



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

IMPORTANT - July 14 was Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Day in New Jersey. Last year, Governor Murphy signed into law bi-partisan joint resolution ([SJR-128](#)), declaring July 14 Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Day for the State of New Jersey. The Day is in honor of **Max Lenowitz** who tragically died of fentanyl on his 25th birthday, July 14, 2022, and all of the other precious lives lost to fentanyl poisoning in our State. Max's mom reached out to ask me to spread the word that fentanyl remains a grave danger to our kids. The new drug, **xylazine**, targets kids in the form of counterfeit prescription pills, laced cocaine, and laced non-dispensary marijuana. **It is incumbent upon us to educate our kids and never assume that they are safe because they are good kids.** In memory of Max and all of the other victims, please take a moment to talk to your kids about these dangers.

Demarest and a Call for Volunteers – The Borough came into existence on April 8, 1903. The earliest settlers of the area, now known as Demarest, was in 1723, more than 300 years ago. In 1920, our population was 634; today, approximately 5,000! Our town is beautiful and we are always working to improve it and to retain its bucolic and residential character. It is truly a wonderful place to live. I am honored to serve as your Mayor and to work with the Council, our employees and volunteers. All are hardworking and GREAT; but more volunteers are always needed. **Volunteers help us keep our town a beautiful, vital and engaged community.** There are many volunteer opportunities to serve on boards, commissions and committees and from time-to-time, vacancies on our many boards, commissions and committees arise. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email the Borough Administrator at boroadmin@demarestnj.gov or me at mayor@demarestnj.gov with any particular interests. **I would like to create a roster of willing volunteers to select from in order to fill positions as they arise. Your input and involvement are needed and always appreciated!**

As the July heat continues, please remember that **Borough Hall** is always available as a cooling center. If access to the building is needed after normal business hours, please dial Police Headquarters at 201-768-1540 for access to the building.

Upcoming Events:

Next up in the Demarest Concert Series is- Music with Marly, rock music played by local kids who train with Marly. They are fantastic and you shouldn't miss the opportunity to hear them perform. The concert is scheduled for July 24 at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you all at the gazebo for a great night!

Our **Recreation Commission** continues their hard work planning for **Demarest Day 2024. It is scheduled for 9/21 with a rain date of 9/28.** If you would like to participate or are able to support their fundraising efforts, please [click here](#) for more information and a registration form.

Mark your calendars for **October 5** for the Demarest Nature Center's **Oktoberfest at the Duck Pond.** More details will follow as the event date approaches.

This week at the library:

Join **Certified Meditation Teacher, Revital**, for a short Guided Meditation to start your day feeling relaxed. Register for the class on **Tuesday, July 30 from 10:30 - 11:00 am** [here](#).

Learn about different herbs and how to Up Pot with a farmer from Closter Farm on **Thursday, Aug 1 at 6 pm.** Register for the Adult Herb Up Potting Class [here](#).

The library is offering outdoor Summer Flow Yoga at the Demarest Gazebo on **Tuesday, August 6 from 9:30 - 10:30 am** with RYT Lorig. Register [here](#).

Swim Club:

Demarest Swim Club [DSC] is excited to announce a **special late night swim open to the public on Thursday, July 25. Non-members are welcome for \$10 a person starting at 5pm.** The pool will be open until 8:30pm and the grounds will close at 9pm. That night, Yasou Mykonos will donate to the DSC 20% of the proceeds of all orders that mention the Demarest Swim Club.

The Swim Club would also like to welcome local senior citizens **[65 and older]** to come cool off at the pool on **Wednesday afternoons for \$10 a person.** We recommend visiting after 2:30pm for the remaining Wednesdays in July while camps are in still in session, but after 1pm on Wednesdays in August.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **928 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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