



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Community Service Award to Mike Dipple

Please join us **Monday, February 23** at our Mayor & Council Meeting when the governing body will recognize and thank our longtime DAA volunteer **Mike Dipple** for his 18 years of service and dedication to the DAA and Demarest kids. Mike proudly served as President, Board Member, Chair, and coach extraordinaire. He served in every capacity to get the job done! **Thank you, Mike!**

Also on this Monday's meeting agenda will be the introduction of several ordinances related to Affordable Housing including the rezoning of 232 County Rd. The ordinances are all required to effectuate the terms of the **settlements with 232 County LLC and Fair Share Housing Center** and to implement the required updates of the Borough's Housing Element & Fair Share Housing Plan and Downtown Redevelopment Plan. When ordinances are introduced, it is by title only with no public comment. The full text of the ordinances will then be published and posted on the Borough's website with the date and time of the public hearings where public comment is invited and adoption is considered. We anticipate the public hearings for these ordinances will be at our **March 9, 2026 Council meeting**. To keep up to date with current Mayor & Council agenda topics please click [here](#).

This past Tuesday February 17 marked the **Lunar New Year, and we welcome the Year of the Horse**, specifically the Fire Horse; a symbol of energy, resilience, and forward momentum and bringing themes of passion intense energy. It's the first Fire Horse year in 60 years. **May this new year bring renewal, prosperity, and joy to all who celebrate.**

NVD Musical

The NVD Theater Department is proud to present this year's musical, ***Fiddler on the Roof*** on **Friday 2/27 and Saturday 2/28 at 7:00 pm & Sunday 3/1 at 2:00pm**. Tickets for all performances can be purchased at nvd.booktix.com

Vaccine Clinics

Bergen County will host a series of free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Clinics on **Tuesdays from 5pm-7pm and Saturdays from 8:30am – 1:00pm** on the 4th floor at One Bergen County Plaza through the end of March. Details can be found [here](#).

The Art School at Old Church

Registration for the **Spring Session (April 6 - June 14)** at The Art School at Old Church is open! Visit tasoc.org to explore more than 80 visual arts and craft classes and workshops for children, teens, and adults. **Register online**, or **in person** at 561 Piermont Rd. Study painting, drawing, pottery, jewelry, printmaking, fiber arts, sculpture, photography, and more! If you have questions, call (201)767-7160.

Board of Health

On Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 11:00 AM, the Board of Health will host a **Narcan training class**. This essential skill could help you save someone from an opioid overdose. The class is for Demarest residents/employees and residents of Bergen County. The class will run 30 to 45 minutes and is **limited to 30 participants**. To register, please email lcampbell@demarestnj.gov with your NAME, AGE, phone number and Town in which you reside.

Shred Event on May 23 – mark your calendars!

The DPW has scheduled a BCUA sponsored Shred Event for Demarest Residents on May 23 from 9am-1 pm at the DPW Building, 22 Wakelee Dr. It is open to all residents. Residents are limited to 4 bags or boxes of personal paperwork to be shredded.

Why shred your important documents? Consumer fraud and identity theft are becoming an epidemic in our communities so to raise awareness, promote privacy protection and properly dispose of these sensitive papers, we shred them! In doing so, you are also reducing your harmful footprint on the environment. By shredding documents, we remove high volumes of paper waste from landfills and ensure it is securely recycled into new products. So, come on down!

Environmental Commission

Last year the **Environmental Commission** began a **neighborhood composting program**. Over 25 families are currently participating but there is room for more! They've already diverted more than 5000 pounds of food waste from landfills! In addition to food scrapes, many paper products can also be composted, including pizza boxes! **For more information and to sign up click here.**

Demarest PBA Golf Outing

The Demarest PBA Local 350 will be hosting its **2nd Annual Golf outing on May 4, 2026**, at the Alpine Country Club. Registration is limited and filling up fast. Don't miss your chance to join the PD for a great day of golf. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. **Click here for all the info!**

Demarest Library

Your Ideas Matter. Get Involved. Sign up for our library focus groups by clicking this [link](#).

The Friends of the Demarest Library will be having a Book Donation Drop-Off on **Saturday, February 28th from 9 am - 12 pm**. Drop off will be upstairs in the Community Room of the library. Books in gently used condition will be accepted, as well as old/antique books, textbooks, CDs, DVDs, and video games.

Join our new Adult Popular Book Club's first meeting on **Thursday, March 19th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM** to discuss the novel 'Carrie Soto Is Back' by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The Adult Popular Book Club dives into discussions about books that have caught our eye for their popularity in the library/pop culture. If it was trending at some point in the last five years, we'll be talking about it! Anyone who's read the featured title at any point is also encouraged to join! Check out a copy of the book at the library and register [here!](#)

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,220 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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