

DEMAREST JESUIT



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Now that a budget has been established for the State and Borough for 2010, we have been able to make plans to complete several long anticipated capital improvements. The new DPW headquarters is rounding into form as the steel frame has been installed on a concrete foundation that required tedious soil removal to ensure the structural integrity of the building. This complex is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

The downtown streetscape improvements are nearly completed, including new pavers sidewalks, Belgian block curbing and the repaving of Park Street. Look for a ribbon cutting ceremony after Labor Day. The third phase of the Railroad Station improvements is underway and will include a new entertainment center courtesy of a Community Development Block Grant that will enhance television and movie viewing for our senior and youth recreation programs.

The safe routes to school program provides improved bike paths, footbridges and crosswalks intended to keep our school children safe on the way to school. These improvements encourage walking where possible, reducing vehicle traffic.

Our road improvement program is continuing as well, with a shared service agreement with the Riverside Cooperative yielding favorable paving prices. Look for additional improvements on local roads throughout the fall.

Under the leadership of Bill Connelly, Council Liaison to the school board, the schools and borough have been making increased efforts to share goods and services. The borough provided the trees planted at the local schools. Upon completion of the Railroad Depot, the schools will be donating computers for our senior program activities.

The improvement projects listed above are being accomplished with outside grant funding of nearly \$1,500,000. This funding has been acquired over a period of years. I am very proud of the success that Demarest has had in recapturing its Federal and State tax payments and am also encouraged by our ongoing efforts to share and/or consolidate services. I hope you enjoy the resulting improvements. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy back to school season, I am,

MAYOR JAMES CARROLL

DEMAREST DAY 2010

"DEMAREST DAY " WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25 at the downtown Wakelee Field Area from 2pm to sundown. There will be balloon rides, children's rides and activities. Come listen to music and eat hot dogs, ice cream, coffee and soda for **free**. Demarest Day will culminate with **fireworks** at Wakelee Field. Keep the date open and come join your neighbors for an afternoon and evening of fun and entertainment. **Rain date is October 2.**

If you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer, please call Police Chief Powderley @ 201-768-1540.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The parade will be held on Saturday, October 30th at **11am** at the Railroad Station. There will be prizes and refreshments. No rain date is scheduled.

GENERAL ELECTION

The last day to register for the general election is **October 12th** and the Borough Hall will be open from 8:30am to 9pm for anyone who wishes to register to vote. If you need an absentee ballot application or have any questions call the Borough Clerk, Susan Crosman at 201-768-0167 ext#39. **Election day is November 2nd**, the polls are open from 6am to 8pm. Forms are available online @ www.co.bergen.nj.us, click on: All Departments & Agencies: Superintendent of Elections, then go to voter registration forms.

CONCERTS AT THE GAZEBO

Because of inclement weather & sidewalk construction, two concerts have been rescheduled. On September 1st come & enjoy the music of "Fillet of Soul".

The performances begin at 7:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs & enjoy the music.

DEMAREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

* Again, a reminder about paints & flammables. Please keep them stored in a metal cabinet or container. Do not leave any material, rags or liquids near a heat source such as a water heater, furnace or boiler as the pilot light may ignite the fumes!

* Mowers, blowers and other gas operated tools. Please do not operate them indoors such as a garage. You risk the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, if the tool catches fire, it may spread the fire to your home. Do not re-fuel tools in a basement or garage. Fumes may be ignited by a near by water heater or furnace!

* Smoke/Carbon monoxide detectors. Again, **PLEASE** check them at least monthly for proper operation. They are proven life savers!

* Fall is almost here. Please have your heating system, chimneys/flues and fire places checked by a professional.

* Going away? **Please leave a key or a code and a phone number for a contact.** If your fire alarms go off, we are often delayed in making entry into your home. We do not want to cause damage trying to get in to check your home.

* Please keep fire hydrants clear of brush, trash and snow.

* A reminder that all residences should have well lit, easy to read house numbers. It is a big help to responding emergency personnel.

News:

This Fall, the Fire Department will again be visiting the schools as part of our Annual Fire Prevention Program. The kids have fun while learning valuable safety tips as part of our Fire Prevention Program. Our Poster Contest is always a big hit and we hope you'll continue your support of this important program by encouraging your children to participate.

