



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This week, I attended the Annual League of Municipalities conference along with members of the Council and Borough Administration. I met with current and prospective vendors and other local officials searching for services [shared and otherwise] to improve Demarest and reduce your expenses. More to follow in the coming months.

I met with IWS, our trash/recycling contractor, and had further conversations with them to extend this year's 5th Wednesday cardboard/paper recycling pickup. Great news, IWS has agreed to continue the 5th Wednesday cardboard/paper recycling pickup for us at no additional cost to the Borough for the remainder of the contract, which runs through December 2025! Good for the environment and great for your garage and pocket.

The County of Bergen Winter Wonderland is back for the 8th Season at Van Suan Park starting November 24. One of the best parts of the event are the holiday trees that the County provides for each Bergen County town to decorate. So if you would like to show your hometown pride and help decorate our Demarest Tree, please see the information below and the link [here](#) to help out! I want to thank Leigh Barker from the Recreation Commission for spearheading and organizing this effort. For details and tickets to visit Winter Wonderland click [here](#).

I want to wish all of our residents, Borough employees and volunteers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all have an opportunity to enjoy time spent with your families. I ask you to join me in wishing for peace for the people in the Middle East and around the world.

**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 so that the Library can complete needed remediation and renovation work.** As previously advised, the replacement of the floor in the children's room led to the discovery of asbestos beneath the floor. Please check [demarestlibrary.org](http://demarestlibrary.org) for updates.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein



Demarest scouts who decorated in 2022 and a close up of some of their decorations.

**Wanted: Decorations from Demarest Groups and Individuals to decorate a Winter Wonderland Tree at Van Saun Park**

The Borough of Demarest would like to represent well in the Van Saun Park during the Winter Wonderland. Please create or donate weather-resistant decorations that can adorn an outdoor tree in Paramus.

Demarest scouts will take the ornaments to Van Saun at the end of the month to decorate the tree.

Unique decorations that represent Demarest are encouraged.

Please fill out the posted [form](#) to let the Borough know what your group will donate to the effort.

Bring ornaments to Borough Hall by 11/27.

If anyone would like to help out in other ways, please contact [lbarker122@gmail.com](mailto:lbarker122@gmail.com).



*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **708 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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