



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Although conditions appear to have improved today, the Canadian wildfires caused hazy smoke to cover our area this week, NJ Officials classified the current air quality alert to unhealthy. Accordingly, please limit your time outdoors, especially those with respiratory conditions, children, and the elderly until conditions improve completely. If you experience health effects, seek medical attention and call 911 if you have an emergency.

Last weekend, the Demarest Nature Center celebrated National Trails Day. The day's visitors participated in a scavenger hunt while exploring our nature center. Additionally, they had approximately 40 local volunteers working on cleaning up the trails, meadows and the brook. My thanks to the Nature Center Leadership, the DPW and volunteers who made the celebration a success.

The Borough and the Environmental Commission used grant funding to purchase a Big Belly high capacity smart, solar powered waste and recycling station. The compacting portion holds 5-10x real capacity over the average waste bin. It harvests solar power to compact the waste. Please keep your eyes open for it.

I am conducting meetings with neighboring towns to discuss expanded services for our seniors including access to a senior van and other shared services.

Celebrations:

Beginning a new tradition of recognizing birthdays, accomplishments and special occasions for our Borough employees and members of the governing body. First up, wishing a happy birthday to Council President Andrea Slowikowski. And wishing the best of luck and future success to Teresa Ferrentino, who is leaving her position with the Borough. We thank her for service to the Borough.

Upcoming Events:

Demarest Library will host a matinee screening of *The Whale* (2022), on June 12th at 12:30pm. This film is directed by Darren Aronofsky, stars Brendan Fraser and Sadie Sink, and is rated R. If you are interested in learning more about your family history, the **Demarest Library** will be holding

Introduction to Genealogy on Thursday June 15th from 6-7:30pm. You will learn how to research and analyze genealogical resources and build a family tree. This will be led by an instructor with fifteen years of experience researching and teaching genealogy.

Demarest Swim and Dive Team Registration Night will be Thursday, June 15 at the Demarest Swim Club. Drop by anytime between 5 and 7pm. Swimmers and divers will get to meet the coaches and purchase the new team suit. Metro swim shop requires a credit card. Demarest dive/swim team registration fee is \$100 per child, cash or check only.

Demarest Swim Club is officially open on the weekends until June 24 when it will be open full time for the summer. If you are not yet a member, please visit their website at 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 on June 10 and June 17. Each non-member will be charged \$5.00 for the next two weekends that they use the pool. Membership needed for all other times.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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