



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week I met with Mayors from six neighboring communities to explore shared services that could help us increase efficiency while cutting costs to our taxpayers. Julie and I also met with representatives from the Division of Local Government Services, who specialize in assisting municipalities with implementing shared service agreements, including conducting feasibility studies at no cost to the town. Finding the right partners is critical and progress is being made in these discussions with area Mayors to find where we can help each other. I look forward to working with local Mayors and the State to assist us in developing shared service agreements and access funds available to us from the state to offset any start-up costs for these services. I am confident that we will find appropriate partners and finalize certain shared services agreements. Please check my Friday emails for updates!

As some of you may have noticed, our park near the gazebo is quite dark when our evening events, such as the summer concerts, end. In order to make the area safer after dark, we are working with Orange and Rockland to illuminate the park after dark. We anticipate having that lighting completed within a month's time.

Daniel Eisenberg, a former Demarest resident known for putting on a synchronized Christmas Light Show called "Lights on Evergreen" in town in honor the memory of his Mom, Lena; which raised \$50,000 for the American Heart Association, needs our help. Daniel was injured this past Independence Day weekend in a tragic diving accident and as a result he and his family are faced with enormous medical costs. Please take a moment to visit this [link](#) to read more about Daniel and donate if you are able.

Congratulations to the Demarest Swim Club Swim and Dive Teams on a great season!

Special Congratulations for these achievements:

***County Dive and Swim Results for Demarest Swim Club
Dive Competition-***

Age Group

10/11 Liam McAndrews - 1st

Swim Competition

Age Group

5/6 Quinn Shyong - 3rd - 25 Free

7/8 Aanya Furtado - 1st - Free, 1st-Breaststroke, 3rd- Fly

Summer Trowers - 2nd - Free, 2nd - Breaststroke, 1st Fly

Lyle Park - 1st - Free, 1st-Back, 3rd- Fly

Juliette Astill, Ronnie Naftaly, with Aanya and Summer - 6th -Free Relay

9/10 Lauren Lee - 4th - Free, 1st - Back, 4th – IM

Angelina Park - 3rd Breaststroke, 3rd – fly

Dylan Astill - 1st 25 Free, 5th – Breaststroke

Misi Racek - 1st -50 Free, 1st – Fly

Daniel Lim - 1st - Breaststroke, 3rd – Fly Combined with George Bombaj and Noah Baik, 9/10 boys took

1st in both Medley and Free Relays

11/12 Aiden Kim - 6th- Free, 2nd – Breaststroke
Aaron Baik - 4th 100 Free, 3rd – Fly
Joni Cami - 4th - 50 free, 2nd – Back
Iddo Naftaly, Nathaniel Rose with Aiden and Aaron - 2nd Free Relay
13/14 Andi Cami - 6th Breaststroke

Schedule Change:

Our Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector have been available to residents until 7 pm on Wednesday evenings to accommodate our working residents who wish to make a tax payment or have an issue to discuss with the Collector after work. Since many of you take advantage of those extra hours, please be advised that effective September 12 through the end of November 2023, those extra hours for the tax office will be moved to Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays. Sorry for any inconvenience. Wednesday hours should return beginning December 2023.

Upcoming Events:

The Demarest Pool is holding **Family Fun Night tonight, Friday, 8/11 from 6-9:30 PM** . Hot dogs and ice cream will be available for purchase and bring your own side dishes. Free for members, \$5 for each guest to enjoy the pool and grounds.

Congratulations to **Demarest Garden Club member Marie Wolpert** , whose beautiful gardens located at 27 Anderson Ave. have been selected by Garden Conservancy for a private viewing this **Saturday August 12, 2023, from 10am-4pm**. The gardens are beautiful!

**To be admitted through the gate, you must have a ticket from Garden Conservancy -OR- be a current Demarest Garden Club member (membership forms will be available \$32/year, that covers speaker costs/rental/civic projects in community, school garden programs).*

This week at the library:

On Thursday, August 17th at 7:30pm at the Demarest Train Station, Borough Historian, Mary Anne Clarke will be presenting an overview of the history of Demarest and the surrounding area. Thank you to Library Liaison Councilman Dan Marks for his coordination efforts on this project to ensure our shared Demarest History is documented.

There will be a Teddy Bear Picnic, Thursday, August 17 from 4-5pm at the Demarest Gazebo with treats and fun for kids of all ages! Just bring your favorite teddy bear or toy, and a picnic blanket.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **507 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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