



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Cinco De Mayo!

Please forward 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 \[demarestnj.gov\]](http://demarestnj.gov) under “Quick Links”.**

We are working hard on finalizing a budget and I will report to you as soon as it is ready to present at a Mayor and Council meeting.

Our May 8, 2023 Mayor and Council work session meeting has been postponed to May 10 and will include a public hearing on our application for a Bergen County Open Space Grant for improvements at Wakelee Field.

I had a busy week with meetings. I met with our Library’s Director, Parinda Desai, and President, Sandhya Nankani. Please watch for the Borough’s enhanced partnership with our Library, including expanding access to museum passes. I also met with Michael Fox, our School Superintendent to discuss shared services and continue to have discussions with neighboring towns regarding shared services. **Demarest will make shared services happen.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Feeling stressed? Come join Miranda Lee at the Demarest Library on May 10 from 12-1pm. You will learn movement and breathwork tools to help you manage your stress, as well as the science behind stress. Register [here](#).

Come for a fun New Orleans Dixieland Jazz Concert with the French Quarter 5 on May 13 from 1:30-2:30pm at the Demarest Gazebo! Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the afternoon. Rain date TBD.

The Nature Center is hosting a Beekeeper’s Talk, Canoe Rides, and Birdfeeder Building Event at the Duck Pond on May 13 from 10am-3pm. Please visit the Borough website or the Borough’s Facebook page for all the details.

Plan to eat at *Andiamo* on Thursday May 18! For that day only, mention the Demarest Volunteer Fire Department and 10% of your cost will be donated to the Demarest

Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to the Dickstein Family and the staff at *Andiamo* for your support!

**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.

**REMEMBER** Extra Cardboard and Paper Pickup! On May 31, 2023, the 5th Wednesday of the month, IWS will be doing an extra (free!) pick up cardboard and paper. Get all those Amazon boxes to the curb the evening of May 30, so you don't miss the early morning pickup!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein