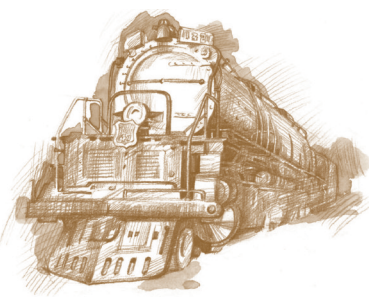


# The Dunellen Report



## Lt. Smith Graduates From FBI National Academy Program

By Heidi Heleniak, Dunellen411



Pictured from Left to Right: Chief Jeffrey Nelson, Lt. Daniel Smith, Sgt. Jeffrey Delbuono. Photo provided by the Dunellen Police Department

Lt. Daniel Smith of the Dunellen Police Department was one of 230 law enforcement officers who graduated on December 11th, 2015 from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia.

The free federal program offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

"I learned about the program from retired Lieutenant Frank Bottiglieri and Chief Matthew Geist of Middlesex Borough Police Department. They attended the program in 2012 and 2013 and believed it was a great experience for their law enforcement career," said Smith. "Generally, only six or seven officers from New Jersey are selected to attend each session." Smith received his salary during the training and paid for expenses and travel out of pocket.

A total of 48,791 graduates now represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The 262nd Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 27 international countries, four military organizations, and two federal civilian organizations.

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## Veterans Day



Bill Uhler from American Legion Post 119 delivered opening and closing remarks and introduced the speakers. The Invocation was delivered by Thaddaus Frayzel, American Legion Chaplain. Speeches were made by VFW Past State Commander Art Taylor, American Legion Commander John Yesalavich, and Dunellen Mayor Robert J. Seader. The Benediction was delivered by Chaplain Charles Wardo. Our National Anthem was sung by Michelle Uhler. Dunellen thanks all veterans for their service to our country.

A solemn ceremony commemorating Veterans Day was held in Washington Memorial Park on November 11th, at 11:00 AM. Members of the color guard were from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5479 and the American Legion Post 119, both in Dunellen.

Turn-out was light this year and though we all know that people lead busy lives, it seems fitting and appropriate that we make every effort to come out and honor those who served us so faithfully. Hope to see you all next year.

## "Honored with Valor"

Submitted by Dunellen PBA State Delegate Joe D. Dudley



Left to right: State PBA VP Mark Kovar, Ofc. Chris Lovell, Sgt. Chris Beenders, Ofc. Jon DeAngelo, Delegate Joe Dudley, and State PBA President Pat Colligan

agencies State Delegate and must specify the officers actions and why they should be considered for the awards. The committee then reviews the applications and determines which of the countless applications warrants the issuance of an award. Sergeant Beenders, Officer DeAngelo and Officer Lovell were acknowledged for their exceptional performance under adverse conditions. The officers were awarded a Unit Citation nothing "Outstanding Police Operation or Investigation Involving Multiple Members of their Agency".

The awards were issued to the officers by NJ State President Patrick Colligan and Vice-President Mark Kovar at a ceremony attended by hundreds of officers from throughout the State of New Jersey and hosted by Big Joe Henry of NJ 101.5FM radio.

On March 28, 2014 Dunellen Police Sergeant Christopher Beenders and Officers Christopher Lovell and Jonathan DeAngelo responded to a residence to attempt to serve a routine arrest warrant. The events that followed were anything but routine. Upon arriving, the officers were directed to the fugitives location in the houses dimly lit basement. Upon the officers entering the basement, they encountered the suspect who attempted to flee from officers. During a physical struggle while attempting to arrest the man, the suspect produced a hidden handgun and attempted to fire several rounds before finally firing a round that struck himself in the neck. The officers made sure the scene and suspect were clear of any additional weapons and then rendered medical aid to the injured subject until EMS units arrived. The subject was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

On November 21, 2015 the New Jersey State PBA held its annual Valor Awards in Atlantic City. The Valor Awards are determined by a committee of PBA members from throughout the State of New Jersey. Applications are submitted by each

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## Borough of Dunellen Launches New Web Site

William M. Robins, RMC, Ph.D.

