

The Dunellen Report



Reorganization Meeting Speech

Mayor Robert J. Seader
1 January 2015

“The Year in Review and a Look to the Future”



I thank you all for joining us today, this first day of a new year, and, I predict, the first day in what will prove to be a great year for the Borough of Dunellen.

2014 was an eventful year for Dunellen and I am sure that 2015 will be even more significant.

I would like to congratulate Ken Bayer on his re-election to another three year term as Councilmen. Ken has been a great liaison to the Department of Public Works. I'd like to welcome back Kevin Bachorik to his seat on the Council. I am pleased to be able to work with them for the next three years.

I'd like to give a special thank you to Mark Bieniek who took over after his father's passing and proved to be a valuable member of our governing body.

As I look about the room I am convinced that the Borough's elected officials have the best interests of all our residents as their primary goal and I look forward to working with all of you: Mistery Petracca, Baudendistel, Bayer, Bachorik, Cilento, and Cote in the coming year.

2014 was a year filled with much personal sorrow. Tragedy and misfortune came to many in Dunellen. Some of us lost friends and loved ones. Others suffered the devastation of loss through fire and other natural disaster. All of us grieve the passing of residents such as John Colucci and Henry Hodulik who served the people of Dunellen faithfully and tirelessly.

On a larger front, though the national and State economies appear to be recovering from the Great Recession of 2008, economic fortunes in Dunellen are not yet being lifted in the rising recovery tide.

Too many of our residents still live in fear of foreclosure or are out of work or under-employed and there are too many Dunellen businesses finding it difficult to keep their doors open. All of our property values remain lower than in 2007.

I am well aware of the personal hurt many of you are experiencing and I want to assure everyone that the elected officials to whom you have entrusted the governance of your community recognize your pain, feel your fear, and collectively we pledge to continue to make your municipal government receptive and responsive to your needs.

In our current economic climate, it is a constant challenge to maintain essential services while keeping property taxes as low as we safely and reasonably can. Each year, we get a high score on the state's Best Practices Survey of municipal budgeting and management procedures, and we adhere strictly to the 2% CAP on revenues and expenditures.

As our town has demonstrated time after

time, we are skilled at going it alone and doing it our way. Are these tough times? Sure they are! But I firmly believe as Robert H. Schuler once said: "Tough times never last, but tough people do." Good things are soon to come to Dunellen and I have no patience with those who cry doom and gloom and surrender to daydreams of a past that never was.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." And we are doing that each and every day in Dunellen.

We have much to be proud of as we begin a new year, and I'd like to share a few of our highlights with you.

First, Dunellen downtown: the old Towne Pharmacy building looks like it is nearing completion of its remodeling and expansion. The three-story mixed use residential and commercial building across from Borough Hall is now complete, and a similar one is planned to go next to Advance Auto Parts on North Avenue. All will bring some interesting new commercial and professional tenants, along with new residents who will live in our downtown.

In other parts of town, general contractors have been building new homes on old plots and many home owners have decided to stay in Dunellen and to expand or upgrade their houses.

The most exciting news is also the most important event to happen to Dunellen in 50 years: we are moving ahead with the development of the old Art Color complex. As you already know, there is proposed a retail building on South Washington Avenue, a large anchor store such as a supermarket in the center, and upwards of 340 townhouses in the back. The entire project will be designed to reflect our proud railroad tradition and be in conformity with our Transit Village designation.

We continue in our efforts to find every way we can to minimize municipal expenses. A principal way is through our very helpful system of shared services with the County of Middlesex, the City of Edison, the Borough of Middlesex and the Township of Piscataway in the areas of yard waste, gasoline, health services, dispatch, and animal services, among many others.

The Sanitary Sewer Utility is now well established and about to begin its third year of raising important revenue for capital improvements while shifting the financial burden to those who discharge more water into our sewer system. We have a number of important rehabilitation projects underway for 2015 regarding pipe repair and pumping station improvements.

North Avenue is a festive treat for the eyes this holiday season, due in part to the new street lamps that have been installed from Madison Avenue to Washington Avenue. I am pleased to tell you that we have received a Transit Village grant to extend those lights up toward Washington Memorial Park.

