



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Happy Holidays from the Mayor and Council  
Here's to a great 2024!

***On behalf of the entire Governing Body, I want to wish all of our residents, their families, our staff and volunteers and our team of professionals a very Happy New Year! All of you make Demarest the best place to live, work and raise our families! It has been a busy year at Borough Hall; and I know I speak for our entire team when I say, we are excited to continue our work in 2024 to make Demarest even better! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!***

I want to thank our two Councilmembers who are ending their terms this year. Both Rebecca LaPira and Mary Lynn Hamilton have served our community honorably and we thank them for all their time and effort. I know they will continue to contribute their talents for years to come!

On January 1 at 2 pm, we will hold our Annual Reorganization meeting at which time Jonathan Reiss and Adam Collins will be sworn in to begin their terms on the Council. Welcome to the Council; we look forward to working with you both.

I hope you all received our Boroughwide Newsletter in your mailboxes this past weekend, a copy can also be viewed [here](#).

Last year, Governor Phil Murphy signed a joint resolution that names the month of January as "Muslim Heritage Month" The designation aims to "promote awareness and appreciation of the many contributions of the state's Muslim community." The legislation can be viewed [here](#).

Please note that Borough Offices will close at noon on Friday 12/29 and, except for the Sine die and Reorganization meetings on January 1, will reopen for business on Tuesday, January 2 at 8 am.

Reminder that all dogs and cats need to be licensed annually. The 2024 Application can be found [here](#). The Borough will hold a free Rabies Clinic on Saturday 2/10 at the DPW building on Wakelee Dr.

Lastly, the 2024 Garbage and Recycling schedule can be found [here](#).

*Have a safe New Year's Eve and I will speak with you next year!*

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **771 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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found on the Demarest homepage [[demarestnj.gov](http://demarestnj.gov)] under "Quick Links."*

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