

# The Dunellen Report



## Reorganization Meeting Speech

Mayor Robert J. Seader, 1 January 2017, "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.

2016 was an eventful year for Dunellen and I am sure that 2017 will be even more noteworthy. I tell you this because change is coming to Dunellen that will affect the future of our town and benefit all of us who live and work here.

First, I would like to congratulate Joseph Petracca on his re-election to another term as Councilman. Joe's mastery of all things financial helps keep our annual budgets lean and our spending frugal. I

also congratulate Jason Cilento on his election to a third term as a Councilman. Jason has brought energy and enthusiasm to the Council, the Management Organization, and the Recreation Commission. We are all glad to see both Joe and Jason back for another three years and I look forward to working with them, and the entire Dunellen Borough Council to ensure that Dunellen is a safe, inviting, and prosperous place to work, live, and raise our families.

In 2016, we were saddened by the passing of former Mayor Larry Anzovino. Larry served as Dunellen's mayor for 26 years. He devoted his full energy to the task of helping our residents. He will be missed.

2016 began with a double whammy for

Dunellen. First, we suffered through a tremendous snow storm that was so bad that New Jersey declared a state of emergency and kept the men from our Department of Public Works on the roads plowing the snow for days at a time.

Then, in a totally unexpected fashion, and with no prior communication, the New Jersey Department of Taxation notified the borough that they were considering whether to order Dunellen to undertake a property revaluation. The Governor's Office and people from Taxation held a public hearing where they refused to answer any questions from the hundreds of Dunellen residents gathered in the High School Auditorium. Then they ordered us to conduct a revaluation and

imposed a strict time-line. Instead of protesting the order and filing an appeal, the Borough Council considered that a revaluation of properties might prove to be a very good thing for Dunellen by setting a new bottom line for all properties and thus promoting principles of fairness for all our residents and owners. So we immediately started work on the project and as of this day we have completed a new version of our tax map (the old one is over 35 years old and there have been many changes since last compiled) and we are now preparing a Request for Proposals to hire a company to do the actual door-to-door evaluations. We are ahead of schedule and hope to have all this completed by early 2019. *Cont'd on page 13*

## Faber School Celebrates Read Across America!

Faber School celebrated Read Across America the entire week of February 28-March 3, 2017.

Ms. Beth Willoughby, Media Specialist, coordinated the week's activities. Students had many guest readers throughout the week including: administration from the High School, retired teachers, Sparkee and Marc Schwartz from the Somerset Patriots, representatives from the NJ Devils, the Dunellen Fire Department and other community figures. On Friday March 3, students were treated with a visit from: Mayor Robert Seader, Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Kenneth Armwood, Dunellen Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk William Robins and Faith Thompson, from the Dunellen Board of Education.

In addition, the students and staff participated in a spirit week. Each day, students and staff were encouraged to dress in a variety of outfits to showcase reading and Dr. Seuss. On Monday they celebrated The Sleep Book by dressing in pajamas or comfortable clothes. On Tuesday they celebrated

Green Eggs and Ham by wearing green. On Wednesday they celebrated Wacky Wednesday by dressing in their mismatched or inside out outfits. On Thursday Faber School celebrated their love of books, with the help of the student council. Students and staff dressed as their favorite book character. Thursday night was also our annual family reading night, the first grade performed a play and after that all attendees were invited to the media center to participate in fun activities about reading. Finally, on Friday they celebrated Fox in Socks by wearing crazy or mismatched socks.

The event was created to coincide with Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Read Across America is on his birthday to remind us all to celebrate reading. Read Across America has been in effect since 1998. According to Media Specialist Beth Willoughby, "Read Across America is an outstanding event. All of the guest readers remind students how important reading is and how this is a skill they will use for their entire life. I cannot thank the guest readers enough for coming in and reminding the students of this and sharing their joy of reading with them."



Pictured: (Front Row) Student Ambassadors: Michelle Pimpinella, Yvette Garcia, Mikayla Cheney, Ty'asia Dorsey, Emily Chalecki, Maria Cermeno Chacon and Beth Willoughby, Media Specialist (Back Row) Faith Thompson, Board of Education Member; Freeholder Kenneth Armwood, William Robins, Municipal Clerk, Mayor Robert J. Seader; Freeholder Director Ronald Rios, and Superintendent Gene Mosely. Photo Credit: Middlesex County Office of Communication.

