



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

September 11 Memorial Service

Today, marks the **25th Anniversary of the September 11** terrorist attacks on our nation. Thank you to all of you that were able to join us this morning for our annual ceremony. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who lost someone that terrible day. As always, we remember and honor the first responders who ran toward danger that day and continue to stand watch and protect us every day regardless of the personal risk. The memorial service was well attended and it was recommended that I share my speech with the rest of the community. Click [here](#) for a copy of the speech.

This morning I had the honor of meeting with the family of **Martin Wohlforth**. The Wohlforth family was exceptionally kind and gracious towards me and I greatly appreciated my time with them. I will meet with them again to learn more about Martin so I can speak about him at next year's service on a more personal level. They are from Demarest and I look forward to meeting with them again. We will always honor and remember Martin and recognize their unimaginable loss.

Special thanks to **Jason Gangi and our DPW** for the beautiful job they do in maintaining our park and Memorial. Thank you!!

Happy Rosh Hashanah - Shana Tova!

Happy Rosh Hashanah to all our residents celebrating the New Year. **Wishing you a year of peace and good health!**

Demarest Day 2026 – America 250!

Demarest Day is on Saturday 9/26/26 and here's what is in store for the day! (Rain date 10/10/26)

- 1:00 PM – the party gets started!
- 1:00–2:30 PM – Performance by **Marley & Me**
- 2:45 PM – Tiger Kim's Taekwondo Demonstration
- 3:00–4:30 PM – Performance by **Sessions**
- 5:00–7:00 PM – Performance by **Shoreline**

Fireworks will cap off the evening when the sun goes down!

This year's event will have a patriotic Americana theme in recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary. **Music, games, rides, food and drink for the entire family from 1 pm- 5 pm.** We hope you will join us for this great event!

It's not too late 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.

Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline for new voter registration to vote in the November election is **October 13, 2026**. If you are not sure if you are registered or need information on how to register, please click [here](#).

Downtown Demarest Updates

Coming soon – **The Station!** [Click here to follow progress](#) and join the guest list of the new restaurant coming to Demarest in 2027. The Station will honor the historic nature of the train station while invigorating our small downtown area and providing a restaurant that will offer our community a warm and friendly place to gather and enjoy good food and conversation.

Progress is also being made at the previous bank building. A redeveloper is in place, and we expect final plans to come before the Planning Board for site plan review in the coming months.

I want to thank the members of the Council that serve on the Economic Development Committee, **Council President Slowikowski and Councilmembers Carmeli and Jiang** for their commitment to encouraging the responsible development of our downtown area.

Alpine Country Club Shows Appreciation to Demarest First Responders

On September 8th, the Alpine Country Club sponsored and hosted a day, “**Heroes on the Green,**” at the Club in recognition of our First responders and emergency services. It was a very special event for our Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corp and DPW. I want to thank the Alpine Country Club for their generosity and making our volunteers and employees welcomed “members” for the day. My special thanks to **Andreas Plaitis** for his warm and gracious hospitality! The day was enjoyed and greatly appreciated by all. **THANK YOU!!**

I also want to take a moment to recognize and thank the men and women who serve our community every day - our **Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and Department of Public Works.**

These are the people we depend upon when we need help most. They respond at all hours of the day and night, in bad weather and difficult circumstances, and they do so with professionalism, compassion, and an extraordinary commitment to our residents.

On behalf of the Governing Body and, more importantly, on behalf of the residents of our community, I want each member to know how much we appreciate your service, your sacrifices, and the pride you take in keeping our community well cared for, safe and strong.

The Art School at Old Church

Our **Fall Session** has officially begun! Many thanks to all who enrolled in classes for adults, teens, and children. If you have **questions about late registration**, call **(201) 767-7160**.

We look forward to seeing seniors at our free **Wing and Wood workshop on Sunday, Sept 13, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm**. Provided in partnership with the Borough of Demarest, this unique program requires no prior experience. Currently, there is one free space! Call us to grab it!

Demarest Library

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!](#)**

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!](#)

Join us for the **Screentime Club: Raising Children in a Digital Age** on **Saturday, September 19th from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. The Screentime Club: Raising Children in a Digital Age creates a space for caregivers, parents, educators, and children's professionals to come together around one of the biggest questions in modern parenting: how do screens, tech, and play fit into children's lives? **The first meeting topic is what *Toy Story 5* gets right (and wrong) about kids and screens. Register [here!](#)**

Please join us at The Demarest Free Public Library on **Saturday, September 26th from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** for a **presentation on Dementia from Demarest Resident Dr. James Noble, author of "Navigating Life with Dementia."** Dr. Noble is pleased to return to the library to provide an update after his last presentation in 2023. Register to secure your spot [here!](#)

Have a great 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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