Late last year, the Borough of Dunellen inaugurated a brand new web site: [www.dunellen-nj.gov](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov). It contains all the sections of our old site, but with a more attractive layout and a slew of new features.

On the home page, the first things you will see is a photographic slide show of six historical scenes from Dunellen's past. These will be rotated with new photographs from our archives, or from submissions from the public.

The top navigation bar has sections for Home, About Dunellen, News, Departments, Government, and Agencies. Use the drop down arrows to bring up interior pages. For example, News has sections on Announcements, Community News (for local organizations), Municipal News (for borough events), and Redevelopment to keep you up to date with the most recent developments in our future.

"Departments" has pages for all individual departments (Administration through Tax Collection) and many pages have separate internal pages for documents. For example, under Municipal Clerk, there are pages for "Documents and Forms," "Elections," "Games of Chance" and a

"Q&A" section. In fact, as the site is developed, most main pages will have similar sub-pages that explore each department in greater depth.

The Left Navigation Menu has major pages on "Agendas and Minutes," "Municipal Code," "Contact the Borough," "Directory," "Links," "Calendar," "Transit Village," and "Affordable Housing." A major new feature is in the Municipal Code Section. Our Code Book is now on-line! However, at this stage is still the 2003 "Blue Book" edition so has been substantially amended. A revised ordinance book is currently being developed, but until then it is safest to consult the Municipal Clerk for any updates to particular code provisions.

The Calendar page should have all future meetings of borough departments/agencies and significant community events; we ask you to send us your news and press releases well in advance and we will post them.

This new site is a "work in progress" and will constantly be added to and improved. We welcome your suggestions on items to add or sections that need revision or supplementing. Just send your comments to [wrobins@dunellen-nj.gov](mailto:wrobins@dunellen-nj.gov)

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## Dunellen Shade Tree Commission News

Submitted by: Ken Baudendistel

The Dunellen Shade Tree Commission had a very busy and productive year and thought we would share our accomplishments

Back in March of this year the Mayor and Council approved giving the old retired Fire Chief's vehicle to the Commission so that it could be used to water newly planted trees, shrubs and flowers. The Commission transitioned the Ford Expedition by adding new magnetic signage and installing a 50 gallon water tank with hose. It can be seen around town being used for pruning trees, transporting mulch and watering trees. The vehicle is shared with the Department of Public Works in order to get the most use out of the vehicle. It is a pleasure since the trees no longer have to be watered by carting around many 5 gallon pails of water in personal cars.

On April 24th the Borough celebrated its 14th Arbor Day Celebration by planting 3 cherry and 2 plum trees on North Washington Ave in front of Washington Memorial Park with the help of Boy Scout Troops 29 and 119. There were eight scouts and two parent volunteers who assisted Sue Butterworth, Cate Walsh, Erica Grun and Cindy Beam with the planting. It was a great success and a lot of fun!

### Arbor Day Celebration 2015



A complete inventory including pictures of all Borough street trees was completed using students from Dunellen High School as part of the practicum program. The inventory is used to identify trees in need of maintenance, pruning or removal as well as provide an overview of our shade tree canopy. In addition it allows an easy way to identify where trees are needed for future planting plans.

### Street Fair Booth



In September the Shade Tree Commission had a booth at the annual Dunellen Street Fair where informational handouts were provided along with free tattoos, pencils and rulers. In addition, the Commission taught visitors how to plant a tree by offering free seedlings planted in a biodegradable pot that could be taken home and placed in a larger pot or directly in the ground. A total 82 of the 98 free seedlings were given away.

Because of the great success the Commission set up the same booth at Dunellen's Annual Harvest Fest in Washington Memorial Park where an additional 51 seedlings were given away.