## The Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission News

Submitted by the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission

### The Beginnings of the Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission

On April 4, 2016 the Dunellen Borough Council unanimously voted in favor of Ordinance 2016-02 to establish the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission. In support, Mayor Robert J. Seader signed the ordinance for the commission's creation.

**The ordinance was enacted to establish the Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission to do the following:**

- A. On behalf of the Borough of Dunellen, to encourage, conduct, sponsor or co-sponsor public programs to further the development and public awareness of, and interest in, the fine and performing arts and cultural experiences of Dunellen;
- B. To provide recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council for possible borough sponsored cultural, historical and artistic endeavors and projects and to act as a representative to the community in such matters;
- C. To encourage donations, grants and other support to further expand the arts, culture and historical services and programs available to citizens of Dunellen and members of the Dunellen community;
- D. To take such other actions as the Borough Mayor and Council may direct from time to time.

The Mission of the Commission is to provide and encourage programs which afford the public greater opportunities to experience arts and culture in Dunellen. The nine (9) member commission is made up of Dunellen Residents, Dunellen Business Owners, and Local Arts Organization members, who will serve for five (5) year staggered terms.

If you have any questions, ideas or would like more information, please email the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission at [artsandculturecommission@dunellenborough.com](mailto:artsandculturecommission@dunellenborough.com)

You can also find more information by checking the Commission's website or following its Facebook page at: <https://dunellenartsandculture.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Dunellen-Arts-Culture-Commission-937684846336799/>

### Summer Arts Camp!

The Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission will be presenting a NEW ADDITION to the Dunellen Recreation Departments 2017 Summer Camp! Dunellen children ages 6 to 12 years old will be offered extended hours for a Summer Arts Camp from 3-5pm immediately following

the Recreations Summer Camp. Campers do not need to attend the Recreation Summer Camp in order to participate in the Summer Arts Camp.

The Summer Arts camp will be presented from July 5th to July 28th at the Dunellen Senior Center. Students will enjoy the art making process while exploring a variety of mediums. Children will enjoy crafting, drawing, painting, and sculpting. Materials will be supplied.

The Camp fee is \$100.00 per week, and students may enroll for a single week or more! Registration forms can be picked up at the Recreation Office. They can also be found on the Recreation Department's website. For more information, call Alex Miller at the Recreation Office: (732) 968-3033 ext 8.

### Statewide Logo Contest for the Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission Logo

The Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission is looking for someone to design their logo! For a \$100.00 gift card your design could potentially be the face of the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission. This contest is Statewide! So share this opportunity with friends or family throughout the State of New Jersey. Deadline for entries is 12 noon EST on May 1, 2017. For further information on contest guidelines and rules, visit the Commission's website: (<https://dunellenartsandculture.wordpress.com/>) or visit and "Like" its Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Dunellen-Arts-Culture-Commission-937684846336799/](https://www.facebook.com/Dunellen-Arts-Culture-Commission-937684846336799/). Complete details are listed on the Facebook event page! Good luck!

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## Dunellen News You Can Use

### Revaluation

On April 4, 2016, the State of New Jersey ordered the Borough of Dunellen to implement a municipal-wide revaluation. The Division of Taxation was of the opinion that over the years, our property assessment was no longer uniform as applied to all properties in the borough. This can happen when older properties have not been sold and reassessed, and as many new properties have been built with updated assessments, the Borough Council agreed that this would be a good opportunity both to create new tax maps (the diagrammed maps showing blocks and lots) and have an outside company reassess all the property in town, what is called Revaluation.

So far, we have had our engineers create new tax maps (you can see a copy of the existing ones at: [www.dunellen-nj.gov/about\\_dunellen/maps](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/about_dunellen/maps)). They are currently under review in Trenton. We are also interviewing companies that do the actual revaluation. When one is awarded a contract, a representative will come to each property and determine its value based on square footage, rooms, and improvements. We expect this to occur in late 2017.

