



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

**Fortunately, while the storm was intense in many areas, the storm that was predicted to bring dangerous flooding to Demarest on Wednesday and Thursday mostly missed our area. I want to thank our entire emergency response and OEM teams for their preparation. Had the storm been as forecasted, they were ready and so we were ready!**

#### **Stelfox Street Update**

At our last Mayor & Council Meeting, I provided an update regarding the Stelfox Street road improvement. A brief summary for those who did not attend the meeting. The Mayor & Council, like the residents, are dissatisfied with the work on site by the subcontractor. As a result, the subcontractor was released from the job, a new subcontractor is scheduled to begin on Monday, and the contractor has been called to task. The barrier-free curb ramps and street curbing should be completed within approximately 7-10 days. The road paving should be completed approximately 2 weeks after curbing is complete. Shade Tree reported that they will seek to plant 28 trees on the Street this Fall and will provide the Borough with the types of trees and locations for planting. They also agreed to plant both minor and major trees to avoid trees growing into the utility wires. As previously advised, the Borough has set aside funds for the purchase and planting of the trees

#### **Upgraded Traffic Signal at County Rd. & Hardenburgh Ave.**

**We met with the Bergen County Engineer and contractors hired by Bergen County this week regarding the upgraded traffic signal.** The ADA ramp work is set to begin next Tuesday. Please allow extra time traveling through this intersection while the work continues. We expect the intersection construction work to take 2-3 weeks. The signal equipment itself was ordered months ago by the County but has not yet arrived. As soon as the equipment is available that work will be completed. We had hoped that it would be done before the school year, but it is likely that the equipment won't be received on time. The contractor will work with the Borough and the Police Department to schedule the work on days and times that will have the least impact on traffic. I will update everyone when we have that schedule.

**In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Center for Hope & Safety** will hold events throughout the month of October to highlight awareness and to support survivors of domestic violence. One such event will be held here in Demarest. On **Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6 p.m., The Art School at the Old Church, will host Art of Survival Reception.** For details, ways to register and a list of other events around Bergen County, visit [the Center for Hope & Safety](#).

#### **Demarest Swim Club in August**

Demarest Swim Club offers **August Only Memberships**. Join us for swimming and sunning fun from August 1 through Labor Day. For August membership, please call 201-815-6745 or email [DemarestSwimClub@gmail.com](mailto:DemarestSwimClub@gmail.com) to apply or with any questions related to the adjusted rates detailed below.

<b>August 1- Labor Day</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Family	\$600

Senior Single>65	\$400
Senior Couple>65	\$475
Single <65	\$450
Couple <65	\$525

### Concerts in the Park

**My thanks to Ray, Nicole and the Ray & Nicole Greiche Band** for their extraordinary concert performance this week. Thank you! Next week's concert features ***Treeoh!*** on **8/6 at 7:30 pm at the gazebo.**

### Demarest Library

Join Ms. Jen at the Demarest Swim Club on **Monday, August 4th** from **2:30 - 3:15 PM for stories and a craft by the pool!** This program will take place at the Demarest Swim Club at 1 Wakelee Dr, Demarest, NJ. Entrance is free for the story time program and to stay and swim afterwards! This class is for ages 4+ and their caregivers. Register [here!](#)

Join us on **Tuesday, August 5th and Friday, August 8th** from **3:00 - 4:00 PM** for Summer Literacy Club - In Her Words, a creative writing and journalism program designed for middle school girls but is open to boys as well! These first sessions will be centered around creative writing. Sign up for the August 5th session [here](#) and for the August 8th session [here!](#)

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,154 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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