



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

### **Demarest Day**

Our Recreation Commission's **Demarest Day** team continues preparations for our annual event scheduled for **September 20**; unfortunately donations have been slower this year than in years past. If you are able to contribute, please [click here](#) for more information. Demarest Day is almost entirely funded by donations, so the event depends on it!

### **Deer Management**

On Wednesday **July 16**, I was invited by Cresskill Mayor John Morgan to attend a meeting which included a presentation by the NJDEP **regarding deer management in Bergen County**. My takeaway from the presentation is that the NJDEP's solution is centered on regulated lethal bow and arrow hunting. At the meeting, I recommended that the NJDEP request the State and County to declare a health emergency as a result of the tick-borne illnesses related to the large deer population. He said that was a novel approach and seemed intrigued by the suggestion. I will follow up with Mayor Morgan and the NJDEP and hopefully a sensible and humane solution can be found and funded by the County and/or the State.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Did you know that **Meals on Wheels** can provide meals to home bound residents who need assistance? Whether it is a short-term need while recovering from surgery or long-term need for someone who is disabled or elderly, **Meals on Wheels** can help! Please [visit their website](#) to see if they can help you or if you can help them. The service depends on donations and the help of over 300 volunteers who make the deliveries.

### **Demarest Summer Concert Series Continues!**

Next up in the series on **July 23 at 7:30 pm at the Gazebo** is a must-see event: **Music with Marly** featuring talented local kids!

### **Travel Advisory for those who travel to NYC via the GWB**

Beginning on **Friday, July 18 through November 2025**, three New York-bound lanes will be **closed during overnights** (see schedule at link below) of the upper level of the **George Washington Bridge** and its approach lanes for bridge joint replacement and repair. One New York-bound lane will remain open on the bridge's upper level during these overnight closures.

The work is part of the Port Authority's comprehensive [Restoring the George](#) program.

The \$2 billion, 11-project program aims to repair and rehabilitate the world's busiest vehicular bridge as it nears its 100th birthday.

New York-bound car and bus drivers are urged to use the lower level of the bridge during closure periods. New York-bound truck drivers should avoid the George Washington Bridge during the closure periods when possible. All New York-bound drivers should expect delays during these overnight closures and use caution when traveling through the area. For details and up to date information [click here](#).

### **Demarest's Downtown**

As many of you know, we would like to bring some new energy and services to our downtown. If you have any suggested proposals for use of the bank building and/or the Train Station, please email the Borough Administrator at [boroadmin@demarestnj.gov](mailto:boroadmin@demarestnj.gov) for distribution to the Economic Development Committee and the Council. The Council intends to prepare a new bid package for the Train Station and would like your input. We hope to have a consensus including any public input to complete the bid in August.

### **Demarest Library**

Upcoming events at the library include Children's Watercolor Wellness on July 22, registration and more info for this event is [here](#)! July 24 story and painting event, details and registration is [here](#). And celebrate Harry Potter's birthday on July 31, information and registration is [here](#) for that event.

Have a great 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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