



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps:

The Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps (DVAC) members will be available the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm to meet residents, see our ambulances and equipment, ask general questions, and get more information on becoming a volunteer. **Demarest residents are encouraged to come down to meet our volunteer members!**

DVAC responds to approximately one medical emergency a day and is always looking for new members that are serious about helping our community. It is never too late to learn invaluable life saving skills and there is no better feeling than helping your neighbor in a time of need - **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. We look forward to seeing you at our building. You do not need to become an EMT to help; You can help in other ways, like being a driver. **Please come down to the ambulance building, meet the volunteers, kick the tires, ask questions, and see if you are interested.**

Shared Municipal Court:

I am pleased to report that the **integration of the shared Municipal Court with Tenafly has been completed**. I received an email from the **Judge Choi** who now serves as the Municipal Court Judge for Tenafly and Demarest. He reports that shared Court has already concluded two sessions under the shared service agreement. **My thanks to our Court staff, Borough Administrator Julie, The Tenafly Mayor and Council, the certified court administrator in Tenafly and Tenafly's Borough Administrator for making the shared service agreement for our Courts a reality**. We realized an **added bonus**, namely, the offices previously dedicated to our Court at Borough Hall will now be repurposed for Borough use.

Ramadan Crescent Lighting Celebration:

On Wednesday, February 26, Demarest held its **first ever Ramadan Crescent Lighting event**. The well-attended event represents another example of our community's rich cultural diversity and the spirit of inclusiveness. **This special event, like the town's tree lighting and Menorah lighting events, brings us closer together, building bridges of friendship, understanding and mutual respect among neighbors, regardless of faith or cultural background**. The celebration was beautiful and is particularly meaningful for our children, as it helps them see their culture, values and traditions embraced and celebrated by the community. **Bergen County presented the Borough of Demarest with a Certificate of Commendation, signed by Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco, III**, honoring Demarest in appreciation for our commitment and efforts to share and educate the importance of promoting peace and understanding among people of different faiths and cultures. My thanks to **Huma Munawar**, the Demarest Muslim community, event organizers and community members for their dedication and hard work in making the event possible. **Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families that celebrate Ramadan!**

Purim Celebration 2025:

This year, **Purim will begin on the evening of Thursday, March 13 and end at nightfall,**

Friday, March 14. This holiday is about joy, celebration and fun! To our families celebrating Purim, please have fun and be careful if the kids are walking in costumes.

DMV to Visit Demarest:

Please mark your calendars!

The Mobile DMV Unit will, be in Demarest, parked at the train station parking lot from 9 am – 3 pm on Friday, May 9. Appointments are not available until 30 days before the event and I will share the link for appointments in my Friday email, and it will be available at our website. **Please sign up early if you are seeking a Real ID license. Appointments will go quickly!!** Why go to DMV, if the DMV will be here. **Remember, at present, starting May 7, 2025, you will need Real ID to fly, unless you have and present your valid passport – even on all domestic flights.**

NVD Project Graduation 2025 Fundraisers:

Hope you attended **Comedy Night yesterday.** It was a fundraiser and FUN!

Still to come - purchase bed sheets and support both LA families impacted by the fires and Project Graduation. For \$45 per set, **Project Graduation** will drop ship new sheets to be distributed to families in need. Send \$45 via Zelle to nvdprojgrad@gmail.com or drop off a check at the high school made payable to Project Graduation and put sheets in the memo line.

On Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm the Harlem Wizards will be playing in the South Gym at NVD.

Support your NVD Seniors, Class of 2025 by purchasing tickets here. Any questions, please email nvdprojgrad@gmail.com

Demarest High School Musical:

It's opening night for Anastasia The Musical!

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

Demarest Swim Club:

Demarest Swim Club wants to remind you that **early bird registration for summer 2025 runs through April 1, after which rates will increase. Go to DemarestSwimClub.org for more information and the application or email DemarestSwimClub@gmail.com.** Their 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:

Despite all of the emails, text messages, computers and cell phones, many of you are still buried under reams of paper. Hence, a Demarest shredding event to liberate you! 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 Nature Center:

Please join us for the monthly **DNC Community Trail Walk on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10AM.** Meet at the Demarest Nature Center entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive. [Click here for more information.](#)

Demarest Library:

Journaling for Self-Care Workshop for teens and adults is happening next week, on **Thursday, March 6, from 6 - 7:30 pm.** This workshop will be led by **Anjali Mani**, a LSW with 20 years of experience. There are still spots available, reserve a seat [here](#).

Join town resident and yoga instructor **Lorig Hamparian for Evening Yin Yoga on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm.** Register [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,104 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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