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The Dunellen High School Carol Fund

Terri Albertson, Dunellen High School Carol Fund



Samantha Troulis, Crystal Woodring, Mrs. Konish, Aaliyah Baker, Mrs. Albertson, Tamar Eleanzer, Tyler Baker and Adrian Brown proudly stand by the Angel Tree and all the goodies collected this year before making their deliveries.

For over 10 years, The Dunellen High school Carol Fund has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to school families in need. Last year they added a new component to their annual giving project. An Angel Tree was placed in the foyer of the High School. On it was information for gifts requested by students in the Dunellen Schools. Staff, students and residents were invited to take an angel, purchase items for the child and return it to the school. We also asked for non perishable food items and gift

cards. The response was overwhelming.

Once again this year the Angel Tree was placed in the foyer. For the past week the "elves" in Mrs. Konish and Mrs. Albertson's class have been sorting, wrapping and packing food baskets and gifts. Food baskets were delivered to 6 families and gifts were delivered to over 25 children. The students elves always enjoy helping with this event. They especially like dropping off the packages and seeing how happy the families are to receive them.



Congratulations to the Paltjon family of Whittier Ave for winning the Dunellen Recreation's 2014 Holiday House Decoration Contest. There were 17 houses that entered the contest this year and made it very difficult for the judges to select a winner. Everyone did such a great job!

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Mayor Seader's Reorganization Meeting Speech...

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Infrastructure improvements are very important for Dunellen. Later this month, we will be holding the bid for Dunellen Avenue Phase II, a project that will repave that street for two long blocks between Lincoln Avenue and Madison Avenue. We were also awarded \$300,000 to repave a section of Madison Avenue, from North Avenue to we hope First Street.

Other ongoing projects include the South Avenue Railroad Culvert, which when completed will greatly diminish upstream flooding; a Middlesex County project to fix the culvert on South Madison Avenue adjacent the Fire House, a second County culvert project on Gertrude Terrace, and a third County culvert project on South Avenue near Hall Street. Our goal in all these projects is to alleviate the potential for localized flooding during heavy weather events and to use the lower flood elevation data to prevail upon FEMA to re-draw their unfair and disastrous flood maps that have hurt so many of our residents.

Last year, I spoke of our collective vision of turning Dunellen into a cultural and entertainment mecca. Many groups are helping to make this a reality. One notable artistic enterprise was Plays in the Park from Dunellen Skylight Theatre Productions which presented a riotous "Putnam County Spelling Bee" last August. Other groups include Gravity Arts Initiative and the Washington Rock Ballet. Finally, the Edward Maurer Foundation held its third annual Haunted Trail in Columbia Park last October to benefit the Maurer House in our new Open Space park off Mountainview Terrace.

We were sorry to see the retirement of Dunellen Library Director Joan Henry after ten years of excellent service to the library customers in Dunellen. But are pleased to welcome our new Library Director, Samuel Latini, who comes to us from Carteret and I am sure that Carteret's loss will be Dunellen's gain. The Dunellen Library continues to be the Jewel in the Crown of Dunellen and an invaluable resource to our community. It circulated over 39,368 items in 2014 and as a cooperative member of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium loans thousands of items to out of towners, as well as enabling Dunellen residents to borrow from over 30 regional libraries. Last year, the library received over \$14,759 in donations, provided nearly 478 programs to adults, children and teens, and counted over 14,046 users on its public computers. The annual Friends Holiday Party in December was a great success and the library continues to be on the cutting edge of innovative technology by offering wireless Internet so patrons can use their laptops anywhere in the building. Other significant accomplishments include a wildly popular summer reading program and book discussion groups for children and adults.

The Recreation Department had an interesting year as the Commission did an outstanding job running the department and its programs while we searched for a new director. In September, Alex Miller came on board and he quickly showed that he has what it takes to continue the department's fine tradition of fun and educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Over 200 Seniors enjoyed picnics and parties and trips to the movies. Community events included the Halloween Parade, Santa Around Town, the Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Washington Park, the Holiday House Decorating Contest, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Department of Public Works continues its excellent job of keeping our Borough running

well through its regular clean-up of the streams and catch-basins, building and parks maintenance, street sweeping, leaf bag collection, roll off, and the countless other tasks Jerry Schaefer, Ron Safar, and their small but dedicated staff do each and every day, most of it quietly and behind the scenes. They really came through last winter keeping the streets plowed during that terrible almost three month long snow storm.