There are too many factors and unknowns to know at this time what effect Revaluation will have on individual properties, but we are told that in most cases for property tax purposes, about

one-third of the properties will be assessed higher, one-third will remain the same, and one-third will actually go down.

As this project moves along, we will update the "Revaluation" page on the borough's web site.

### FEMA and Flood Zones

In July 2010, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) created new flood maps for the borough. Though a few homes were taken out of the flood zone, many more were put in. We argued that their data was faulty, but even with the help of our congressman, they would not listen. We know that the cost of flood insurance is high, and for many cases in Dunellen, totally unnecessary.

In order to make a renewed argument to FEMA and demand a new flood area study, we have been developing a number of projects designed to literally get the water from the Bonygutt Brook out of town faster and thus demonstrate that portions of the town are now less susceptible to flooding. One major project is a complete redoing of the culvert that goes from South Avenue near Hall Street under the railroad tracks. This project will happen this summer. A second project is the replacement of the culvert under South Madison Avenue in front of the Fire House. Together, along with other culvert projects for Pulaski Street and a second one on South Avenue, we will have the proof we need to convince FEMA to correct their mistake.

### Road Improvement Projects

The long-awaited Madison Avenue Road Improvement Project will happen this summer. It will extend from North Avenue to Second Street. We have recently purchased a "hot box" to keep asphalt warm for pot hole repair. You will see the men of the Department of Public Works around town filling in the holes. The decorative lights on North Avenue will be extended past Advance Auto, and those on North Washington Avenue will be extended toward Washington Memorial Park.

### Office of Emergency Management

Are you interested in assisting your community in preparing for and/or recovery from floods, fires, power outages and other natural disasters? The Dunellen Office of Emergency Management welcomes volunteers. Free training and certification are provided by FEMA, the American Red Cross, and other agencies. Teens and older adults are more than welcome to use their skills in aiding a multitude of recovery efforts, when the need arises. Email: [jwessel@dunellenborough.com](mailto:jwessel@dunellenborough.com).

### Senior Bus of Dunellen

The senior bus offers residents to get to where they need to go when transportation is not available to them. The bus picks up in the morning around 9:30 a.m. and drops off when you are done. The bus has the same schedule each week ranging from doctor's appointments to shopping and senior meetings. In order to ride the bus you have to be 62 and a resident of Dunellen, or be disabled. A round trip fee is 50 cents. To ride the bus you must come to the Clerk's office to fill out an application.

Bring your identification and any disability papers you may have as well. If you have any questions, please call Lauren at (732) 968-3033 ext. 4.

### Senior Club

Dunellen's Senior Club is open to everyone 55 years of age or older. It meets weekly in the Senior Center in Columbia Park, Fridays at 10:30 am. In addition to the meetings, the seniors enjoy movies on the third Monday of each month, at 12:00 noon, at Zupko's Cinema Café, Dunellen and number of interesting other activities such as trips to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The Senior Bus will even drive you to the Friday meetings. For more information, call Tom Davis at 732-404-7258, or our Recreation Department at 732-968-3033, ext. 8.

### Recreation Department

The Dunellen Recreation Department would like to inform every one of the upcoming registration for its "2017 Summer Camp 'Fun Days.'" This year, Summer Camp runs from June 26th through August 4th, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is open to children ages 5 – 12. Some of the fun activities include a trip to a Patriots baseball game, trips top arcade centers, sports, ice cream, ping-pong, karate, weekly movies, weekly Science Fun such as dinosaurs-rockets-fossils, and Arts and Crafts. Campers need to bring their own lunches, except for some extended day trips. Check the Recreation Department Facebook Page or its page on the Dunellen web site ([http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/parks\\_and\\_recreation](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/parks_and_recreation)) for more information on fees, or contact Recreation Director Alex Miller at [amiller@dunellenborough.com](mailto:amiller@dunellenborough.com), or 732-968-3033, ext. 8.

## Dunellen Recreation Department 2017 Summer Camp "Fun Days"



**Summer Camp runs:** June 26<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> Monday-Friday (Off 7/3 & 7/4)

**Ages:** 5 through 12 year olds

**Activities:** Trip to Patriot game, trips to arcade center, weekly science days including dinosaurs-fossil dig-launching rockets, weekly art and craft projects, games, ice cream, and weekly day at the movies.

