



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Happy New Year! I hope 2025 brings you and your families good health, peace and happiness.

I want to thank everyone who came out to the **Menorah lighting** on 12/29. It was a beautiful and well attended event. While rain was forecasted, Mother Nature cooperated with warm weather and held off the rain until after the candles were lit! Thanks to our **Police and DPW** for their support of the event. And, my thanks to the **Recreation Commission** and **Chabad of Tenafly** for helping plan and run the event.

2025 Reevaluation

The town's 2025 revaluation is nearing completion. You will receive a letter with your 2025 Assessment and additional information within the next 10 days. Appraisal Systems Inc. (ASI) will arrange for informal hearings at Borough Hall if you have any issues regarding your assessment. **The hearings should commence beginning the week of January 13. If your home has not been inspected, you should make immediate arrangements with ASI for an inspection. You can call them directly at 201-493-8530. More information is available [here](#).**

Peanut Farmer to President

We lost a great statesman and humanitarian this past week when **former President Jimmy Carter died at the age of 100**. Our 39th President was the first president to reach the age of 100. His post White House years included leading the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project for **Habitat for Humanity** for more than 30 years. President Carter, working hand in hand with more than 100,000 volunteers, built, renovated or repaired more than 4,400 homes in 14 countries, all while raising awareness of the need for affordable housing. **Flags will be flown at half-mast until end of the month in recognition and mourning of President Carter.**

Demarest Nature Center

Ever wonder where many of the warm-weather creatures, such as frogs, turtles and chipmunks, go for the winter? Come learn on our monthly trail walk this **Saturday, January 4th at 10am**. Jeff Shaari will lead the hike and also discuss other nature center inhabitants that brave the elements and stay outside all winter. **Meet at the Demarest Nature Center entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive.**

Recycling:

[Click here for a quick link for your 2025 recycling schedule.](#)

Demarest Library

Come learn about and taste **Indian recipes** from different regions of India on **Thursday, January 16 at 6 pm**. This program is for adults. Please register [here](#).

The second annual Muslim Heritage Month Celebration will take place on **Saturday, January 18 from 10 am - 12 pm**. All are welcome to join this family-friendly event with food, music, crafts, games and more. Registration encouraged. More information [here](#).

There will be a hands-on traditional Tatreez & Tea Embroidery Class for adults on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 pm**. Please register [here](#).

Please check the [library calendar](#) to stay up to date with our programs.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,090 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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