



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This afternoon at 4:45 PM, I will be attending an event, “200 Empty Chairs Shabbat Table for the Hostages Held by Hamas,” in the parking lot adjacent to Café Angelique in Tenafly. As you may know, Edan Alexander, a young man from Tenafly, is one of the more than 200 individuals kidnapped and held hostage by Hamas. Please join us to show your solidarity, support and strength. Witness the impact of over 200 empty chairs, each representing a hostage. You may help make a difference by attending.

Looking ahead, the forecast for **Demarest Day next Saturday November 4** looks like we will finally get a sunny day to celebrate. At 6:45 pm, to cap off the celebration there will be a Fireworks display. This year, the fireworks display will celebrate Demarest Day and to recognize Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

Halloween is this coming Tuesday. The Demarest Police remind parents of some safety tips. While accompanying young, excited trick or treaters, use flashlights and reflective materials to remain visible to motorists if you are out after dark. Please keep your homes well-lit and free from tripping hazards to protect the trick or treaters. And most importantly, if you are driving on Halloween - **SLOW DOWN** – you never know when a ghost or goblin in search of candy will be appear in the street!

On the subject of safe driving, it is Deer Rut season until late November. This means deer may be a little less careful when crossing the street. I do not want you to get into an accident. **Please be extra careful when on the road!**

**Election Day is November 7, 2023 and polls are open from 6 am – 8 pm.** If you are a mail in voter, you should have received your mail in ballot and can return it to the drop box in front of Borough Hall or to any of the other drop boxes in Bergen County.

**Additional Upcoming Events:**

Demarest Recreation’s Halloween parade is scheduled for this **Saturday 10/28 from 3:30-5:00 pm** at the gazebo this year.

**Kaplen JCC Event Announcement - We Need to Talk About Antisemitism:** an important discussion about the rise of antisemitism in America, moderated by Brandi Katz Rubin, Senior Associate Regional Director of the NY/NJ ADL and featuring guest speaker Rabbi Diana Fersko will be on November 16 at 11 AM at the Kaplen JCC. They encourage all our residents to attend and learn how we can work together to stem the tide. Member \$12 | Public \$15 More information and registration can be found [here](#).

**This week at the library:**

Come enjoy Bach to Rock, an Electric Cello Concert, at the Demarest Train station on Thursday, November 2nd from 6-7 pm. There will be Classical to Classic Rock music with historical introductions throughout! Registration is encouraged.

Enjoy an afternoon with Bill Ervolino, a longtime feature writer and columnist at the Bergen

Record, on Saturday November 4th from 12-1 pm at the Demarest United Methodist Church. Registration is required. Please call the library at 201-768-8714 or [click here](#) to register.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **678 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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