



Friends & Neighbors:

This Week's Council Meeting Recap -

I want to share a few things that were done at this week's Monday Council meeting.

First, I issued **two important proclamations**, which can be viewed in full [here](#).

The first was a Welcome Home for Edan Alexander. Edan, a Tenafly native, was held hostage for over 19 months and I issued a proclamation in recognition of his release.

The second proclaims the week of **May 18-24 2025 as Emergency Medical Services week** celebrating and recognizing the tireless work of our Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps. **Thank you to the DVAC!!!**

Also, at this week's Mayor and Council meeting, as promised, we **adopted a resolution to spend up to \$50,000 in capital funds for tree replacement (purchase, delivery and planting) along Stelfox St.** We are working with the Shade Tree Commission to obtain their recommendation for the most mature trees and tree types that will be viable to plant in the area. If you are a resident of Stelfox and are interested in a tree or trees being planted in the Borough right of way adjacent to your home, please reach out to the Borough or the Shade Tree Commission so your request can be considered in the plan.

Some Achievements involving our Demarest Family!

Our Congratulations to **Evelyn Ricci** on becoming the **first female Eagle Scout in our town's history**. A dedicated member of Scouting America's Troop 163, Evelyn is helping break barriers and inspire others through her leadership and service.

For her Eagle Scout project, Evelyn focused on promoting storm drain awareness—a vital initiative for our community. I am certain you have noticed the bright blue medallions on storm drains around town that say **"No Dumping. Only Rain In The Drain."** Well, that's Evelyn's work. Evelyn also used GPS to map storm drain locations throughout town, helping improve environmental management in our borough. **Thank you, Evelyn, for your outstanding contributions to Demarest.**

Council President Slowikowski's daughter Sarah has qualified to represent Dartmouth in the 2025 Ivy League Heptagonal Outdoor Track and Field Championships. **Congratulations** to Sarah and her proud family! **Sarah gives new meaning to the quote, "The shot [put] heard around the world." Demarest will be rooting for you!**

The Demarest Fire Department awarded the **Fred Drescher Memorial Scholarship** to

Gavin Hinds, a senior at NVD. **Congratulations Gavin!** The scholarship was started by the **Drescher Family in honor of Fred Drescher, a lifelong Demarest Firefighter** and is awarded to a high school senior who intends to work in the trades and continue Fred's legacy of hard work ethic and skilled craftsmanship. **Fred is missed but his legacy continues! Thank you to the Drescher Family.**

Police Officers Memorial Day – May 15th

Yesterday was Peace Officers Memorial Day – **we honor and pay tribute to the brave local, state, and federal peace officers who have died, or have been disabled, in the line of duty, protecting our families and safeguarding our communities nationwide.** Our respect and thanks.

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** 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.

It's the law and common courtesy:

Borough Ordinance 1146-24 requires that **dog owners & walkers immediately remove and properly dispose of pet waste. You may not dispose of waste on other people's property. If you violate the ordinance, you risk a fine of up to \$1000!** And let's be honest it shouldn't just be about the law, it should be about common courtesy. Be a good neighbor and please pick up after your dogs and dispose of the bags and waste properly!

The Demarest Library

Attention all fitness lovers! You may not have heard of this before, but clubs in one form or another have been used as an exercise tool for centuries. A Club in Motion: Mobility Class offers a low-impact, functional workout alternative to yoga and tai chi, and is suitable for all fitness levels. Register to experience this unique wellness program on **Tuesday, May 20 at 10 am** and kickstart the warm months [here](#).

The Friends of the Library are holding a Tile Fundraiser! Leave your family's legacy on the library walls forever! Children and their families can design a 6 x 6 ceramic tile that will be installed in the children's room. There are multiple tile painting sessions for this fundraiser still left. **The remaining dates are Sunday, May 18 from 3 - 4 pm, Thursday, May 22 from 7 - 8 pm, and Wednesday, May 28 from 6 - 7 pm.** Please find more information, pricing, and registration [here](#).

Our Movie Matinee is back on May 19 at 12:30 pm with the film **Conclave**. Rated PG, Conclave showcases a fictional depiction of the very secret process of electing the next Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. **Given the times, it is "art imitating life."** Come watch the movie everyone is talking about since May 8, 2025, when white smoke billowed from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel signaling the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope in history.

Have a great weekend!

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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