



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

### **Curb your dog!**

There has been an uptick in complaints lately about dog owners allowing their dogs on private property and not cleaning up after them! This is a particular problem at our local schools. **Dogs are not allowed on school property, on the ball fields at Wakelee or in the Arboretum.** Please exercise your dog responsibly, in proper places, always keep them on a leash and wherever you walk them, please pick up after them!

### **Demarest Swim Club**

The swim club has one last event to end the season! They are hosting a dog paddle event on **Sunday, September 7 from 10am to 1pm before the pools are drained**. The fee is \$20 per dog. The dog must be with an adult handler and have proof of a rabies vaccine. Younger family members are welcome to come along to watch. Handlers will be responsible for any canine rescues and for picking up after their pet.

### **Zoning Regulations**

The Borough has been working on an **updated Zoning Ordinance** to address inconsistencies, outdated language and to codify the recent Master Plan amendment. **I have placed a discussion item on this coming Mayor and Council meeting agenda for the purpose of obtaining your input, comments and concerns regarding any and all zoning issues.** There will be further public hearings before both the Council and the Planning Board regarding the Zoning Ordinance and improvements for an updated Ordinance. I think it is important to get your feedback throughout the process so please join us **on Monday 9/8 at 7:30 pm** so your input can be considered in the first draft of a new ordinance.

### **Wakelee Field Drainage Upgrades**

The Open Space Funded drainage improvements to Wakelee Field are scheduled to begin 9/15/25. The project is expected to be completed mid-October. Portions of the field will be inaccessible and protected by safety fencing.

### **Demarest Day**

A reminder to mark your calendars for our **Annual Town Day event scheduled for September 20th from 1-6 pm, followed by a free concert at the Gazebo from 6pm-8pm.**

### **Demarest Nature Center**

Come join the Demarest Nature Center and Board Member Ray Slaman for the DNC monthly **Community Trail Walk this Saturday, September 6 at 10am.** Meet at the DNC entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive.

### **9/11 Ceremony**

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

## Demarest Library

On Wednesday, **September 10th from 4:30 - 4:50 pm**, **Community Volunteer Ms. Jody** will bring one of two therapy dogs for you to practice reading to in a safe setting! Register for one of the time slots [here](#)!

Want to de-stress after a long day? Join us on **Thursday, September 11th from 6 - 7 pm** for **Adult De-Stress Coloring!** Register [here](#)!

Enjoy this NFL opening weekend, ***J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets and Go Big Blue!***

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

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