



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

All three of Demarest's probationary Police Officers, Kyle Polo, Vincent Quintana and Luke Cataldo graduated the Bergen County Police Academy this past Wednesday. They all excelled and we are proud of them all. Special note for Officers Polo and Quintana, who were individually recognized during the ceremony.

**Kyle** received the award for the ***Highest Academic Achievement*** in recognition of attaining the highest academic grade point average throughout the 22 weeks of training as he graduated at the top of the class.

**Vincent** received an award for placing third in the ***"Iron Man" Competition***, which is a very rigorous physical fitness challenge that encompasses push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, swimming, shooting, and finally a 5k run. Not all the recruits even qualify to participate in this demanding challenge.

**The Environmental Commission**, subject to sufficient enrollment, is initiating a **voluntary community food composting program in Demarest**. They will host an in person info session at the **Demarest Library January, 22 at 6:30 pm** as part of their outreach and informational campaign.

Registration to attend is required, the link to the EC Library event registration, as well as composting sign-up page.

Library info session: [Demarest Community Composting - LibCal - Bergen County Cooperative Library System](#)

Compost sign-up: [Demarest Municipality Composting Program](#)

***A quick rundown from the EC:***

**Food composting** is one of the most impactful ways that individuals can support the environment. Landfills are the third largest source of human-related methane emissions in the US. Composting household food scraps prevents landfill methane emissions, and creates new healthy soil that benefits the environment.

Demarest residents who participate can drop-off their food waste at the community site, located near the electronics recycling bin near Wakelee Field. It costs a household \$16/mo to participate, and the program won't go live until we have 22+ households signed up. The program will begin once 22 participant families are enrolled. The EC hopes they will be able to begin February 1.

**Demarest Library:**

All are welcome for the Muslim Heritage Month Celebration that will take place on **Saturday, January 18 from 10 am - 12 pm**. This is a family friendly event with food, coffee, music performance, crafts, games and more. Registration encouraged but please stop by! More information [here](#).

There are still some spots left for the hands-on traditional Tatreez & Tea Embroidery Class for adults on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 pm**. Register [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,092 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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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