



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

***I recognize that numerous signs have been placed on both public and private property throughout the Borough in support of various issues including support for Israel. Please be advised that all signs placed on public property will be removed, regardless of the content. As for signs on private property, unauthorized removal of such signs by anyone other than the property owner will be reported to the Demarest Police Department. Let's keep the peace in Demarest.***

Leaf season is underway! Please refrain from putting branches and or brush out for pickup until after leaf season has concluded in December. Branch pickup will continue in the new year, weather permitting. Please also keep leaf piles free of debris, rocks, branches and decorative grasses to protect our equipment. Make sure your leaves do not block traffic or storm drains. Also remember not to park on leaf piles.

Due to what is expected to be the 8th straight rainy Saturday, Oktoberfest is unfortunately cancelled for 2023. Mother Nature 8 – Oktoberfest 0. My thanks to the Demarest Nature Center for doing their best to run the event, but due to the sheer amount of rain we have had in the past 8 weeks, our fields just can't safely handle all the traffic during another rainy day. We look forward to a great event next fall!

Many people have asked when the Mobile DMV will be in Demarest. We have requested the service to visit us in 2024 and hope to have at least two visits in the Spring and the Fall. Watch your emails for information and registration for DMV services right here in Demarest.

I want to welcome Peter Suh who officially began as our full time CFO this week. He will lead the restructuring and reorganization of our finance office. Peter's goal is to provide the best service to our residents, and I am confident that he and his team can do just that.

Thanks to our Police Department for their extra presence in town and at our schools following the Middle East terror attack and resulting war. You made our parents and kids safer!

The Council adopted the bamboo Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1124-23 on October 10, 2023. A copy is available [here](#). Please be certain you are in compliance so as to protect your neighbors. Thank you!

I am working with the Council to strengthen our noise/work ordinance so that residents are not subject to unacceptable noise in the early morning or evening hours. Please stay tuned!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Demarest Day** has been rescheduled for Saturday, **November 4** from noon-4pm. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 6:45 pm. Please ... don't think or say RAIN!

#### **This week at the library:**

All are welcome to come celebrate Diwali with the Demarest Library on Saturday, October 21st from 11-1pm, at the Demarest United Methodist Church. Registration is recommended, but please stop by! This will be a family friendly event with food, kathak dance performance, and more.

Come enjoy Bach to Rock, an electric cello concert, at the Demarest Train station on Thursday, November 2nd from 6-7 pm. Registration is recommended by calling the library at 201-768-8714. There will be Classical to Classic Rock music with historical introductions throughout!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **666 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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