



Friends & Neighbors:

Mark your calendars for **Demarest Day, scheduled for September 20 this year** (rain date 9/27). While the Recreation Commission is hard at work planning for this great event, sponsorships and donations have been a little slow this year. If you are able, please [click here](#) to **learn how you can help make the day a success!**

It looks like Mother Nature has finally decided to gift us a weekend with nice weather just in time for the holiday weekend; so I wish everyone a **Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!**

The striping and signage were completed this week to help remind everyone not to block the intersection of Park St. and Hardenburgh Ave. My thanks to **EMS Chief Roberta Hoag, Acting Police Chief Frank Visaggio and DPW Director Jason Gangi** for working together to get this done and ensure that our emergency service vehicles always have a clear path to respond when our residents are in need.

#### **Gazebo Update**

We met with our Special Projects Engineer this week to continue our work on the **renovation of the gazebo**. Additionally, the electrical engineer met with the DPW Director to assess the electrical needs so that we can upgrade and ensure that all of our concerts and holiday displays have enough power. We are excited for this refresh and hope the work can begin after Demarest Day so that the new gazebo is ready for the Holiday Season.

#### **Simply the best!**

Heartfelt thanks to Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps. members **Jeff Geisenheimer, Jeff Belushi, and Andrew Woods & Demarest Police Officers Joseph Solan and Vincent Quitana** for their quick and successful emergency response involving a patient with no pulse and in full cardiac arrest. We applaud and thank you for your successful actions and dedication to our residents. Your commitment made a difference, thank you!

#### **The Art School at the Old Church**

Registration is open for **Blast of Art, the popular summer day camp at The Art School at Old Church**. Classes facilitated by professional artists invite children (ages 6-12) to explore painting, ceramics, sculpture, collage, and more. Families can enroll children in one or both consecutive sessions (Aug 4-8 & Aug 11-15) and choose full or partial days of fun and creativity. Space is limited, and some classes have already filled. Register now online at [TASOC.org](http://TASOC.org); by phone at (201) 767-7160; or in person at 561 Piermont Road!

The Art School at Old Church is honored to present 34 iconic images by renowned photographer Leonard Freed (1929-2006). The exhibition will take place in the **Mikhail Zakin Gallery** from July 1 to 24, 2025. Meticulously crafted, the archival prints present unique opportunities to experience five decades of Freed's work and to collect original art while supporting the art school's programs and financial aid initiatives. **The public is cordially invited to a reception with the curator on July 10th from 6 to 8 PM. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.**

**Demarest Library**

On **Wednesday July 9 at The Demarest Gazebo from 7:30 - 9:00 pm**, The Demarest Library and the Borough of Demarest are pleased to host an outdoor concert with music from the Roaring '20s presented by the **Florian Schantz Jazz Combo**. Bring a chair or beach blanket and enjoy this all-ages program featuring many familiar tunes from the 1920's.

We have added 4 new spots for our incredibly popular **Tai Chi class on Thursdays, July 3, 10, and 17 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. Tai Chi is a moving meditation and an ancient martial art that includes many health benefits. Come kick off your summer with mindfulness and Tai Chi! The link to register is [here](#)!

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

Have a great Holiday Weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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