- Campers will need to bring their own lunch except when we go to Patriot's game.

**Camp cost:**

- A. \$800.00 for 6 weeks 9am to 3 pm. (new special: 10% off for sibling for full camp only)
- B. \$175.00 for one week 9am to 3 pm.
- C. \$200.00 for one day a week for 6 weeks of camp.
- D. \$100.00 per week for Summer Art Camp (after camp 3pm to 5pm) July 5<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> only.

**Registration Deadline June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please print and drop off in the Recreation mail box or mail to:

Dunellen Recreation Department  
355 North Ave. Dunellen NJ. 08812  
732-968-3033 X8 [amiller@dunellenborough.com](mailto:amiller@dunellenborough.com)

### Summer Art Camp (new addition)

**"Presented by the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission"**

July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> @ the Dunellen Senior Center following summer camp 3pm to 5pm

Students will enjoy the art of making process while exploring a variety of mediums. Children will enjoy crafting, drawing, painting, and sculpting. Materials will be supplied. Students can enroll for one week or more. **The Art camp from 3pm-5pm is for 6-12 year olds only.**

Camp Selection(s): A B C D (please print clearly)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Medical Problems or Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: example (every Wednesday) \_\_\_\_\_ (days or week(s) of camp)

## 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 MCI website for more info (<http://www.mciath.com/>) or see the listing below.

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

## 2017 Curbside Collection Schedule

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

- April 5, 19 • May 3, 17, 31 • June 14, 28 • July 12, 26
- August 9, 23 • September 6, 20 • October 4, 18
- November 1, 15, 29 • December 13, 27

## Tax Collector

Raymond Murray, Tax Collector: [rmurray@dunellenborough.com](mailto: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**

Payments can be made in person or mailed to the Tax Collector's Office:

Borough of Dunellen, ATTN: Tax Collector  
355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812

The Borough has a 10-day grace period for each tax quarter. If payment is received after the grace period, interest reverts back to the due date. Interest is charged on the delinquency at the rate of 8% on the first \$1,500 and 18% for any amount over \$1,500.



## Dunellen Rescue Squad VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dunellen Rescue Squad, please call and leave your name and contact number on our answering machine. Must be 16 years old.

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## Mayor Robert J. Seader's Reorganization Meeting Speech...

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Last May, the sewer line beneath the 800 block of North Washington Avenue collapsed under the weight of heavy truck traffic. The road was closed for over a month while repairs were made. This event was an unpleasant reminder that much of our infrastructure, which includes sewer pipes, water pipes, roadways, culverts, and the walls shoring up our brooks, is over 100 years old and in constant need of rehabilitation. This is the main reason we created the Dunellen Sewer Utility four years ago: so that we could find new and better ways of paying for needed sewer and pumping station improvements. A good example of how we are monitoring and upgrading our infrastructure is the Rail Road Culvert Project that will rebuild the pipe that carries the Bonygut Brook under the train tracks off South Avenue. The new and wider pipe is designed to make the water flow quicker out of town. After this project and a few other culvert projects on South Avenue, South Madison Avenue, and Pulaski Street scheduled for the next few years, we will be notifying FEMA that it is time to come back to Dunellen and revise the flawed flood maps imposed on our town in 2010.

As you are all aware, the Borough Council has been working with the owners of the old Art Color industrial complex to create an attractive mixed use development in the 19 acres just off South Washington Avenue. We are nearing an Agreement to build 130 townhouses and 252 luxury apartments, 58 of which will be designated as Affordable Housing. There will also be a train-station style retail center facing South Washington Avenue. If all goes as planned, then you might all see construction as soon as 2019.

