

Demarest Nature News



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President's Message

Friends,

How much do Demarest taxpayers spend each year on maintaining the 55 acres of the Demarest Nature Center? Is it \$50,000, \$75,000, or \$100,000?

Try zero. True, the Department of Public Works occasionally sends in a crew to deal with a very large fallen tree. (Thank you, DPW!) Aside from that, though, all the work in the nature center is performed by volunteers—people just like you, who live here and love nature. And all the money for tools and materials for bridges, boardwalks, and so on comes from your donations, plus proceeds from the annual Craft Show at Oktoberfest.

The money you give isn't only for trails and grounds. We also sponsor field trips and nature programs for children in Demarest schools, an annual college scholarship, our photo contest, free skating parties with hot chocolate, a nature walk, a dog walk, and more.

Inside this newsletter is a list of everyone who has donated in the past year. These are our heroes. We hope to put your name on next year's list. So please, donate now. And if you'd like to volunteer at one of our events, please indicate so on the envelope. Thank you!

See you on the trails,

Peter Coy
President



Photo by Kevin Riley

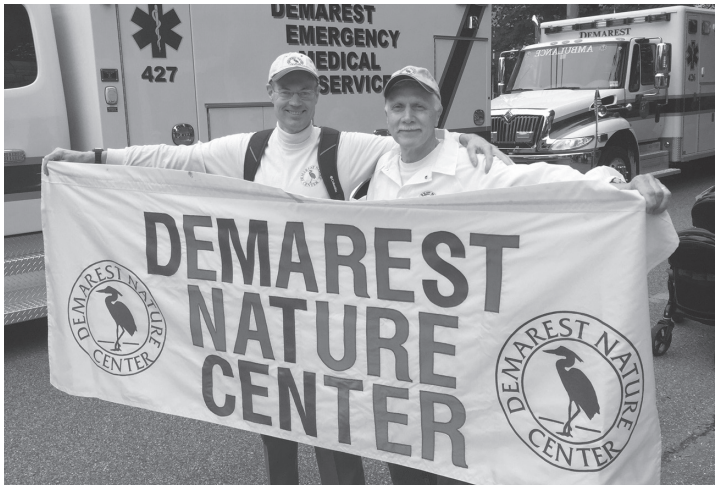
Trails & Grounds

"The Demarest Nature Center's Trails & Grounds volunteers have been installing metal lath to improve traction on the the boardwalks and bridges on the trails."

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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Oktoberfest Volunteers:



Peter Coy and Rich Van Buren

Theodore Alevrontas, Libby Andreopoulos, Tom Birch, Gabriella Borges, Patricia Chen, Steve Chen, MaryBeth Cottrell, Peter Coy, Joe Connolly, Ray Cywinski, Amita Desai, Toni Dolan, Dave Emerson, Alan Epstein, Naomi Epstein, Jane Fried, Janna Geller, Anita Gonzalez, Zsuzsa Hamos, Ed Hirning, Laurie Hirshan, Barbara Hoffman, Jimmy Hu, Mike Hubschman, Kumiko Ishikura, Masaaki Ishikura, Bobby Jain, Richard Jaretsky, Ariela Keysar, Kathy Kobylarz, Scott Lasky, Ella and Saul Lasky, Alex Lourbas, Teddy Lourbas, Irene Lourbas, Laura Nelson, Caj Piltzecker, Ted Piltzecker, Thea Piltzecker, Kevin Riley, Victoria Robinson, Todd Smith, Venecia Smith, Sigurd Sorenson, Hilaury Stern, Gozen Tuysuzoglu, Sadi Tuysuzoglu and the Korean PTO. The canoes were provided by Suez Water and operated by Troop 63 of the Boy Scouts from Closter.

Demarest Nature Center Calendar 2019



Until September: Take photos for the John Goodwin Nature Photo Contest. Drop off prints in our basket at the Demarest Public Library or the Art School at Old Church by Sept. 6. All photos must be taken in the nature center.



January and February: Ice skating parties as conditions permit. To be on our email notification list, write to info@demarestnaturecenter.org. Also, watch for announcements on the electronic bulletin board at the corner of Hardenburgh and Piermont.



Saturday, Feb. 9: Birdhouse and birdfeeder building in the Demarest train station from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Kits are \$15 for the first one and \$10 for each additional kit, per family. Participating children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own hammer.



Saturday, April 13: Easter Egg hunt with a larger-than-life Easter Bunny at 2 p.m. in the Imaginative Playground by Wakelee Field. For toddlers through fourth-graders. Rain date Sunday, April 14.



Saturday, March 30: Nature Walk and Volunteer Day. At 9:30, naturalist Marc Gussen will lead a walk. At 10:30 we will collect litter. Bring gloves. Meet at the parking lot by the Imaginative Playground. Rain date, only if extreme weather is Saturday April 13.



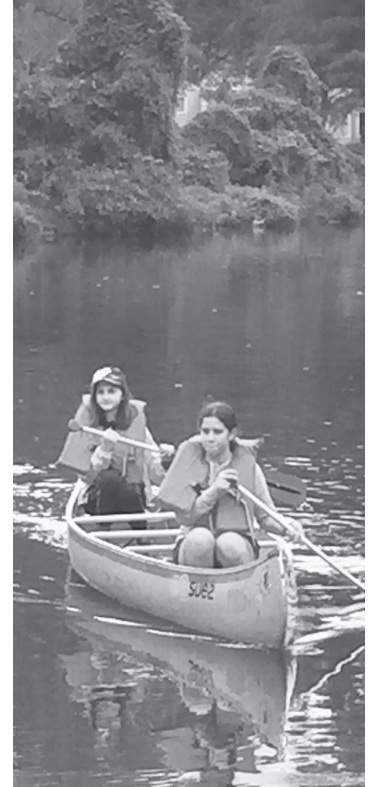
Oktoberfest. We're planning exciting changes for the Craft Show at Oktoberfest in 2019, including a possible change in date. Check our website for more information in the months ahead.



Saturday, Nov. 9: The Annual DNC Dog Walk through the Demarest Nature Center. All dogs and their "leashed" masters are welcome to enjoy an easy hike leaving from the Demarest Nature Center parking lot next to the Imaginative Playground in Wakelee Field at 10 am (estimated to return at 11:30), rain or shine. No Unleashed dogs please.

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