



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Summer Draws to a Close – Happy Labor Day!

Good luck to all of our Demarest students who returned to school this week! We wish you a great 2026-2027 school year! **If you are driving through town, please leave extra time and take extra caution as increased school traffic and students walking and biking to school have returned!**

Mosquito Spraying by County

The Borough received notice from the Bergen County Mosquito Control office that during regular monitoring, mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus have been detected in our area. **A mosquito control operation in Demarest scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th from 10PM-11:59PM.** The County will be spraying Duet adulticide to eliminate active adult mosquitoes. As a precaution, residents should keep their windows closed. The map of the spray area and additional information can be found [here](#). Please [visit our website here for the fact sheet on the Duet Adulticide](#) that will be used.

September 11 Memorial Service

This year marks **25th Anniversary of the September 11** terrorist attacks on our nation. Our Annual Ceremony will be held this year at **10:00 am next Friday 9/11** at the Memorial near the duck pond.

Demarest Day-America 250!

It's not too late to help make Demarest Day 2026 the biggest and best to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA! 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.

Music with a Mission

I want to thank the **Recreation Commission** for their work on the 2026 Summer Concert Series. **Special thanks to Craig Besnoy** who spearheaded a fundraising and awareness campaign for this year's concerts that brought us **Music with a Mission**. Throughout many scheduling issues caused by weather, the Commission and **Craig worked hard to bring our community entertainment with a purpose**. I received a great deal of positive feedback on this updated format and look forward to the Commission's vision for the 2027 concert series! I also want to thank **Dan Marks**, the Council liaison to our Recreation Commission, for his work on bringing about a successful 2026 Summer Concert Series.

Tax Relief for Seniors

New Jersey offers several property-tax-relief programs that may benefit eligible residents, including ANCHOR, Senior Freeze and Stay NJ, with eligibility based on factors such as age, income, residency and whether you own or rent your home.

Seniors age 65 and older can learn more about eligibility requirements and the combined PAS-1 Property Tax Relief Application through the New Jersey Division of Taxation, and the **current filing deadline for the 2025 application is November 2, 2026**. For complete eligibility and filing information, please visit [New Jersey Property Tax Relief Programs or Stay NJ / Senior Property Tax Relief](#).

Borough Schedule Change

Borough offices will be closed Monday, 9/7 for Labor Day. Additionally, Borough offices will close at noon on Tuesday 9/8 so our employees can attend an OEM / Preparedness Team Building and Employee Appreciation Event in the afternoon hosted by Alpine Country Club. Thank you to Alpine CC for hosting area first responders and our Borough employees.

The Art School at Old Church

Ready, set, go! Our **Fall Session** begins on **September 8th!** Enroll now **online** at www.tasoc.org, **in person** at 561 Piermont Rd., or **by phone** at (201) 767-7160. Choose from more than **80 art and craft experiences** for **adults, teens, and children**. Call the school if you have questions about late registration. We hope to see you here!

Demarest Library

The Demarest Public Library will be **closed from September 5 - 7** for Labor Day Weekend! We will **reopen on Tuesday, September 8 at 9 AM**. If you have any returns during this weekend, you can place them in our dropbox on Stelfox St. Additionally, **our summer hours are now over. Our first Sunday back open is September 13th from 1 - 5 PM**.

TAB and the Library are hosting an LLE Back to School Night Babysitting Fundraiser on **Tuesday, September 15 from 6 - 8 pm**. Drop off your kids at the library while you attend Back to School Night with proceeds benefiting the Teen Advisory Board and Library. **Reserve your spot by filling out the [Google Form here!](#)**

Join us on **Thursday, September 10th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** for a **Demarest Resident Book Signing and Author Talk** for *A Good Man: A Novel of Heroism, Friendship, and Survival* by Debbie Slevin. **A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BOOK SALE WILL GO TO THE FRIENDS OF THE DEMAREST PUBLIC LIBRARY.** Register [here!](#)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on **Thursday, September 17th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** with our **Hispanic Heritage Month Concert with José D. Cruz!** José D. Cruz has a bachelor's degree in Music from Muhlenberg College, has been musical director at Porch Light Studios and Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Paterson, and a musician at Judah S Goldman Music in NYC. Register [here!](#)

Have a great long weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,245 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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