As I look around this crowded room, a room that is not only the Council Chambers but also serves as the meeting place of the Planning Board and the Municipal Court, I am grateful to our Municipal Court Judge, Dennis Fackelman, who oversees a smoothly running and productive court, to Terry Crisafulli our Court Administrator, her new Deputy, Lauren Colletti, our two prosecutors: Thomas Lanza and Paul Garelick, and our Public Defenders, Joe Stransky and Bob Spengler. The Dunellen Municipal Court brought in approximately \$200,000 in revenue in 2014 and its personnel processed nearly 5,000 cases, one of the highest rates in central New Jersey, and they do so with fairness and efficiency.

The Dunellen Police Department is ever vigilant under the leadership of Chief Jeffrey Nelson. In 2014, the Department perfected their use of the new e-ticket system that speeds up and enhances the roadside stops. Hundreds of Dunellen residents came out for National Night Out in August. The Department received two new vehicles, Ford Interceptor Explorers, to replace two Dodge Chargers at the end of their useful patrol life. The new SUV's are more functional while being as powerful and getting better gas mileage than traditional police patrol vehicles. The Department also welcomed new patrolman Nicholas Goldman to its ranks, received more than \$50,000 in grants, made 51 DWI arrests and 3,000 motor vehicle summonses.

The 49 members of Dunellen's volunteer Fire Department had a very productive year with 334 fire calls, meetings and events and 6,100 hours devoted to outstanding public service.

The volunteer Dunellen Rescue Squad is thriving with new members and continues to provide emergency medical services to our residents as well as participating in community events and readiness at high school athletic games.

I would like to give recognition to our hard working volunteers who serve long hours on the Recreation Commission, which oversees our many athletic and recreational programs; the Shade Tree Commission which received a \$20,000 grant to plant trees and shrubs in our parks and right-of-ways and was awarded the Tree City Certification for the 10th year; the Library Board of Trustees; the Planning Board; and the Parking Authority, which each year gifts the borough \$50,000 to help lessen the burden of property taxes. The people who serve on our boards and commissions labor at often thankless tasks, but they help create policy, serve as emissaries to the public, often do hard physical labor maintaining vital facilities, and generally ensure that everything runs professionally in their respective departments.

And speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank the many service organizations who enhance the quality of life for all our residents: the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club sponsored its month-long Pasta Festival at Zupko's Cinema and Restaurant in April, a Classic Car Show in the Skinner Plaza parking lot in June, Shredding Day for documents in September, and provides hot chocolate to the children at the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in bitter cold December. The

Proclamation

On Awarding Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski Dunellen's 2014 Citizen of the Year



Left to right: Laura Ruskuski, Mayor Robert J. Seader, Jennifer Desmelyk

At the Annual Dunellen Borough Council Reorganization Meeting held January 1, 2015, wherein they received the honor of being recognized as Dunellen's Citizens of the Year, 2014.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski are long-time residents of Dunellen; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer resides on Maple Street with her husband Robert and three sons: Alex, Jamie, and Jonathan; and Laura resides on Jackson Avenue with her husband John and two daughters, Alexandra and Kathryn;

WHEREAS, Jen and Laura have consistently demonstrated that they hold the welfare of the residents of Dunellen in deep regard; and

WHEREAS, Jen moved to Dunellen thirteen years ago and immediately fell in love with our small town; Laura was born and raised in Dunellen and is a third generation Dunellenite; and

WHEREAS, Jen has been an active member of the PTO for thirteen years, served on the Little League Board for eight years, also served on the Washington Rock Pop Warner Board, and is cur-

Dunellen Education Foundation held another great 5-K run in September and gives out thousands of dollars of funding to worthwhile educational projects each year. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the Memorial Day Parade which brought out hundreds of marchers and the Veteran's Day celebration that was appropriately recognized at a solemn ceremony in Washington Park. DREAMS, the parent support group for the disabled children in our school district, donated five iPads to the Multiply Disabled class. Other important civic organizations include the boys and girls scouts, FISH, the Knights of Columbus, the Dunellen PTO, the Dunellen Historical Society, the Dunellen Lions Club, and the Friends of the Dunellen Library.