And speaking of Affordable Housing, through the very hard work of our Municipal Attorney, John Bruder, and the planners at our engineers, CME Associates, Dunellen is the very first town in Middlesex County to receive approval of a plan to satisfy the order from the New Jersey Supreme Court to develop a blueprint to provide affordable housing in each of our state's 565 municipalities. Our prompt attention to this was not only the right thing to do, but it has saved us potentially hundreds of hours of time and countless thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Now I would like to acknowledge some of the accomplishments of our municipal departments. The transition to our new Dispatch System, hosted by Somerset County, has gone flawlessly. The Police Department has also upgraded to a state of the art computer assisted dispatch system that greatly enhances their investigation effectiveness and Sergeant Doherty and Officer Neirodzik were honored by the State PBA with a life-saving award for rescuing trapped people from a burning structure.

The Dunellen Fire Department did an outstanding job, coming out in all kinds of weathers and participating in many events including the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day, the Haunted Trail, and the National Night Out. Likewise, the Dunellen Rescue Squad did a fine job in our moments of need and logged many thousands of volunteer hours.

Under the leadership of Alex Miller, the Recreation Department had a momentous year. He and the Recreation Commission oversaw many popular activities such as the Easter Hunt, the Memorial Day Parade, Summer Camp, the Halloween Parade, and the annual Tree Lighting in Washington Park. The baseball and Basketball Travel Teams won Championships. Finally, one of the highlights of our athletic year, not to mention any year in the

history of Dunellen, was the fantastic performance of Dunellen's own Sydney McLaughlin who not only became a Gatorade Athlete of the Year, but reached the semi-finals in the 400 meter hurdles at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Sydney really makes us all very proud.

If you look out our Chamber windows you might see passing by a new vehicle added to the police fleet this last year, or a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works, or the new fire truck pumper for the Fire Department, or the new asphalt hot box for street pothole patching driven by our new DPW Supervisor, Ron Safar; you will definitely see the decorated Christmas Trees in containers provided by the Downtown Management Organization and 21 new trees planted in our parks by the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission.

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, and her Assistant, Lauren Colletti.

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 plants trees and shrubs in our parks and right-of-ways; the Library Board of Trustees; the Planning Board; the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization which hosts the annual HarvestFest in October; the newly created Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission; the Dunellen Municipal Alliance that helps inform our youth and their parents of the dangers of substance abuse; The Maurer House Committee which devotes innumerable hours to restoring the Maurer House on Mountainview Terrace and sponsors the annual Haunted Trail and Taste of the Towns; 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.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of Scott in the Construction Office and his code officials Mike and Ken; George in Code Enforcement; Ray and Gail in our Tax Collection Office and Rich the Tax Assessor; Jeanne in the Office of Emergency Management; Scott Olsen in Finance, Debbie in Accounts Payable; and Lauren, our Deputy Registrar who helped prepare 54 Marriage Applications last year; 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 2017 will be one of the most important in the history of Dunellen. The long-elusive goal of downtown Redevelopment is slowly becoming a reality. Contemporary 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!

## April is Youth Sports Safety Month Safe Kids Middlesex County and RWJ offer safety tips to protect all athletes this Spring and all year long!

Submitted By Diana Starace,  
Safe Kids Middlesex County, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

As winter turns into spring and temperatures increase, so does the amount of time that children spend outdoors playing spring sports. This means that the number of injuries to children can also increase.

Each year, more than 30 million children participate in sports in the United States and more than 3.5 million children ages 14 and under are treated for sports injuries. In team sports, most injuries – 62 percent – occur during practices, not games. "The most common types of sport-related injuries in children are sprains (mostly ankle), muscle strains, bone or growth plate injuries, repetitive motion injuries and heat-related illness."

When we think of sports injuries, we tend to think of dramatic tackles or falls – such as the plays you often see on highlight reels, but young athletes are also at risk of injuries. If your coach recommends certain types of warmups, it's not just to make you a better athlete — it will help keep you from getting hurt.

Safe Kids Middlesex County recommends these safety tips for all children playing or practicing any individual or team sport:

- Before signing up for a sport, get a general physical exam.
- Always wear appropriate protective gear for the activity — for practice as well as games — and make sure it's the right size and properly adjusted.

