



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

### **Affordable Housing Update**

I want to thank everyone that came to our public meetings this week to ask questions and to share their perspectives and comments regarding our Affordable Housing ordinances. As the members of the governing body have said over the course of the last year while we dealt with our 4<sup>th</sup> round obligation, none of us are happy about the Affordable Housing legislation or the deadlines that were imposed on the all of the municipalities in New Jersey including Demarest. **That said, we are confident that given the legislative mandate and the onerous restrictions imposed on us, the Council took the difficult but necessary steps to protect the Borough and maintain its immunity from Builders' remedy lawsuits.** The next steps will be to file our adopted ordinances with the court, which will ensure that we retain our immunity from builders' remedies lawsuits that can wipe out local zoning control on a large townwide scale. The rezoning of 232 County Road means that in the next few months we **expect to see an application for building of seven townhomes on the site. That application will be reviewed by our Zoning Official and our Borough Professionals and will be scheduled before the Planning Board for site plan review.**

Please watch our website for public notices and agendas and if you live within 200 feet of the property you will also receive notice of the hearing date in the mail. Site plan issues including drainage, landscaping and architectural features will be discussed and decided during the public hearing on site plan review before the Planning Board.

### **Board of Health**

The Demarest Board of Health is sponsoring a "Couch to 5K" program starting **March 22 and continuing through May 13.** Please [click here for details](#).

### **Golf Outing**

The Community Chest of Bergen County is holding its 6th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Edgewood Country Club in River Vale, NJ. **This year's event is led by our co-chairs Matt Libien and John Wilkens.** It promises to be a fantastic day featuring golf, on-course games, great food and drinks, raffles, prizes, and wonderful camaraderie—all in support of a great cause. Proceeds support vital mental health programs for community members in need. Sponsorship forms, more information about this event and all the good work the Community Chest does to support our neighbors can be found [here](#).

### **The Art School at Old Church**

Registration now for Spring Session (**April 6 - June 14**) at The Art School at Old Church! Visit [tasoc.org](http://tasoc.org) to explore more than 80 visual arts and craft experiences 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.

## Demarest Library

**Maker's Day 2026 is here at The Demarest Library on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM! Come by the children's section of the library and participate in STEAM activities.**

Best suited for ages 3+

- *Do some arts and crafts!*
- *Make art with the Art School at Old Church*
- *Participate in a STEAM activity with The R Child STEAM Center*
- *Engage in technology experiences*
- *Play Math games with Mathnasium*
- *And so much more!!!*

Happy Friday the 13th and 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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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