



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Good Citizens in Demarest

A resident recently shared a story regarding a group of Demarest Middle School 5th grade boys and their fundraising initiative that I wanted to now share with the community. The boys collected funds totaling \$2,105 from 25 friends and family and donated the proceeds to a special fund through Bergen's Promise for unmet vision and dental needs. This special fund helps youth living with intellectual/developmental disabilities and complex medical needs obtain specialized vision and dental screenings, services and equipment they desperately need. We are very proud of these kids and their families for setting an example of compassion and generosity we should all aspire to. The details of their fundraising can be viewed [here](#). I will invite the 5th graders and their families to a future Council Meeting so they can be recognized for their service and generous donation to a community in need. Thank you!

Gazebo Renovations

The **Borough awarded the contract for the renovations to the gazebo** in February and will have a preconstruction meeting next week with the contractor. We look forward to the renovations that will add ADA accessibility, updated lighting, new steps, and benches and preserve the bones of this Demarest landmark. I will update everyone when we have a start date and a projected completion date, but **the goal is for the work to commence once the weather allows this spring so that the gazebo will be ready for summer concert season.**

Pet Licenses for 2026

Thank you to all who have completed their 2026 pet licensing. As of Monday March 2, late fees will apply to all 2026 licenses.

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](#).

NVD Musical

Break a leg this weekend! This weekend is NVD Musical **Fiddler on the Roof**, last minute tickets can be purchased here nvd.booktix.com.

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.

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](#).

Our Parent Discussion Group is revamped and back for 2026! Now known as the **Discussion Group for Families - AI, Screentime, Social Media & Technology**, this local discussion group of parents & caregivers meets monthly to share and discuss research, resources, and strategies on navigating screen time, technology use, social media, and AI at home/in school. This is a useful gathering for anybody looking to be proactive about their family engagement with technology. This month's meeting is **Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM**. Register [here!](#)

Join us on **Monday, March 2nd from 3:25 - 3:55 PM** for Korean Storytime! Caregivers must remain with their children.

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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