



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This Sunday's planned Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be postponed due to the weather forecast. Please join us Wednesday, December 12/13 at 7 pm for music, hot cocoa, jelly donuts and more at the Menorah lighting!

This past Tuesday evening, we held our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event was a huge success and a great way to kick off the holiday season. It was attended by more than 200 people with candy and hot cocoa for all, music and fun! It was truly a special town event, and we hope to have even more people join us next year! I want to thank Leigh Barker and the Recreation Commission for planning the event and the DPW for decking the halls! My thanks as well to the Police Department and PBA for keeping us safe during the event and for providing the chocolate Santas and cotton candy, both of which were a big hit! As always, thanks to our Ambulance Corp for their presence at the event. A big thank you to our newest Police Officer Fredi Nolasco who "escorted" Santa and Lee Campbell who "escorted" Santa's elf from the North Pole to visit all the kids and to the Fire Department for making sure Santa and his helper arrived in style! I was honored to introduce the Borland Family who lit the Christmas Tree they donated in honor of their daughter (and sister) Christine.

As this week comes to a close, the Demarest DPW would like to remind all residents that Sunday, December 10 is the last day to put leaves out at the curb. All DPW crews will make one last pass through their respective routes on Monday December 11 and Tuesday December 12 for a finalized clean up and collection. After the December 10 deadline, all residents are asked to bag their remaining leaves in large biodegradable paper bags for further collection.

The Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps is proud to announce that Andy Woods has been selected as a "Hometown Hero" for December by Congressma Josh Gottheimer. Andy is Assistant Chief of the Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps and is one of thier top responding EMTs. He is a lifelong resident of Demarest and continues to serve our community. Congratulations Andy!

News from the Demarest Nature Center:

Please click [here](#) to become a member of DNC to be informed about our great programs and events!

Please join us for our monthly Community Trail Walk. January's walk is scheduled for 1/6 at 10am. Trees, flora and fauna are all alive in the winter months. Come and see the beauty of the woods at DNC in a new light!

News from the library:

Learn more about Artificial Intelligence on Saturday, December 9th from 11am - 12 pm at the Demarest Library. Understanding and Embracing AI in Everyday Life, seeks to provide a clear and accessible understanding of AI technologies, their societal impacts, and ethical considerations. This will be presented by a local young adult who is an active AI consultant.

Join us at the Demarest Train Station for a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14th at 6pm. Local Musician Steve Kelman will perform instrumental holiday classics as well as folk, bluegrass & country music. Get into the winter spirit with the whole family! Registration is encouraged, please call the library at 201-768-8714.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **738 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 on the Demarest homepage [demarestnj.gov] under "Quick Links."*

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