

Demarest Nature News



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President's Message

A New Oktoberfest

Exciting changes are coming to the Oktoberfest, our main fundraising event of the year. We're making it more like a real German Oktoberfest by featuring a wide range of authentic German food as well as German and American beer. We'll also have vegetarian and vegan options. The Mason Jar restaurant in Mahwah will cater and give us a share of the revenue.

We got the go-ahead from Borough Hall to add beer to the menu after providing reassurances that state laws will be strictly followed. We are working up multiple safeguards to make sure that no one overindulges and that minors are not served. We are just as determined as you are to preserve Demarest's reputation for peace, tranquility, and healthiness.

We will continue the craft show and the canoe rides, which were a big hit last year. We also plan to add more nature-oriented booths and events, including presentations by the much-loved naturalist Marc Gussen of Closter. We are regretfully discontinuing the inflatable bouncy

house, slide, and obstacle course. Ticket sales for the inflatables have been soft in recent years because by the time Oktoberfest rolls around, kids have already had ample opportunities for jumping around at Demarest Day and the DIA Diwali Festival.

These are the biggest changes for Oktoberfest in decades. We are making them because we need to raise more money to cover the costs of trail and bridge maintenance, nature programs in the public schools, a college scholarship, and everything else we do. (We receive no taxpayer funds.) The new format is an experiment, and if it doesn't work we'll try something else next year. Please give us your feedback at info@demarestnaturecenter.org.

The Demarest Nature Center belongs to all of us. It's open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Please enjoy it. Come to Oktoberfest this year. And while you're at it, show your love of nature by writing a generous check and putting it in the enclosed dues envelope. Thank you!

See you on the trails,

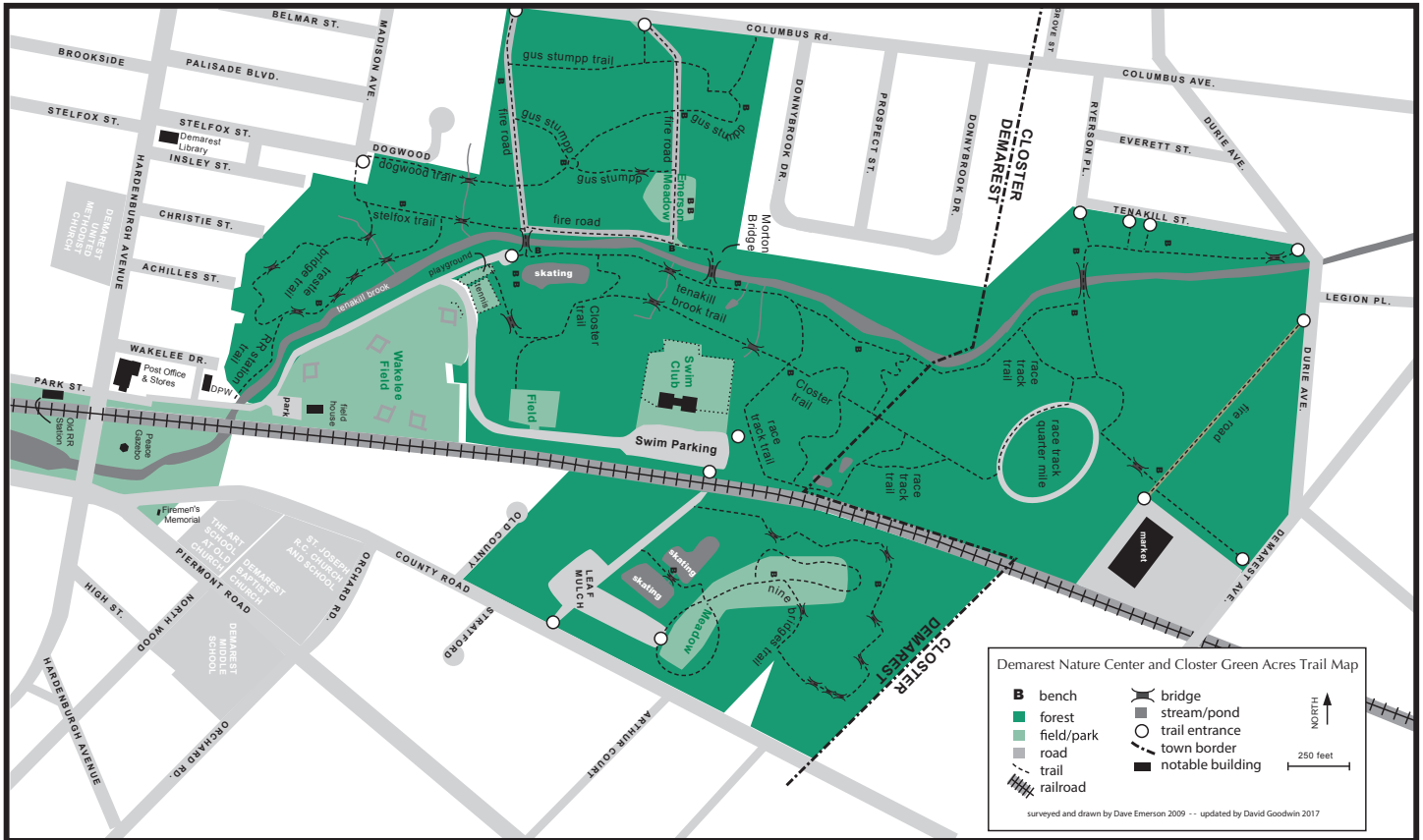
Peter Coy
President

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Your membership dollars allow us to continue to give back to the community and preserve and protect DNC's 55 acres of meadows, forests and wetlands.

