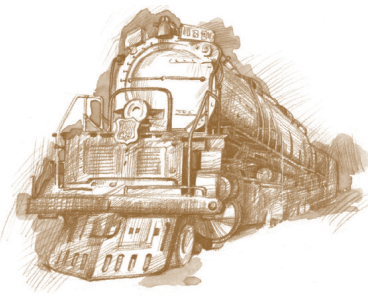


The Dunellen



Report

Another Great Year For Dunellen's Annual Halloween Parade!

We had a nice turn out on a beautiful day on Sunday Oct 30th. The Parade started at LMS and marched to Washington Memorial Park. We had approx. 110 children in the parade. The Grand Marshal was Pat Kime, Dunellen Resident and Retired John P. Faber School Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher. Here are some pictures from the Parade.



Best Pre School Group the Abroscat's



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Knight Family

Holiday Spirit Lines North Avenue In Dunellen

Submitted by The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization



DDMO Member Adam Gordon decorates a Christmas Tree at the corner of North Washington Ave and North Ave/Rt. 28

On December 3, 2016, the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization (DDMO) placed 13 balsam firs along North Avenue /Route 28 in Dunellen's central business district to start off the Holiday Season! The DDMO has a mission to improve the economy, appearance and image of Dunellen's central business district through the organization of local citizens and resources.

The 13 balsam firs were purchased with assistance of the Dunellen Fire Co. No. 1 through their Christmas tree vendors, Brown Trees Farm in Pennsylvania. The trees were placed at several intersection in downtown Dunellen. They were placed in pots that look like wood, decorated

with red bows and Christmas ornaments. Members of the DDMO and the Girl Scouts placed the trees and decorated them.

Funding for project came from the monies raised from the DDMO's annual Dunellen HarvestFest. The wonderful addition to the downtown during the Holiday Season by the DDMO improves the appearance of the downtown and allows the DDMO to fulfill its mission. Thank you to all who were involved in getting the trees and decorating them! The DDMO is looking forward to next year's beautification project!

The DDMO meets every third Wednesday at the Arts Annex. Those interested in joining can contact the DDMO at dunellenmanagement@dunellenborough.com.



Decorated Christmas Tree at the corner of North Washington Ave and Front Street

Dunellen Recreations 65th Annual March Of Dimes Tournament

Submitted by the Dunellen Recreation Department

The Dunellen Recreation Department is celebrating its 65th Annual March of Dimes & Felix Gavornik Scholarship Fund Basketball Tournament. The event is open to 7th and 8th Grade boys and girls basketball teams from across the State of New Jersey.

This single-elimination tournament will commence on Thursday, January 26, 2017 and conclude the following weekend with semifinals and championship games. Games will be played at the John P. Faber Elementary School and Dunellen High School. The tournament is governed by the 2016-2017 National Federation High School Basketball

Rules.

This event is a fundraising tournament for the Felix Gavornik Scholarship in which the Recreation Commission presents to two graduating Dunellen High School Seniors monetary scholarships for college each year at the Graduation Ceremony in Washington Memorial Park.

For more information on the tournament call Alex Miller, Recreation Director, at (732) 968-3033, ext.8. We hope to you can make it out to root on our Dunellen players while also supporting a long Dunellen tradition and good cause!

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Small In Size, Big In Presence. Dunellen PBA Moves Forward

Submitted by Dunellen PBA, Local 146



Dunellen Sergeant John Doherty and Officer Marchin Nierodzik, along with Dunellen PBA State Delegate, Joe Dudley receive their awards

For those unfamiliar with what a PBA is or does, the Policeman's Benevolent Association serves as both a means of support for the officers in its membership and also to the community as a whole. Dunellen PBA, comprised of the 16 members of the Dunellen Borough Police Department is easily one of the smaller locals throughout New Jersey, yet still finds a way to play bigger roles in its own community and throughout New Jersey.