- Always do your warm-ups and cool-downs. If it's important before and after a game, it's important before and after practice too.
- Make sure responsible adults know and enforce the safety rules of the sport, are present to provide supervision, and are trained in first aid and CPR.
- Never "play through" an injury. Get immediate help from a coach or trainer and be sure to mention everything that hurts or aches. All coaches should have a plan for dealing with emergencies.
- If you're playing outside, wear sunscreen that is SPF 30 or higher.
- Follow the rules. In most sports, the rules are based not only on sportsmanship, but safety.

Last but not least: stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water before and during the activity, and rest frequently during hot weather. A child can lose up to a quart of sweat during two hours of exercise, and kids get overheated more quickly than adults and cannot cool down as easily.

### Play Safer - Smarter - Stronger - Faster

Youth athletes (1st - 6th grades), along with their parents and coaches, are invited to join us for the **RWJ Annual Sports Safety Clinic** at the Somerset Patriots TD Bank Ball Park on April 23rd.

For more information or to register, visit [www.rwjtrauma.org](http://www.rwjtrauma.org) or [www.facebook.com/safekidsmc](https://www.facebook.com/safekidsmc)

## Join the Line Up Now - Register Today

### PRE-GAME SPORTS SAFETY CLINIC

for 1st - 6th grade youth athletes, parents, and coaches

### PLAY SAFER - SMARTER - STRONGER - FASTER

Sunday, April 23rd | Somerset Patriots TD Bank Ballpark

(Rain Date - June 4th)

10:00 a.m. - Registration | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Clinic

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pre-game Autograph Session with Patriots Players

Post game - Kids can run the bases!

#### THE LINE-UP:

Play Head Smart (Concussion)  
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#### Attention Coaches - Join the Team Challenge

Pre-register your team, attend the event and be eligible for an amazing team prize.

#### Questions call 732-418-8026

To participate in the clinic, you must have tickets for the Patriots game.

To purchase discounted game tickets and register for the Clinic go to:

<http://www.somersetpatriots.com/tickets/groups> and click the "Group Portal Login" button on the bottom right of the screen.

Use code: **RWJBSSC**



All athletes who pre-register will receive a tote bag filled with exciting giveaways!

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**The Dunellen Report**  
Attn: Councilman Cilento  
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## Faber School Jumps for Heart Health



*Pictured: Gabriela Zumbado, Madeline Portik and Brandon Lieu  
Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby*

Faber School students and Dunellen school staff have shown that they care about hearts and being heart healthy by participating in “Jump Rope for Heart” and “Wear Red for Women” which are sponsored by the American Heart Association.

During gym classes the students participated in a variety of heart healthy exercises and raised money to help the American Heart Association raise money to help fund research and educational initiatives about heart health, which can save lives. The students are also learning about their heart health and how to participate in a community service project. These activities help students realize how important they are to helping the world around them and keeping everyone safe and healthy

According to gym teacher, Sue Gavin, “this is a great annual event that helps students realize how they can help others and make a change in the world. This event also allows students to learn about heart health and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.” The students and staff has raised over \$9,500.00 this year for the American Heart Association.

## Dental Health Month is Important at Faber School



*Dr. Sheenan showing how to properly brush your teeth.*

*Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby*

The snow did not stop the students and staff at Faber School from learning about dental

health, on Friday February 10, 2017. Dr. Carolyn Sheenan, from Distinctive Dentistry came to school to teach the students about their teeth.

Dr. Sheenan, who grew up in Dunellen, and practices dentistry in Dunellen, was thrilled to come and teach the students and staff how to keep their gums and teeth healthy. She reviewed why flossing is important, how to brush correctly and why this is important. She used a puppet to help demonstrate proper brushing techniques.

According to school nurse, Anne North, “it is important that students learn that brushing their teeth is part of staying healthy and also how to properly brush their teeth.” Students left the assembly with a bag of goodies to help keep their teeth clean and healthy.

## Three Easy Steps for Sustainable and Long Term Health!

Submitted by Marcie Tyson, Dunellen Report Contributor and Resident

### 3 EASY STEPS



**America Is Having A Health Crisis ...** and it's totally preventable. The number of people with a chronic disease is increasing, health care costs are increasing, and children with type 2 diabetes – unusual in the past – is increasing because as a nation, we are increasingly **OVERWEIGHT!**

Being overweight or obese increases risk of diabetes, coronary artery and heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, lipid disorders (higher cholesterol and triglycerides and lower DHL “good” cholesterol), gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, as well as certain cancers.

