



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I have had several discussions with our engineers, requesting information and anticipated costs to hydro-rake the Demarest Pond and I will report to you when that information is available. Hydro-raking is a budget-friendly alternative to dredging and is important maintenance of the pond that will remove nuisance vegetation and decaying organic debris.

We anticipate entering into a Shared Services Agreement with another town by next month to reduce expenses. If successful, and once signed, I will provide more detail.

Our engineers are working on a Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") for the dormant compost yard, and I will advise when the CAP is ready.

I have asked the Borough Administrator to create an information pamphlet for new residents regarding important Town information such as: garbage pick-up, recycling, schools, rec program, DAA, pool, library, services and stores in our community. I will ask the stores in Town to provide discount coupons for new residents so that new residents can be introduced to the businesses, restaurants, stores and services available in our Town.



Please look for and use the Bigbelly's high-capacity solar powered trash and recycling station downtown, just south of the train station. My thanks to the Environmental Commission for their work to secure grant money for this addition to our downtown.

It was my privilege and honor to preside over this year's **September 11 Memorial Service**. The Mayor & Council were joined by families directly affected by 9/11, town residents, employees and volunteers to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. We honored those who lost their lives on September 11 and the many who have since died from 9/11 illnesses. I want to thank everyone who attended, participated and assisted with the Service. Special thanks to our public Events Committee, Councilperson David Jiang, Council President Andrea Slowikowski, Councilperson Mary Lynne Hamilton, our Borough Administrator Julie and our DPW for their work and dedication in caring for the Memorial Park, as well as to our Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corp. for their never-ending service to our Community.

Finally, wishing a Happy New Year to everyone celebrating Rosh Hashanah this weekend, L'Shana Tovah!

Upcoming Events:

Demarest Day is a week from Saturday, September 23, beginning at 2:00 pm. I hope to see all 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](#) (add link) or call Lee Campbell at 201-768-0167 x130 to register.

Save the date for Oktoberfest in Demarest on October 14 sponsored by the Demarest Nature Center. Watch your email for details to come!

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. Wednesday hours should return beginning December 2023.

A reminder, that November is the last month of 2023 to have a fifth Wednesday and therefore an extra cardboard pickup. Please remember to put out all your extra cardboard the evening before, 11/28 or before 6 am the morning of pickup, 11/29, so that you don't miss out!

This week at the library:

The Least Among Them: A Unique History of the New York Yankees, takes place on Thurs, Sept 21 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the library. Paul Semendinger is the author of the book The Least Among Them, along with running a popular New York Yankees blog.

Chess Club is back at the Demarest Library every Saturday from 10-11:30 am. Come play chess with players of all levels. Registration is not required, but space and chess boards are limited. Children under the age of eleven must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **619 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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