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Demarest Nature Center is the place to be!

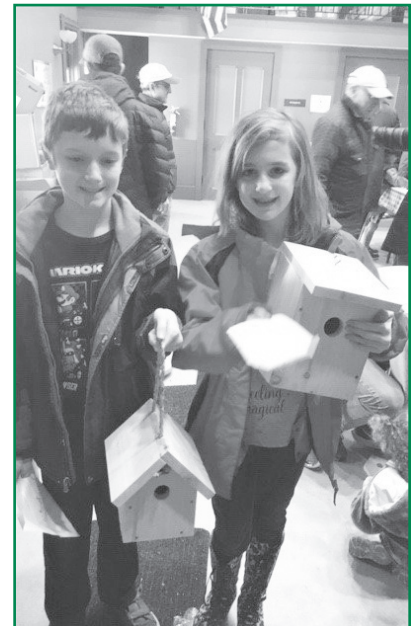
Photos of events and happenings at DNC!



Nature Walk & Volunteer Day
Naturalist Marc Gussen led our walk through the trails



Northern Valley Earth Fair
The children had lots of fun touching the skunk cabbage and mushrooms that were picked from the Demarest Nature Center. They were also very busy coloring educational wildlife sheets.



The Birdhouse and Bird Feeder Building Day was a huge success



The Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny drew a large crowd. Children enjoyed some yummy fun

Why is Recycling important?

Recycling efforts can significantly reduce additional waste that will not only harm the planet today but for future generations as well. Because of my love for nature, I also have a passion for protecting it, as it has become a part of my core values. We must make the most to conserve, recycle and reuse whenever possible. Recycling involves using a product, in part or as a whole, in the production of similar or same products again. Simply cutting down on the amount of nonrecyclable materials you throw out is easier than you think. Here are some helpful tips to reduce waste in our community.

- Bring your own reusable tote bags to purchase groceries.
- Try to reduce the amount of packaging you purchase by buying products in bulk.
- Switch from mail to paperless statements and have them emailed to you instead.
- Buy products that are packaged in cardboard or paper board instead of Styrofoam.
- Avoid disposable items such as paper plates, cups, and utensils.
- When wrapping presents, opt for reusable gift bags instead of wrapping paper.
- Donate your gently used clothing, electronics, and furniture to charity.
- Composting. This will reduce trash and produce nutrients for your garden.

Knowledge is power when it comes to recycling. Everyone can take pride in minimizing their waste. You are helping to reduce global environmental damage, as well as making this earth a better place to live for all life.

Kim Nagelhout – DNC Trustee

Please Obey Leash Laws

There was a picture from our past Photo Contest entries. We named it “Dog off leash a nono.” The reason? It is Demarest Law to have dogs on a leash at all times in the nature center. All dogs must always be kept at the owner’s side to protect wildlife. When your dog is under your control – meaning you have him on a leash – he’s less likely to get into something he’s not supposed to. Please remember that just because your dog is friendly doesn’t mean every dog is friendly. Also keep in mind, not everyone you meet on the trail is physically able to withstand a dog jumping on them, even a nice dog. People have the right to walk in a public park without being confronted by loose dogs. The law is in place to protect other members of the public and your pet from injury. We allow dogs because we want to encourage everyone to enjoy nature. So, it’s important we all respect other nature center visitors, from hikers, to dog walkers to bicyclists to photographers. Many might not realize that off leash dogs can disrupt the wildlife who call the nature center home. From the deer (fawns) to the foxes to the ground nesting birds, opossums, turkeys and raccoons they all do their best to coexist with us. We should do the same. No one wants to see any animal hit by a car. I would be heartbroken if an animal was hit by a car because my dog chased them. Leash laws ensure dogs are always controlled by their owners, which keeps people and other dogs safe, and protects park land and wildlife. Removal of dog waste prevents spread of disease that waste can carry, and avoids impacts to recreational use, water quality, wildlife, and vegetation. Please keep this in mind when bringing your pup to DNC. We appreciate your understanding.

Mark Nagelhout – DNC Trustee

2018 DONORS

This is a list of people who donated in 2018 but were accidentally left off our list of donors in the winter newsletter.

Our apologies for the oversight. If you gave last year but did not appear on either list, please write us at info@demarestnaturecenter.org. Your giving is what makes everything possible!

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There is always something going on at the Nature Center.

► **September 21st**

The John Goodwin Nature Photo Contest Deadline. All photos must be taken in the nature center. Please deposit entries at the Demarest Free Public Library or The Art School at Old Church.

► **October 12th**

Craft Show at Oktoberfest
The craft show features high quality vendors. It's a great place for holiday shopping. There will also be music and food available. All proceeds go to benefit the Demarest Nature Center. It will be held at the Duck Pond in Demarest from 10am to 5pm.

► **November 9th**

The Annual DNCA Dog Walk through the Demarest Nature Center. This is an easy hike and all dogs must be leashed. Meet next to the Imaginative Playground in Wakelee Field at 10am.

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!

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