



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

**Personal Note:**

I would like to thank everyone who attended or participated in our **September 11 Memorial Service** held yesterday. It is important that we **continue to honor those we lost on, or as a result of, the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and to express our gratitude and thanks to all emergency responders** who stand vigil and protect us day and night, no matter the personal risk. **On behalf of the entire Borough, let me say THANK YOU to our Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corps and our Department of Public Works.**

**Updating Our Zoning Ordinance**

**I want to thank all of the residents** who came out on Monday night and shared their concerns and opinions about our current zoning regulations. We received useful feedback to consider in **updating our zoning ordinance**. Once a draft is completed, the entire Council and Planning Board along with our Land Use Professionals will have an opportunity to review, ask questions and provide additional comments and suggestions. There will be additional public hearings as well at *both* Mayor and Council and Planning Board Meetings. Please visit the Borough **website here** to see the schedule of meetings and agendas for those meetings. Agendas are typically posted the Friday before scheduled meetings.

**Don't Block the Box!**

Now that **school is back in session**, school traffic has also returned! As you know over the summer **signage and striping was added to the intersection of Park St. and Hardenburgh Ave. to create a "box" that motorists are prohibited from blocking**. This is an important safety measure to allow Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works vehicles free passage in the event of an emergency. When responding to emergencies, time is precious and a clear intersection is critical. While we know everyone is still getting in the swing of drop off for the new school year and getting used to the new routine, the Police will start enforcing the prohibition soon! We ask everyone to comply with the **Don't Block the Box** regulations so as not to create a safety issue and avoid being issued a summons! **Safety is paramount!!**

**A note from the Clerk's office:**

Please be advised that **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, is the deadline for all **new voter registrations** for the **General Election, November 4, 2025**. Applications are available at Borough Hall, at the County Clerk's office or you can register online at [this link](#). The Borough Clerk's office will be open 10/14 until 9 pm. Not sure if you are already registered? Click [here](#) to check or call the Borough Clerk's office.

**A Message from the United Methodist Church**

*UNC at Demarest invites you to a special music service on Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 am with a luncheon immediately after the service. There will be lots of good music and welcoming people. This is an open invitation to return, reconnect, and rejoice. Whatever your journey has been, we believe there's a place for you here.*

## Demarest Day

Our Annual Town Day event scheduled is **next Saturday, September 20th from 1-6 pm, followed by a free concert at the Gazebo from 6pm-8pm.** The rain date is 9/27.

### Demarest Library

Send your kids to the library on Thursday, September 18th from 6 - 8 pm for some fun with our TAB teens while you attend the LLE Back to School Night! There will be movies, games, crafts, snacks and library staff and teens supervising the children! Register [here!](#)

On Friday, September 19th from 3:45 - 4:45 pm, Come experience the evolution of music from Fleetwood Mac and Nat King Cole to Tears For Fears and Owl City with our "Music Through the Decades" Concert starring musician Jose D. Cruz! Register [here!](#)

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

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