



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Let me begin with a congratulations for Demarest's 2023 National Blue-Ribbon Achievement! A National Blue Ribbon School is the highest honor a school can receive. Our Luther Lee School was recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School. Congratulations Superintendent Michael Fox, Principal Frank Mazzini, your administration, staff, students, school community and parents for all of their hard work on reaching the highest level of our nation's educational system. The award is well-deserved and a recognition of your hard work. Thank you all. Great job!

The Korean American Association of New Jersey ("KAANJ") announced its 22nd Annual Festival, celebrating Korean Thanksgiving (Chuseok). This year's festival will be held at Overpeck County Park Amphitheater, 199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. The festival will feature popular food vendors, games, raffles, rides, local business representatives, cultural attractions and live performances.

This summer, I found that the park at the gazebo was very dark at the conclusion of our summer concerts. We contacted Orange & Rockland and had them replace a floodlight, which was completed last week. The floodlight now illuminates gazebo park from dusk to dawn.

I will be appointing Norman Ng as a member of the Shade Tree Commission at our Mayor & Council Meeting later this month. Thank you, Mr. Ng, for volunteering to serve on the Shade Tree Commission. I look forward to your assistance and contribution to our Shade Tree Commission.

On October 5, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. there will be an opening celebration of the Akshardham Mahamandir, a landmark of Hindu art and culture in Robbinsville, New Jersey. The Mahamandir is a traditional stone temple made of millions of pieces of hand-carved limestone and marble. While such temples have a deep history in Hindu tradition, they are rare, particularly in the United States. My congratulations on the opening celebration for the Mahamandir!

An important reminder that schools are open, and I am asking all residents to be mindful of speed limits and respectful of all our neighbors throughout the Town. Please drive on all town roads as if your children are playing there. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all roads is 25 miles per hour! Thank you.

**Don't be a victim of Medicare fraud.** Here are three important tips to protect yourself if you are a Medicare recipient:

1. If you get a call, text or email asking for your Medicare Number, don't respond. Don't give your Medicare card or Medicare Number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it. Remember, Medicare will never call you unprompted and ask you for your personal information.
2. Check your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or claims statements carefully. If you see a charge for a service, you didn't get or a product you didn't order (like a COVID-19 over-the-counter test), it may be fraud.

3. If you suspect fraud, report it to 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Visit [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov), the official source for Medicare information, to learn more about preventing Medicare fraud.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Unfortunately, the weather forecast has postponed Demarest Day** to next Saturday, September 30 beginning at 2:00 pm. I hope to see all of you there!

The Demarest Board of Health is sponsoring a flu clinic open to all Demarest Residents 5 years and up on October 2 from 2-6 pm at Borough Hall. Click **here** or call Lee Campbell at 201-768-0167 x130 to register.

Oktoberfest in Demarest is scheduled for 10/14 from 10am - 5pm sponsored by the Demarest Nature Center. Mark your calendars for this fun event.

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

Don't miss the Demarest Library's table on Demarest Day this weekend, on Saturday, September 23 at the Duck Pond starting at 2pm. Sign up for a library card and learn about what the library offers and check out our children's activities!

Learn how to save seeds with Bracco Farms at the Demarest Train Station on Thurs, Sept 28 from 6-7pm. Anthony Bracco, master gardener and owner of Bracco Farms in Pine Island, NY returns and will provide an overview on Seed Saving Basics.

To all of our residents observing Yom Kippur beginning Sunday evening, wishing you an easy fast.

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **627 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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