Just this past month there were 23 trees planted using grant funds and DSTC budget. There were 8 different species (Crimson Maple, Sugar Maple, Thundercloud Plum, Okme Cherry and Zelkovas) planted on 11 different streets in all corners of the Borough. In addition, two trees were planted at Columbia Park in memory of a lost family member. The total amount of trees and shrubs planted by the DSTC since its inception has reached 716!!

### HarvestFest Booth



In addition to these events members of the DSTC attended various training which is required to keep our Shade Tree Certification with NJ Shade Forestry. We also continue participating in the Adopt-A- Station Program lead by NJ Transit where the DSTC maintains the two corners of the embankment along South Washington Ave.

Yes it was a busy year it was also very exciting. Congratulations to all the members and keep up the great work. Take time to thank the dedicated volunteers of the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission: Ken Baudendistel, Cindy Beam, Sue Butterworth, Cate Walsh, Robert Rios

There are two open positions, so if you would like to become a member and be a part of the action contact the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission by calling 732-968-3211, or visit them on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Dunellen-Shade-Tree-Commission/159893800710284>



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## Dunellen Government Directory

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### Elected Officials

**Mayor Robert J. Seader (R)**  
rseader@dunellen-nj.gov  
Term expires: December 31, 2019

**Council President Kenneth Baudendistel (R)**  
kbaudendistel@dunellen-nj.gov  
Police and Public Safety  
Term expires: December 31, 2018

**Kevin Bachorik (R)**  
kbachorik@dunellen-nj.gov  
Fire  
Term expires: December 31, 2017

**Kenneth Bayer (R)**  
kbayer@dunellen-nj.gov  
Public Works  
Term expires: December 31, 2017

**Jason Cilento (I)**  
jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov  
Recreation and Senior Citizens  
Term expires: December 31, 2016

**Jeremy Lowder (R)**  
jlowder@dunellen-nj.gov  
Public Buildings & Grounds  
Term expires: December 31, 2018

**Joseph Petracca (R)**  
jpetracca@dunellen-nj.gov  
Administration and 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  
355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812  
732-968-3033 • 732-968-8605 (Fax)

**Registrar**  
Hours: M-F, 9 am - 3 pm, and by appointment.  
**William M. Robins, CMR, Dunellen Municipal Registrar**  
**Samantha Galvez, CMR, Deputy Registrar**  
355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812  
732-968-3033 • 732-968-8605 (Fax)

**Construction Office**  
**Scott Luthman, Construction Officer**  
Office: Blue Building on Prospect Avenue, off Skinner Plaza  
Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:30 pm;  
732-968-3323 • 732-968-3872 (Fax)

### Municipal Attorney

**John E. Bruder**  
**Tax Collector**  
**Raymond Murray, Tax Collector**  
355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812  
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am - 2 pm  
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, 3:30pm - 6:30pm, by appointment (assessment only)  
732-968-3323 • 732-968-3872 (Fax)

### Parks & Recreation

Provides recreational programs, events & sports to the residents of Dunellen by utilizing the Borough parks and schools to help enhance the lives of the community.  
**Acting Recreation Director: Alex Miller**  
recreation@dunellenborough.com  
732-752-2466  
Recreation Hotline/Cancellations, press 1  
Senior Updates, press 2

### 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**  
• **Robert Krause • Thomas D'Amico**  
• **Barbara Seif • Randee Staats**  
• **Adam Gordon**  
• **Scott Luthman, Secretary**  
• **Kenneth Bayer, Councilman**  
• **Robert Seader, Mayor**

### Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance, Zoning Violations, and Illegal Housing  
**George Deene, Dunellen Code Enforcement Officer** • 908-672-2593

### Public Works

Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8 am - 2 pm  
Paint Drop Off: 2nd Saturday each month, 8 am-12 pm  
235 Hall St, Dunellen, NJ • 732-968-5455

## Thank you Dunellen Residents!



I want to thank the residents of Dunellen for re-electing me on November 3rd, to my sixth term as Councilman. I appreciate your support and the opportunity to continue to serve our town.