Making the changes necessary for a healthier life can be overwhelming. Not sure where to start? Here's a simple solution:

#### 5 – 5 – 15 GO!

#### Eat 5 Fruits And Vegetables A Day

• Besides being good for you, replacing other high calorie foods with more fruits and vegetables will help you reduce your daily caloric intake without feeling deprived.

#### Lose 10 Pounds In A Year

• You can lose 10 pounds in a year by eliminating just 100 calories a day, either by reducing the number of calories you eat ... or increasing the number of calories you burn.

#### Exercise For 15 Minutes On Most Days Of The Week

• While many of us can't find the time for a full hour of daily exercise, everyone can carve out 15 minutes sometime during their day.

**5 – 10 – 15 ... GO!** sets attainable goals. Resolving to look like a super model, lose 50 pounds in 6 months, or exercise every day for an hour aren't realistic - sustainable - goals. Making smaller, less intimidating changes can slowly lead to lifestyle changes that can be sustained over the long term.

## Annual Pasta Festival

Sponsored by the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club

Date: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Zupko's Café, 450 North Ave, Dunellen

All you can eat: Adults \$10.00; Children 4 – 12 \$5.00;

below 4 years, eat free

Proceeds benefit Dunellen & Green Brook

High School graduating Seniors

Info: Call Jesse Lacerda, 908-578-1167



## Dunellen Government Directory

[www.dunellen-nj.gov](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov)

All Council meetings are in the Municipal Council Chambers, on the first and third Monday of the month, located at 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

### 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 (R)**

jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov  
Recreation and Senior Citizens  
Term expires: December 31, 2019

**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, 2019

### 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**

**Lauren Darr, Deputy Registrar**  
355 North Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812  
732-968-3033 • 732-968-8605 (Fax)

### Construction Office

**Scott Luthman, Construction Officer**  
Office: Pale green 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 pale green 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

## 2017 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.

Monday, January 9	Monday, April 3	Monday, July 3	Monday, November 6
Monday, January 23	Monday, April 17	Monday, August 7	Monday, November 20
Monday, February 6	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, September 5	Monday, December 4
Tuesday, February 21	Monday, May 15	Monday, September 18	Monday, December 18
Monday, March 6	Monday, June 5	Monday, October 2	Monday, January 1, 2018 @ noon
Monday, March 20	Monday, June 19	Monday, October 16	

## Dunellen Skylight Theatre to present 'Broadway Bonanza'

A wagon train full of singers and dancers are rolling into town for a dinner theater performance of Broadway Bonanza. This lighthearted original tale is set in the Wild West and is woven around a selection of songs from some of Broadway's best-loved musicals. The chuck wagon style dinner buffet will be sure to satisfy and don't forget your dancing shoes for the line dancing during intermission. ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the downstairs auditorium of St. John's Church in Dunellen. TICKETS: \$30 per person, \$55 per couple, or \$200 for a table for 8. To pay by

credit card, please make your purchase online at least 2 days before the event. For more details or to purchase tickets, visit [www.dunellenskylighttheatre.com](http://www.dunellenskylighttheatre.com). We're on Facebook: @SkylightTheatre and twitter: @DunSkylight. If you have a question, please email: [dunellenskylight@yahoo.com](mailto:dunellenskylight@yahoo.com)

All proceeds from this performance will support the St. Johns Music Ministry and will help defray the cost of producing DSTP's 2017 summer musical. Dunellen Skylight Theatre Productions is a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization.

## Dunellen Skylight Theatre to hold Auditions

Auditions for the Dunellen Skylight Theatre 2017 summer musical 'Little Shop of Horrors', directed by Chris Guell, will be held by on June 1 & 2, with call backs on June 3. Please check

the website [www.DunellenSkylightTheatre.com](http://www.DunellenSkylightTheatre.com) for information on the location and times, and details for what to prepare and bring with you to the audition.

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Fri & Sat 11:30am-Midnight  
Sunday 12:00pm-9:00pm

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