



Friends and neighbors,

Pope Francis Rest in Peace –

*Many NJ residents and Catholics worldwide are mourning the death of **Pope Francis**. The 88-year-old pope died Monday, April 21 at his Vatican residence. He was a champion of the poor, marginalized and disenfranchised. He was elevated to the papacy as the 266th pope on March 13, 2013. Hoping his work and legacy help create a more just and compassionate world.*

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Special Meeting Monday 4/28/25

The Mayor and Council will hold a special meeting Monday 4/28/25. **The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm** with the Council adjourning to an Executive Session (not open to the public) to be followed by a **Public Session at 6:15 pm** on the subject of the paving and design of Stelfox and Stewart Streets, including the trees marked for removal. Our regularly scheduled council meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

NFL Draft

Giants had a BIG night, as did the Jets at the 2025 Draft.

With the 3rd selection, **GIANTS** selected **Abdul Carter**. Edge, Penn State. According to scouts, he has as an explosive first step, effective hands and speed. Giants then traded back into the First Round to make a QB selection. They selected Jaxson Dart, QB, Ole Miss. Let's hope this Ole Miss QB can't miss and is as successful as our last Ole Miss QB! **GO GIANTS!!**

With the 7th pick, **Jets** selected a top-rated tackle – **Armand Membou**, OT, Missouri. Per the scouts, he is athletic, has foot quickness, power and balance. **J-E-T-S, JETS, JETS, JETS!!!**

Baseball and Softball in Demarest this Weekend?

This Saturday, Northern Valley Demarest will host the 15th Annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Challenge featuring 4 softball games starting at 9 am at NVD. **As of this writing, they are trying to go ahead on Saturday despite the forecast, but the rain date is Sunday 4/27.**

Opening Day Baseball and Parade Postponed to Saturday May 3 due to anticipated bad and wet weather this Saturday morning. **DAA Opening Day and Parade** will be held on **May 3, 2025!**

The Art School at the Old Church pop-up event featuring arts and crafts for sale near the Train Station will also be **postponed, and they are working on a rescheduled date. We will share that information when it is available.**

The Nature Center Annual Canoe Day event is also postponed. The rescheduled event will be May 10 from 11am-4pm.

Demarest Library

There will be an in-person Yoga Mini-Retreat with Karen Noel, our continuing community yoga instructor and yogini, **Saturday April 26 from 10 am - 12 pm at the United Methodist Church** at Demarest. Join her for a relaxing morning for *Exploring Contemplative Practices for Brain and Body*. Register [here](#).

Chess Club is back after a Spring Break hiatus. All levels are welcome to attend the Children's Room on Saturday, April 26 from 10 - 11:30 am. No registration necessary, but please sign-in at the desk!

Notable Events on or about April 25

1719: Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," the first English novel, was published.

1898: The United States declared war on Spain, marking the beginning of the Spanish-American War.

1953: James Watson and Francis Crick's discovery of the structure of DNA was published in Nature.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,134 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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