



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Our Treasured Gazebo

I want to thank everyone who joined us this past Wednesday for the Ribbon Cutting and Rededication Ceremony of the Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo. The improved and renovated gazebo is now open and all are welcome! The benches are expected to be installed in several weeks.

DMS Graduation

This past Tuesday evening, June 23, 2026, Demarest Middle School proudly celebrated its 122nd Annual Commencement Exercises.

As I watched the graduates accept their diplomas, I could not help but reflect on how far they have come. Four years ago, they entered Demarest Middle School as young and often nervous fifth graders. Since then, they have worked hard in the classroom, built lasting friendships, supported one another through challenges, grown emotionally and academically, and prepared themselves for the exciting journey ahead. Today, they leave Demarest Middle School as confident, responsible young adults, ready to take the next step into high school and beyond.

To the Class of 2026: Congratulations! You have earned this moment through your hard work, determination, and perseverance. Take pride in all that you have accomplished, celebrate your success, and enjoy this special milestone. Your future is bright, and I know each of you will continue to achieve great things.

I would also like to thank Dr. Cirillo, Mr. Regan, the faculty, administration, Board of Education, and Board of Trustees for their dedication to these students. Your guidance, encouragement, and commitment have helped shape this remarkable group of young people. You have done an outstanding job, and I am confident that your students will continue to excel, make their mark in high school, and contribute positively to their communities and the world around them.

Finally, to the parents and families: I saw the pride on your faces Tuesday evening, and it was well deserved. Your love, support, sacrifices, and encouragement have played an essential role in your children's success. Thank you for the trust you placed in our schools and for the partnership you have formed with our educators over the years.

On behalf of the Borough of Demarest, congratulations once again to the Demarest Middle School Class of 2026. We are proud of you, and we look forward to all that you will accomplish in the years ahead.

NVD Graduation

Congratulations to all of our 2026 NVRHS Demarest graduates!

Each of you have made your parents, families and community proud. You have reached an extraordinary milestone, and we look forward to hearing about your successes in college, your chosen profession, or the mark you will make on the world. To paraphrase Ralph Waldo Emerson, know that you need not follow a

path, but may go where there is no path and leave a trail. Good luck and know that you are prepared for your next steps.

Demarest Family Graduates

I want to offer a special congratulations to some of our Demarest Family who are celebrating graduations this month. Chief Visaggio's son **Joe Visaggio** graduated from TCNJ as an education major in secondary education and obtained a BA in history all while being a 4 yr College football player; Newly Hired Police Officers **Andre Scrubb** and **Nico Kross** both graduated with BA's in Criminal Justice, Andre from High Point University & Nico from Wagner University; **Robbie Sherrow**, who's dad is our Construction Official Bobby Sherrow, graduated from Ramapo High School and will be attending James Madison University in the fall; DPW Director Jason Gangi's daughter **Hanna Gangi** graduated with honors from Holdrum Middle School; and Councilwoman Sharon Carmeli's son, **Eyal Carmeli** graduated from Demarest Middle School. **Congratulations to all of you, we wish you the best in High School, College and the very rigorous Bergen County Police Academy!**

Demarest Swim Club News

There is still time to join Demarest Swim Club to take advantage of membership privileges, including swim lessons, swim and dive teams, and hosting swim parties!

Starting **Monday June 29**, senior citizens may visit Demarest Swim Club on a reduced day pass of just \$10. Monday hours are noon to 7pm.

Find out more at DemarestSwimClub.org!

Demarest Library

Sponsored by the Demarest and Cresskill Libraries, come to the Demarest Library Community Room on **Saturday, June 27th** from **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** to celebrate America's 250 Anniversary with a patriotic concert presented by Gerard and Diane Barros! Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a selection of Patriotic Pop Hits and Summertime Classics from the 1950s - 1980s. Registration is required! Register [here](#)!

Unearth a Story! Join us at **County Road School in Demarest on Tuesday, June 30th** from **3:00 - 4:00 PM** for a Zoophoria animal show to kick-off the start of Summer Reading. An ice-cream truck sponsored by the Friends of the Demarest Library will follow. **Register for the kickoff [here](#)!** Make sure to register kids ages 0 - 18 for our Summer Reading Program [here](#).

Come to the Demarest Library to attend one or all of our Beginner Tai Chi classes to kick off a mindful summer presented by Mad Monk Tai Chi. Classes are from **10:00 - 11:00 AM** on **July 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at the Demarest Middle School New Gymnasium, 568 Piermont Rd, Demarest, NJ, 07627**. Register [here](#)!

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,238 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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