



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Greek Independence Day is March 25. This day commemorates the beginning of Greece's War of Independence in the year 1821. Greeks worldwide, including many Greek-Americans here in Demarest, celebrate this occasion each year. The occasion is also recognized nationally through Presidential Proclamations published in the Federal Register. March 25, 2026 marks the **205th anniversary** of Greece's historic independence. We wish a wonderful celebration to all the members of our community celebrating and all Demarest residents are encouraged to celebrate with the Greek-American community at these local events:

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Closter Senior Building

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Tenafly Borough Hall

The celebrations will include performances by the Greek folk dancers from the regional Greek Cathedral. Everyone is invited to wear blue and white in honor of the colors of the Greek national flag.

Next observances for many of our residents will be **Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday and Easter Sunday**. They will be mentioned here, of course, as the dates approach; and as always, I wish everyone meaningful celebrations and/or observances with your families during these important dates.

Spring is coming and this weekend looks like we might actually get a break from the cold! A safety reminder as the days become longer and you begin to feel spring fever – keep reading, please:

Please remember to remove your key fobs from your cars! There was already one car theft of a car left running in one of our neighbors' driveways. It can be tempting to just run inside to grab that one thing you forgot, but sometimes that creates the opportunity for a car thief! Luckily, in collaboration with the NJ State Police and NYPD, an arrest was made and the car was recovered, but it is a good reminder to secure your home and vehicles. **My thanks to our Police Department for their assistance in this matter.**

Demarest PBA:

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!](#)

Community Chest:

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](#).

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](#).

The Art School at Old Church

Registration for **Spring Session (April 6 - June 14)** continues at The Art School at Old Church! Choose from more than 80 visual arts and craft classes for children, teens, and adults. You also can enroll children, ages 6-12, in *Blast of Art!* — our popular summer camp. Choose **one, or both, consecutive weeklong** sessions beginning Aug.10th.

Register now online at TASOC.org, by phone: (201) 767-7160, or in person at 561 Piermont Rd.

Demarest Library

Local New Jersey published author Dr. Paul Semendinger will be at The Demarest Library on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM to discuss his book, *West Point at Gettysburg Vol. 1*. [Register here!](#)

About:

In *West Point at Gettysburg*, author Dr. Paul Semendinger tells the story of many of the officers at the battle, who graduated from West Point and served with the Union or Confederate forces. Each West Point graduate has his story told in the pages of this comprehensive three-volume series.

Reviews:

"Wonderfully conceived and presented. WEST POINT AT GETTYSBURG is rich with detail for the scholar and general reader alike." Jim Remsen, co-author of *Back from Battle and Embattled Freedom*.

"A thoroughly researched and unique chronicle of the West Point graduates who served in the battle, offering insights for all readers interested in the Civil War."—Thomas K. Clancy, author of *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*

On **Saturday, March 28th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm in The Demarest Library Community Room**, the Bob Wylde Quartet with vocalist Frank Noveillo (Demarest School District Substitute) will be filling Demarest with the beautiful sounds of jazz. Jazz is always swinging! [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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