



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

BERGEN COUNTY SWAT TEAM TRAINING IN DEMAREST

Recently, many of us were surprised to see the presence of the **Bergen County Regional SWAT Team ("RST")** in our Town for training purposes. I spoke with County Executive **Jim Tedesco**, RST Deputy Commander **Captain Michael Saudino** and Prosecutor **Mark Musella** to discuss the RST training and SOPs when they make arrangements to do training in a town. They all welcomed my call to discuss the concerns regarding notification to our residents and will be reviewing and implementing new notification protocols.

The RST is a robust multi-agency tactical unit formed under the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office to handle high risk incidents like hostage situations, barricaded subject and other active threats in Bergen County. It operates across Bergen County assisting local police departments. Please note that they have been called to Demarest in the past for active service – not training.

It is comprised of officers from various municipal departments, along with officers with specialized training, including active shooter preparedness for schools. I discussed with our County Executive, Bergen County Prosecutor and the RST the need for advance notice so that we can communicate with our residents.

Their excellence, professionalism and training allow them to provide a blanket of protection to the residents of Bergen County, including Demarest. They have made arrangements for such tactical training in Demarest and have appeared in Demarest for the last two Wednesdays. **Please be aware they will also be in Demarest on January 21 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. for another training exercise. There is no need to be alarmed by their presence.**

I want to thank **County Executive Jim Tedesco**, **Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella** and **Deputy Commander Captain Michael Saudino** for the time they spent with me discussing our concerns and recognizing the need to implement new protocols. I also want to thank our residents for the information they shared with me and the Council regarding this matter. The information you provided was important; I appreciate the manner in which it was conveyed and know that you helped make a difference in the County procedure. Thank you!

Recycling Wednesdays

Remember, we are now single-stream recycling every Wednesday. Easy. Just place all cans and bottles and all paper and cardboard out every Wednesday for pickup! You can use separate containers or all in one, whichever is easier for you. IWS will sort at their facility. And, throw out pizza boxes with the garbage.

Schedule Reminder:

Borough offices are closed Monday **January 19, 2026**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

REMINDER - Please remember to update your pet license for 2026. All dogs and cats must be licensed by March 1, 2026. Applications are available [here](#) and at Borough Hall and were included with the Annual Newsletter. The Borough will also have a **free Rabies Clinic on February 7, 2026, from 10am-11:30am** if your dog or cat needs an updated vaccine, don't miss out!

Demarest Library

In honor of Muslim Heritage Month, come join us for our 3rd annual celebration at the Demarest Library on **Saturday, January 24th** from **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** with an Oud performance by performer Brian Prunka! All are invited! Register [here!](#)

On **Wednesday, January 21st** on **ZOOM** at **7:30 PM**, join Successfully Navigating College Admissions This Winter, a zoom presentation that aims to help families of juniors, sophomores and freshmen understand the college admissions process and how to successfully navigate the recent changes. The presentation will be led by Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper, partners at Stand Out for College, LLC. (www.standoutforcollege.com). To find the zoom link and to register, click [here!](#)

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,208 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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