

Demarest Nature News



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President's Message

To All Our Nature Center Members and Soon to be Members,

The end of Fall is coming and we are looking towards Winter. What will it bring for our Nature Center? Sometimes we have mild winters. The last few years were very rough for us all, especially our beloved nature center. Many things have to be done in The Demarest Nature Center, like clearing the paths of debris after storms. This allows all of us to enjoy walking the beautiful paths within our wonderful woodlands.

That being said, we have expenses that need to be addressed every year. This is why we need new members and we are reaching out to you for help. When you become a part of the Demarest Nature Center you will not be sending your hard earned money to an organization where you never see what happens to it. Just take a walk into the Demarest Nature Center. You will see the paths are clear. At the front of the Nature Center you will see bags for your dogs so you can pick up after them. You will see the birds being fed when they need it the most. We have wonderful events during the year, like the Oktoberfest and Breakfast in the Woods. We also have group walks through the woods throughout the year. We provide funding to educational programs and a scholarship once a year for a high school student that is going to go into an environmental

field of study in college. All these programs need funding.

When you put your money into the Demarest Nature Center you are helping out a worthy cause. We need you to become a part of us and join us in supporting one of the most important places in your community, The Demarest Nature Center.

Thank you for all our members and soon to be members. Please send in your membership in the enclosed envelope today. We hope you have a Wonderful Holiday Season and only the best to you and your family. Please send in your membership in the enclosed envelope today.

Cynthia Soroka-Dunn
President

PS. All of your contributions are tax-deductible, as the Demarest Nature Center is a 501(c)3 organization.



Volunteers having a blast behind the grill with bratwursts, hot dogs, but no beer! From left, Aaron Schechter, Demarest Mayor Ray Cywinski, photobombing by Bob Gioia, and Nell Riley

Your membership dollars allow us to continue to give back to the community and preserve and protect DNC's 60 acres of meadows, forests and wetlands.

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BEWARE TICKS!

Lyme disease was discovered in 1975 in the city of Lyme in Connecticut. At that time doctors were diagnosing children with rheumatoid arthritis. Since then they came to the conclusion that the diagnoses was actually borrelia burgdorferi, a bacteria from ticks. Wood ticks and dog ticks do not carry the bacteria. As the winter is approaching we face the dilemma where to walk to protect our dogs due to the cold and the need to protect our dogs from parasites. Ticks are found in wooded areas where deer and other rodents are present. What do you need to do to protect yourselves and your pets from tick bites? People need to wear long sleeves and long pants. Clothes should be tightly woven and of a light color so you can see if there is a tick. For pets: Ask your Vet about a few preventative options that can be applied topically or orally. Keeping your dog on a leash as you walk through the Nature Center is also helpful. Remember to always check for ticks right when you go inside. If you find a tick on your pet, bring your pet to your Vet. If you find a tick on yourself, go to your doctor. **Dr. Rita Rivero, Demarest Vet**

► January 14th

The public is invited to the annual **Reorganization Meeting** of the Demarest Nature Center Association on Thursday at 7:30pm at the Borough Hall Meeting Room. There will be a brief report on 2015 activities, a financial report, and the election of trustees. All are welcome.



Gorgeous weather had the Demarest Duck Pond remade into a crafter festival like no other for the annual DNC Oktoberfest fundraiser!

Oktoberfest 2015

The Demarest Nature Center Association would like to put out a very big thank-you to everyone who contributed their time and energy in making The Craft Show at Oktoberfest 2015 a great success. We had a great turnout of both crafters and shoppers at this year's event. The money raised will be used to fund the Demarest school programs we sponsor, our yearly scholarship to a deserving high school senior, various free programs for the community and the maintenance of the miles of trails through out the nature center. We apologize if we've left anyone off this list.

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Authentic entertainment is an annual tradition the Demarest Nature Center Oktoberfest!

If you are a crafter, thinking about being a crafter, or know a crafter, our 2016 application is up on our website, www.DemarestNatureCenter.org/crafters, ready to print out. You can also call Kevin Riley at 201-403-3183 if you have any questions about our yearly event.

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What's Happening This Year!

Please visit our website:

www.demarestnaturecenter.org

for details and updates on our upcoming events.

You can now donate on our website using Paypal.

If you are interested in becoming one of our Board of Trustees or you'd like to join our volunteers, email: info@demarestnaturecenter.org.

We are a 501(c)3!

There is no greater feeling than supporting a worthy organization. The Demarest Nature is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. This means that your donations are tax deductible. Your donations support all of our educational programs, scholarships, events and the continued preservation of our green space. Consider a gift to the Demarest Nature Center as an investment in the future of our community.

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