



Friends & Neighbors:

Third Quarter 2025 Estimated Tax Bills were mailed on June 25, 2025.

Important Traffic Alert!

On **Tuesday, July 1**, the Borough will have a crew adding the striping and signage (***DON'T BLOCK THE BOX***) to the intersection of Hardenburgh Avenue and Park Street. The work will begin at 8 am and is anticipated to be completed by 2 pm. During that time, Hardenburgh Avenue will be closed from Brookside to County Road. (*Traffic needing to get to Wakelee Field will be allowed from Brookside to the Post Office*) If you need to travel through that area on Tuesday, please scroll to the end of this message for specific **detour instructions provided by the Demarest Police Department**. Thank you for your cooperation and patience!

At the June 2 Mayor and Council meeting, the Borough Council unanimously voted to seek bids for potential use of the Demarest Train Station. The Council's Economic Development Committee and I have been investigating different avenues to revitalize Demarest's downtown without losing the treasured small town feel of Demarest. As part of that investigation, the idea of bringing the historic train station back to life took shape. The bid solicitation requests proposals for a high-end restaurant to operate in the space as a tenant of the Borough. We believe that a successful restaurant in Demarest's downtown not only boosts the Borough's economics but provides a use that has been missing in town; a place for our residents and their friends to gather for a night out without leaving town. The historic look of the Train Station will be preserved, of course, while providing some life downtown. Proposed Bids will be received in early July, and the Council will review them and decide how to proceed. Stay tuned for updates! **Once we move forward with the Train Station, we will turn to the Bank building.**

Demarest Councilmember Jonathan Reiss is starring in *Last Rites*, a play by Guy Newsham as part of the 2025 Marshall Playwright's Showcase this weekend at the Players Guild of Leonia. **[Vist their website for tickets and information.](#) Break a leg, Jonathan!**

Road Project Updates

This spring's constant rain has wreaked havoc on the Borough's paving schedules!

Here are the updates:

Stewart St. paving was completed last week. Unfortunately, the Stelfox St. portion of that project has been delayed several times by different complications. The current hold-up is due to necessary relocation of underground utilities. PSE&G finished their work last week and Veolia is scheduled to relocate the water line next Wednesday, 7/2. We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate, and the contractors will be able to get back to work and finish up that job as soon as Veolia completes their work. The other current road project which includes the paving of the unimproved portions of Forest and Prescott St. should be completed by the middle of July. Northwood and Pine Terrace were also completed this week. Upcoming paving projects include Brenner, Evergreen, Donnybrook, Prospect and the unimproved portions of Orchard and Wellwood. I will share updates as these projects progress. If you have questions about the status

or details of a specific project or are concerned about the condition of your road, please contact the Borough Administrator at 201-768-0167 x147.

A Fantastic Demarest Summer Concert Series Kick Off!

It was great to see so many families and friends gathered Wednesday night at the Gazebo for our Family Movie Under the Stars - a wonderful way to kick off the **Summer Concert Series**. Movie Night was brought to you by Demarest Recreation, in partnership with the Demarest Public Library. Please mark your calendars for The Concert Series schedule:

- July 9 – Florian Schantz Jazz Combo
- July 16 – The Racket
- July 23 – Music with Marly
- July 30 – Ray Greiche
- August 6 – TREEOH!
- August 13 – Sidepiece

Prior to the showing of the movie, all in attendance enjoyed great music performed by the talented band, “**Home for Break**” with members: **Jonah Lavin, Wyatt Besnoy, Odelia Abergel, Kurt Onal and Yoav Reshef**. Thank you, keep on making music and enjoy your summer!

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Christine Nicholas of KW Town Life – Keller Williams Realty and the Demarest Public Library.

On behalf of the entire Borough Council, I want to give heartfelt thanks to the members of the Recreation Commission for all of their hard work in making these events and others possible. Thank you, **Brandis Bukzin, Alli Deutsch, Vanessa McAndrews, Stacie Findanis, Punit Munda,** and Craig Besnoy—your dedication is inspiring and greatly appreciated. And finally, a special thanks to Councilman Dan Marks, our Council liaison to the Recreation Commission, for his leadership and support.

Commission Appointments - Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a member of our Shade Tree Commission or Recreation Commission. Your work on either Commission will be deeply rewarding and greatly appreciated!

Happy Birthday Dave Emerson, who is a founding member of the Demarest Nature Center, and is turning 90!

Notice of fertilizer application at NVD

Please be aware that **all grass areas and grass fields at NVD** are closed for fertilization beginning today **Friday, June 27, 2025 weather permitting**. For more [information click here](#).

Borough offices are closed **next Friday July 4** for Independence Day.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

Detour Instructions for July 1, 2025

Please be advised that due to scheduled road work on Hardenburgh Avenue this Tuesday, traffic patterns in the area will be temporarily modified. Kindly review the following updates and plan your travel accordingly:

Access to Wakelee Field

- *All traffic to and from Wakelee Field must use Wakelee Drive via the Post Office entrance. (Police will allow traffic headed to Wakelee Field through at Brookside)*
- *A hard closure will be in place at the intersection of County Road and Hardenburgh Avenue.*
- *No eastbound or westbound traffic will be permitted on Hardenburgh Avenue between County Road and Park Street.*

- An additional hard closure will be set at Brookside and Hardenburgh for all eastbound traffic heading toward County Road.

Alternate Routes for Swim Club Members and Campers

Access to Wakelee Field will be available via:

- Stelfox Street from Madison Avenue
- Stelfox Street from Serpentine Road

Traffic Control

To support traffic flow and ensure safety:

- A police officer will be stationed on Hardenburgh near Stelfox to assist Swim Club members and campers.
- A second officer will be positioned outside the Post Office on Hardenburgh Avenue to manage access.
- A third officer will be located at the intersection of Hardenburgh and Piermont, preventing westbound traffic toward downtown.

Signage and Barricades

- Detour signs, barricades, and cones will be placed along Hardenburgh Avenue, from Brookside Avenue eastbound toward downtown, to direct traffic safely.
- Additional signage and barricades will be placed along Park Street and Serpentine Road to prevent vehicles from entering Hardenburgh Avenue.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this project.

My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,153 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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