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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Police Consolidation

Presentations and discussions regarding a possible merger of the Demarest Police and County Police have taken place in public at the last four Mayor and Council meetings. On May 7, the Council voted to hold a non-binding referendum **should** discussions ultimately lead to a proposed merger. Maintaining public safety is the first priority, with the ability to "unwind" **any** possible merger by re-establishing a Demarest Police Department and financial considerations (read significant savings) as necessary provisions.

Thus far, certain Bergen County officials have agreed to staffing, operating procedures and all other requirements put forth by your Demarest governing body. **Any proposed merger with the County includes having our current officers stationed in Demarest as well as keeping our police station and court in Demarest.** We anticipate receiving a proposal from Bergen County regarding the costs of a proposed merger before the end of May. We must then make sure the proposal takes every aspect of policing of Demarest into account without any assumptions being made by either the County or Demarest.

It bears repeating that discussions concerning a police merger or consolidation have been on and off with surrounding communities for years. I and the six Council members are members of this community and we have the same stake in the community as every other resident. We do not take this issue lightly and we will continue to give this issue all due diligence and consideration and will continue to listen to the views of all residents.

2012 Budget

As a result of the May 8 referendum vote on exceeding the 2% tax cap levy being voted down by residents, the governing body must have a budget by June 1 to meet the 2% tax cap levy. Cutting costs to meet the 2% tax cap levy will be difficult as we have only seven months to meet the required savings rather than a full 12 months. Increased costs out of the control of the governing body due to prior contractual obligations and projects instituted in prior years along with a significant decrease in revenues and surplus have placed us in this position. Not only will we be looking at reducing expenditures this year, but we will also need to look at savings that will accrue into 2013 and beyond so we are not put in the same difficult financial position again in 2013 or 2014. We already know some increased costs in 2013 that are in store for us, for example, a bond payment increasing from \$81,000 this year to \$210,000 next year. Work on a revised budget has taken place during the week of May 14 and the plan is to have a revised budget by the May 21 Mayor and Council meeting.

For the second year in a row, the Council has accepted my recommendation to suspend the open space tax for 2012, thus saving tax payers approximately \$121,000 for another year.

Memorial Day (May 28)

Please join us in honoring all those service men and women who gave their lives to defend our country and liberty. The annual Demarest Memorial Day parade will begin at 9:00am on Monday May 28 at the Demarest Library and proceed east on Hardenburgh, north on Piermont, east on Northwood, south on High and west on Hardenburgh to the war memorial in the park. The ceremony will immediately follow the parade.

Sincerely,
Ray Cywinski

DEMAREST GARDEN CLUB

Spring has arrived and we are ready to start a new gardening season. We welcome all Northern Valley residents to join us in our monthly activities and field trips. You may join the club by attending one of our meetings or giving our membership chairman Luisa a call at (201) 966-9816. Our spring and summer programs include a series of informal garden tours and get together as we share our garden knowledge and exchange plants and cuttings.

Our award winning Garden Railroad, which features a two-level, solar-powered, G-track and two club-owned trains, will run on the first Tuesday of the month from 9-11 am and on occasional Saturdays (with invited trains) 10-12 noon. All knowledgeable railroaders are invited to contact the club for more information through our website.

Our new slate of officers include Sandy Kopec-President, Helene Golden-1st Vice President, Julie Papen-2nd Vice President, Luisa Pittaluga-Corresponding Secretary, Elisabeth Evans-Recording Secretary, and Elaine Welch-Treasurer. We will announce our upcoming programs in the Fall Town Newsletter and on our website at www.DemarestGardenClub.org

We thank all residents who supported our spring pre-order plant sale fundraiser which provides the money to support the Club's yearly charitable contributions to the town. These activities include installing and maintaining the plantings at the Demarest Railroad Station and the Davies Arboretum and Wildlife Preserve, as well as making floral tray favors for Meals on Wheels, running Garden Therapy Workshops in local area nursing homes, and providing the Demarest Public Library Christmas Wreath. We actively engage the youth in our community through sponsoring the 5th Grade Environmental Day and participating in Northern Valley Demarest HS Senior Service Program.

DEMAREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May is National Historic Preservation Month. This year Demarest has been recognized for its preservation efforts in three ways. The Demarest Railroad Depot was acknowledged by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in its 2012 Preservation Month Theme: "Discover America's Hidden Gems". It was one of four awards given within the state. Held on May 1 at Roebing Museum in town of Roebing, the Borough of Demarest, Demarest Historical Society and the architects for the renovations to the building, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects, received the Historic Preservation Award.

