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Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of the Borough of Dunellen, New Jersey's Miracle Mile, I extend a warm welcome to you as you settle into your new home. This beloved one square mile town in northwestern Middlesex County has much to offer: a vibrant downtown, a range of volunteer opportunities, community programs and recreational activities, five parks, and safe and friendly neighborhoods. It is no wonder that 7,700 people call Dunellen home. We are proud of our diverse community and believe that diversity truly shapes who we are as a people and as neighbors.

The heart of Dunellen is its people, but a close second is its charming, walkable downtown. North Avenue and Washington Avenue are home to an impressive selection of retail shops and restaurants, many of which are family-owned and operated. Over the past several years, the Borough has been experiencing a revitalization of the downtown area. Numerous transit-oriented redevelopment projects are underway or have recently been completed. Downtown beautification measures are in full swing, and new businesses are opening their doors. Whether you need to mail a letter, meet a friend for coffee, do your banking or hit the gym, you'll find what you are looking for close to home.

As a new resident, there are many ways for you to become involved. You, too, can be an influential voice that shapes the future of Dunellen. Whatever your interests, you're sure to find a group that is right for you. Choose from local organizations and government agencies like the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library, American Legion Post 119, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5479, the Recreation Commission, Dunellen Outings Community Committee (DOCC), Dunellen Defender Fire Co. #1, Rescue Squad and Shade Tree Commission, just to name a few.

For a small town, Dunellen has many special events and activities throughout the year and they always attract a crowd! Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, HarvestFest, Halloween Parade, Haunted Trail, Veterans Day Ceremony, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa Around Town plus events like the library's Open Air Markets, Dunellen High School football games and soccer matches, classic car shows, the Recreation Department's Senior Club enrichment activities and youth recreation programs, DAICC's Plays in the Park and Music in the Park, Borough stream clean up events and much, much more. For additional information about Dunellen and how to become involved in some of the referenced groups and activities, please visit: www.dunellen-nj.gov. The Borough website has a calendar of events, a municipal directory and information about Council meetings, among other important information.

You are joining a welcoming community that honors its past and embraces its future. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me. Once again, welcome home to Dunellen!

Sincerely,

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen

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With a mix of small-town values, a vibrant downtown with an impressive selection of shops and restaurants, a great public school district, a range of volunteer opportunities, community programs and recreational activities, active parks and safe and friendly neighborhoods, it is no wonder that more than 7,600 people call Dunellen home. Dunellen is grounded in its past and looking steadfastly to its future.

Fun Facts

- Size: 1 square mile
- Population: 8,176
- Median household income: \$84,789
- Median age: 41.7 years
- Nickname: "The Railroad Town" and "The Miracle Mile"
- Hometown to Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, 4-time Olympic gold medalist and world record holder for the women's 400m hurdles
- Renowned establishments: 8 on the Break, Lily Yip Table Tennis Center, Zupko's/Dunellen Cinema Cafe and the Dunellen Hotel Restaurant & Rathskellar

Location

- 30 minutes to Newark Liberty Intl. Airport
- 1 hour train ride to NYC from Dunellen Station on the NJ TRANSIT Raritan Valley line
- Multiple bus stops for the NJ TRANSIT bus

Parks

Five parks with playgrounds, ballfields, turf football/soccer field, tennis courts, basketball courts, walking/bike path, gazebos & Senior Center.

Schools

- 1,371 students*: John P. Faber Elementary School (PK-5), Lincoln Middle School (6-8) and Dunellen High School (9-12)
- Student teacher ratio 11:1
- Many clubs, sports and extracurricular activities

Downtown

When you're looking for a bite to eat, look no further. Take your pick of bagels, coffee, bubble tea, ice cream, health food, American, BBQ, Italian/pizza, Latin American, Mexican, Peruvian, Portuguese, Salvadoran, seafood, bar food and more. Retailers and services include, but are not limited to, a food market, convenience stores, fitness/gyms, barbershops, hair and nail salons, dry cleaners, financial services, pharmacies, post office and public library.

Community Activities

Join us for plays in the park, music in the park, classic car shows, open air market, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Recreation summer camp, youth sports, HarvestFest, Santa Around Town, caroling, senior programs and more!



* Source: 2023-2024 NJ School Performance Report

TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Garbage and Recycling

- Residents contract with private licensed trash haulers for garbage collection.
- The Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) provides curbside collection of single stream recycling every other Wednesday in Dunellen for most residents. For info, call the MCIA Recycling Hotline at 800-488-6242. You can also bring your sorted recyclables to the DPW Recycling Yard on Hall Street.

- New residents can get a free recycling can by bringing the Certificate of Occupancy to the Borough Tax Office; must be within 6 months of issuance.

Utilities

- Gas and electric service provider: PSE&G
- Water service provider: NJ American Water

Pets

- Have a cat or dog? The Clerk's Office issues cat and dog licenses. Call (732) 968-3033, x4.

Be in the Know

- BOROUGH EMERGENCY notifications: Sign up at www.dunellen-nj.gov/enotify
- COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS eblasts: Create an account at www.dunellenparksandrecreation.com
- DOWNTOWN DUNELLEN newsletter: Email dunellenmanagement@dunellenborough.com
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