



Friends & Neighbors:

Happy Mother's Day!

To all the moms, grandmas, godmothers, aunts, big sisters and those special friends who fill in when mom is not around, I hope you have a wonderful day surrounded by family and friends getting the pampering you deserve!

An American is Elected Pope for the First Time!

Robert Francis Prevost was elected pontiff on the second day of the conclave and selects name **Pope Leo XIV**. He is the 267th Pope and the leader of 1.4 billion Roman Catholics around the world.

PLAY BALL -

My thanks to the **DAA** for not only arranging for perfect weather this past Saturday but also for providing a great **Baseball & Softball Opening Day Event** with a fantastic parade, great food and lots of baseball and softball fun! **Special thanks to Michael Ference, Steve Conti, Mitch Jain and Stephanie Dunatov for your stewardship!**

The month of May is **Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month**. Celebrated annually, it is a time to acknowledge and **celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States**. It's a month-long recognition of the diverse communities and the significant contributions they have made to American society.

The Fire Department has a new phone number . If you need to reach the department for a non-emergency issue, please dial **201-768-1160**. Please remember our Fire Department is an all-volunteer Department so the building is not always staffed; **if you have an emergency, please dial 911**.

May starts the season to open swimming pools! Unfortunately, during opening and closing of pools, many people discharge pool water onto their neighbors' properties. **Please note that you are responsible for keeping pool water on your own property.** It is against the Borough Ordinance to discharge water onto your neighbor's property or onto the public street. Please be a good neighbor and do not flood your neighbors and our Borough streets when opening and closing your pools! Our Police and Code Enforcement Officer will be enforcing this requirement.

Memorial Day Parade

Please mark your calendars for our **Memorial Day Parade, featuring the NVD High School Band, which will be held on May 26, 2025**. The Parade will start at 9:30 AM and will begin at the Demarest Library and go East on Hardenburgh Avenue to Piermont Road, north on Piermont Road to Northwood Avenue, east on Northwood Avenue to High Street, south on High Street to Hardenburgh Avenue, west on Hardenburgh Avenue to the monument at the Duck Pond.

The Borough has previously requested names of veterans and those left behind who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We have received some; but please send the names of any veterans or those who gave their life for our country and freedom from any war or conflict, so that they can be recognized. Thank you.

Demarest Nature Center

The Nature Center is hosting their rescheduled **Canoe Day and Birdhouse Building at the Demarest Duck Pond** tomorrow Saturday **May 10, 2025 from 11AM-4PM.**

For the latest calendar of events, please see our [calendar of events](#).

The Demarest Library

The Friends of the Library are holding a Tile Fundraiser! Leave your family's legacy on the library walls forever by painting a ceramic tile that will be installed in the Children's Room! Please find more information about session dates, pricing, and registration [here](#).

Attention current teachers and parents! Glen Coleman, a Closter resident and High School History teacher, recently published the book "*Teaching in the New Crazy*". Join him on **Thursday, May 15 at 6 pm**, where he will talk about how to teach and reach students in our new chaotic normal. Register [here](#).

The Demarest Library and Cresskill Library are co-sponsoring a Jazz Concert at the Demarest Gazebo on Saturday, May 17 from 1 - 3:30 pm. The Bob Wylde Quartet, with vocalist Frank Noveillo, will be performing The Great American Songbook. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair! The concert will be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

Have a great weekend and a Happy Mother's Day,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,139 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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