

The Dunellen Report



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Mayor Seader's Reorganization Meeting Speech

January 1, 2019

"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.

2018 was an eventful year for Dunellen and I am sure that 2019 will be even more noteworthy. Last January 1st, I told you that big changes would be coming to Dunellen that will affect the future of our town and benefit all of us who live and work here. Today I will tell you what these changes have been and what we all can look forward to.

First, I would like to thank Jeremy Lowder for his hard work as Councilman for all the people of Dunellen. Jeremy donated much time and professional expertise to solving electrical and building repair for the borough. I know that he will continue to participate in some programs that he helped initiate such as a comprehensive stream cleaning program. And, we all appreciate that he is one of the best Fire Chiefs that I have had the privilege of working with.

I would also like to thank Ken Baudendistel who is today retiring after eighteen years on the Dunellen Borough Council. Ken's dream has always been to make downtown Dunellen an attractive and prosperous place for its residents and visitors to shop and walk. He was instrumental in shepherding Dunellen's designation as a Transit Village and his continued work on the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission and Dunellen Downtown Management Organization will help ensure that Dunellen maintains its amazing redevelopment progress.

I welcome our newest Council persons, April Burke and Stacy Narvesen, and I look forward to working with them, and the entire Dunellen Borough Council, to ensure that Dunellen is a safe, inviting, and a flourishing place to work, live, and raise our families.

Two pivotal events transpired in Dunellen in 2018, both of which are likely to transform our town and enable us to boldly stride into the future. They are the ongoing transformation of the old Art Color Complex into a mixed-use residential and retail site, and the smooth and successful revaluation of our residential and commercial properties.

As you all know by now, the Art Color Printing Company was a major printing plant in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. It produced much of the colored inserts for newspapers and printed many magazines including True Detective and TV Guide, and at its height, it employed over 1,000 people from Dunellen and surrounding towns and probably had as

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Goals and Objectives for 2019, March Update

Mayor Robert J. Seader



Mayor Seader

In this edition of The Dunellen Report, I will be presenting you an update on my Goals and Objectives for 2019 first presented in January 2019.

A goal is where we want to go, what we want to accomplish. An objective is a specific means for getting to the goal. A goal is a target; an objective is a tangible mechanism for achieving the goal.

My primary goal is the upgrading and modernization of Columbia Park. As you will remember, in 2016, I successfully prevailed upon the Middlesex County Freeholders to build upon what we started in 2004. That rehabilitated Columbia Park included baseball fields, a football field, a walking path, a running track, high jump and pole vault pits, a concession stand, tennis courts, a new grand stand, and a combined senior center and locker rooms for student athletes. It is now 15 years later and some of the facilities need repair and upgrades. So, I requested that the Freeholders devote some monies from the Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Open Space grant"), and again help the borough, and in 2016 we received \$1,400,000 from this grant.

Over the past two years, we have made plans to put artificial turf on the football field, and to completely reconstruct the tennis courts. I am pleased to tell you that we will soon be soliciting bids for the tennis courts. Work should begin on the courts in early summer. Furthermore, we have applied for a NJ Department of Environmental Protection permit to place water reserves under the football field, for irrigation purposes, and the plans for the construction of the field are almost complete. We are looking to July for work to begin.

Additional plans under consideration for Columbia Park are the resurfacing of the track, the construction of a Gazebo near the Senior Center Building, and a Flag Pole and plaque memorial to honor past Council President Frank T. Bieniek.

Another important concern for me is the mitigation of flooding in certain street intersections of Dunellen, and an application to FEMA to redraw the flood map so as to accurately delineate the flood areas in Dunellen. FEMA failed to do so when they imposed a new map on us in 2010. These

will be accomplished through a series of culvert projects (culverts are the pipes that carry the stream waters under the roadways). Over the many years, some of these culverts have become partially blocked, inhibiting the smooth flow of water from catch-basins downstream. We recently granted easements to Middlesex County so they can access the culvert at Pulaski Street, and plans are well underway for the culvert on South Madison Avenue near the Fire House. We are working on obtaining easements for the big Railroad Culvert Project under the tracks on South Avenue. There are new owners of this property located at and near Pedestal Pallet, and we have reached out to them.

My third major area of concern is potholes in general and roadway repaving on specific streets. Our Grove Street Roadway Improvement project is progressing, though we discovered a major sewer pipe break that needs to be repaired first. And, we hope to hear good news in May regarding our application to the NJ Department of Transportation for a roadway repair grant for South Madison Avenue. That will be the next street we pave. In good weather, our Department of Public Works travels the borough filling potholes.

