



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At our last Mayor and Council meeting, I was pleased that we appointed Bruno & Associates to provide Grant Writing services to the Borough. Our Borough Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief met this week with Bruno's representatives to discuss the needs of the Borough and we are confident they will be invaluable in helping us obtain funds to help defray costs to our taxpayers. In fact, during their first week on the job helped us secure \$15,000 in funds from Bergen County to treat vulnerable properties in the Borough for spotted lanternflies. These pests have the potential to damage trees throughout the area and these funds will be used to control their effect on our natural resources.

Celebrations:

My Thanks to Demarest Police Officer Joseph Solan who was honored this week at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Law Enforcement Recognition Event. PO Solan is among the top 1% of Police Officers in NJ for DWI arrests. Congratulations to him on receiving this prestigious award for his service to our community.

Special congratulations to a few graduates of our Demarest Governing Body. We wish the best of luck to Councilman Dan Marks' son Chase and Council President Andrea Slowikowski's daughter Sarah on their graduation from Northern Valley Demarest this week as well as Councilwoman Rebecca LaPira's daughter Mallory on her graduation from Demarest Middle School. We wish them and all of our Demarest graduates much success in the future and hope they have a great summer preparing for their next steps!

Upcoming Events:

A note from our active Library:

Join us next week on Monday, June 26th at the Demarest Gazebo from 2-3pm, for the Demarest Library Summer Reading Kickoff! We will have a petting zoo and an ice-cream truck! Don't miss out.

Are you tired of conflict and fights arising between family members? Come to the Demarest Library on Thursday, June 29th from 6-7pm. Local psychologist, Dr. Zuch will teach you how to de-escalate family conflict, as well as how to take care of yourself during stressful times.

The **Recreation Commission** is hard at work planning for **Demarest Day 2023!** We are excited to announce the event will be on September 23, 2023 from 2PM to 6PM (rain date September 30, 2023). Please mark your calendars. An annual tradition, it is a day filled with family-friendly fun, good music, delicious food and drinks, and hopefully spectacular fireworks. The Recreation Commission does a fantastic job planning a great event and depends on donations to make sure the day is spectacular. If you would like to help out please see the sponsorship form here.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are **now reaching 455 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]***

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