



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

We Are Family ...

I am thrilled to share some very happy personal news with you. On April 17th, our son, **Adam**, and daughter-in-law, **Mary**, welcomed their son, **Parker Robert**, into the world, making my wife, Linda, and me very proud first-time grandparents. We share our joy with first-time grandparents **Deb** and **Greg** Longest, Mary's parents living in Demarest, and Parker's aunts and uncles, **Ali, Matt, Michael, Brianne and Caroline!** We are all grateful for this wonderful blessing and appreciate the kindness and good wishes that we received from many of you that make Demarest such a caring community. Thank you, Grandpa!

THE NFL Welcomes to New York

The Giants and the Jets went into last night with 4 picks in the first round of the 2026 NFL Draft. At #5 the **Giants selected Arvell Reese, Edge rusher from Ohio State**. At #10 they got some help for their offensive line by selecting **Francis Mauigoa, Offensive Tackle from Miami**. The Jets used the 2nd overall pick to select **David Bailey, Edge Rusher from Texas Tech** and the 16th overall pick to select **Kenyon Sadiq, Tight End from Oregon**, but they weren't quite done and traded back into the first round to pick **Indiana Wide Receiver Omar Cooper, Jr**. Congratulations to all the young men who were drafted last night, and I look forward to seeing who else will be heading to our New York teams as rounds 2-7 of the draft continue tonight and tomorrow.

Opening Day Postponed!

Due to the rainy forecast for tomorrow Demarest Baseball/Softball Opening Day/Parade will be held Saturday May 2nd. The schedule of events is as follows:

9:30 am: Parade assembles at Demarest Middle School (DMS)
10:00 am: Parade departs DMS towards Wakelee Field
10:10 am: Arrival at Wakelee Field for Opening Day Ceremonies
10:30 am: Food is served, music and fun continue!
Noon: Play Ball!

Our Thanks to Hans Landscaping -

I want to thank **Hans Landscaping** of Closter, NJ for their generous donation of flowers to the town. Your thoughtfulness has truly made a difference - our downtown looks brighter, more welcoming, and more beautiful because of your contribution. Your support for our community is greatly appreciated. **Thank you, David and Daniel Hansen and family!**

Demarest Nature Center:

Another victim of Saturday's forecast, the **DNC Annual Canoe Day is postponed to Sunday, May 3rd**. Come on down to the **Demarest Duck Pond next Sunday from 11am-4pm to support the Demarest Nature Center at their Annual Canoe Day**. Take a canoe ride, build a birdhouse or birdfeeder or learn about science and nature with SOAR Education.

Arbor Day

One more postponement to announce! **Arbor Day seedling distribution** will be rescheduled to next **Saturday 5/2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** on south side of train station.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Bergen County has been host this week to United We Serve a collection of volunteer opportunities designed to strengthen our community and support those in need. This weekend, there is a local opportunity to volunteer alongside the Closter Environmental Commission for a *Closter Clean Up*. The plan is to remove trash from trails, streams, and roads. Kids under 16 need to bring an adult along. Supplies provided and free t-shirts while supplies last! Registration and all the details for this and all opportunities to serve are available [here](#).

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.

Bergen County Inclusion Day of fun for individuals with disabilities at Van Saun County Park - County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Board of Commissioners, together with the County Parks Department, and the Division of Disability Services, invite **Bergen County residents of all abilities** to join ***Bergen County Inclusion Day at the Zoo*** on **Friday, May 29th** in Van Saun County Park from **11am to 4pm**. [Click here for details](#). Please note that registration is required to participate in the event and can be done so through this [Eventbrite link](#).

Demarest Library

Learn how to level up your phone photo game with this beginner-friendly class on **Thursday, April 30th** from **6:15 - 7:15 PM** that teaches simple ways to improve smartphone photos using composition, lighting, and easy editing tips. This class is taught by instructor Mike Tomczyk, a Bergen County media producer who has worked in professional media environments including NBC's Today Show and SiriusXM. Register [here!](#)

Join us for this month's **Discussion Group for Families - AI, Screentime, Social Media & Technology** on **Monday, April 27th** from **6:30 - 7:30 PM**. This local discussion group of parents & caregivers meets monthly to share and discuss research, resources, and strategies on navigating screen time, technology use, social media, and AI at home/in school. This is a useful gathering for anybody looking to be proactive about their family engagement with technology. Register [here!](#)

Stormwater Resources:

Please visit our [website](#) for updated stormwater resources including relevant ordinances and maps of our stormwater infrastructure.

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,225 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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