



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the last Friday in August...where did the summer go?

I would like to wish the best of luck to the many college students who are heading to campus this month. I hope you have a productive, fun, and safe school year; I know you will make us all proud!

I would like to thank Brian Keane and Steve Verp for their exemplary service on the Planning Board. Brian has served for more than 20 years and Steve's service on the Planning Board followed his service as a Councilmember. You've both made significant contributions to our town. Thank you!

Looking to adopt a dog or cat or even a rabbit? Bergen County will be hosting **Clear the Shelter** on **Saturday, August 26 from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM and Sunday, August 27 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM** at the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro. The weekend event offers Bergen County residents of all ages and abilities the opportunity to come meet dogs, cats, and rabbits who are available for adoption from the Bergen County Animal Shelter located in Teterboro.

On Tuesday, September 12 (rain date 9/19) from 10 am – 2 pm the County is hosting the annual Senior festival at Van Saun Park. The day includes lunch, a craft fair, music and more for our seniors (60+ years old). If you need special accommodations, please call 201-336-7416 by August 29.

Support the Demarest Ambulance Corps.

Visit Chipotle in Closter on Wednesday September 6 between 4-8 PM and 33% of sales from anyone who shows the flyer linked **here** in the store or uses code BTJ6KRD for an online order will be donated to the Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Schedule Change Reminder:

Our Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector late hours will change from September 12 through the end of November 2023. During this period, the tax office will open until 7 pm on Tuesdays rather than Wednesdays. Sorry for any inconvenience. Wednesday hours should return beginning December 2023.

Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars and join us for our **annual 9/11 Memorial Service** scheduled for Monday 9/11 at 6 pm at the Demarest 9/11 Memorial.

Demarest Day is coming soon! Please mark your calendars for 9/23 for this great event!

This week at the library:

Miranda Lee, a mindfulness coach and yoga teacher will be hosting Intro to Mindfulness on Wed, August 30 from 12-1pm. Find out what mindfulness is (and isn't), why it can benefit you as well as how to practice it even if your days are busy and your mind is busy too!

ESL Conversation Group is held every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm at the Demarest Library.

Improve your English-speaking skills through conversational practice. All levels are welcome!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **515 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 and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found on the Demarest homepage [demarestnj.gov] under "Quick Links."*

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