer reading packet! The library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

This week at the Swim Club:

Demarest Swim Club will have its last open house on Father's Day weekend. Everyone is welcome to visit the swim club for \$10 per person per day. Youth under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult. In addition the DSC will begin swim lesson registration on Saturday for interested members.

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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