The next three years are going to be very exciting for the borough as plans for Dunellen's largest redevelopment initiative are coming to fruition. The Mayor and Council continue to work diligently to make improvements to our business district, parks and neighborhoods. I remain extremely excited about Dunellen's future and continue to work hard towards the goal to improve the quality of life for all Dunellen residents.

I want to thank the Mayor, Council, Administration, Planning Board, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire and Rescue, Shade

Tree Commission members, Board of Education, and Recreation Department for their continued support during my 15 years as councilman. Also a very special thank you to all the volunteers of Dunellen who give countless hours making Dunellen a better place to live and raise a family. Without them I would not have been as successful.

If you have suggestions or ideas you would like to share with me you can do so by calling Borough Hall at 732 968 3033, send me an email at [kbaudendistel@dunellen-nj.gov](mailto:kbaudendistel@dunellen-nj.gov) or simply by stopping me in the neighborhood.

Thank you once again for your confidence and the support you have provided me throughout the years.

*Sincerely*  
*Ken Baudendistel*  
*Council President, Borough of Dunellen*

## 2016 Borough Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are in the Municipal Council Chambers, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Annual reorganization meeting: January 1st at noon.

Friday, January 1	Monday, April 4	Tuesday, July 5	Monday, November 7
Monday, January 11	Monday, April 18	Monday, August 1	Monday, November 21
Monday, February 1	Monday, May 2	Tuesday, September 6	Monday, December 5
Monday, February 22	Monday, May 16	Monday, September 19	Monday, December 19
Monday, March 7	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, October 4	Sunday, January 1,
Monday, March 21	Monday, June 20	Monday, October 17	2017 @ noon

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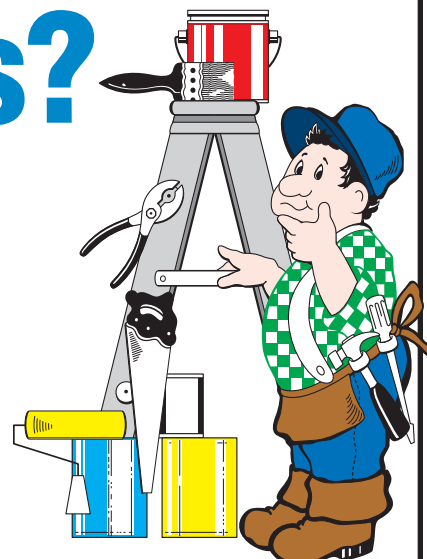
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## Santa Around Town, December 24, 2015



Santa and his little helpers make their way around the borough for another year! Santa Around Town has been a Dunellen Christmas tradition for 50 plus years and was originally started by former Dunellen Mayor, Lawrence Anzovino and former Dunellen Recreation Director, Clem Santy. Santa's sleigh is always guided around town with the help of the Dunellen Fire Dept, Rescue Squad and Police Dept.

### “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 4th 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 2016 schedule of meetings: February 4, April 7, June 2. Administrators and members of the Special Education Department attend our meetings and are available for questions.

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

### Safe Kids Middlesex County and RWJ's Mid-Winter Check Up

Submitted by: Diana Starace, RWJ Injury Prevention Coordinator and Dunellen Resident

There's lots of great ways to enjoy the winter. Sledding, ice skating, and the chance to wear big puffy coats and heavy boots. Of course, there's also winter weather to consider and last year we saw it all: cold, wind, snow, and some sunny days too. Now that we're about halfway through such an unpredictable winter, we thought it might be a good time to give you 5 things to think about when it comes to keeping your family safe.