Dunellen PBA contributes and supports numerous causes and events throughout its community such as athletic programs, school programs and the now annual "National Night Out" and "Trunk or Treat" events. The Dunellen Local has been participating in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics" around Memorial Day for years now. Local 146 has been teaming up with Middlesex PBA Local 181 and local Restaurateur, John Ellery. Over those years the amount of money has risen to new heights and in 2016, boasted total fundraising to \$48,000.00.

In 2016, Dunellen PBA once again had members represented and honored at the New Jersey State PBA Valor Awards in Atlantic City. The Valor Awards are a celebration of heroism and accom-

plishments of PBA Members in Law Enforcement throughout the State. This year, Sergeant John Doherty and Officer Marchin Nierodzik of Local 146 were honored with lifesaving awards. The officers, finding a fully engulfed house fire, acted quickly to rescue two people from a second floor window using a ladder they took from a work van. The officers received their awards to a raucous applause in a room of 950+ law officers from throughout the Garden State. And Dunellen PBA State Delegate, Joe Dudley was named "New Jersey State PBA Member of the Year" by the New Jersey State PBA.

The award, decided upon by the State PBA President and Executive Vice-President, is selected from the over 33,000+ members of the PBA statewide and is based on the work and dedication shown to the members own local and to the County and State PBA's as well. Proof that an organization, not just a PBA, but any organization, doesn't have to have a vast roster or endless resources to make a difference. The dedication of members, commitment to service and a passion for the task at hand is all any group needs to be successful and contribute. Dunellen PBA may be small in size, but its shadow casts a little larger these days.

Sydney McLaughlin Receives Additional Honors

By Heidi Helelniak, courtesy of www.Dunellen411.com



Dunellen athlete Sydney McLaughlin has added two more awards to her list of recognitions.

The USA Track & Field Association (USATF) named the Olympian and world junior record holder Youth Athlete of the Year. She will be honored, along with eight-time 2016

WMA gold medalist Irene Obera who was chosen to be Masters Athlete of the Year, on Saturday, December 3, at the Jesse Owens Awards in Orlando, Florida.

"This has been the most incredible year of my life," McLaughlin told USATF. "I couldn't

have achieved what I did this year without the constant support and guidance of my parents, my brother, and my coach and teammates. I'd like to thank USATF for this amazing honor, as well as all the fans who voted for me."

McLaughlin and fellow countryman Noah Lyles were selected by numerous sports journalists as the North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association (NACAC) junior athletes of the year.

The seventeen-year-old Union Catholic senior recently announced her intention to attend the University of Kentucky next year. However, she is currently concentrating on getting ready for the Winter Indoor Track and Field season. Practices started last week.

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,
Monday, March 20	Monday, June 19	Monday, October 16	2018 @ noon

Dunellen Government Directory

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

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rseader@dunellen-nj.gov
Term expires: December 31, 2019

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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
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Registrar

Hours: M-F, 9 am - 3 pm, and by appointment.
William M. Robins, CMR, Dunellen Municipal Registrar

Lauren Darr, Deputy Registrar
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Scott Luthman, Construction Officer
Office: Pale green building on Prospect Avenue, off Skinner Plaza
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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**
- **Robert Krause • Thomas D'Amico**
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- **Adam Gordon**
- **Scott Luthman, Secretary**
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Rotary Continues Tradition Of Giving Dictionaries To Dunellen Grammar School

Submitted by the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club



Each year, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club gives dictionaries to local third-grade students at John P. Faber School in Dunellen. Pictured left to right are Rotarians Theresa Talian, Dale Granberg and William M. Robins, accompanied by John P. Faber Elementary School Third-Grade Teacher Cheryl O'Neill. 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 peo-

ple 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, or call Club President Paul Spera at 732-921-5865.

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Faber School 2016 Winter Concert



Aaliyah Nieves is singing her solo and surrounded by the small group.

Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby

On December 14, 2016 Faber School's band and choir treated the community to a winter concert. The choir is directed by Mrs. Michelle Gomes and the band is directed by Mrs. Terri Anastasi. Mrs. Kelly Vetter and her art students also helped to create a festive feel to the All Purpose room by decorating it.