I am particularly proud of our Destroyer High School Football team, which Coach Dave DeNapoli led to another great season and that also saw his 100th career game victory.

I extend a special thank you to the dedicated men and women who staff our Fire Department and our Rescue Squad. These volunteers daily demonstrate their commitment to public service. I sleep better at night knowing that these men and women are well trained and well supplied. Their community spirit is a model for us all. The Fire Department's annual Street Fair in September is always a wonderful opportunity for the entire town to turn out for a day of festivity and food on our main street. This yearly event is now being followed during the Columbus Day weekend with the Dunellen Downtown Management

rently a member of the Dunellen Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Laura is a member of the Dunellen Recreation Commission and has been a volunteer in many capacities for the Recreation Department, going as far back as 1982 when she began her softball coaching career under the guidance of Clem Santy; and

WHEREAS, in early 2014, misfortune came to the Dunellen Recreation Department resulting in the absence of its director. The Department's communications and logistics capabilities were severely compromised. Scores of programs for hundreds of Dunellen children, teens and seniors were in jeopardy.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski led a team of truly dedicated Recreation Commissioners in a monumental rescue that literally saved the Dunellen Recreation Department from floundering; and

WHEREAS, Jen's and Laura's team collectively devoted thousands of hours recreating files, establishing phone chains, arranging for coaches and umpires and supplies, holding planning and implementation meetings, writing procedures and policies, reaching out to parents and vendors, and responding to hundreds of telephone calls and emails; and

WHEREAS, Jen's and Laura's team spent many additional hours searching for a new Recreation Director, making sure that the candidates reflected the enduring spirit and exceptional values embodied by the can-do ethic Jen and Laura demonstrated all summer.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Robert J. Seader, along with the Borough Council, extend congratulations to Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski in awarding them the honor of being Dunellen's 2014 "Citizen of the Year."

DATED: January 1, 2015

Organization's HarvestFest where over 100 artists and crafters sell their creations in Washington Memorial Park.

Dunellen is truly a volunteer community and we could not exist without all these people.

I would now like to recognize the hard work of the Parking Authority personnel, Sandy, Charlotte, and Dave; Scott in the Construction Office and his code officials Mike and Ken; George in Code Enforcement; Ray and Donna in our Tax Collection Office and Rich the Tax Assessor; Scott Olsen in Finance, Debbie in Accounts Payable; Samantha our Deputy Registrar, and all the other people who, with dedication and good will, serve the residents of the Borough of Dunellen, day in and day out.

Finally, I must thank Karen, Bobby and Kelly Seader—my family. Without their support and understanding, I could not be sharing this day with you.

In conclusion, I predict that the year 2015 will be one of the most important in the history of Dunellen. The long-elusive goal of downtown Redevelopment is slowly becoming a reality. New and renovated buildings with new businesses for our residents are replacing old and tired structures. Walking the streets of our downtown, I feel energy in the air, an excitement I haven't perceived in years. Things are moving. Community spirit is on the rise. Wonderful possibilities are coming. I am pleased, grateful, and privileged to share Dunellen's great future with all of you. Thank you and Happy New Year!

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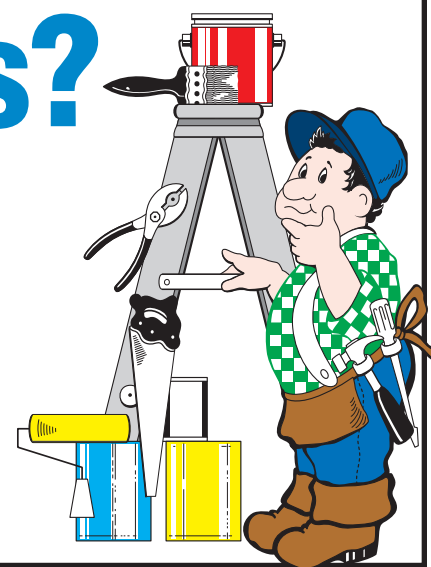
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Elected Officials