#### 5 THINGS

- **Car Seats and Winter Coats:** We know you want your little ones to be warm, but please don't buckle your child into a car seat while wearing a bulky coat. The coat can compress in a crash and create a loose car seat harness, putting your child at greater risk of injury in the event of a crash. Instead, lay the jacket over your children like a blanket once they're safely secured.
- **Sleep Safety:** Extra blankets can seem so cozy in a baby's crib but soft bedding can block a baby's airway during sleep. A firm mattress covered with a tight-fitting crib sheet is all you need for your baby to sleep well. If you're worried about keeping your baby warm on those cold winter nights, try using a sleep sack (wearable blanket). They're pretty cozy, too.
- **Winter Sports:** Kids love to push the limits when they're skiing or snowboarding. Make sure they

wear helmets and other proper gear to keep them safe if they fall on the slopes (You, too, Parents!). Kids also might not be inclined to drink as much water when they're playing in cold weather because they don't get as hot. Remind them to stay properly hydrated.

- **Carbon Monoxide:** This is a great time to make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level, especially near sleeping areas, and keep them at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances. If you're warming up a vehicle, don't forget to remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. It's extremely dangerous to leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage.
- **Fire Safety:** Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of your house in case of a fire. This can be a fun activity for the whole family. There's a handy worksheet to help get you started at <http://www.safekids.org/other-resource/home-fire-escape-plan-pdf>. And remember to keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

Have a fun and safe winter!

For more safety information or to schedule a presentation, visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), or call Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital's Injury Prevention Program: 732.418.8026.

## 15 Tips For Eating Healthy On A Budget

Submitted by: Marcie Tyson, Dunellen Resident

### BEFORE YOU GO SHOPPING

1. **USE COUPONS** for items you usually buy. Resist buying extra items just because you have a coupon. Check weekly newspaper ads or flyers for any in-store specials.
2. **MAKE A LIST.** Avoid impulse purchases. Keep a shopping list on the refrigerator ... and then stick to it.
3. **DON'T SHOP HUNGRY.** If you don't have time for a snack at home, pick up a healthy treat when you get to the market like peeled baby carrots or mini rice cakes to eat while you're shopping.
4. **COMPARE COST VS. CONVENIENCE.** If you don't have the time to prepare meals yourself, pre-made or prepared foods cost more but won't be wasted.



### AT THE MARKET

5. **SHOP SMART** during off peak hours when you will be less rushed and can make better decisions. Put frozen and refrigerated items in the cart last.
6. **USE THE UNIT PRICE** to check the "cost per unit". Don't be deceived by packaging: sometimes small sizes are more economical than a jumbo pack.
7. **SIGN UP FOR YOUR SUPERMARKET'S DISCOUNT CARD** for additional savings. Ask for a rain check: it's worth the wait at the courtesy counter when there's a super sale.
8. **SHOP THE PERIMETER** of the store first where you'll find the basics for a healthy diet (fresh produce, meats and dairy). Avoid the

inner aisles where the temptation of more expensive and less healthy processed and prepared foods lurks.

9. **STOCK UP.** Buy extra nonperishable items that you usually eat when they're on sale. When buying foods that can spoil, don't buy more than you will use before the expiration date ... even if it's on sale.
10. **BUY FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** in season. Canned or frozen produce can be just as nutritious as fresh, especially if fresh produce will spoil before you can use it.
11. **WANT A TREAT?** Watch for sales, wait for a coupon, or try the store brand when you buy chips, cookies, crackers, soda, etc.

### WHEN YOU GET HOME

12. **STORE FOODS PROPERLY.** Put perishable foods away promptly once you get home. Follow the "two hour rule" and refrigerate or freeze leftovers so that you can safely re-heat and eat them later.
13. **COOK ONCE, EAT TWICE.** Plan meals with recipes that can be doubled easily to save money and time when "family size" packs of lean meat or poultry are on sale. Serve one meal and label and freeze the other for later.
14. **EAT YOUR LEFTOVERS.** Have today's dinner as part of tomorrow's lunch. Use leftovers for sandwiches or mix with frozen vegetables and broth to make a hearty soup. If eating leftovers doesn't seem very glamorous, think of it as another way to recycle!
15. **EAT AT HOME.** Frequently eating out can be a budget-breaker. Even spending just \$5 twice a week on a Value Meal adds up to more than \$500 per year.

