



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Summer has arrived and it brought the **HEAT!** Make a plan to stay cool, take cool showers, move to an air-conditioned place. If not available, spend time at our public library (hours of operation can be found here) or come to Borough Hall [available 7 days of the week], both of which are air conditioned. Borough Hall serves as a cooling center for anyone who needs respite from the heat. If you arrive and the front door is locked, call Police Headquarters at 201-768-1540 for access. Make sure to wear loose clothing, drink plenty of water, and stay hydrated!

Richard Locke, a labor attorney to countless police departments around the state including Demarest Police passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

I was honored to attend the Demarest Middle School graduation this Tuesday and want to congratulate all of the graduates. Thank you to the teachers, administrators and staff for their hard work this year. I was especially impressed by Class Vice President Max Brillhart, who gave a wonderful speech at the commencement. Good luck to all the graduates as they move to high school!

Northern Valley Demarest held its graduation ceremony this week as well. Congratulations to all of the graduates, we wish you well as you move on to college or work life.

In our own Demarest family, I'd like to congratulate Council President Andrea Slowikowski's son **Matthew** on his graduation from NVD; Deputy Chief Frank Visaggio's daughter **Ava** on her graduation from West Essex High School; BOH/Shade Tree Secretary Lee Campbell's daughter **Chloe** on her graduation from Cresskill High School; CFO Peter Suh's daughter **Hailey** on her 8th grade graduation and DPW Manager Jason Gangi's son **Jason** on his 8th grade graduation. Congratulations to all of you and have a great summer!

If you are a fan of local theater, please consider visiting the Leonia Players to see Councilman Jonathan Reiss, along with his wife and son performing in the 2024 Marshall Playwright's Showcase June 28 through June 30. They are a very talented family! More information about the show can be found [here](#) and tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

Demarest Annual Summer Concert Series kicks off next week 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. For the full summer line up visit the Borough Website.

This week at the library:

Summer Little Wiggles Storytime will meet on Mondays at the Demarest Gazebo at 10:30am, starting June 24th! Join Ms. Jen for stories, songs, and fun! In the case of inclement weather, we will meet at the library.

Join us for the Summer Reading Kickoff at the Gazebo on Monday, June 24th at 3pm. There will be scientific fun with Mad Science and ice cream sponsored by the Friends of the Demarest Library. Don't forget to sign up for summer reading [here](#).

Have a great weekend and please stay cool!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **918 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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