On May 10, 2012 Bergen County Executive, Kathleen Donovan and the Board of Freeholders bestowed the Borough of Demarest and the architects with Bergen County's 2012 Historic Preservation Commendation Award "For Adaptive Use" of the restored Demarest Railroad Depot. Mary Anne Clarke attended and accepted both awards for the borough and the Demarest Historical Society.

Those are not the ONLY awards received for preservation in town. The third was given to now Eagle Scout, Daniel J. Reinke. He received recognition and the Bergen County's 2012 Historic Preservation Commendation Award in the category of "Youth Preservation Project" for the work done for his Eagle Scout project at the pre-revolutionary cemetery in town. The Sautjes Tave's Begraven Ground had a clearance of unwanted growth, cleaned stones, plantings at the entrance and a new walkway. Daniel created the walkway to the cemetery entrance with the curbstone removed after 100 years of use from downtown Demarest. Thanks to him this bluestone has a new purpose at another historical location in town

DEMAREST SUMMER RECREATION CAMP

The camp is a six week program held at Luther Lee Elementary School in Demarest. It is for children in grades Pre-K through 5 (must be 4 years old). Children entering grades 6-8 are eligible for our Counselor-in-Training program. The camp will run from July 2nd to August 10th from 9am to 1pm daily, rain or shine for the cost of \$450. Out-of-town cost would be \$550.

Demarest Summer Recreation Camp offers a safe and exciting summer of outdoor/indoor activity for your children. Camp activities include athletics, arts and crafts, special events, games, and free play. Campers will have daily access to the newly renovated Luther Lee Elementary School playground. Every Tuesday our campers visit the beautiful Demarest Town Pool. Special events might include Outrageous Pets, circus, inflatable water rides and bouncers, The Art School, a magician, Mad Science, field day, DJ dance party. In addition, we will be offering five exciting field trips this summer. Also, we will be offering a five day a week lunch program.

For further information, please log onto www.demarestnj.org and look under Borough Notices. You can download the registration packet from this website. You can also e-mail Jackie Sichei, the Camp Director, at drec-camp@yahoo.com. Looking forward to another fun and exciting summer!!

DEMAREST AMBULANCE CORPS

TIPS TO AVOID HEAT RELATED ILLNESS:

The hot days of summer are rapidly approaching. Please be mindful of the following tips to protect you and your loved one from the Heat Related Illness like Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke.

Avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to reduce the chance of heat related illnesses. Wear light-colored and lightweight clothing, wear a hat, and remember that 100 percent cotton clothing tends to hold sweat, making it harder for your body to cool down.

Sweating is the body's way to maintain normal temperature. Sweat cools the skin as it evaporates, thus cooling the blood which cools the inner body. You need plenty of fluids to produce perspiration.

Never leave the elderly, children or pets alone in a car, even for a few minutes. Car interiors can heat up by 20 Degrees in 10 minutes and 30 Degrees in 20 minutes.

Check on people who live alone.

- * Stay hydrated with non-caffeinated fluids
- * Avoid strenuous activity and exercise during very hot days. Rest frequently.
- * Dress in loose, lightweight clothing. Breathable fabrics are best.

Some symptoms of heat-related illness include: Profuse Sweating, Fatigue, Thirst, Muscle Cramps. Later Symptoms include Headache, Dizziness and Lightheadedness, Weakness, Nausea and Vomiting, Cool, Moist Skin, Dark Urine.

The members of the Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps wish to extend our thanks to all of the residents who have contributed to our Fund Drive letter. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed.

DVAC is a volunteer group that is proud to offer 24 Hour Emergency Medical Services to the residents of Demarest. We are always looking for new members to join our family and encourage any resident interested in becoming a volunteer to stop in and complete an application or call us at (201) 767-8050.

DEMAREST MUNICIPAL COURT

The court dates are Tuesday, June 12th, Tuesday, July 10th and Tuesday, August 14th. The court begins at 5pm. For more information call 201-768-1160.

DEMAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Demarest Police Department would like to remind all residents that it is now mandated that operators of a motor vehicle must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. For additional information regarding the verbiage of this law, you can refer to NJ State Statue 39:4-117.

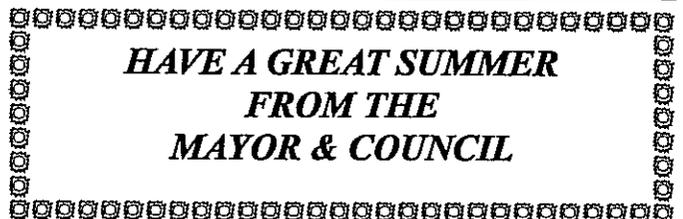
Below are some safety tips for walkers

- * Wear bright-colored, reflectorized clothing, especially at night.
- * Walk on sidewalks or paths and always cross at the corner, within marked crosswalks if provided. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and make eye contact with motorists.
- * Never cross mid-block (unless within a marked crosswalk), between parked cars or by climbing over median barriers. This is not only unsafe, but against the law.
- * Look left, then right and left again before crossing, and always be on the look-out for turning vehicles.
- * Continue to look for vehicles while crossing, even when in marked crosswalks.
- * Learn the proper use of "walk/don't walk" signals and obey them.
- * Walk and cross with others, when possible.
- * Do not attempt to cross while talking or texting on a cell phone. Pedestrian inattention is a common cause of pedestrian-motor vehicle conflicts.
- * Try not to walk at night or in bad weather such as rain, snow or ice.
- * If you drink alcohol, have someone escort you to your front door.

BICYCLE SAFETY

The Demarest Police Department would like to remind parents that under the New Jersey Statute 39:4-10.1 they are responsible to see that their children have and wear bicycle helmets for cycling, roller skating, in-line and skateboarding. Children under the age of 17 MUST wear helmets. Parents may be given a summons if their children do not use helmets as required

***HAVE A GREAT SUMMER
FROM THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL***





DEMAREST SHADE TREE COMMISSION

For the 13th year Demarest has been recognized as a Tree City USA for its commitment to urban forestry and for the 1st time, the Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program.

Arbor Day was celebrated on April 27 especially by 5th and 6th graders at DMS who participated in a photo and short story writing contest. All the students did a fantastic job in capturing the personality and beauty of Demarest trees. The stories were personal, enchanting and educational. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners received gift certificates to Willow Run. Winners: 5th Grade—Caitlyn Baensch, Isabelle St. Jean, Tay Okdag, 6th Grade---Sophie Winters, Carly Rotide, Joseph Lee

Tree seedlings were given to every student in CRS, LLE and DMS and a white pine tree will be planted in honor of Arbor Day (location to be determined). The day is a recognition and celebration of trees and the many benefits they provide for us and a reminder of our responsibility for their care.

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 NATURE CENTER

June 9: Breakfast in the Woods, 9 a.m. to 11a.m Next to the Imaginative Playground. Breakfast al fresco. Photo Contest awards, and a live wild creature show. Rain date June 10

September 15: TRIAL OF THE TRAILS 1-mile Trail Fun Run, 9 a.m., and **5K Trail Run**, 9:20 a.m., on the trails of the nature center. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at Wakelee Field Playground parking lot. Rain or shine. Download applications and maps from our website.

October 13: Craft Show at Oktoberfest, Duck Pond, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The happiest day of the year in Demarest! Excellent crafts for sale, German and Korean food, canoe rides, inflatable rides for the little kids, etc. Rain date: Oct. 20.

DEMAREST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Commission has spearheaded an anti-idling campaign aimed at the Demarest area schools. Everyone is asked to respect this effort to reduce air pollution around the schools as children are dropped off or picked up, by not idling your engine while you are waiting.

Residents may notice some construction at the Duck Pond as we restore the shoreline north of Hardenburgh Avenue bridge. Rutgers University has provide a grant, awarded the work and will supervise the construction. The Commission and the Demarest Nature Center will provide the volunteer manpower.

Residents are reminded that they can now recycle any electronics devices behind the DPW on Waklee Drive.

On May 24th, the Commission co-sponsored a field trip to our own Duck Pond, for the Demarest 5th grade classes. With the assistance of the Demarest Garden Club, the students will plant flowers around the park area, be given a talk about the brook and its importance to our water supply, and take a walk to point out various points of interest in the park that many of them are unaware of.

DEMAREST BOARD OF HEALTH

Pet Safety Tips

On an average summer day, the temperature of a car in the sun can reach an unbearable 160 degrees. Nine out of ten dogs die of heat prostration within 20 minutes, even with the windows partly open. If your dog is fortunate enough to survive, his heart and lungs can be permanently damaged—damage you cannot see, but which he must live with for the rest of his life. Your pet cannot perspire through his skin as people do; his lungs are his only cooling system. With nothing but overheated air to breathe, he cannot live very long. Please, if you love your dog, leave your pet at home in the shade.

