



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I'm sending my weekly update today since Borough offices are closed tomorrow, **Friday 11/10 in observance of Veterans Day to honor our National Heroes.**

**A reminder from our tax collector's office: fourth quarter 2023 taxes are due, and the grace period is extended only until Monday, November 13, 2023, due to the federal holiday and observance of Veteran's day on Friday November 10, 2023.**

Congratulations to Luther Lee Emerson on being named a National Blue Ribbon School. I want to congratulate the entire school community including Administrators, Teachers and Staff and our students and their families for achieving this distinct honor.

Our new Holiday display near the gazebo is being installed over the next few weeks and will be completed in time for the holiday season.

Demarest Day was delayed but not denied! It was held this past Saturday, and it was a smashing success. The fireworks extravaganza was extraordinary. My thanks to the Recreation Commission, Council Liaison Rebecca LaPira, the sponsors who help defray the cost, the many volunteers, our DPW, Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corp, the Borough Administrator, and all the Borough Staff and the Council for their hard work in making it a reality despite the weather delays. A list of our generous sponsors and volunteers is linked [here](#)

Congratulations to the NVD Varsity Volleyball team on their win over River Dell on Tuesday to advance to the State Tournament. The first game is today vs. Montville. Good luck team, we are all very proud!

I have asked the superintendents of both local and regional schools to consider forums at which students along with their families and faculty would participate regarding antisemitism, islamophobia, racism and hate speech. I will keep you advised; and as always, I look forward to the day when peace blankets the Middle East and Palestinians and Israelis live side by side in peace.

**Upcoming Events:**

Mark your calendars for Our Annual Tree Lighting on 12/5 at 7 pm and our Menorah Lighting ceremony for 12/10 at 7 pm with entertainment and refreshments. More details to come!

**Important library information:**

**The Library is closed until further notice.**

The replacement of the floor in the children's room has been temporarily halted due to the presence of asbestos beneath the floor. Immediately upon learning of this condition the building was closed. The Library Director reported that the building was tested and no additional asbestos was found. The library will reopen when remediation has been successfully

completed.

The library programming schedule has been adjusted as follows:

- Little Wiggles Storytime will be held at the Demarest Train Station.
- ESL Conversation Group will be held at the Demarest Train Station.
- Drop-In Tech Help is cancelled until further notice.
- Awakening Yoga with Karen Noel will take place as usual via Zoom on Thursdays at 11:15am.
- Little Wiggles Playtime is cancelled until further notice.

The library encourages you to return items and pick up requests at other libraries at this time, as staff will not be able to enter the building to empty the book drop or receive delivery.

Please check [demarestlibrary.org](http://demarestlibrary.org) for updates.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **697 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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