



Demarest Digest

The Mayor's Message

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and enjoying the comforts of their Demarest home. This year continues to be a challenging one for us all. Since March, the Coronavirus presented us with a new way of living and managing our daily lives during a global pandemic. August brought a tropical storm that caused the worst damage since Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

I want to recognize the outstanding service provided by our DPW, Police and volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps in the aftermath of the storm on August fourth. The DPW began clearing the damage from the storm right after it ended, and the Police and Fire departments were on hand to ensure the safety of everyone in our borough.

Power outages do not happen often in our town, but when they do, it's important to contact Orange and Rockland to report the outage and to follow their updates for the restoration of electric service. Please add oru.com to the websites you follow or bookmark to stay up to date.

An important and useful way to receive relevant and necessary borough notices is through NIXLE. Using your cell phone, send a text to 888777, enter 07627 as the message and hit send.

On September 11, 2020, at 6PM, Demarest residents will gather by the Duck Pond to remember those men and women who died on September 11, 2001. The remembrance will also be available on Facebook live for those who feel they are not able to attend in person.

Everyone, stay safe and well. Please continue to wear masks when you leave your home.

Mayor Melinda Iannuzzi



Calendar of Events

September 2	Planning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
September 7	Offices closed for Labor Day
September 9	Municipal Court 5:30 pm
September 15	Zoning Board meeting 8:00 pm
September 16	Recreation Commission meeting 8:30 pm
September 21	Mayor and Council meeting 7:30 pm
September 22	Environmental Commission meeting 7:30 pm
September 23	Board of Health meeting 7:45 pm
October 1	Shade Tree meeting 7:30 pm
October 7	Planning Board meeting 7:30 pm
October 12	Office closed for Columbus Day
October 14	Municipal Court 5:30 pm
October 20	Zoning Board meeting 8:00 pm
October 21	Recreation Commission meeting 8:30 pm
October 26	Mayor and Council meeting 7:30 pm
October 27	Environmental Commission meeting 7:30 pm
October 31	Shred Day 9:00-1:00
November 4	Planning Board meeting 7:30 pm
November 5	Shade Tree meeting 7:30 pm
November 17	Environmental Commission meeting 7:30
November 18	Recreation Commission meeting 8:30 pm
November 18	Board of Health meeting 7:45 pm
November 26/27	Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Please check Demarestnj.org or call 201-768-0167 for the latest information.

From Our Police Chief

School Opening: Allow Extra Time for Drop off and Pick up of Students: As school opens, we need the help of residents to protect our children and school crossing guards. If you see an incident of unsafe driving, including double parking or unsafe conditions, such as blocking the view of a crossing guard, please notify the Demarest Police Department. If you are dropping off students, please follow the proper drop-off procedures at each school to ensure the safety our students. Please allow extra time in your commute to deal with increased traffic due to school drop offs and an increase in pedestrian traffic. Your cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated in keeping our children safe. Making sure you have extra time and not rushing in the morning or afternoon to drop off or pick up students helps with obeying traffic laws.

We Welcome our New Special Police Officers: We congratulate Special Police Officer Class II Nick Mazzeo and Special Police Officer Class II Ryan Lozada on graduating from the Passaic County Police Academy. We look forward to having these officers join our department and community.

Alerts and Notifications: The Demarest Police Department and the Demarest Office of Emergency Management use two different companies to communicate alerts to the residents. Nixle sends a text message and email to residents. Swiftreach sends a recorded voice message to landlines.

If you are looking to receive Alerts and Advisories from the Demarest Police Department Text 07627 to 888-777 to opt-in to Nixle. To make sure you are receiving landline messages from Swiftreach please sign up on our website and click on the swift reach graphic to enter their portal.

Child Seat Installations: In many instances, parents and caregivers install child seats incorrectly. Child Passenger Safety Technician's (CPSTs) are trained to assist with the installation and to ensure the safety of these child seats. The Demarest Police Department has assigned Police Officer Del Greco as the Child Passenger Safety Technician. Officer Del Greco can assist Demarest residents who require help with the installation or inspection of child seats. To have a child seat installed or inspected please go to www.demarestpd.org and click on Child Seat Installation to set up an appointment.

Please visit us at www.demarestpd.org for department updates, forms and permit information.



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A Plea from the Department of Public Works

We have been responding to quite a few sewer backups. The usual culprits are baby wipes and grease! Please do not flush either of these items. Both are trash and need to be disposed of in your garbage can.

