



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It has been an extremely busy week for our Demarest team. The severe weather that came through Demarest the evening of July 4th caused extensive damage and the clean up is ongoing. **Thank you to our DPW who worked around the clock this week making sure that our roads are safe.** Their clean up and chipping will continue in the weeks to come. If you are putting fallen branches out for chipping please make every effort to ensure branches are facing the same direction and are under 6 feet in length for efficient pick up.

Our **Police, Fire and EMS** also worked overtime through the storm responding to many emergencies caused by downed trees and electric wires. **I want to thank our Emergency Services Departments for their hard work and professionalism during the storm and its aftermath.**

I also want to thank our Borough Hall Staff for their help and fielding the calls of our residents regarding the storm, power outages, downed trees, utility wires, Wakelee Field and a host of other concerns. **Lastly, thanks to all of our residents for your understanding, patience and resilience.**

Demarest Day

Did you know that **Demarest Day funding is completely dependent upon donations?** While we thank all of our local businesses and Borough professionals that participate, residents can help too! In honor of America's 250th we are trying to make this year bigger and better than ever and we need your help! The success of the event depends on your generous donors. Please click [here](#) for all the information and help out if you can! **No donation is too big or too small!**

Tunes 4 Wounds Fundraiser

Demarest resident & NVD student **Eddie Yezekian** developed an idea for a project that connects two of his passions: music and supporting medical services for free clinics and volunteer ambulance corps. With the help of his parents, Eddie established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered in New Jersey called [Tunes4Wounds.org](#). The mission of the organization is to raise funds to purchase medical supplies and equipment for free clinics and volunteer ambulance services. This idea was inspired by personal experience and I admire Eddie's determination to use his passion for music to support our community and other communities.

Please visit [Tunes4Wounds.org](#) to learn about Eddie's efforts. Eddie will be participating in the August 5th Summer Concert featuring *Shoreline Anthem*. Please join us to learn how you can support his efforts to support not only the **Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps**, but also the **Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI.org)**, and **Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps**. Many thanks to Eddie and his parents for this worthy cause.

ValueBoox – A must read!

ValueBoox is a community book marketplace built by Yahli Cop, a rising senior at NVD and Teen Advisory Board Member of the Demarest Public Library. Yahli is also a creator, entrepreneur and

philanthropist. ValueBoox allows Demarest residents to buy and sell books directly with one another online. Yahli deducts 10% from each sale and donates the 10% to the Demarest Public Library. With kids needing books for summer reading, this is the perfect moment for you to meet ValueBoox. The ValueBoox website currently has over 15 books from the Demarest Middle School summer reading lists, covering all grades 5 through 8. Beyond summer reading, ValueBoox has roughly 160 books ranging from sports books to popular series. Please visit ValueBoox to learn more [ValueBoox](#). Thank you Yahli!

New Law for E-Bikes – Reminder!

Anyone with an e-bike, especially minors, please be aware of the new law going into effect on July 19th.

Age & Licensing Requirements — Riders must be at least 15 years old and hold either an e-bike license or a valid driver's license. Renters of low-speed e-bikes (under 21 mph) must be at least 16, with no license required.

- **Licensing Process:** Riders must study the state's Driver and E-bike/Moped manuals, pass a knowledge and vision test for a permit, practice riding during a supervised period, then pass a road test (scheduled 20–45 days after permit validation) to receive their e-bike license.
- **Registration** — All e-bikes must be registered with the NJ MVC, regardless of type.
- **Registration Process** — Owners must schedule an MVC appointment, complete Form BA-49EB, present 6 points of ID or a valid NJ driver's license/non-driver ID, provide proof of ownership, show proof of insurance (if applicable), and affix license plate stickers to both sides of the e-bike's front fork.
- **Insurance** — Only motorized bicycles/mopeds require insurance; low-speed electric bicycles do not, but still must be registered.
- **Fees** — The \$5 e-bike permit examination fee will be waived until January 2027.
- **Minors** — Riders under 18 must have a parent or guardian present, or submit a signed parental consent form, during the registration and licensing process.

[Click here to visit the NJDMV](#) for additional information and complete registration process.

Summer Concerts Music with a Mission — Next concert, “Feeding Neighbors Night!”

Please join us for Night Three of the Demarest Summer Concert Series — **Music with a Mission on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.**

Next Wednesday's [7/15] theme is Feeding Neighbors Night, and we are asking families attending the concert to help support local food pantry and hunger relief efforts by bringing a donation of canned tuna or boxes of cereal.

As a thank you, the first 100 people who bring a food donation will receive a free ice cream cone. Ice cream giveaway Sponsor, Demarest's own Mark Rottenberg and his law firm, RLR Law, P.C. Concert Sponsor: ShopRite of Englewood, Paramus and Rochelle Park.

The concert begins at **7:30 PM at the Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo, and the band will play until 9:00 PM.** Please bring a chair, enjoy the music, and help us use this community gathering to support neighbors in need.

Requested Donations: Canned tuna and boxes of cereal

Thanks to our Sponsors and to everyone for helping make the Demarest Summer Concert Series about more than music — it is about community.

Demarest Library

Join Miss Cristina at the Demarest Public Library on **Tuesday, July 14th from 10:30 - 11:15 AM** for an interactive Spanish Storytime! Engage in songs, stories, movement and play. This program is for children ages 0 to 4 and their caregivers. Register [here](#)!

Caricature artist Christine Fontanazza will be at the library on **Saturday, July 18 from 10 am - 12 pm.** Kids can get free Flintstones (or many other themed) caricature drawings! Register for an available slot [here](#).

Join us on **Thursday, July 16th from 4:15 - 5:15 PM** for our **Family Dinosaur Party!** Participate in dinosaur stations for the whole family! There will be crafts, snacks, games and more! 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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