LYME DISEASE

TIPS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION

1. Avoid tick-infected areas, especially in May, June, July.
2. Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can spotted more easily.
3. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots & shirt into pants.
4. Tape the area where pants & socks meet so that ticks cannot crawl under clothing.
5. Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin.
6. Spray insect repellents containing permethrin on clothing only.
7. Wear a hat & long sleeved shirt for added protection.
8. Walk in the center of trails to avoid overhanging grass & brush.
9. After being outdoors, remove, wash & dry clothing at a high temperature, inspect body carefully & properly remove any attached ticks.
10. Clear brush & tall grass around house & at the edges of gardens.

DEMAREST SWIM CLUB

The Demarest Swim Club is now accepting new applications for its upcoming 2012 season. As the club prepares for the long summer days that lie ahead, you too can plan to bask in the sun or shade and enjoy the expansive grounds and three pools. Other amenities for your enjoyment include a variety of games and activities such as ping pong, volleyball and of course the snack shack for summer fare. Children are also welcome to register for the DSC Swim and Dive teams on June 8th from 5-7pm at the Wakelee Field House. Whether it's exercise and competition, socializing or just rest and relaxation, it all adds up to a summer of fun and memories at the Demarest Swim Club. Checkout our website www.demarestswimclub.com or call Jennifer Anavim at 767-4502.

DEMAREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

eBooks

Resources available to you with a valid Demarest library card:

- BeAT— a resource for eBooks, audiobooks, music, and movies with a valid Demarest Library card
- eBCCLS— a resource for eBooks and audiobooks provided through BCCLS

Mango Languages— tools and lessons to learn numerous languages, including ESL.

To receive your free Demarest Library Card, Simply stop by the library to visit demarest.bccls.org and complete the simple on-line Library Card application. Proof of Residency is required.

Join the **LIBRARY'S BOOK DISCUSSION** which meet on the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm, in the library's new Conference Room. New members are always welcome.

The Library Knitting Club, Bottles & Cans (because it meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday of 7:30pm new members are welcome. Knitters meet additional every Friday from 1:30-3pm in the new conference room.

STORY TIME

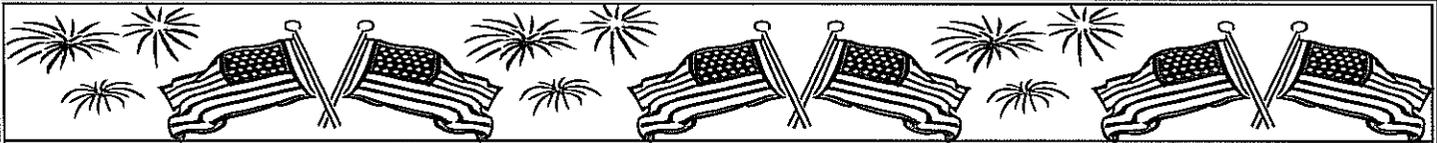
Top Tots Ages newborn to 2, Wednesday at 10:30am, join Kate for stories, songs, fingerplays and a weekly craft. Registration is required.

Terrific Tykes ages 3-4 Tuesday at 10:30am, this high energy storytime program is packed with movement, songs, fingerplays and more designed for on the go toddlers. Registration is required.

Please call the library for information about any of the above program @ 201-768-8714 or check out our website @ demarest.bccls.org.

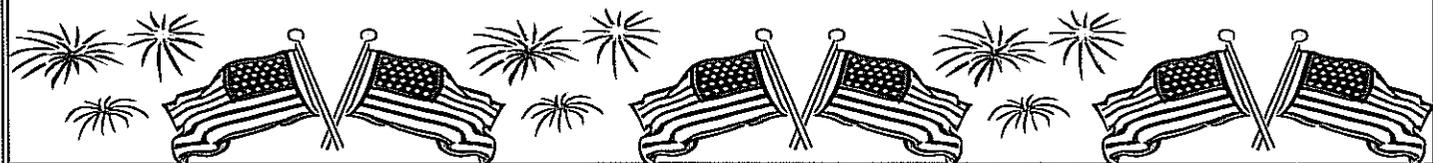
ART SCHOOL AT OLD CHURCH

Registration is now open for a new semester of classes and workshops beginning June 12. Courses are available in art techniques that range from traditional to contemporary arts such as digital photography, mixed media painting, and abstract sculpture. Traditional arts include drawing, painting, printmaking, metalsmithing, sculpture, Chinese brush painting, and ceramics among many others. Children's art classes are a great way to enrich over the summer when school is out of session. Kids ages 6 through 15 years old can enroll in weekly art classes with their peers or immerse in two one-week sessions in the summer Blast! of Art for kids August 6th through 17th. To view the catalog online at www.tasoc.org or call (201) 767-7160 for a printed catalog of course offerings or just stop by the Art School.



SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 28* *Memorial Day Parade; 9:00am*
- June 1* *Demarest Nature Center Photo Contest Deadline*
- June 2* *Demarest Garden Club "Victory Container Gardening Workshop"*
9am-2pm @ Davies Arboretum
- June 5* *Primary Day; Polls open from 6am-8pm*
- June 8* *Demarest Swim Club Swim & Dive teams registration; 5pm-7pm*
@ Wakelee Field House
- June 9* *Demarest Nature Center "Annual Breakfast in the Woods", 9-11am*
- June 11* *Mayor & Council meeting; 8:00 pm; Council Chambers*
- June 12* *Municipal Court; 5pm; Council Chambers*
- June 14* *Flag Day*
- June 25* *Mayor & Council meeting; 8:00 pm; Council Chambers*
- July 4* *Independence Day (236th Birthday of the United States of America)*
- July 10* *Municipal Court; 5pm; Council Chambers*
- July 16* *Mayor & Council meeting; 8:00 pm; Council Chambers*
- August 13* *Mayor & Council meeting; 8:00 pm; Council Chambers*
- August 14* *Municipal Court; 5pm; Council Chambers*
- September 15* *DNC Demarest Nature Center 1 mile Trail Fun Run & 3.1 Mile Trail Run,*
8am Registration
- October 13* *Oktoberfest sponsored by Demarest Nature Center; 10am @ the*
Duck Pond



DEMAREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following students at CRS and LLee were the winners and runner-ups of the annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The contest is run by the Fire Department as part of their Fire Prevention education program. The winners receive a \$100 US Savings Bond and runners-up each receive \$50 Bonds.

L.Lee School

Grade 2 Jessica Feeman, 1st Place, Claudia Kim, Runner-up, Jonathan Tenenbaum, Runner-up, Sabrina Perez, Runner-up
Grade 3 Anastasja Khilko, 1st Place, Rachel Kim, Runner-up, Luke Haworth, Runner-up, Eunice Chong, Runner-up
Grade 4 Caitlyn Baensch, 1st Place, Angela Hahn, Runner-up, Sharon Hong, Runner-up, Jason Kim, Runner-up

County Road School

Kindergarten Michael Babin, 1st Place, Walker Reiss, Runner-up, Allie Pyun, Runner-up, Dylan Jacobson, Runner-up
Grade 1 Harrison Abramson, 1st Place, Jaden Lazarus, Runner-up, Tal Avital, Runner-up, Noa Miller, Runner-up

Fire Prevention Tips

- ** Fuel mowers and other tools outside.
- ** Store fuel in approved containers and store outside the premises.
- ** Be careful when using flammable liquids such as lacquers, stains, cleaning solutions., etc. as fumes travel along way and can be ignited by home heating units such as a hot water heater!
- ** Working on your car, tractor or other gas powered machine? Only run it outside the garage to reduce chances of carbon-monoxide poisoning or in the event of a fire, it lessens the chance of fire spread to your home.
- ** As always, PLEASE check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a month.
- ** Do a cleanup around the home. Especially in our basement and garage. Remove oily rags, papers old paint cans and the other miscellaneous junk we tend to accumulate.
- ** Lights dimming, breakers tripping when we run AC? Maybe it's time you had a qualified electrician check your electric service! You may find that your wiring or service is in adequate. Have it checked and reduce the risk of fire.
- ** PLEASE place easy to read HOUSE numbers on your home and provide some lighting so they can be readily seen at night. This small measure can save valuable time in the event you need Police, Fire or EMS!
- ** Going away? PLEASE leave a key or entry code with a neighbor or police department. In the event there's a fire call at your home, the fire department needs to make entry to check the home. We would prefer not having to force entry and possibly cause damage.

Other News/Events

Welcome our newest member, Erica Marelo, daughter of Fire Chief Eric Marelo. Erica will be attending the Fire Academy this summer to complete basic Fire Training along with Travis Morrison, son of Fire Fighter Mike Morrison. Travis was a member of the departments Auxiliary program.

Demarest will be the host town for this year's Northern Valley Fire Chief's Parade. The parade, coincides with National Fire Prevention week in October, The planned date is October 6th. There will be fire apparatus and marching bands from the Valley as well as many departments from out of the area. Food and beverages will be available. Bring the kids!

Last but not least. If you haven't made a contribution to our Fund Drive, please do. Any amount will be appreciated. Our Fund Drive helps to maintain our Volunteer Fire Department and help to fund programs such as our school fire prevention visits and contests. We hope we can count on you. Thank you.

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