



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

At next week's **Mayor & Council Meeting**, to be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.** **[Monday is a Holiday]**, we will be honoring several members of our Demarest family; employees and volunteers that have provided outstanding service and professionalism this past year. Our town is a better place to live, work and call home because of the time, dedication, and service of these volunteers and employees. We hope members of the community will join us to celebrate their accomplishments.

Additionally, we will be reviewing the proposed designs for the paving of the unimproved portion of Pine Terrace. The residents of the street have met with me to discuss the project and have been invited to Tuesday's meeting to ask any additional questions and provide further comment before the Council takes action. The public is also invited to Tuesday's Council meeting to participate and provide comments.

Demarest Day is finally here!

It appears Mother Nature will be cooperating with **our Demarest Day celebration tomorrow October 10, starting at 1 PM.** Please join us for rides, games, music, snacks and drinks at the duck pond **[and don't forget the fireworks – keep reading]**. Please note that in order to accommodate our celebration, road closures around downtown will begin at or before noon, so please proceed with caution, drive carefully, plan extra time traveling to Demarest Day and obey the police signage.

Please make sure to stop by the Mayor & Council Table for a special commemorative give away!!

Fireworks celebrating America's 250th Anniversary will cap off the night at Wakelee Field to finish the Demarest Day celebration.

Thank you to the Recreation Commission lead by Brandis Bukzin for their hard work planning this wonderful Annual event!

NVD Turf Project

The Borough received copies of plans for a **new turf field being installed at NVD on the north side of the property on Columbus Road.** While the Borough does not have jurisdiction over approvals for these types of school projects, the Borough has confirmed that the correct permissions and permits are in place and I wanted to make sure the community is aware of this improvement coming to the High School. Questions about the work can be directed to the Northern Valley Board of Education.

Shared Services – Municipal Court

I would like to thank and recognize the Tenaflly Municipal Court Judge Benjamin Choi, JMC, Dawn Curatola, CMCA, Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, administration and executive team for making our shared service agreement a success. The Bergen Vicinage, Municipal Division, congratulated us that the Demarest Municipal Court at Tenaflly exceeded both State and County backlog goals maintaining fewer than five backlog matters throughout the entire fiscal year. The team handles both Tenaflly and Demarest's municipal court operations and **the Demarest Municipal Court specifically came in first**

place in the entire county, among 70 municipal courts, in reducing the backlog after we entered into the shared services agreement. Demarest appreciates your hard work and dedication to the effective administration of justice. Thank you!

Halloween

Demarest Recreation's **Annual Halloween Parade** will take place this year at a new time as it will be celebrated on Halloween! It will be on Saturday, 10/31 from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Gazebo. The parade with prizes will begin at 11:00am!

The Recreation Commission is also collecting candy donations to supplement supplies for the residents that get the bulk of the trick or treaters on the East Side of town. A drop box is located in the lobby of Borough Hall and will be at the Halloween event too! If you are in the high traffic trick or treating zone and are looking for a candy donation, please reach out to Alli at allideutsch@gmail.com and she will let you know if there is any candy available!

Demarest Nature Center

The Demarest Nature Center will host the NJ Audubon Society this **Sunday, October 11th at 10 AM for their Fall Birdwatching Hike**. Whether you're a seasoned birder or just looking to learn the difference between a pigeon and a hawk, join us for a stroll through the woods as we identify a variety of species that are found in and passing through our local forest. Meet at the DNC entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive.

Demarest Library

Join us on **Saturday, October 10th from 11:00 - 12:00 PM** for an author talk with **Demarest Resident John D. Lowe** to discuss his book *Hamilton's Lady Banker*. Register [here!](#) SYNOPSIS: Why did Alexander Hamilton die? This is the question in the background of the family of *Hamilton's Lady Banker*. *Hamilton's Lady Banker* is the story of Madame Jumel, her descendants, her close relationship with Alexander Hamilton and, along the way, reveals her plan to exact revenge on Aaron Burr with the use of her self-acquired wealth and the help of Alexander Hamilton Jr.

Come join us for a relaxing chair yoga session at the library with instructor **Lori Brophy** on **Monday, October 12th** from **10:00 - 11:00 AM**. **Registration is required!** Register [here!](#)

Diwali 2026 is finally here! On **Saturday, October 24th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, all are welcome to come celebrate Diwali with the Demarest Library! Join us for a family friendly event with food, dance performance, henna (sponsored by the Friends of The Demarest Library), crafts, storytime, and more. This will take place at the Demarest Library! Register [here!](#)

Please note that Borough Offices are closed Monday October 12, 2026 for the holiday.

Have a great weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,250 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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