



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

In Memoriam

Last month, we said goodbye to **Edwin "Barney" Barber**. Barney was a long time resident of Demarest and passed away peacefully on February 5, 2025 at 97 years of age. Barney served on the Demarest zoning board and was an officer of the Demarest library. He was also a long time parishioner of Saint Joseph's RC Church in Demarest where he served as an usher. Barney also proudly served in the US Army. **It was a pleasure to know him and on behalf of the Governing Body and the many lives he touched in Demarest, we send our deepest condolences and sympathies to his family. Rest in Peace, Barney.**

This past Wednesday marked the beginning of **Lent, a 40 day period of penance and prayer for Christians**. I wish all who observe, a peaceful and meaningful Lenten Season.

Purim begins at sundown on March 13. Wishing all those who observe, **Happy Purim!**

Women's History Month

We celebrate Women's History Month every March to honor women who have made history throughout history. We honor the mothers, wives, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and granddaughters who have made incredible contributions to our families, businesses, government, economy and our society. **I salute all of the present and past women, and welcome future generations of women** that have or will march, protest and educate the rest that we are all created equal and thank each of them for their extraordinary contributions.

Employee Appreciation Day:

Celebrated on the first Friday in March (that's today, March 7), to recognize employees for their hard work. So, on behalf of the Governing Body and all of the residents of Demarest, let me thank each and every Demarest employee for your incredible hard work and dedication. Your commitment to excellence, the Borough and its residents are truly valued and greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!!**

Are You Ready To Spring Ahead?

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 9, 2025. This means you should set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep tomorrow night. The bottom line: we lose an hour sleep, but get a later sunrise and sunset until Autumn! This is also a good reminder to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

Pet Licenses are overdue!

Please be advised that late fees apply to all license applications received. If you have not yet licensed your pet for 2025, please be sure to get your application in to avoid a summons.

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. **There will be an in-person registration at Borough Hall Thursday, March**

27 from 6pm -8 pm.

Town's Annual Shredding Event:

Enough with holding on to paper- it's time for a Spring cleaning or a free Spring shredding. 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:

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

The library is holding a Tzatziki & Pita Making Class with Chef Teey, on Thursday, March 20 from 6 - 7 pm

Spots are limited, and Demarest residents get priority. Register [here](#).

Come by the children's section of the library and participate in Makers Day on Saturday, March 22 from 10 am - 12 pm. There will be plenty of STEAM activities for children to enjoy!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,109 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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