



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Yom Kippur Wishes

Next week, **October 1-2**, many of us will observe **Yom Kippur** – one of the holiest days of the Jewish year. I want to wish our residents who observe the holiday an easy and meaningful fast; and may you be sealed in the book of life. *G'mar tov.*

Demarest Day Success

On behalf of the Governing Body and residents of Demarest, I want to thank **Brandis Bukzin, Dakota Griffin** and our **Business Administrator Julie F.** for all of their hard work in running a successful Demarest Day. Also, my thanks to the Recreation Commission, Sponsors, DPW, Demarest Police Department, Demarest Fire Department and Demarest Ambulance Corps for their hands on support for this community event.

Safety Warning!

On Thursday afternoon some local kids were on the trails near Wakelee Field and were swarmed by some **angry bees**. The kids were helped and treated by the DPW, Police and EMS. They are all okay now, but it was a scary situation. The trail was temporarily closed and the DPW had a pest control company come and abate the nest that was disturbed. We were informed that the dry summer has contributed to an increase in activity from **bees in underground nests**, so **please be careful when exploring our trails and do your best not to disturb any area where you see a few bees flying since there may be many more below the ground.**

Affordable Housing Update – 232 County Road Property

The property at 232 County Rd. is under contract and the contract purchaser has filed an objection to the Borough's filed housing plan. The Borough did not include this property in our plan, but the contract purchaser proposes to build inclusionary townhouses on the site and is asking Fair Share to compel the Borough to change our plan and include this property. The Borough will have a resolution on Monday's agenda to adopt an escrow agreement with the contract purchaser so that any professional costs that arise out of the Borough's required review of its application are paid by the contract purchaser and not the taxpayer. The approval of the escrow agreement does not constitute, and should not be deemed to constitute, approval of the proposed inclusionary townhouses.

Deputy Mayor of the Day

As the winner of a previous PTO raffle, Shreya Iyer will be sworn in at Monday's Mayor and Council meeting as "Deputy Mayor for the Day". I look forward to sharing the dais with Shreya and having her assist me with running our Council meeting.

Demarest Garden Club

The Demarest Garden Club is sponsoring a **presentation by Eric Rohsler of Rohsler's Allendale Nursey at 1:30 pm on Friday 10/3 at the United Methodist Church.** All are invited and welcome!

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. Forms for voter registration or to request a mail in ballot will be available at the Governing Body's table at Demarest Day.

Demarest Library

Do you have books that need a new home, or do you need to make room for new releases? Donate your used books to the Friends of The Demarest Library on **September 27 from 9 - 12 pm**. Please drop off your used books at The Demarest Library in the Community Room on the Main Level. We will also be accepting textbooks, old/antique books, DVDs, CDs, and video games.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,163 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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