



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Well, it took 53 years, but the **Knicks** have done it! In an exciting final series, the Knicks became **NBA champions** by beating the San Antonio Spurs 4 games to 1! Congratulations!

I want to wish a **Happy Father's Day** to all our Demarest Dads! I hope you get to spend a relaxing Sunday with your families!

Please join us this coming **Wednesday 6/24 at 6 pm for the Ribbon Cutting and Rededication Ceremony of the Nancy Woods Memorial Peace Gazebo**. The ceremony will be followed by Ray Greiche as we kick off Demarest Recreation's Summer Concert series.

I want to thank **Farmhouse Gourmet of Closter** for the beautiful vincas helping to beautify our downtown.

People want to know!

There is a large construction project on Closter Dock Rd. in Alpine that many have asked us about. We reached out to Alpine for some details, and they provided us with the following announcement from their resident newsletter:

Status of Alpine's Affordable Housing: *The Borough has held special meetings to amend zoning ordinances to remain on course for compliance with our State's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Laws. By so doing we remain in control of our zoning (i.e., immune from Builder's Remedy lawsuits) through June 30, 2035. The Borough's Third and Fourth Round affordable housing settlements were described in our December newsletter. The Borough was forced in one of those settlements to rezone the 22.6-acre Kurtz property on Closter Dock Road **where trees are being cleared** for the construction of 40 townhouses, 20 percent of which are to be affordable housing rental units.*

Community Chest

Enjoy the best of summer while supporting a great local cause! The Community Chest of Eastern Bergen County is partnering with Stokes Farm to offer its Summer CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Program. Participants receive weekly shares of fresh, locally grown produce while helping The Community Chest continue its work supporting nonprofits and neighbors throughout our community. Registration is now open, and shares are limited. [Visit The Community Chest's website](#) to learn more and reserve your summer harvest today.

Demarest Nature Center

The Demarest Nature Center is hosting a **Summer Solstice Hike this Saturday, June 20th at 8pm**. Join Ray Slaman as he leads a twilight hike on the longest day of the year. This event is free for DNC Members and \$10 for non-members. Meet at the DNC entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive.

The Art School at Old Church

Summer Session (June 20–August 1) for all ages begins on **Saturday!** There is still time to register online at **TASOC.org**, in person at **561 Piermont Rd.**, or by calling **(201)767-7160**. Openings are also available in ***Blast of Art!*** our summer camp for children ages 6–12. Weeklong sessions begin on **August 10** and **August 17**. Enroll children in **one or both** sessions now!

Demarest Library

On **Friday, June 19th** the **Demarest Library will be closed** for Freedom Day (Juneteenth).

Please place all returns in the book drop on the Stelfox St. side of the library. We will reopen on **Saturday, June 20th at 9:00 AM**

Join us on **Monday, June 15th from 3:30 - 4:15 PM** for the **TAB ValueBoox Scavenger Hunt**. One of our TAB volunteers has created a book resale website and what better way to introduce it to the community than through a scavenger hunt! You can check out the website [here](#). **We encourage those attending to bring a book they no longer want to donate to the initiative.** Kids will complete a short scavenger hunt including learning how to use the website and relist a book to go to a new home. They will earn a prize for completing all the stations! Register [here!](#)

Come join us for a relaxing chair yoga session at the library with instructor Lori Brophy on **Wednesday, June 17th** from **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. **Registration is required!** Register [here!](#)

Borough offices are closed tomorrow, Friday June 19 in observation of Juneteenth.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,237 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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