Fund Drive: The Fire Department wishes to thank all our residents who have answered our Fund Drive letter. We also ask that our neighbors who have not yet sent in their donation to please help us. Your donations help us to continue providing programs such as the Fire Prevention programs at the schools. Please help. Thank you.

Membership: New members are always needed. We are a small volunteer group who prides itself on providing fast, efficient, professional service when the alarm goes off. Day or night... we are here to answer the call. Please consider joining our ranks as a fully trained Fire Fighter or as a member of our growing Auxiliary. Stop by the Fire House any Sunday morning or Tuesday night for more details.

DEMAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

School is opening on **Wednesday, September 2.** We need the help of every citizen to protect our school children and school crossing guards. Tragically, the pedestrian accident rate has significantly increased statewide:

- New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the nation, a situation made worse by the number of vehicles on the State's roads. For example, 30 years ago 50% of students walked to school. Today, 85% are driven to school, resulting in congestion in the school zones far beyond what the streets were designed to handle.
- Too many drivers are distracted by eating or drinking behind the wheel, using cell phones or simply not paying attention. There also are increasing incidents of aggressive driving. Unfortunately, most unsafe driving in school zones are by drivers who use the streets most often - the parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up children.

See children ahead? Don't assume they know you are coming, even if they are looking right at you. Children and senior citizens lack auditory localization-the ability to locate a moving object by hearing it. That's why children and older people are far more likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents.

Accidents involving children are especially common where there are parked cars that block driver's vision of children darting into the street. Accidents involving senior citizens are more common at intersections because older people take longer to cross. Many people aren't even aware how fast they are going. If a car going 20 MPH hits a pedestrian, there is a 95% chance of survival. However, the survival declines to 45% at 30MPH and less than 10% at 40 MPH.

Any person seeing an incident of unsafe driving, especially any action that interferes with a crossing guard, is urged to notify the **Demarest Police Department @ 201-768-1540.** Your cooperation & assistance will be greatly appreciated in keeping our children safe.

Chief James F. Powderley

DEMAREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Demarest Free Public Library's Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30PM. The Library's Book Discussion Group also meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30PM. The Library's Knitting Club, "Bottles & Cans", meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. The Library's regular operating hours are 10AM to 8PM Monday and Thursday; 10AM to 5PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 1PM to 5PM Sundays. The Library is closed Saturdays and holidays. When you're in the neighborhood, please feel free to stop by and meet the Library's new Youth Services Director, Laurie Feistammel, and sign up for one of the Library's new Children's Programs! While there, be sure to check out what's new on the Library's shelves or pick up a free DVD from the Library's extensive video collection. You can also sign up for your free Demarest Library Card by visiting us on the web at www.bcels.org/demarest.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

The American Legion Camp Merritt Post 21 is a veteran organization whose purpose is to provide assistance to veterans, those presently serving for our country and their families, and the community at large. It has become more difficult since many of legion members are in their 70's and 80's. Since our work is so important, we are actively looking for new members to join the Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion. We would like to take this opportunity to invite people to visit our newly renovated Post. We are located at 75 Legion Drive, Cresskill. Our banquet hall is suitable for all occasions. Please feel free to visit our Post and think about joining our ranks. For more information call 201-894-9723. We are always looking for a few good men and women.

DEMAREST MUNICIPAL COURT

Did you know that fines can be paid on line at www.njmcdirect.com? The municipal court accepts payments 10am to 2pm Monday through Friday. Court is held the first Tuesday of every month except for November, which is held November 9th because of election day.

DEMAREST NATURE CENTER

The DNC "THE TRIAL OF THE TRAILS" 1 Mile Trail Fun Run and 5K Trail Run (rain or shine) will be held on **Saturday, September 19th**. The 1 mile Run begins at 9am and the 3.1 mile Cross Country Race will begin at 9:15am on the trails of the Demarest Nature Center. Participants must register by 8:45am at the Wakelee Fieldhouse. See our website for the race route, age categories and other details. Rain or Shine.

October: Raptor Project, live birds of prey, at the State Line Lookout, Palisades Parkway (njpalisades.org/calendar.htm) Also, **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Open House**, Route 9W (ideo.columbia.edu). Check respective websites for dates. This is not an event run by the Demarest Nature Center but could be of interest of nature lovers.

29TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

"CRAFT SHOW AT OKTOBERFEST" will be held on **October 9**. (rain date: October 16) The craft fair will host up to 75 crafters displaying a wide variety of homemade crafts including jewelry, woodcrafts, pottery, photography, doll clothes, painted furniture, holiday items and much more. There will also be German music, German and Korean foods, canoe rides on the duck pond and inflatable rides nearby.

For more information on **"THE TRIAL OF THE TRAILS"** or **"CRAFT SHOW AT OKTOBERFEST"**, please go to: demarestnaturecenter.org.

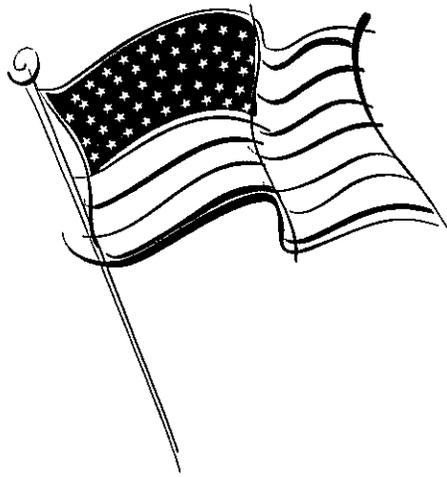
ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Please call Miele Sanitation at 201-768-3818 to schedule an appointment to pick up large appliances, like household equipment. Refrigerators, air conditioners and ice makers must have the freon removed before pick-up by a certified service person. (If you are buying a new appliance, check with the merchant whether they would remove and dispose of your old appliance.) After completing the mowing of your lawn, please put grass clippings in a garbage can and not in plastic bags.

MAYOR JAMES M. CARROLL
and the
Members of the Borough Council

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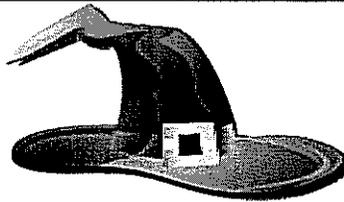
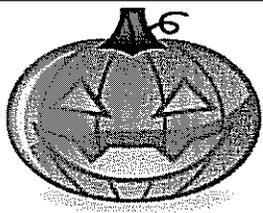
MEMORIAL CEREMONY



**In remembrance of Christopher Vialonga
and the others who lost their lives on that tragic day**

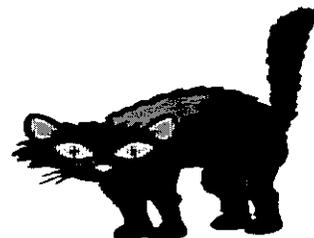
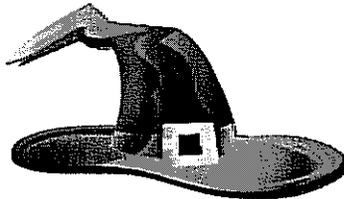
SEPTEMBER 11th

**Saturday, September 11, 2010
11.00 a.m. at the Duck Pond
World Trade Center Memorial**



FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 1* *Fillet of Soul @ the Gazebo, 7:30pm*
- September 2* *First Day of School*
- September 3* *Demarest Garden Club meeting; 12:30pm @ the United Methodist Church; 1:30 pm program "The summer of '10 Triumphs and Tragedies"*
- September 11* *September 11th Memorial Ceremony; 11 a.m.*
- September 25* *Demarest Nature Center 1 mile Trail Fun Run & 5K Trail Run, 8:45am Registration*
- September 25* *Demarest Day, 2pm - sundown; Rain date October 2nd*
- October 1* *Demarest Garden Club meeting; 12:30pm @ the United Methodist Church; 1:30 pm program "Designing Mixed Borders of Annuals and Perennials"*
- October 5* *Flu Vaccine Clinic; 9:30am-11am @ Boro Hall*
- October 9* *Oktoberfest sponsored by Demarest Nature Center; 10am @ the Duck Pond*
- October 10* *Northern Valley Fire Chiefs' Parade, 1pm in Closter*
- October 12* *Last Day to Register to Vote: Boro Hall open 8:30am-9pm*
- October 30* *Halloween Parade; 11am at the Railroad Station, No Rain date*
- November 2* *Election Day; Polls open 6am-8pm*
- November 5* *Demarest Garden Club meeting; 12:30pm @ the United Methodist Church; 1:30 pm program "The Environmental Impact of Plastic"*
- November 11* *Veteran's Day*
- November 13* *Free Rabies Clinic @ Demarest Fire Department, 10am-11am*



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 to 6 weeks, so make sure you allow ample time. Any Questions please call 201-768-0167 ext# 12.

