



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

While Spring is not yet here, Valentine's Day is here. Wishing everyone a beautiful day filled with love, happiness and heartfelt moments with a loved one. **Happy Valentine's Day!**

Reminder: Borough offices are closed Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Visit the NJ Division of Taxation [here](#) for information on property tax relief programs in NJ including **Senior Freeze, Anchor Program, as well as a newer program called Stay NJ.**

The Stay NJ program offers property tax benefits to eligible homeowners aged 65 and older. It reimburses applicants for 50% of their property tax bills, up to a maximum of \$13,000, with a **2024 benefit reimbursement cap of \$6,500.** To qualify, you must have owned and lived in your home for the full 12 months of 2024 and have an income below \$500,000. **The deadline to file for NJ Stay benefits is October 31, 2025.** Payments for eligible recipients are expected to be issued in early 2026.

Daniel Eisenberg is a former resident of Demarest responsible for the **"Lights on Evergreen"** Christmas light show that so many of us enjoyed for years. Daniel raised over \$50,000 for the American Heart Association in memory of his beloved mother **Elena** from donations raised from his sensational holiday light show.

Unfortunately, on July 4th, 2023, **Daniel became fully paralyzed** in a tragic boating accident and, just 2 weeks ago, was told that his condition is rapidly deteriorating. A friend of Daniel's asked me to share [this link to a Go Fund Me campaign](#) aimed at helping Daniel in his time of need.

Demarest High School Musical:

Please support our NVD students in their production of ***Anastasia The Musical!***

Anastasia is a spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. Shows are **Friday, 2/28 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, 3/1 at 2:00 pm (an abridged children's version) and 7:00 pm, and Sunday, 3/2 at 2:00 pm.**

Tickets can be purchased at nvdbooktix.com

Final Dress Rehearsal, ***open to senior citizens only,*** on **Thursday 2/27 at 6:00 pm.** For information contact marconid@nvnet.org

Demarest Swim Club:

Demarest Swim Club is excited to announce **early bird registration for summer 2025 through April 1, after which rates will increase.** This year the swim club is offering weekend-only full-season memberships in addition to its regular line up of full or partial memberships. As always, there is a discounted rate for senior citizens aged 65+. A discount is also being offered to members of local ambulance corps, fire and police departments, military, current teachers and borough employees with proof of service or employment. Go to DemarestSwimClub.org for more information and the application or email DemarestSwimClub@gmail.com. Our phone service is

on pause until April, but you can request a return phone call via email. **The swim club is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 24 of Memorial Day Weekend!** Sign up now for the early bird discount rates!

Town's Annual Shredding Event:

Please mark your calendar for this year's free shredding event, to be held near our DPW Building on **Saturday, 4/19 from 9 am-1 pm (rain or shine)**. Please check my emails and the Town website for more details as we get closer to the event.

Demarest Library:

The library will be closed on Monday, February 17 in honor of Presidents Day. All returns can be made in the book drop on the Stelfox St. side of the library.

Join us for our **movie matinee screening of The Fall Guy (2024) on Monday, February 24 at 12:30 pm** in the newly renovated Community Room at the library. Free popcorn will be served!

There are still a few spots open for our **Japanese Tea Ceremony on Thursday, February 27 from 6 - 7 pm** with Michika Tomioka, RDN and Japanese native. Learn more about the benefits of Chado and experience a matcha tasting. More information and registration [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,099 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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