



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

**In Memoriam**

I need to start this week with some sad news for our Community. On May 17, 2023, James Puliatte known to everyone as “Deacon Jim” passed away. Deacon Jim devoted his life to family and community service. Deacon Jim was ordained in 1977 and has been devoted to his parishioners since, most recently serving our community at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church right here in Demarest. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his friends and family, as well as his Saint Joe’s family. His presence in our community will be missed. May his memory be a blessing.

**Paving Updates:**

Milling and paving of portions of Stewart and Prescott is scheduled to begin June 26, 2023. Residents affected by the work will be notified before the work begins.

Bergen County is nearly complete with the finishing touches on the County Road Bridge/culvert. Milling, paving and striping were completed this week, as well as staining the stone walls. If you live near there, you were disturbed by the work performed overnight by Bergen County to mill and pave the road. I called the County as no work should have been done overnight without our consent and apologize on behalf of Bergen County for the overnight work.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Demarest Swim Club** will have its soft opening on Memorial Day weekend! If you are not yet a member, please visit their website at [demarestswimclub.com](http://demarestswimclub.com) to find out how to join the fun! The Swim Club is offering non-members an opportunity to try the pool, have a “free tour” and discuss available swim programs, beginning on Memorial Day Weekend and the weekends of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. Each non-member will be charged \$5.00 for each of the above weekends that they use the pool. Membership needed for all other times.

**The Annual Memorial Day Parade** will be held at 9:30 am on Monday May 29. The parade route starts at the Municipal Library, runs East on Hardenburgh Rd. to Piermont Rd, North on Piermont Rd to Northwood Ave, west on Hardenburgh and culminates at the Duck Pond for a Ceremony. Please mark your calendars to join us to honor the memory of those who have given their lives in service to our nation and to those who continue to serve our country today.

### **Demarest Library**

Looking for Tech Help? Drop by the Demarest Library Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-3. We are happy to help with phone issues, tech/computer questions, library downloads tutorials, and Libby (App to download e-books and audio books) troubleshooting, downloading the BCCLS App.

Interested in learning more about the most infamous serial killer: Jack the Ripper? Join Clinical Psychologist Dr. Mark Vogel as he discusses his research studying the case, reviewing original police files, and even visiting the murder sites himself. Jack the Ripper: A mystery of Mysteries will be at Demarest Library on Thursday, May 25th from 5:30-7pm.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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