DEMAREST SENIOR CENTER

All activities are held at the Boro Hall. We welcome all residents and neighbors ages 55 and above. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month.

On November 30th is a trip to Sight & Sound production of "Miracle of Christmas" in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$100 which includes show, dinner, transportation, taxes and gratuity. The bus will be leaving the United Methodist Church at 8:00am. Contact Ann Frank @201-768-3790 or Grace Walsh @ 201-768-1783 for your reservation

A monthly trip to Atlantic City is held on the third Tuesday of each month at a cost of \$25.00. The trip departs from the United Methodist Church.

STAINED GLASS CLASS

All Senior Citizens are welcome to join our Stained Glass Class on Fridays to discover the talent you did not know you had. All classes are directed by a super instructor, Mr. George-Luhrsen, and the materials are free. The class is held at the Boro Hall Depot. Surprise yourself!! Many thanks to Mr. Luhrsen, who does our monthly bulletin, for his wonderful News and Art Work.

DEMAREST SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Demarest Senior Citizens Club meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Refreshments are served at the meetings. All citizens of Demarest who are 60 years young and older are invited to join the club.

BOARD OF HEALTH

RABIES CLINIC

The Demarest Board of Health will be having a free rabies clinic on Saturday, **November 13**, from 10am-11am at the Demarest Fire Department. Every cat and dog must be on a leash or in a carrier and accompanied by an adult. The vaccine will be given to dogs six months or older and cats three months or older. Please examine your pets rabies expiration date to make sure it's valid through November 2010 so a license can be obtained.

All in One Flu Immunization Program

The Demarest Board of Health in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) of Hackensack University Medical Center is offering "the all in one" Seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccine on Tuesday, October 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Boro Hall. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Participants 65 years and older should provide a Medicare Part B number. Residents with a chronic condition and under 65 years of age, must present a note from their physician. This program is open only to Demarest residents.

Participants will be given information regarding the vaccine and will be required to sign a "Clients Informed Consent Form" before receiving the vaccine. No appointments are needed. For more information call Board of Health @ 201-768-0167 ext30

SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION ACT

The intent of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed because they were abandoned. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger and too often, it results in the child's death. It is also illegal, with severe consequences. As of December 31, 2009, 43 newborns have been surrendered under Safe Haven. This program allows a distressed parent to give up an unwanted infant safely, legally and confidentially. It protects the parent from arrest or prosecution for abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to a hospital emergency room or police station in New Jersey. For more information go to www.njsafehaven.org or 1-877-839-2339.



***DRIVE SAFELY
SCHOOLS
ARE OPEN***



CRESSKILL-DEMAREST ROTARY CLUB

Your local Rotary club meets weekly on Tuesday at 12:15pm for lunch at Griffin's 44 East Madison Ave. Cresskill. We would like you to join us for lunch and fellowship. Find out what the Rotary is all about and what we do in Demarest. Please call Joe Rodriguez at 201-568-7790 for more information.

DEMAREST AMBULANCE CORP

WE NEED MORE HELP

The ambulance corps is being run by a small group of people, who give more than double the amount of time that is needed for this corps to function.

We are looking for:

STUDENTS 16 YEARS AND OLDER (GREAT FOR COLLEGE RESUMES), AT HOME MOMS AND DADS, RETIREES or anyone who can donate a few hours during the day.

Please contact us at 201-767-8050

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

*Leaf pick-up STARTS OCTOBER 18, 2010
and STOPS DECEMBER 17, 2010*

ART SCHOOL AT OLD CHURCH

The school is offering over 90 classes and workshops this semester. Different ranges of disciplines to explore include ceramics, drawing, painting, jewelry, glass, knitting, and paper arts. Weekly fall classes run for ten weeks, beginning September 13. This fall, adult workshops are offered on the weekend of October 16-17 and during the week of December 13-16.

The Young Artist program and Blast of Art! are for kids. The Young Artist program offers numerous weekly classes for children, while Blast of Art! is a four-day art program for children from December 27th - 30th.

Registration is now open for fall classes and workshops. Ensure your enrichment and register for a class today by mail, fax, hand delivery or over the phone. Call 201-767-7160 for a printed catalog or visit www.tasoc.org. A detailed listing of classes is available on the website (click on CLASSES & WORKSHOPS) link).

DEMAREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recently the Demarest archival collection has been enhanced by the generous donation of photos, ephemera and other articles all related to the Demarest and Bogert families. These were given by the family of former mayors, Matthew J. and Donald Bogert. Cathy, Don Jr. and Pat. Children of Donald and Claire Bogert, contributed a number of items one of which is the only tangible piece related to the Summerland Home, a bell.

Also received were photos from the Tintle and Wright families. Thanks to these and other people, the Demarest past is remembered and its history enriched.

During the summer we were visited by members of the Demarest family now living in Texas. A tour of our town and important sites in the surrounding communities related to the history of the Demarest family was made to contribute to the understanding of their family roots.

Work continues to be done to keep our archives updated with new photos that residents and non-residents give to the community. If you have any information or photos of Demarest you would like to share with the present and certainly the future people of town, please let us know. Please feel free to contact the Borough Historian, Mary Anne Clarke.

The Northern Valley Historical Society will have a program on the historic hotels of the Northern Valley towns. It appears the largest of these was in our own town of Demarest. The program is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 at 3 PM at the Closter Library.

The Demarest Historical Society will have a 2011 calendar available for purchase. Notification will be coming.

Historic Trivia:

This was reported by a former resident. By 1948 the stone floors in the old school were "worn and had dips in them." The clock in the hallway of the old school building was the location for disciplinary action for the unruly student. The student had to stand beneath the clock as other children walked by to go to the lunchroom.

DEMAREST GARDEN CLUB

New Trustees For 2010-2011

Current elected officers (trustees) of the club installed for the coming year in June 2010 are: Beverly Kazickas of Demarest beginning a first year as President; Judith Lamp of Norwood beginning a first year as First Vice President and Program Chairman, Elaine Welch of Demarest, beginning a fifth year as Treasurer, and Ruth Haynes of Closter, beginning a second year as Recording Secretary. Presidents and vice presidents traditionally serve a two-year term; other officers may succeed themselves.

Club 2010 Meetings

Most meetings of the club open to the public are held 1 - 3 pm in the United Methodist Church at 109 Hardenburgh Avenue. All interested gardeners, visitors, and prospective new members are welcome.

Friday, Sept. 3 Program: "The summer of '10 Triumphs and Tragedies" Show and Tell with Q & A by members of what grew well and what did not this unbelievably hot summer.

Friday, Oct. 1 Program: "Designing Mixed Borders of Annuals and Perennials" by gardening expert Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens.

Friday, Nov. 5 Program: "The Environmental Impact of Plastic" by passionate anti-plastic "eco-broker" Andy Curshen

Davies Arboretum Civic Project

The club continues to develop Davies Arboretum, on the front 6 (of 18) borough-owned Green Acres at what was the Davies property at 49 Anderson Avenue. The project began with borough permission in 1977 with initial goals to protect existing "heritage" trees, restore for public use the old house demolition site, and create a passive retreat of low-maintenance flowering trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, and annuals in a family-friendly setting of interactive gardening activities. Except for grass cutting, bench installation, and water bills, the project is funded entirely by the club and community donations of funds, ideas, energy, and skills. To participate or learn more, just show up on Tuesday mornings 9-11 from March 15th to Oct. 15th.

New projects added or completed this year are:

- Two additional cedar trellises added to the Vertical Garden for planting with roses and clematis next year.
- Ed's Garden Railroad with a two-level, solar-powered, G-track and two club-owned trains that will run until Oct. 15th on first Tuesdays of the month from 9-11 am and on first Saturdays (with invited trains) 10-12 noon. A 2011 train schedule is being developed and will be posted near the tracks next year. All knowledgeable railroaders are invited to contact the club through our mail box at Borough Hall to run their own trains.
- The Community Garden cleared and created by Zach Stewart as an Eagle Scout Project, is available for future community use by groups interested in raising food for charitable distribution. Contact the garden club through our mail box at Demarest Borough Hall for more info.

Membership

Membership in the Demarest Garden Club is open to all local gardeners, male and female, from any town. Annual dues are \$25 and obligations minimal. To join, just attend any Friday afternoon public meeting, find us on a Tuesday at Davies Arboretum 9-11 am, or call Membership Chairman Luisa at 201-966-9816.

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