



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

### **Play Ball!**

**2026 Opening Day** in Demarest will be celebrated on **Saturday April 25** with a **parade beginning at 10:30 am** from the Demarest Middle School parking lot and proceeding down Piermont Rd. to Hardenburgh and then onto Wakelee Field. Come join the fun and cheer on our young athletes as they begin their baseball and softball seasons! **My thanks to the DAA, coaches, parents and kids for always making Opening Day a special event in Demarest.**

### **Upcoming Projects:**

The Borough's Spring Paving Projects will begin in early May and include the paving of **Brenner Place & Evergreen Place** as well as the unimproved portions of **Wellwood Rd. and Orchard Rd.** Residents affected will receive notice at least 48 hours before the work begins and we thank everyone for their patience during the work.

### **Demarest Nature Center:**

The Demarest Nature Center is having its **Annual John Goodwin Photo Contest, and the deadline for submissions is May 1.** There are cash prizes for both adult and child submissions. All photos must be taken in the DNC. Go to our [website for official rules](#) and instructions on how to submit your photos.

### **Arbor Day**

In honor of Arbor Day, members of the Shade Tree Commission will be distributing free from **10 am- 2 pm seedlings while supplies last on Saturday 4/25** at the duck pond near the commuter parking south of the train station.

### **Shredding Events:**

Can't make it to the Borough shredding event on 5/23? The BCUA has the following events scheduled:

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Bergen Community College in Paramus from 9am to 2pm

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** - Campgaw Mountain Reservation in Mahwah from 9am to 2pm

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** - Bergen Community College in Paramus from 9am to 2pm

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Campgaw Mountain Reservation in Mahwah from 9am to 2pm

These events will collect electronics/computers, unwanted medication, tires, paper for mobile shredding. Please visit their [website for additional details.](#)

**The Art School at Old Church**

Registration for **Blast of Art**— our popular summer camp— is now open to children ages 6-12. Visit [TASOC.org](http://TASOC.org) or call (201) 767-7160 to choose **one, or both, consecutive weeklong** sessions beginning Aug.10th.

### Demarest Library

Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation! Seniors are invited to meet fellow community members and chat with the Library Director on **Tuesday, April 14th from 9:30 - 10:30 AM** about how the library can be a welcoming gathering place with programs and spaces designed for seniors. All are welcome—stop by and say hello!

The Demarest Library has a brand new podcast called Stack Chats! Join staff members Reilly and Geo once a month to listen to a wide array of library related topics from books, video games, and film to guest speakers who delve into their specific areas of expertise! This month's special guest is Anthony Laciura! Anthony Laciura is a SAG Actor best known for his role as Eddie Kessler on HBO's hit drama series Boardwalk Empire and was an opera singer at the Metropolitan Opera for 27 years. Listen on Apple Podcasts and Spotify and make sure to follow so you don't miss an episode!

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](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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