



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

To all members of our community who celebrated **Orthodox Easter last Sunday April 12, I hope you** enjoyed a wonderful time celebrating with your families and friends!

Our **gazebo renovation** project is going well and is on schedule to be completed by the end of June, as planned! If earlier, I will keep you posted; please check back here for updates!

This **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, marks the 56th anniversary of the global celebration of Earth Day.** Under the theme "Our Power, Our Planet," the 2026 campaign focuses on climate action, clean energy, and protecting biodiversity. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Environmental Commission, Nature Center, Shade Tree Commission, Garden Club and all other residents and volunteers who take time to consider and help our environment.

From Earth to the Moon and Back!

Artemis II achieved major milestones this month, including breaking the record for the farthest (not furthest) distance human spaceflight has traveled from Earth (252,756 miles), successfully testing for the first time the Orion capsule with a crew, and passing all initial performance tests necessary for NASA's next mission. The mission, which included the first woman and first Canadian to fly around the Moon, validated crucial life-support systems for future lunar landings. A job well done.

Demarest Train Station Update-

Yesterday, the NJ Historic Sites Council held a hearing for public comment regarding Demarest's adaptive reuse of the historic train station, while respecting and retaining the historic features of the building. The New Jersey Historic Sites Council unanimously recommended the adaptive use as a restaurant. I want to thank everyone who participated in providing comments and we look forward to working with the NJ Historic Preservation Office and the Tenant in moving forward with the project.

Demarest Nature Center:

Join the Demarest Nature Center for the Spring Birdwatching Hike guided by Don Torino of the Bergen County Audubon Society! Meet at the DNC entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground at **10am on Sunday, April 19.** Bring binoculars if you have them.

The Art School at Old Church

Join us to celebrate ***From the Studio Classes***, our annual adult student art show — on **Thursday, April 30th from 6-8 PM.** The reception will include light refreshments and world accordion music by Max LaFalce.

Enroll children, ages 6-12 in *Blast of Art!* — our popular summer camp. Choose one, or both, consecutive weeklong sessions beginning Aug.10th. Register now online at TASOC.org, by phone: (201) 767-7160, or in person at 561 Piermont Road.

Demarest Library

Please join us for a presentation on raised bed gardening from Anthony Bracco, master gardener and owner of Bracco Farms, on **Thursday, April 23rd** from **6:00 - 7:00 PM**. Discover what to plant in a raised garden bed, including the best vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers for healthy, high-yield growth. The benefits of raised garden beds include better soil drainage, easy access to plants, portability, soil customization, increased soil control, and the ability to keep weeds and pests at bay. Register [here!](#)

Happy Earth Day! Let's celebrate by learning about the ways we can appreciate the Earth with our TAB Earth Day Storytime & Craft on **Wednesday, April 22nd** from **3:30 - 4:00 PM**. Best for ages 5+. No registration required.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,222 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 about halfway down the homepage.*

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