My fourth goal is to make sure that all Dunellen property owners pay their fair share of taxes and not a dollar more than is necessary. Happily, the revaluation process went smoothly, and recent sales of houses have all proven to be very close to what the revaluation company assigned as the new, updated assessed value.

I look forward to the next issue of The Dunellen Report where I will give you an update on our activities toward accomplishing our goals in 2019. •



First Grade Teacher Wins Teacher of the Year at Faber



First Grade Teacher Nancy Cortese. Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby

First Grade Teacher, Nancy Cortese was named Teacher of the Year for John P. Faber School. Cortese has been teaching in Dunellen for 11 years. During that time, students and staff know they can depend on her for help and advice. She has been teaching for 19 years. In addition to teaching first grade, she has also taught kindergarten. Mrs. Cortese has been an asset to the school district. She is always willing to help anyone who needs it. According to the principal, Gary Lubisco, Jr. "I know I can always talk to Mrs. Cortese about curriculum issues and have her help teachers and students. She is an asset to Dunellen Public Schools. The students and staff enjoy working with her and learning from her." Mrs. Cortese was surprised to win and mentioned how she would not be an excellent teacher without the support of all of the staff at Faber School give to each other. •

Municipal Alliance

The Dunellen Municipal Alliance meetings will be every other month at the Dunellen Public Library (100 New Market Road). Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on the following dates: May 28, July 23, September 24, and November 26.

All meetings are open to the public. The Alliance also holds Teen Nights throughout the year amongst other programs that help the community. For more information please contact: Diana Starace and Terri Albertson at: dunellenma@gmail.com. •

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Photograph of nearly demolished Art Color property. This part of the project should be done by late Spring. Next steps are to install infrastructure and begin the building process.

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significant an impact on our development as did the rail road.

When the printing plant closed in the 1960's, the site became an under used facility for warehouses and light industries. Knowing what great potential the 19 acres holds for our future, the Dunellen Borough Council worked long and hard to attract a redeveloper who could, through a combination of upscale housing and retail stores, breathe new life into our downtown. Two years ago, we signed an agreement with Brudner Redevelopment Partners Urban Renewal, LLC., for them to build 130 town homes, 252 apartments, and a 9,000 square foot retail store. Demolition and environmental cleanup are about half-way done. The next steps will be to regrade the property and install underground electrical conduits and sewer pipes. Construction might begin as soon as Summer 2020. We are all looking forward, in just a few years, to welcoming up to 500 new residents to our community.

The second great event of 2018 was the town-wide Revaluation. When we first

decided to undertake such an enormous and potentially consequential task, we knew that we had to choose the right revaluation company, and that we needed to be very transparent with our residents and to communicate at each step of the process. I think we can all agree that the firm we selected, Appraisal Systems, Inc., fulfilled our request to them that they have multiple public meetings, a web site filled with explanatory material, and that their inspections be fair and minimally disruptive as they went house to house. Now that the revaluation is nearly complete, we are collectively pleased that it did not hurt nearly as much as we feared. Our Tax Assessor reports that the new assessments are reflective of current comparable sales and that all residents and property owners who wish have had the opportunity to speak directly to the company. Really, the whole process could not have gone smoother, and now we have real property values that fairly and accurately reflect today's market prices.

Though redevelopment and revaluation have been the biggest events in 2018, I'd like to mention a few other important projects. First, we have paved Prospect Avenue

and completed paving the northern section of Madison Avenue. In 2019, we hope to repave parts of Grove Street and to begin work on paving South Madison Avenue. We have signed agreements with Middlesex County for the repair of the Pulaski Street Culvert and we are working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on ways to clean debris from our brooks. And, best of all, from a Middlesex County Open Space grant, and with the assistance of the Dunellen School District, in summer 2019 we will be replacing the football field with artificial turf and completely redoing the tennis courts.

Now I would like to acknowledge some of the accomplishments of our municipal departments.

In 2018, the Dunellen Police Department welcomed Kevin Conduis and Keith Irons to the department, and you all had the privilege of observing our newest officer, Patrick Barry, take his Oath of Allegiance.

The Dunellen Rescue Squad responded to over 500 calls and does a fine job in our moments of need. Its members annually log many thousands of volunteer hours.

The Dunellen Fire Department does 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, National Night Out and Santa Around Town. The Fire Department also ran two well-attended Street Fairs on North Avenue. Congratulations to Chief Jeremy Lowder. Under the leadership of Alex Miller, the Recreation Department had an terrific year. He and the Recreation Commission oversaw many popular activities such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Memorial Day Parade, Summer Camp, the Halloween Parade, and the annual Tree Lighting in Washington Park. Altogether, there was substantial enrollment increase in all our Recreation sports programs.

The Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission had a successful Summer Arts Program and they hosted a popular Music in the Parks concert series. Councilman Jason Cilento helped establish a Sister-City relationship with the Val Tidone region of Northern Italy. The Playground Committee sponsored a Community Day cleanup in April and the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization's Sixth Annual HarvestFest was for a change rain-free and brought thousands

of people to Washington Memorial Park last October.

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 Deputy Court Administrator, 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 in addition to HarvestFest places hanging baskets on our North Avenue light poles; the Dunellen Municipal Alliance that helps inform our youth and their parents of the dangers of substance abuse; The Maurer House Committee which devotes tremendous energy and time to restoring the Maurer House on Mountainview Terrace and sponsors the annual Haunted Trail; 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 Dennis; George in Code Enforcement; Patti and Gail in our Tax Collection Office and Rich the Tax Assessor; Jamal in the Office of Emergency Management; Scott Olsen in Finance, Debbie in Accounts Payable; and Lauren, our Deputy Registrar who helped prepare 44 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 the year 2019 will be one of the most important in the history of Dunellen. As I walk about town, I feel an excitement in the air. Residents feel safer. The business climate is heating up. Community spirit is on the rise. Wonderful things are coming. I am pleased, grateful, and privileged to share Dunellen's great future with all of you. Thank you and Happy New Year! •

Dunellen Government Directory

www.dunellen-nj.gov

All council meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, on the first and third Monday of the month, located at 355 North Avenue, Dunellen.
Meeting commence at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

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Regular meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building. Board members: Roger Dornbierer (Chairman,) Kevin Bachorik, Thomas D'Amico, Barbara Seif, Randee Staats, Adam Gordon, Scott Luthman (Secretary,) Kenneth Bayer, and Robert Seader.

Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance, Zoning Violations, and Illegal Housing
George Deene
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Public Works

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Paint Drop Off: 2nd Saturday each month (8-12p.m.)
235 Hall St. Dunellen
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MCIA Division of Recycling

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1-800-488-6242 (hotline)
101 Interchange Plaza, Suite 202, Cranbury NJ 08512

Borough Council Meeting Dates:

All meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Meetings take place on the first and third Monday of the month. Upcoming Meetings: April 1, April 15, May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, and July 1.



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DACC 2018 Year End Wrap-Up

Here's what Dunellen's Art and Culture Commission accomplished last year!

Music in the Park

DACC held three free concerts in Washington Park this summer. Partial financial support was provided by the Dunellen Recreation Department. The events were well-attended and brought in a diverse crowd. Music acts: Rockabilly Roadhouse, Princesa, and Exit Row.

Art Classes

The second Summer Arts Camp was held at the Senior Center in Columbia Park from June 25-July 27, 2018. Dunellen resident Patrick Smith who is a full-time art teacher returned as the primary instructor. Participation increased by over 50%. The program is primarily self-funded by registration fees. This year, with funding provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State., we were able to add a bilingual assistant instructor Freddy Lau.

In addition to the art camp, DACC also offered two children's art programs. The first was a Spring Art Workshop on May 4, 2018 taught by DACC member Liz Lopez and the second was a Fall Mural Workshop on October 27, 2018 taught by Dunellen artist Brant Maslowski. Monies from the grant were also applied to these programs.

In addition to traditional marketing, DACC also promoted the art camp at the Easter Egg Hunt (and jellybean counting contest!) and at Middlesex County's Celebrate Middlesex County event, where children were able to draw and paint on mural boards.

Community Survey

Julie Grof presented the results from last

year's survey to the borough council in July.

Public Art

DACC is excited that Dunellen's first public space mural will be added to the Dunellen Library. The proposal was accepted by the library's board and is currently in the process of being created by Brant Maslowski.

Supervised by DACC members, local children designed a new look for the Prospect Avenue railing as part of our first Arts on the Block project. Painting was completed on May 26, 2018.

We also tested out placement of Adirondeck chairs by Cafe Nune to see if they would be used by residents, which they were.

#Twinning

Developing on a relationship that started at DACC's Founders Day celebration last October, Dunellen became a sister city to Castel San Giovanni and Borgonovo VT in the Val Tidone region of Italy (Emilia-Romagna).

To celebrate the twinning, children attending the summer art program created a mosaic. The original is now permanently displayed in the Dunellen Public Library and copies were presented to the mayors of both Italian towns in a public twinning ceremony held in August.

A display regarding the twinning relationship was exhibited in the Dunellen Public Library during September and on November 17, DACC hosted Val Tidone representative Elaine Januszewski at the Dunellen Public Library where she talked about the region, its vineyards, its history, and possible future partnerships.