The fourth grade band kicked off the exciting performances and showed the audience all that they have learned since the middle of September. The entire fourth grade band started with Hot Cross Buns. The trumpet section then showed their talent by playing Merrily We Roll Along. After them the clarinet section played Lightly Row. Saxophone and French horn sections played Go Tell Aunt Rhody. The flute section played A Happy Tune and the trombone and baritone horn sections played Good King Wenceslas. The percussion section finished off the showcase of each section with an exciting Improv. After that the fifth grade band delighted the audience

with Megaforce and Royal March. According to the band director, Teri Anastasi: "it is exciting to see how much the students have learned and improved their musical talent since September."

After a brief intermission the choir took the stage. The choir sang about various winter holidays. They delighted the audience with their talent. The first song was Just One Candle. This featured soloist Aaliyah Nieves and a small group with Valeria Fonseca, Shreya Iyer, Lilly Martin, Genevieve Sa-Onoy, Sulayman Khan and Elisa Lizardo. The entire choir then sang: Hanukkah Festival, O Arbol De Navidad (Oh Christmas Tree), Kwanzaa and Here Comes the Snow. At the end of Here Comes the Snow, the choir members had snow falling on them. According to Mrs. Gomes, vocal director: "the choir has been working hard to create an excellent program. They should be extremely proud of their hard work and dedication."

The Winter Blues

Submitted by Marcie Tyson, Dunellen Resident and Contributor



As the temperature drops and the days get shorter, many of us suffer from some degree of winter depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Countless more have a less severe form of SAD known as the **WINTER BLUES**.

SAD occurs when there is less daylight. Serotonin (a hormone associated with elevating your mood) increases with exposure to bright light. Melatonin (a sleep hormone) increases with darkness. For some people, the body's internal clock that regulates when to be asleep or awake is disrupted by the reduced level of sunlight in fall and winter. These changes can lead to varying degrees of depression.

Signs of SAD include:

- Weight gain, often due to craving sweets or carbohydrates and overeating
- Negative mood changes: feeling more grumpy, moody, depressed, having trouble concentrating, unusually irritable, tense or stressed
- Increased lethargy (listless and unenergetic) or increased sleepiness

Try these tips to help you cope with the SAD days of winter:

GET SOME LIGHT.

Whether from a natural or artificial source, light therapy is effective in lessening symptoms in the majority of SAD sufferers.

- So ... get some sun! Daily exposure to as much natural daylight as possible, especially at mid-

day, helps. Raise the blinds and let the light shine in. Go outside to reset your biological clock and let the natural sunshine counteract SAD.

- Or ... use a Light Box (phototherapy). While exposure to natural sunlight is considered the best form of light therapy, it's not always possible to get outdoors. Artificial sunlight from a special light box that provides full spectrum light can be an effective alternative.

EAT HEALTHY

- Enjoy comfort foods that are full of healthy, complex carbohydrates: lentil, minestrone or split pea soups, whole grain bread with peanut butter, oatmeal topped with raisins or bananas.
- Eat foods naturally high in omega-3 fatty acids: salmon, fresh tuna, walnuts, beans or pumpkin seeds.
- Remember your fluids. The dry winter outside air and forced inside air heat remove the moisture from your body. Drink plenty of water, herb tea, fruit juice or low fat milk throughout the day.

EXERCISE

Exercise is a natural stress-buster and mood-lifter.

- Establish an exercise plan before the winter "blahs" get to you. Choose inside or outdoor activities: it doesn't matter as long as you keep moving.

Be willing to ask for **HELP**. If self-help strategies like light therapy, eating healthy and getting daily exercise aren't helping, counseling or medication may be appropriate for some SAD sufferers.