Municipal Court

The Borough Hall and Court office remain closed at this time. However, virtual court will be held on the assigned dates. Anyone needing to speak to the Violations Clerk may call 201-768-1160. Payments may be mailed to the Borough Hall, paid online or dropped in the box at the Borough Hall door.

From the Demarest Ambulance Corps

The Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps would like to remind everyone to WEAR YOUR MASK and Maintain social distancing with COVID-19 still on the rise! Stay safe. Practice good hand washing!

FIGHT GERMS BY WASHING YOUR HANDS!

 <p>1 Wet your hands</p>	 <p>2 Soap</p>	 <p>3 Lather and scrub - 20 sec</p>	 
 <p>4 Rinse - 10 sec</p>	 <p>5 Turn off tap</p>	 <p>6 Dry your hands</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">DONT FORGET TO WASH:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - between your fingers - under your nails - the tops of your hands

We are looking for new members. Join us!

CCO Reminder from the Building Department

In order to rent or sell your home, a Certificate of Continued Occupancy is required. You must complete the application, pay the required fees and have the home inspected prior to any change in occupancy or ownership. This process takes approximately 4 weeks, so make sure you allow ample time. Any question, please call Dot Haight at 201-768-3398.

Demarest Garden Club

The Garden Club asks you to be on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly. It is an invasive insect that reportedly eats 70 species of plants but is not harmful to animals or humans. This link will give more information and identifying pictures. If you do spot this little critter, a photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov. Visit this address: <https://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pi/pdf/SLFReportingGuidelines.pdf> for more information.

Master Gardener at Work

We congratulate our own Owen Fox on earning his Master Gardener certification. He is in charge of beautifying the Borough Hall and other borough-owned properties. *Congratulations, Owen!*

The Environmental Commission Announces Shred Day October 31

Bring your unwanted papers to be securely shredded on Saturday, October 31, between 9:00 and 1:00. Drive in to the DPW parking lot at 22 Wakelee Drive.

BCUA will host three additional hazardous waste collection events for Bergen County residents this year. Locations include Bergen County Community College in Paramus, Campgaw Mountain Reservation in Mahwah, and the BCUA facility in Moonachie. All collection sites open (rain or shine) at 9:00 a.m. and close promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah *Saturday, September 12, 2020

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus *Sunday, October 18, 2020

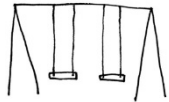
Bergen County Utilities Authority (back gate only via Empire Blvd.)
Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie *Saturday, November 14, 2020

The Demarest Public Library

Please enjoy these Children's Room events:

- Digital Storytime: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30AM on Facebook
- Arts & Crafts Guide: First Tuesday of the month on Facebook and Instagram
- Wacky Science: Third Tuesday of the month on Facebook and Instagram
- Book Talk Friday: Hear about a great Children's or Young Adult Book every Friday at 11AM on Facebook!
- Storytime at the Gazebo: Enjoy a socially distant storytime at the town Gazebo with Miss Kate!
 - Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30 and Tuesday, September 21st at 11:30

PLAYGROUND



don't forget to play

Playground Update

The Demarest Playground, located in Wakelee Field, has been closed for updates. A new and improved playground is being installed and should be completed shortly. Please be patient as we work on improving the site with new, fun and safe playground equipment coming soon!

Is Your Number Up?

Emergency personnel need to reach people as quickly as possible. Thus, it is vitally important that your house number be displayed in accordance with Borough Ordinance 78-2. The Police Department reminds you that your number must be affixed in a conspicuous manner on the front of your house so as to be plainly visible from the street. Additionally, you may display an additional house number on a post or mailbox, especially if the front of your house is not visible from the street. Please note that numbers on rocks or otherwise on the ground are not helpful, as they can be covered by leaves or snow.

Removal of Large Appliances and Equipment

Please call IWS sanitation at 201-768-5407 to schedule an appointment for the pickup of large appliances and other household equipment. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and ice makers must have the Freon removed by a certified service person before pickup. If you are buying a new appliance, please check with the merchant as to whether they will remove and dispose of the old appliance.

Municipal Parking

If you are in need of additional parking or somewhere to store a vehicle that should not be parked in your driveway, there are spots available downtown for a nominal permit parking fee. To inquire, please call the Borough Clerk, Susan Crosman, at 201-768-0167, ext. 139, for further details.

If you believe any information is incorrect or incomplete, please contact Marti Francis (francis.demarestnj@gmail.com) so I may fix it.