



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

A Win for What's Right!

On August 8th, my email included a reference to hate speech and a despicable antisemitic symbol displayed on a vehicle in Closter, which had a NY EMT license plate. I want to thank those who brought it to my attention and to the attention of others. **Your response and shining a light on antisemitism was important. I am advised that New York State has revoked the license plate on that vehicle, and the New York DMV has stated, it "abhors antisemitism in all its forms."** Thanks to residents, our legislators who got involved and to NY DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder.

Last Saturday, several of you contacted me about a disturbing letter that was received by one, if not more, residents in town. After reviewing the letter, I met with our Police on Saturday, and the matter is being investigated by the Detectives of the Demarest Police Department and by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office.

NVD Girls Soccer will be hosting a car wash fundraiser on **Saturday, 8/23, from 11am to 1pm** in the front driveway of NVD High School on Knickerbocker Rd. Please stop by to have your vehicle washed by the Norsewomen for only \$10! The team will be accepting cash or Venmo @NVDGS.

Traffic Alert:

The **signal upgrade at the intersection of County Rd. and Hardenburgh Ave** . will continue on Monday with new concrete work, ADA ramps and paving and striping. The Demarest Police will be on site to control and reroute traffic as necessary. The signal itself is expected to be installed mid-September.

The Art School at Old Church

Registration is open for fall semester (**Sept. 2 - Nov. 17**). Choose from over 80 day and evening courses and workshops for adults, teens, children, and families. Enroll online at TASOC.org; by phone at (201) 767-7160; or in person at 561 Piermont Rd.

Shade Tree Commission:

The Shade Tree Commission is planning for fall planting and if you would like to give a tree a home, they want to hear from you! They will have a **limited number** of trees available, but if interested please let them know. If they run out of trees before they get to you, they will put you on the list for 2026 planting! **Email Lee Campbell** at lcampbell@demarestnj.gov to express your interest or for more information.

9/11 Ceremony next month:

I hope you'll join us for our **Annual 9/11 ceremony at 5pm on Thursday, September 11** at the duck pond to honor those lost in, or as a result of, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,156 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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