



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At this week's Mayor and Council meeting I had the pleasure of swearing in Demarest Police Captain Brian Talty. Captain Talty has served the Borough beginning as an explorer at 15 years old and has been employed by the Demarest police department since 2002 as a patrol officer, detective and most recently Sergeant. His promotion this week to Captain is well earned and deserved after his years of dedicated service to our community. The meeting was well attended by the department as well as residents and family members there to wish him well. I have no doubt that Captain Talty will excel in his new position and be a wonderful addition to the professionalism and leadership of the department. I know you will make the department, the town and your family proud, stay safe Captain!

It was a privilege to attend this week's Hometown Heroes event, where Congressman Gottheimer recognized local heroes including our own Jeff Geisenheimer from the Demarest EMS. Congratulations again to Jeff! To be clear, every one of our volunteers on the Demarest EMS and Fire Department is a hero to me, my thanks to our entire team! This week the Demarest Nature Center hosted our Demarest Summer Campers. The kids had a great experience and I want to thank the Nature Center for their continued efforts and programs to educate our campers and residents alike. Their volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Liam McAndrews, from the Demarest Dive team who took 3rd place in the Intermediate division at last evening's Dive Meet.

Due to the expected heat index this weekend, Borough Hall will be open as a cooling center until 11 pm tonight. After that and over the weekend Bergen County has several spots designated as cooling centers if you are need. The list can be found [here](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

On behalf of the Borough, I want to wish the Demarest Swim Team luck and success at their meet this Saturday morning at Haworth Swim Club. **Go Swim Team!**

Our **Summer Concert Series** continues at the gazebo on Wednesday August 2 with **TreeOh!** a 3-piece acoustic cover band featuring music from the 60's to present day.

**Demarest Day is September 23.** This annual tradition is funded largely through donations and sponsorships and events are finalized depending upon the success of the fundraising. If you would like to help out, please see the sponsorship form [here](#).

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

ESL Conversation Group, every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm at the Demarest Library to improve your English speaking skills through conversation practice. All levels are welcome!

Children's Summertime Crafting on Thursday, August 3 from 4-4:30pm.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are **now reaching 495 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] under "Quick Links."***

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