Third Grade Hosts First Annual Invention Convention



Third Graders Madesyn Rodrigues and Jackson Gendrano explain their inventions

Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby

The Third Graders at Faber School in Dunellen, NJ recently participated in the First Annual Invention Convention held at the school on Friday October 28, 2016. After reading a story from their reading series about Mary Anderson, the inventor of the windshield wiper, the students were given the task of making their own inventions.

In order to make their inventions students were asked to look for things that "bug" them and create a solution for the problem. Many useful ideas were presented during the convention, including a stroller that carries nine passengers, a waterproof backpack protector, and a prototype contraption called the "Happy Parent 500" that turns cold bath water back into hot water. There were also inventions to help

with the perfect manicure, emergency lighting and keeping toothbrushes clean and organized. According to the third grade team: "The boys and girls did an outstanding and very creative job and had fun presenting their inventions to many guests including parents, administrators, and local dignitaries."

The students shared what their invention was, why they created it and how it could help to all who attended. Learning about inventions is an important part of the STEM Learning standards (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Through their inventions students learned about the importance of the design process. They also learned how important it is to share great ideas with the people around them.

2017 Dunellen Recreation & Little League Baseball

Dunellen Recreation Baseball and Little League are together as one program now
Spring Baseball and Softball League

REGISTRATION FORM

Dunellen Recreation Department 355 North Ave. Dunellen, NJ. 08812

Phone: 732-968-3033 X8 or Email: amiller@dunellenborough.com

Registration Details:

- Players must be Age of 4 by April 30, 2017 in order to register.
- Registration Deadline is February 26th 2017. (Non resident or late fee add \$15.00)
- Register by mail or Rec mail box: Send in the registration form and check made out to Dunellen Recreation Dept. 355 North Ave. Dunellen, NJ.08812

- On February 26th we will be hold player evaluation for **baseball players 7 to 12 year olds** for player placement @ DHS Gym

Evaluation time slot

- 12:30 pm (7 year olds) 1:45 pm (8 year olds) 3 pm (9-12 year olds)
- * Player wear athletic clothing, sneakers, protective wear, bring glove and bat.

CIRCLE ONE

- T-Ball : 4 and 5 year old \$ 55.00
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- AA Baseball 7 and 8 year old (coach & kid pitch) \$ 80.00
- Minor League: 8, and 9 year old (kid pitch) \$ 80.00
- Major League: 11, and 12 year old (kid pitch) \$80.00
- 2nd thru 6th grade softball \$80.00

Winter Baseball and Softball Training for players 7-12 years old

- February 4th @ DHS gym : 7 - 8 yr old 1-2 pm and 9-12 yr old 2-3 pm
- February 11th @ DHS gym : 7 - 8 yr old 1-2 pm and 9-12 yr old 2-3 pm
- February 18th @ DHS gym : 7 - 8 yr old 1-2 pm and 9-12 yr old 2-3 pm
- Player wear athletic clothing, sneakers, protective wear, bring glove and bat.

Important Dates

- Register Deadline February 26th 2017
- First Games April 1st 2017
- Baseball/Softball Parade April 8th 2017

Games will be played in Dunellen, Green Brook, Middlesex, and South Bound Brook

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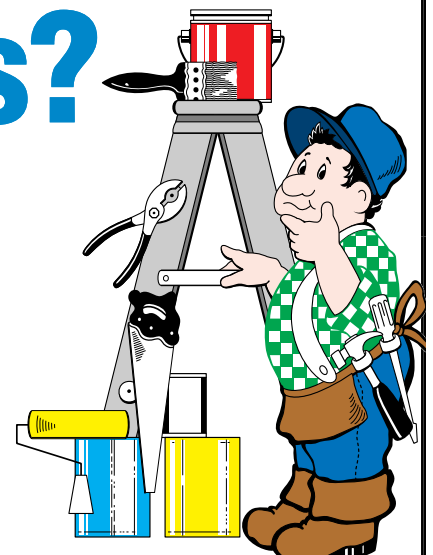
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The Friends Of The Dunellen Public Library

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Health Department REMINDER:

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To Qualify for a License in 2017 you must meet the following:

- Dog: Rabies Expiration Date has to be VALID until October 31, 2017 or license will NOT be issued as per the State of New Jersey.
- Cat: Rabies Expiration Date has to be VALID until February 28, 2018 or license will NOT be issued per the State of New Jersey.

