



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

While the weather spoiled our parade plans on Memorial Day, it did not spoil our commitment to honor the men and women who gave their lives serving our nation. I want to thank everyone who participated in our indoor ceremony. It is important to take a moment each year to reflect and honor those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. For those of you who weren't able to join us you can [click here](#) to read my remarks from the ceremony. A special thank you to **Jackie Jesner**, who performed beautiful renditions of the *Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*, and to **Robert McConville** who performed *Taps*. Thank you for sharing your talents with the community.

Tree City USA for 2025

My thanks to Linda Cetta, Dimitri Gatanas, Maureen Neville, Norman Ng, Fay Sloan, Kathleen Kobylarz and Ted Alverontas of the **Shade Tree Commission, our Arborist Ray Slaman and to Lee Campbell** who serves as Secretary to the Commission for all the work they do throughout the year to protect, plant and maintain the Borough's Shade Trees. The Arbor Day Foundation sent congratulations to Demarest on receiving 2025 Tree City USA recognition. Please [click here](#) for the Borough's recognition letter.

Gazebo Ribbon Cutting

We are planning to have our ribbon cutting and rededication 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 – the music of our own Ray Graiche**. Please mark your calendars so you can join us for this celebration. Stay tuned here and the Borough website for updates.

Demarest Library

The Friends of the Demarest Library will be having a Book Donation Drop-Off on **Saturday, June 6** from **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. Drop off will be upstairs in the Community Room of the library. Books in gently used condition will be accepted, as well as old/antique books, textbooks, CDs, DVDs, and video games. For more information about the Friends, click [this link!](#)

New spots have opened up for Intro to **Lego Robotics (Grades 3 - 5) on Wednesday, June 3rd from 5:00 - 6:00 PM**. This program is a LEGO-based course introducing robotics, engineering, coding, and STEM concepts! In the course, students build and program their own robots while learning problem-solving and creativity. It is perfect for younger students or those brand new to robotics! [Register here!](#)

Calling all new Mahjong players! Just learned American Mahjong and looking for a space to continue the game and meet new players? Come to The Demarest Library on **Wednesday evenings** from **5:45 - 7:45 PM** to practice Mahjong with other beginners! Games will be played at

the tables in front of the circulation desk and are on a first come, first serve basis. The Demarest Library also has two Mahjong sets for patron use. *REMINDER: THIS IS NOT A CLASS, IT IS A CASUAL SPACE FOR BEGINNERS TO PRACTICE/ MEET OTHER PLAYERS*

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,231 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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