## Dunellen High School Peer Leaders and Safety Ambassadors Host Biennial Wellness Fair

Submitted by: Terri Albertson, Dunellen High School Peer Leaders and Safety Ambassador Advisor

On Friday, December 11th the Dunellen High School Peer Leaders and Safety Ambassadors hosted their biennial Wellness Fair.

All students and staff at DHS had the opportunity to visit the various tables to speak with presenters and learn about a variety of health and safety issues. Students were able to take informational brochures and goodies from the tables to use as resources and for further education.

Students were able to see the effects that smoking has on lungs. They were able to feel a healthy set of lungs and one that was riddled with tumors and lesions. It was an eye opening experience.

There were interactive games about the hazards of e cigarettes, concussions and driving while under the influence. Students learned about media literacy, healthy dating relationships, and self esteem. Fetal

Alcohol Syndrome was another topic discussed.

Students had the opportunity to use a driving simulator to experience how driving while intoxicated can be dangerous. They were also able to get their face analyzed by the derma scan machine to see if they had any damage caused by being out in the sun.

Everyone found the event to be educational and fun. We would like to thank Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Saint Peter's Hospital, AmeriHealth, WellSpring Prevention, Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Central Jersey Health Services for coming out to help us. Thank you also go out to Dunellen High School staff members, Lori MacManus, Lisa Leibovitz and Dan Hummel for participating as presenters.

## 2016 Recycling Pickup Schedule

By Staff Report

In 2016, Dunellen residents will continue to expect recycling pickups every other Wednesday, but there will be no printed schedule sent to households.

As of March 30, 2015, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority has transitioned to single-stream recycling collection. Now all curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper and

small flat cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container as they are kept separate from trash.

Residents can go to the MCIA website for more info (<http://www.mciauth.com/>) or see the listing below.

Information courtesy of [www.dunellen411.com](http://www.dunellen411.com)

## 2016 Curbside Collection Schedule

(cardboard, plastic and metal bottles and cans, bundled newspapers)

- January 13, 27 • February 10, 24 • March 9, 23 • April 6, 20 • May 4, 18
- June 1, 15, 29 • July 13, 27 • August 10, 24 • September 7, 21
- October 5, 19 • November 2, 16, 30 • December 14, 28

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## LOOK! Dunellen Public Library Presents FREE Diabetes Self-Management Programs and Book Sale!

The Dunellen Public Library, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health and Quality Insights, the Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization for New Jersey, are presenting free diabetes self-management programs.

The programs are on Saturdays from January 9, 2016 to February 13, 2016, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

To register or get more information, please contact: Karen Hale: (732) 955-8148 or khale@hqsi.org

As the weather gets colder, what could be better than snuggling up with a good book, hot chocolate and cookies? Not much, we know!

On January 23rd you can do just that at the Dunellen Public Library. Stop in for our "Snuggle up" and read book sale from 10am to 2pm. Children's books are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. Adult books are \$1.00 for hard cover books and 50 cents for soft cover books. The Friends of the Library will be selling hot chocolate and cookies. We look forward to seeing you!

## Dunellen Public Library Board Of Trustees 2016 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

- January 20
- February 17
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- No meetings in July and August
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

## Congratulations to George Diaz, 138 First Street on winning the 2015 Holiday House Decoration Contest!



## Girl Scouts Decorate Christmas Tree in Washington Park

In preparation for Dunellen's annual Christmas tree lighting celebration, Girl Scout Troop 872 spent time decorating the tree.



*Pictured left to right: Rachel Baudendistel, Becca Greenman, Jesse Devine, Devon Mauriello, Hana Panneso, Alexis Kazokas and Angie Guzzi*



*George Diaz accepts winning plaque from Dunellen Recreation Director Alex Miller.*

## Maurer House Gifting Fire And Rescue



*Left to right: Dunellen Fire Chief Jonathan Scott, Dunellen Rescue Squad President Ashley Bracaloni, & Dunellen Mayor Robert J. Seader*

The Maurer House Committee, in gratitude for the help the Dunellen Fire Department and Dunellen Rescue Squad gave during a highly successful Haunted Trail in late October, gifted the emergency services agencies at a ceremony held at the Dunellen Council Meeting on December 7, 2015. Mayor Seader made the presentation.