- Mayor Robert J. Seader (R)**
rseader@dunellenborough.net
Term expires: December 31, 2015
- Council President Kenneth Baudendistel (R)**
kbaudendistel@dunellenborough.net
Commissioner to Police Department
Term expires: December 31, 2015
- Kenneth Bayer (R)**
kbayer@dunellenborough.net
Commissioner of Department of Public Works
Term expires: December 31, 2017
- Kevin Bachorik (R)**
kbachorik@dunellenborough.com
Commissioner to Public Buildings & Grounds
Term expires: December 31, 2017
- Jason Cilento (I)**
jcilento@dunellenborough.net
Parks and Recreation Liaison
Term expires: December 31, 2016
- Thomas Cote (D)**
tcote@dunellenborough.net
Commissioner of Fire Department
Term expires: December 31, 2015
- Joseph Petracca (R)**
jpetracca@dunellenborough.net
Commissioner of Finance
Term expires: December 31, 2016

Municipal Clerk

The Municipal Clerk, serves as liaison officer between the governing officials and the public.

William M. Robins, RMC

Hours: 9 am - 4:30 pm
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732-968-3033 • 732-968-8605 (Fax)

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Samantha Galvez, CMR, Deputy Registrar

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Construction Office

Scott Luthman, Construction Officer
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732-968-3323
732-968-3872 (Fax)

Municipal Attorney

John E. Bruder

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Raymond Murray, Tax Collector
355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812
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732-968-1226 • 732-968-3903 (Fax)

Tax Assessor

Richard Gianchiglia, Tax Assessor
Mailing Address: 355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812
Office is in the Blue Construction Office building, located on Prospect Avenue
Hours: Monday, 2 pm - 4:30 pm, by appointment (assessment only)
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Parks & Recreation

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Acting Recreation Director: Alex Miller

recreation@dunellenborough.com
732-752-2466

Recreation Hotline/Cancellations, press 1
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Planning Board

Regular meetings are conducted on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. These meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ, 08812.

- Roger Dornbierer, Chairman
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Winter Safety Tips to Keep Your Kids Injury-Free

from Safe Kids Middlesex County and the Level 1 Trauma Center

at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Submitted by Diana Starace,

RWJ Injury Prevention Coordinator and Dunellen resident.

The cold weather does little to keep winter sports enthusiasts inside – especially children. In fact, children ages 14 and under are at a high risk for winter sports injuries. In 2010, there were 17,000 estimated injuries among children from skiing and snowboarding; 24,500 estimated injuries from sledding; and 1,500 estimated injuries from snowmobiles and other equipment. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, ski helmets could prevent or reduce the effects of 50 percent of head injuries suffered by children under 15 while skiing or snowboarding.

Along with wearing a helmet while skiing or snowboarding, parents should know these useful tips to keep their children safe during outdoor activities this winter:

Sledding

- Kids can suffer serious head injuries from sledding, and should always wear a helmet. When sledding, do not go down a hill head-first. Sit up, face forward, use a clear, safe path and make sure an adult is supervising.
- Make sure the bottom of the slope is far from streets and traffic.

Ice Skating, Hockey, and Skiing

- Parents should consider helmets for kids who are skating, skiing or snowboarding.
- Enroll in at least one skiing/snowboarding lesson to start off on the right track.
- Helmets are a must for

ice hockey, along with mouth guards, knee pads and elbow, shoulder and shin protection.

- Teach kids how to protect themselves if they do fall through ice. Remind them to stretch their arms out wide and kick as if swimming, shout for help, and try to crawl backward onto solid ice.

General

- Always wear sport-specific, properly fitting safety gear when participating in winter sports activities. Since proper equipment fit and maintenance are important for safety, bring your child along when shopping for skates, helmets, boots, etc.
- Set reasonable time limits on outdoor play. Call children in periodically to warm up with drinks such as hot chocolate.
- If a child complains of numbness or pain in the fingers, toes, nose, cheeks or ears while playing in the snow, or if his skin is blistered, hard to the touch or glossy, be alerted to the possibility of frostbite.
- Dress in layers and wear warm, close-fitting clothes. Make sure that long scarves are tucked in so they don't get entangled in lifts, ski poles or other equipment.
- Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen with a rating of SPF 15 or higher, even on cloudy days.
- If children become distracted, irritable, or begin to hyperventilate, they may be suffering from hypothermia or altitude sickness, or are too tired to participate safely in winter sports. They should go indoors, rest and warm up.

