



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Unimproved Road Meeting

At our Council meeting on Monday **8/24/26** we are scheduled to review the plans for our upcoming unimproved road project that includes Demarest Ave., Carlotta Way, Blanche Ave. and Lincoln St. Residents of those streets received letters advising them of the meeting, but all residents are welcome to attend and offer comment.

September 11 Memorial Service

This year marks **25th Anniversary of the September 11** terrorist attacks on our nation. While our ceremony is usually scheduled in the evening, this year 9/11 falls on the first night of Rosh Hashanah. Out of respect for our residents who observe and celebrate the holiday, we will hold our ceremony at **10:00 A.M. on Friday 9/11** at the **911 Memorial near the duck pond**.

Demarest Swim Club

Demarest Swim Club has reduced day pass rates to \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids and seniors for the rest of the season (Labor Day). Email us [@Demarest Swim Club](mailto:@DemarestSwimClub) if you'd like to arrange for a prorated membership through September 7, rate depends on the day that you join and whether you choose single, couple, senior or family membership.

There are also 3 more Senior Mondays, when senior citizens can visit for just \$10!

Come down and socialize, exercise, or just relax at our club inside the wonderful Demarest Nature Center!

Demarest Day-America 250!

If you would like to participate or donate to help make it a great day, please visit our website at demarestnj.gov or email Lee Campbell at lcampbell@demarestnj.gov.

Deadline extended to September 4 – Become a Family Flag Sponsor!

We're excited to introduce a new way for residents to participate in Demarest Day and honor America on her 250th birthday.

For a \$50 donation, your family can become a Demarest Day Family Flag Sponsor.

Each sponsorship includes:

- A personalized American flag displayed throughout Demarest Day as part of a patriotic community display with a ribbon recognizing your family's support.

- At the end of the event, the flag is yours to take as a keepsake.

- It's a wonderful way to celebrate our community while helping support one of Demarest's favorite annual traditions.

The Art School at Old Church

Enroll now for **Fall Session** (Sept 8-Nov 13) and **one-day workshops** (Nov 14 & 15)! We are excited to offer more than 80 art and craft courses for **adults, teens, and children**. Register **online** at www.tasoc.org, **in person** at **561 Piermont Road** or **by telephone** at **(201) 767-7160**.

We have **two spaces left** in the free workshop series, **Wing and Wood**, a collaboration with The Borough of Demarest! Discover how to create a unique decorative bird from soft wood. These **workshops** will take place at our school, **Sept. 13th, Sept. 27th, and October 4th**. We know you will enjoy making art and friends in our spacious studios. No prior woodworking or painting experience is required. **To enroll, call us now at (201) 767-7160.**

Music with a Mission — Backpacks & Beats Night

Please join us for Week 8 of the Demarest Summer Concert Series — Music with a Mission on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, for Backpacks & Beats Night at the Gazebo.

This week's mission is to help collect school supplies for students and families preparing for the new school year. We are working with the Franciscan Community Development Center of Fairview, which will distribute the donated school supplies to families in need.

The performing band will be Demarest's own *Free Therapy*. We are excited to bring the community together for a night of live music, generosity, and summer fun.

We are also grateful to Dr. Lipkin / Got Braces for serving as the Ice Cream Sponsor for Backpacks & Beats Night. Anyone who brings school supplies to donate will receive a free ice cream cone as a thank you for supporting the school supply drive.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo, Demarest

Band: Free Therapy

Theme: Backpacks & Beats Night

Mission: School supply drive

Donation Partner: Franciscan Community Development Center of Fairview

Ice Cream Sponsor: Dr. Lipkin / Got Braces

Demarest Library

Join us on **Monday, August 24th** from **4:00 - 4:30 PM** for a brief presentation on endangered animals and some cookie decorating with **TAB Animal Cookie Decorating!** Registration is required! Register [here!](#)

Come to the Demarest Public Library on **Thursday, August 27th** for **Read to a Dog (4+)**! Community Volunteer Ms. Jody will bring one of two therapy dogs for beginning readers to practice reading to, in a safe setting. **Registration is required for a 10-minute time slot from 4:30 - 5:00 PM.** Register [here!](#)

Chess is back at the Demarest Public Library on Saturdays for **Summer Kids Chess Club!** Come play chess with players of all levels on **Saturday, August 29** from **10 - 11:30 am**. This event will take place in the Children's Room. As always, children ages eight and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and children cannot visit the library alone until the age of eleven.

Registration is not required, but space and chessboards are limited. Your child may have to wait for a turn to play, but we encourage them to learn from observing games.

Mayor's personal Note:

This week, I am concluding my weekly email with a personal note of appreciation.

On behalf of the Borough, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the men and women of our **Fire Department, Police Department, EMS, and Department of Public Works** for your outstanding service and dedication to our community.

This has been an especially busy, storm-ridden summer, with emergencies and challenging situations – including a major fire – that have tested you and our community. Through it all, you have answered the call with professionalism, courage, and an unwavering commitment to keeping our residents safe.

Thank you for all that you do, and for being there when our community needs you most.

With sincere appreciation,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

P.S. Have a great weekend!

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,242 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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