The Maurer House, located at 500 Mountainview Terrace, is the property of the borough through the generous assistance of a Middlesex County Open Space grant. The Committee has been working the past few years to raise monies for its rehabilitation. Their major events are the Haunted Trail, a Taste of Dunellen, and booths at the Street Fair and HarvestFest.

## Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries



*Pictured left to right: John P. Faber Elementary School Third-Grade Teacher Cheryl O'Neill, and Rotarians Theresa Talian and William M. Robins.*

Each year, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club gives dictionaries to local third-grade students at John P. Faber School in Dunellen. This event is designed to promote literacy in our youth.

Rotary International, consisting of 1,200,000 members in 170 countries, raises funds to help people internationally (such as the eradication of polio and the providing of clean drinking water) and locally. Our club supports the Dunellen Fire Company, Dunellen Rescue Squad, Dunellen Public Library, boy scouts, little league and other groups, and provides thousands of dollars in scholarships to local high school students. For more information, go to our website: [www.dunellengreenbrookrotary.org](http://www.dunellengreenbrookrotary.org), or call Club President Joe Spera at 732-522-6732.

## Boy Scout Troop 29

### Where Eagles Soar

### Crossing the Atlantic to Portsmouth England, July 21-Aug 3, 2015

by Harry J Buttito Jr, Unit Commissioner



*Troop 29 in front of the Tower Bridge in London, England*

The weather was perfect when 14 scouts and 3 adult leaders of Dunellen Boy Scout Troop left Newark International Airport for Portsmouth England. The scouts were instructed to get some sleep during the 7 hour transatlantic flight as they had a full schedule ahead of them. "Of course no one slept" stated Scoutmaster Stephen Lucash "Our Scouts seem to have an unlimited supply of energy".

Upon touchdown at Heathrow Airport, the troop was met by Commodore Andy Strudwick, and Commander Andy Clarke and wife Tyler, the leaders of the National Seamanship Training Corps Portsmouth England, "The NSTC is very similar to our R.O.T.C. program in the United States with some Sea Scouting thrown in" advised Carl Nielsen, the newly minted Treasurer of Troop 29.

With the assistance of XXX N.S.T.C. cadets, our Scouts were taken to Shedfield for three days of camping. There they were treated to traditional English food. "There were lots of cakes" recounted Scoutmaster Lucash. From there it was on to a tour of the Naval Museum at Portsmouth, including a day of sailing with the Cadets in Portsmouth Harbor.

Other activities arranged by the hosts included a day in London including The Prime Minister's residence at 10 Downing Street, Tower Bridge on the River Thames and the London Eye Ferris Wheel. The following days included a journey to Warwickshire, to visit Warwick Castle, a trip to Greenwich, where the Royal Observatory is located, a trip to Wiltshire where the Scouts were able to walk in the footsteps of their Neolithic ancestors at the Stonehenge Monument and a day of relaxation at Brighton Beach.

The following Scouts and Adult Leaders represented Troop 29:

**Scouts:** Kingsley Anderson, Alex Dombierer, Peter Dombierer, Shayne Heluk, Andrew Lucash, Danny Lucash, Max Mongeau, Kyle Morris, Sebastian Munoz, Michael Nielsen, Matthew Nielsen, Daniel Robitaili, Bill Strojcek, Matthew VanNess

**Adult Leaders:** SM Stephen Lucash, ASM Jeffrey VanNess, Treasure Carl Nielsen

If you are interested in joining the Boy Scouts contact Harry J Buttito Jr via cell phone at 732-207-8193 or via e-mail - [Jofrdy@aol.com](mailto:Jofrdy@aol.com)



*Troop 29 in front of Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England*

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