For more information on how to keep your family safe, please call 732.418.8026 or visit us at www.rwjtrauma.org.



2015 Borough Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are in the Municipal Council Chambers, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted. Annual reorganization meeting: January 1st at noon.

Thursday, January 1	Monday, April 6	Monday, July 6	Monday, November 2
Monday, January 5	Monday, April 20	Monday, August 3	Monday, November 16
Monday, February 2	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, September 8	Monday, December 7
Tuesday, February 17	Monday, May 18	Monday, September 21	Monday, December 21
Monday, March 2	Monday, June 1	Monday, October 5	Friday, January 1, 2016 @ noon
Monday, March 16	Monday, June 15	Monday, October 19	

Tax Collector

Raymond Murray, Acting Tax Collector: rmurray@dunellenborough.com or 732-968-1226
Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Quarterly Due Dates: 1st Quarter - February 1; 2nd Quarter - May 1; 3rd Quarter - August 1; 4th Quarter - November 1

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Dunellen, NJ 08812

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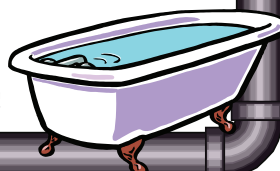
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6 Winter Health Myths

Marcie Tyson

You can get sick from being outside in the cold weather, especially if your hair is wet.

FALSE. Colds and the flu are caused by viruses, not from being outside or because the weather abruptly gets frigid without warning. Rhinovirus (the virus that causes the common cold) actually survives better during the late spring through early fall months when humidity is high, but since we aren't crowded together indoors during the warmer weather exposure is less likely. Cold and flu viruses are more easily spread in the winter because of close contact when everyone stays indoors.

You can get the flu from a flu shot.

FALSE. Since the flu shot is made from a killed virus, it can't cause the flu. Even the nasal spray flu vaccine which is made from a live, attenuated (weakened) virus doesn't cause the flu. Flu is spread through the direct transfer of the virus from an infected person when they sneeze or cough on, kiss, or shake hands with someone else.

You lose most of your body heat through your head, so you need to wear a hat.

FALSE. It is true that you lose heat from any part of your body that is exposed to the cold and not covered with clothing. If you're wearing warm clothing everywhere else but your head is uncovered, then the only place you can lose body heat is your head. Wear warm socks, gloves or mittens

and earmuffs to protect your extremities which are most vulnerable to the risk of frostbite.

You don't need sunscreen in the winter.

FALSE. It is true that the sun's rays are not as strong in the winter as they are in the summer. However, they can still cause sunburn, even if it's cold and cloudy, and especially when they reflect off snow. Use a sunscreen with SPF 30 and UVA/UVB blocker year-round, every day.

Allergies are not a problem in the winter months.

FALSE. Pollen or ragweed allergies do improve in the winter. But if you're sensitive to indoor allergens such as pet dander, mold or dust mites, your allergies may get worse. While your sneezing and stuffy nose may not be from seasonal culprits, your indoor allergies could be more bothersome than usual.

Eating chicken soup can fight a cold.

This one is **TRUE!** Chicken soup may have a positive effect on the immune system's neutrophil aggregation, or its ability to bring white blood cells together. White blood cells help fight off infection in your body and help you recover faster if you do get sick. While it's not clear if other types of broth or hot beverages have similar immune system benefits, hot liquids can help reduce the symptoms of a cold or flu virus, relieving sinus and throat pain.

Santa Around Town



The nasty weather did not stop the 60 year plus tradition of The Dunellen Fire Department and Santa from making their annual house stops. Santa gave out snacks to the boys and girls. Thank you to the Fire department and Santa! We look forward to Welcoming Santa back next year!