Dunellen Report Information:

The Dunellen Report is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Please remember that if you are going to submit dates for events and/or articles, send them to us by the 1st of the preceding month. All material will be edited for content and suitability. You may submit by email at: dunellenreport@dunellenborough.net, or by mail:

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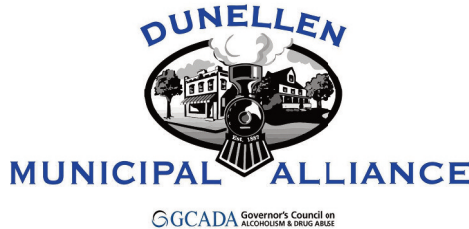
What Are Your Thoughts?
We want to hear from you!

Project Sticker Shock Brings Awareness To Underage Drinking

By: Elizabeth Willoughby, Dunellen Municipal Alliance Member



Pictured: Representatives from Cellar Youth Group; Dunellen Liquors; Maggie Murray's Pub House, Dunellen Municipal Alliance and Wellspring Center for Prevention.
Photo Credit: Diana Starace



The Dunellen Municipal Alliance, in collaboration with the Middlesex County Coalition for Healthy Communities, sponsored "Project Sticker Shock", a campaign designed to raise awareness about underage drinking and youth access to alcohol. Alcohol has been identified as the #1 drug of choice among youth, and accorded to surveys, is one of the easiest to obtain.

Youth and adult leaders, along with teen members of Dunellen's 1st Presbyterian Church "Cellar" group, attended a fun and engaging educational session about underage drinking and the risks associated with it on Friday evening,

November 18. The next morning, they visited Dunellen Liquors and Maggie Murray's Pub House to place bright green stickers on multi-packs of beer, wine coolers and other alcoholic products that appeal to underage drinkers. The stickers were printed with the reminder: "KEEP IT LEGAL! It's ILLEGAL to buy alcohol for youth under age 21. The penalty is up to 6 Months Jail Time + \$1,000 Fine."

The first Sticker Shock project was designed by a group of youth in Pennsylvania in 1998 and now is promoted nationwide. In NJ, this evidence-based environmental strategy was originally promoted by the New Jersey Prevention Network to educate the public and change community attitudes about selling and serving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

For more information regarding the youth events or membership, residents can contact Diana Starace or Terri Albertson at dunellenma@gmail.com.

Dunellen Municipal Alliance 2017 Meeting Dates

Dunellen Municipal Alliance has announced its meeting schedule for 2017. The dates are as follows:

January 24	February 28
March 28	April 25
May 23	June 27
September 26	October 24
November 28	December 26

All of the meetings are held at the Community Bible Church (formerly Whittier School) on the corner of New Market Road and Whittier Avenue and start at 4 p.m.

The Municipal Alliance is a community

based volunteer organization representing families, schools and businesses along with faith based and nonprofit organizations in Dunellen. Working together, Alliance members implement a strategic plan to decrease misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, especially as they relate to our youth.

For more information about the Municipal Alliance or if you would like to join contact: Diana Starace and Terri Albertson at: dunellenma@gmail.com. Whether you are a teenager, or just think like one, we would love to hear from you.

Dunellen Municipal Alliance to Host Teen Nights

Submitted by the Dunellen Municipal Alliance

The Dunellen Municipal Alliance will be hosting 1st Saturday events for teens beginning on January 7th. Events will be held at the Community Center (aka The Senior Center) at Columbia Park.

Fun activities are planned to help give teens something to do in a safe substance free environment. Each month we will do something unique.

Upcoming events include cooking lessons, open mic night, sing along movie nights, and game nights. Events are free and include complimentary snacks and beverages.

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