



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Memorial Day Parade

Please join us on **Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10 AM** for our Memorial Day Parade to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our country. **The Parade will begin at the Demarest Library, line-up begins at 9:30 AM, and ends in Memorial Park at the Duck Pond. [See Parade route here.](#)** In Demarest, Memorial Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on a shared sense of gratitude, pride, and community connection that continues to bring residents together year after year. *(Please watch your emails Monday morning for any weather related adjustments)*

Shred Event Reminder

The BCUA sponsored shred event is tomorrow, **Saturday 5/23 at the DPW building on Wakelee Rd. from 9am-1pm. Residents are limited to 4 bags or boxes of personal paperwork to be shredded.**

National Public Works Week

In honor of **National Public Works Week**, we thank our Department of Public Works for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Our DPW provides seamless service and makes extraordinary contributions to the safety of our residents as well as our quality of life in Demarest. They do so with little recognition, so I want to personally thank every member of the Department for their hard work all year long. **Special thanks to DPW Director Jason Gangi. And a special shout out to Jimmy Berlamino who has stepped in as our interim foreman and is doing a fantastic job!**

Summer Begins at Demarest Swim Club!

Demarest Swim Club traditionally opens for the season over Memorial Day Weekend and weather permitting, they will be open from **12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday through Monday**. If the weather looks uncertain, please call at **201-815-6745** before heading over. Please note that after Memorial Day, the club will be open on weekends only until June 22. If you haven't already done so, registration is available online at DemarestSwimClub.org or in person at the club.

Join the Demarest Swim & Dive Team! - Register 5/26

Looking for a fun summer activity for the kids? Demarest Swim Club welcomes swimmers and divers of all levels, ages 5–17, to join our summer league competitive teams. Kids can swim or dive or do both!

- **Schedule:** Weekday afternoon practices start in June; the season concludes in early August.
- **Registration Event: Tuesday, May 26 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** at the swim club (1 Wakelee Drive). Stop by to sign up and meet the coaches and coordinators! Registration fee: \$120 per child.
- **Requirement:** Families must hold a Swim Club Family level membership to participate.

Gazebo Ribbon Cutting

We are planning to have our ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated and improved **Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo on June 24th, commencing at 6 PM, and followed immediately by the first summer concert of our Summer Concert Series.** Please mark your calendars so you can join us for this celebration. Stay tuned here and the Borough website for updates.

Finally ... and welcome to Demarest!

Get ready Demarest and let's welcome, in advance of its opening, **ELA Hair Salon and Baris Keskin**. "A new space for beautiful hair, good energy, and luxury experience." Salon is located at 130 Hardenburgh Avenue between the Post Office and Dunkin Donuts.

The Art School at Old Church

The Art School offers many thanks to everyone who attended the annual Pottery Lawn Sale last weekend! We look forward to welcoming you to our school and galleries this summer.

Registration is ongoing for **Summer Courses (June 20–August 1)** and **one-day Summer Workshops (June 15–19)**, with more than 80 multi-level visual arts and craft classes for adults and teens. Openings are also available in ***Blast of Art!***, our popular summer camp for children ages **6–12**, with weeklong sessions beginning August 10 and August 17. Enroll children in **one or both** sessions now!

Demarest Library

The Demarest Library will be closed on **Tuesday, May 26** and most likely on **Wednesday, May 27** to allow plumbers to safely complete a necessary sewer upgrade. During the closure, the book drop on **Stelfox Street** will remain open for returns, and patrons are encouraged to continue accessing eContent through our digital platforms. We appreciate your understanding! If anything changes, we will post another update. Thanks for your patience.

Enjoy everything *The New York Times* has to offer through their website or app for 72 hours. Follow the link, set up or log in to your New York Times account, and start exploring! When your access expires, come back and renew. For Demarest cardholders only.

The Demarest Free Public Library offers free passes to the **Guggenheim, Intrepid Air & Space Museum**, the **Museum of Modern Art**, and the **Storm King Art Center**. Passes may be checked out to **Demarest residents only with a Demarest Public Library Card**. **Only one pass may be borrowed at a time per household**. To learn more about how to borrow a pass, click [here!](#)

Finally, we said good-bye to The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. The show premiered in 2015 and ended its run this week, following a surprise cancellation by CBS. The Colbert 11:35 PM time slot will be taken by Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen - "get ready to get your laugh on!"

Have a wonderful long weekend! **And, GO KNICKS!!!**

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,228 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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