Taste Of Dunellen

On March 8th, 2015, Dunellen Skylight Theatre Productions will be teaming up with the Maurer Mansion Foundation to host the first ever Taste of Dunellen. Restaurants from across Middlesex County will be invited to come to the Middlesex Elks Lodge - located on Bound Brook Road in Middlesex - and share their favorite dishes. Entry to the event will include samples from each of the wide variety of vendors in attendance. Tickets can be purchased in advance through Dunellen Skylight Theatre Productions' website (www.dunellenskylighttheatre.com) or by contacting Karen Seader, Alyssa Edelmann, or any representatives of DSTP or the Maurer Mansion Foundation. For more information, including ticket prices and group specials, please refer to www.dunellenskylighttheatre.com!

Middlesex/Dunellen Domestic Violence Response Team Member Needed!

Make a significant difference in your community by helping others!

- Receive 40 hours of free training
- Gain experience working one-on-one with people in need
- Build valuable career skills

Members Must:

- Be willing to undergo a Police Department background check
- Be 18 years or older
- Have reliable transportation
- Have no criminal history
- Have no prior history as a defendant in a domestic violence case
- Have ability to communicate well
- Be available to participate in trainings as well as attend monthly meetings

For more information contact Kate Sweeney at 732-249-4900 ext. 403 or email her at ksweeney@womenaware.net or visit the website at www.womenaware.net

Dunellen Shade Tree Commission

Members needed to help beautify Dunellen. Contact Ken Baudendistel at shadetree@dunellenborough.com, call Borough Hall at 732-968-3033.



Dunellen Public Schools Employment Opportunities

Help Wanted: Daily Substitute Teachers & Nurses

Looking for part-time work a few days a week?


On-call SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS and NURSES needed for Faber Elementary, Lincoln Middle and Dunellen High Schools.

- A Criminal History Background Check is required for all substitute positions.
- Requirements for Substitute Teacher: NJ certification or county substitute teacher certificate.

• Requirements for Substitute Nurse: State Nursing License and substitute nurse certificate.

If you need to apply for a substitute teacher or nurse certificate we can help you with the process. The substitute teacher application packet can be picked up at the Dunellen Board of Education office at 400 High Street in Dunellen.

If you have any questions please call (732) 968-3226 x12.



SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARDS!

The Borough of Dunellen has openings for Substitute Crossing Guards
\$10.00 Per Hour
You must have a car and phone
For additional information please call Mary at 732-752-0327

This March 2015 Dunellen High School Drama Will Present



Performance Dates
March 12, 13, 14 @ 7:30pm
March 15 @ 3:00pm

Tickets go on sale March 1st
All productions take place in Dunellen High School's James Heard Auditorium.

"DREAMS" - A Parent Support Group

DREAMS (Dunellen Resources to Educate, Advocate, and Mediate for Special Education) holds support group meetings for Parents of children with special needs in conjunction with Dunellen schools' Special Services Department.

Please join us at the February 5th Support group meeting from 7 - 9 pm in the Media Center at John P. Faber Elementary School.

This support group is pulled together by parents of special needs children who recognize the unique challenges of raising a child with disabilities and developmental disorders, DREAMS welcomes all parents, grandparents and professionals who wish to join in this vital voyage of discovery and commitment to our local special needs children.

DREAMS's goal is to provide support and networking opportunities to the Families of all special needs children, helping parents and other family members to have a better understanding of our children's disabilities and developmental disorders, teach strategies for their education and for handling a wide range of topics such as dealing with professionals, the State, the child's behavior and medical issues, and pretty much any topic that you bring up that is of concern to you and your child.

Our 2015 schedule of meetings: February 5, April 2, June 4. Administrators and members of the Special Education Department attend our meetings and are available for questions.

For more information, call Bill at 732-713-6068.

Dunellen School District on the web: www.dunellenschools.org

We Want To Hear From You!

Tell us what you think about, The Dunellen Report! What do you believe we could do to make this quarterly newsletter better and more informative for you? Any ideas and suggestions please send us an email to:

dunellenreport@dunellenborough.net
or mail your thoughts to:
The Dunellen Report
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355 North Ave, Dunellen NJ 08812

Dunellen Report Information:

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