



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Borough Notices Now Published On Our Website:

As you may have read, NJ no longer requires publication of required legal notices in a local newspaper (e.g. notice of public meetings). **The Borough will begin publishing all required legal notices on its website in the next few weeks and not in local newspapers.** Our Borough Clerk will be attending an information session next week and consulting with the Borough Attorney for clarification on all requirements before we officially make the change. When that change is official, we will let everyone know by announcing the change at our upcoming public meetings as well as repeating the announcement in my Friday emails ahead of any change. The information will also be prominently posted on our Borough website.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER!

It has been brought to my attention that during the last electrical storm, several people walked out onto the open ball fields. **NOT SAFE—KEEP READING!** The Borough has a lightning detector at Wakelee Field and all the local schools have systems on their fields, as well. If you hear a high-pitched alarm that is likely what you are hearing, and you should heed the warning. (Click [here for a video](#) from a Florida Fire Department to hear the sound, so that you are familiar)

The Borough is currently exploring an upgraded system that will have the capability of adding a verbal announcement as well. Due to the age of the old system, the upgrade will improve the system and should actually save the Borough money. We are consulting with the surrounding towns and the local schools regarding the upgrade and will provide additional information soon.

If caught outside during an electrical storm:

Seek immediate shelter in a substantial building or a hard-topped vehicle. If no shelter is available, crouch low to the ground, minimize contact with the earth, and stay away from tall objects, water, and metal.

Detailed Steps:

1. Seek Shelter Immediately:

The safest place to be during a thunderstorm is indoors, in a building with plumbing and electricity or in a hard-topped vehicle.

2. If no shelter is available:

- **Avoid tall objects:** Lightning tends to strike the tallest objects in an area. **Stay away from trees, poles, and towers.**
- **Stay away from water:** Lightning can travel through water. **Avoid pools, pool decks, lakes, ponds, and rivers.**
- **Stay away from metal:** Metal objects can conduct electricity. **Avoid fences, railings, and metal equipment.**

· **Crouch low to the ground:** If you must remain outside, squat low to the ground with your feet together, head tucked between your knees, and hands over your ears. **Avoid lying on the ground, as lightning can travel through the ground.**

3. After the storm:

Wait at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.

4. **If someone is struck:**

- Call for help immediately (911).
- Provide first aid, if trained, including CPR if necessary.
- Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to approach.

Important Considerations:

- **When you hear thunder, even a distant rumble, you are within striking distance of the lightning.**
- **"When thunder roars, go indoors":** This is a good rule of thumb.
- **Don't be fooled by blue skies:** Even if the sky appears clear, lightning can strike miles away from the storm.
- **Car safety:** While a car offers some protection, it's still best to get to a building if possible.
- **Stay informed:** Check weather forecasts and alerts before going outside.

Future of Demarest's Downtown

This past Tuesday was the deadline to submit bids for use of the train station. We did not receive any bids that we deemed complete and responsive. At Monday's Council meeting, we will discuss a new train station bid solicitation, as well as future use of the bank building. I will keep everyone updated by my Friday emails regarding those discussions and/or decisions made.

Upcoming Girl Scouts Silver Award Project

Help to create a fairy house trail in the Demarest Nature Center! Two local girl scouts are working to make a part of the Demarest Nature Center more imaginative and engaging for our younger visitors. Build your own fairy house to be installed by the scouts in September on the green trail. You can even create a backstory for the fairy family that inhabits your house for viewers along the trail to enjoy! The deadline for completing a house is September 6. Installation is scheduled for September 13. Find the guidelines [here](#).

Last Night's Summer Concert

Last night's concert, the **Florian Schantz Jazz Combo**, was a success, although the high humidity and threat of rain kept the crowd smaller than usual. **I want to thank the Library for sponsoring last night's jazz concert. Also, thanks to Jason and his DPW crew, Police Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corps and crossing guard for helping to make the night a success. Our next concert, The Racket, is July 16 at 7:30 @ The Gazebo.** The Racket is a classic rock cover band playing classic rock anthems and crowd favorites. Hope to see you there!

The Art School at the Old Church

Registration continues at The Art School at Old Church for *Blast of Art* for August Classes. More information and registration at TASOC.org; by phone at (201) 767-7160; or in person at 561 Piermont Road!

Demarest Library

Come join us for our second meeting on Friday, July 18th from 10:00 - 11:15 am for the Crafty Mornings Club where adults can come to the Demarest Library for a fun craft filled morning! This month's craft is rock painting! Register [here](#)!

Calling all tween/teen crafters! Join us at the library on Tuesday, July 15th from 3 - 5 pm for a Community Art Workshop: Yarn Bomb! Yarn Bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fiber rather than paint or chalk. We will be "yarn bombing" a tree or bench at the Demarest Library and leaving the display up for the rest of the Summer. Register [here](#)!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

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