Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Pedestrian Safety Update
I want to thank Bergen County for their quick response and for providing us with an electronic sign to use at the corner of Anderson Road and County Road. Thanks to our Police Department, DPW and OEM team for arranging for delivery of the sign in the next few days. As we work with the team at Bergen County to implement more permanent solutions, the County sign will be used to alert drivers to drive slowly, come to a full stop at stop sign and for all drivers and pedestrians to use caution when driving or walking at that intersection.

Important Reminder to All Residents: Daylight savings time this year ends on Sunday, November 1, 2026. Clocks "fall back" one hour at 2:00 A.M. returning us to standard time. This time change shifts sunrise and sunset one hour earlier, **resulting in brighter mornings, but causes evening darkness to arrive much earlier! So, please drive slowly and pay special attention for kids, pedestrians, bicycles, dogs and deer since it will get dark early!**

Downtown Demarest Update:
127 Hardenburgh (Adams Property) – The Bergen County United Way is preparing their updated application for DCA funding, which is the last piece to move this project along. The applications are due in November, and awards will be announced in January. As a reminder this project was approved for 17 units of Affordable Housing.

129 Hardenburgh (the bank building)- The plans for this site, a mixed-use building that will have 9 resdiential units above restaurant space, remain on schedule.

The Station (the historic train station)-Interior renovations are ongoing, and the restaurant will be open in early 2027!

Reminder from the DPW
When you are placing leaves at the curb for pickup, please do not put twigs and branches in the leaf piles.

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! **Click here for all the spooky details!**

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!

The Borough has received many questions and suggestions about trick or treat hours for this Halloween since it falls on a Saturday this year. The Borough recognizes that each family may have

family obligations, kids' schedules and various commitments, which we respect, making it difficult to restrict hours for families. The Borough expects that all families and trick or treaters will, as always, be courteous and mindful of their neighbors and the community in which they are collecting candy with their kids. **The Police Department will be adding extra officers to assist with traffic control, pedestrian safety, and the overall increase in activity that comes with Halloween. The Police Department will also close Northwood, Central, Rodney, John, and Lincoln to vehicular traffic once the trick or treating crowds warrant sometime after 1:00 PM and will reopen to traffic at around 5:00 PM** in anticipation of the peak trick or treating time for young children before the sun goes down. **Thank you to the Demarest Police for proactively planning for the day so that all our Demarest families can have fun and most importantly get home safely to enjoy their sugar haul!**

Climaction - a TED style event at Columbia University
An event that brings together youth and leaders working to solve climate issues.
Whether through policy, activism, engineering, art, or business, Climaction will bring together fresh ideas from young people and experts from various fields who are innovating and making an impact as they seek climate solutions.
This mini-conference will feature talks, short films, and Q&A. It is organized by **Demarest resident Amrita Kumar**, a high-school student at Bergen County Academies. Attendance is free and will run from **1:00 pm - 3:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Columbia University's Lerner Hall. Thank you, Amitra!**

NVD School Musical
Anything that ***can*** **go wrong** ***will*** **go wrong**! **The Play That Goes Wrong** is a hilarious, non-stop comedy disaster, unstoppable laugh-out-loud chaos for the whole family! You don't want to miss it, so grab your tickets before the set completely falls apart!

Friday Nov. 13 @ 7:00 PM
Saturday Nov. 14 @ 2:00 PM AND 7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2:00 PM
Tickets are available at **nvd.booktix.com**

Information from the Borough Clerk
Election Day is Tuesday November 3.

If you are registered to receive a mail in ballot, you should have already received your ballot and it can be returned by mail, postmarked on or before November 3, in person at the County Clerk's office in Hackensack by 8 pm on Election Day or **dropped off in any ballot collection box in Bergen County before 8:00 pm on Election Day, November 3. There is one at Demarest Borough Hall or click here for other locations throughout the County.**

If you think you were supposed to receive a mail in ballot but haven't seen it yet, please call the **County Clerk's office at 201-336-7020**. **If you did not request a mail in ballot, but would like one the deadline to do so by mail is October 27, 2026** and can be done so **here** or in person at the County Clerk's office until 3 pm on Election Day.

In person early voting is available beginning this Saturday, October 24 through November 1. Demarest voters can vote early, in person at any Early voting location throughout Bergen County. Click here for those locations.

Finally, if you are registered to vote and haven't voted early, you can vote on **Election Day from 6:00 am- 8:00 pm at the County Road School, 130 County Rd. If you requested a mail-in ballot but did not return it to the County, you can vote on Election Day at County Road School but will need to fill out a provisional ballot.**

If you have any questions related to your voter registration or the election, please feel free to call the Borough Clerk's office at 201-768-0167 x147.

Congratulations Xplore Wine!
Thursday, October 29 marks 7 years of **Xplor Wine of Demarest**. **Congratulations to Kurt and his team.** To commemorate this achievement, they will be hosting elevated in-store wine tastings **Thursday 10/29 from 4pm-7pm; Friday 10/30 from 4pm-7pm and Saturday 10/31 from 2pm-5pm.**

Congratulations to our students!
Demarest Middle School alumni and current NVD students, Noah Xia, Riya Ganguly, and Eyal Carmeli for winning the NJSBA 2026 STEAM Tank Challenge. The STEAM Tank Challenge requires that teams "work collaboratively to design solutions that make New Jersey more sustainable, healthy, equitable, and safe. All entries must heavily factor in the project's impact on environmental and climate change." The students created ReedClaim, a biomaterial plastic alternative using an invasive plant species choking the NJ wetlands. Over 600 hundred teams submitted projects. ReedClaim was the overall Middle School Champion. **Best wishes to the team as they work to develop this project further.**

The Art School at the Old Church
Many thanks to all the children, teens, and adults who participated in our clay activities at Octoberfest and Demarest Day!

Registration for our **Winter Session (Jan. 3 - March 15)** opens on **November 10th at 8:45 AM**. **Enroll online** at **www.tasoc.org** or **in person** at **561 Piermont Rd.** We offer **more than 80 art and craft workshops** and courses for **adults, teens, and children**. If you have questions, call us at **(201) 767-7160**.

***Registration for Fall Workshops** (**11/14 - 11/16**) is ongoing.*

Demarest Library
Presented by The Demarest and Cresskill Public Libraries, Vibraphonist **Ted Piltzecker** and pianist **Allen Farnham** share an engaging set of jazz at the Demarest Public Library on **Thursday, November 5th from 6:15 PM- 7:15 PM**. This concert will focus on the interplay and communication between the two master improvisors. They will perform works of jazz greats from Bergen County (Dizzy Gillespie, Milt Jackson, Thad Jones, Bill Evans, and more) as well as their own original compositions. Please **register as space is limited!** Register **here!**

Join Miss Shelley from our Yoga for Littles - Storytime with a Twist Classes for Music in Motion on **Thursday, October 29th from 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**. This class is a 30-min children's music class with movement, songs and instruments with the wonderful Miss Shelley! **Halloween Costumes are encouraged!!** For ages 1-5. **Registration is required.** Register **here!**

Come to The Demarest Library on **Wednesday evenings from 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM** to practice American Mahjong! No registration required and two Mahjong sets are available for patron use. *Please note: this is not a class, it is a casual space for players to practice/ meet other players. It is beginner friendly! Players are encouraged to play with players of all skill levels.*

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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