History

On October 28, DACC hosted the premiere of NJTV's Drive By History's "Jersey Devil" episode at the Columbian Club of Dunellen. The television show's host Ken

Magos and featured guest Dr. Richard Veit, Chair of Monmouth University's Department of History and Anthropology answered questions from curious New Jerseyans wanting to know more about the true history of the Leeds' family and possible origin stories of the Jersey Devil.

Beyond DACC

In addition to working with the Dunellen Library and Recreation Department, we were delighted to add more partners.

DACC members met with the newly-created Playground Committee to share ideas. And hope to assist in the future. This summer, we walked with the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization to scope out possible sites for future parklets and murals.

And speaking of walking... we participated in the Memorial Day Parade this year!

DACC members also participated with Together North Jersey regarding the selection of Dunellen as a Transit Hub prototype. Members also attended creative place-making and economic development events (using their own funds) to learn what programs can be applied to Dunellen's needs.

On our Facebook page, DACC shares not only our own events but also those of nearby theatrical groups, galleries, and Dunellen High School. We partnered with Circle Players to help them create a "Theater and Eats" program with Dunellen restaurants. Our members are very active in the local arts community. You can see our art on display in galleries and watch us perform on stages around New Jersey.

Little Free Library

The first Dunellen tiny library was posted in Morecraft Park this fall. The idea which originally emerged from members

of the community sharing the ideas with one another. It was put into action through community members joining together, comprised of members of DACC, the Dunellen Public Library, the Municipal Alliance, and Dunellen Borough Council.

Artisan Summer Showcase

DACC had a booth at a co-sponsored showcase featuring local arts businesses, theatrical groups, and musicians at the Community Bible Church in August.

New Ambassador

Although we are happy that Julia Duggan, our first DACC high school ambassador enjoyed her first semester in college, we were sad to see her go. Our new ambassador is Laurel Hunnewell, a junior at DHS. She will be responsible for keeping DACC informed of what is going on regarding art, music, and drama in the high school, and also sharing DACC information with instructors and fellow students.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering with DACC or interested in support for your own project, please contact us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Dunellen-Arts-Culture-Commission-937684846336799/>), email: artsandculturecommission@dunellenborough.com Or reach out at one of DACC's events.

Donations

Art supplies currently needed are paper towels, polymer clay, jewelry beads, colored tissue paper, canvas, canvas board, and detail brushes. Event sponsorships and monetary donations are also welcomed.

HarvestFest



The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization is now accepting vendor applications for the 7th annual Dunellen HarvestFest in Washington Park (North Washington Avenue, between Dunellen Avenue and First Street), Dunellen NJ) on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 11am-4pm. This event will feature artists and crafters from around the Garden State, local non-profits, activities for kids, food, music, and more.

Participating in Dunellen's HarvestFest is rather affordable: starting at \$40 for a 10'x 10' non-food vendor space. DUNELLEN NONPROFITS RECEIVE A FREE SPACE (based on availability). Please note that this event is RAIN OR SHINE. For more info, please email: dunellenmanagement@dunellenborough.com or download the application at <http://tinyurl.com/dunellenharvest>. Applications are also available at the Dunellen Boro Hall Office.

Street Fair & Craft Show

Come downtown to support the Dunellen Defender Fire Co. No. 1 as they celebrate two street fairs again in 2019! The event showcases artists, crafters, vendors, food, rides, live music & more.

June Street Fair: Sunday, June 23rd at 11am to 5pm, along North Ave/Rt... 28, FREE admission for spectators.

September Street Fair: Sunday, September 29th at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., along North Ave/Rt. 28, FREE admission for spectators.

Interested vendors can get an application at www.StreetFairs.org. Email: info@StreetFairs.org Phone:(908) 654-1400.

Street Fair



Dunellen's Reorganization Meeting 1/1/19



Stacy Narvesen, newly elected Councilwoman to the Dunellen Borough Council, poses with her family.



Karl Geiger receives Citizen of the Year Award from the Borough Council. Congratulations, Karl!



April Burke, newly elected Councilwoman to the Dunellen Borough Council, poses with her family.



Laura Murray and family, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dunellen Borough Council. Thank you Murray Family!

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As part of Faber Schools Read Across America Week, elected officials came in and read to our students. They also taught the students about what they do.

The officials came in on Friday, March 1, 2019 to celebrate Read Across America. Some of the officials included: Sheriff Mildred Scott, Mayor Bob Seader, Councilwoman April Burke, Councilwoman Jessica Dunne, Councilwoman, Stacy Narvesen, Council President, Jason Cilento, John Osborn from the Dunellen Board of Education, Bill Robins, Borough Clerk, Sandra Kennedy from Provident Bank and Nancy Nagengast from Provident Bank.

Some of the officials have been coming to share the joy of reading to Faber School

for many years. The students look forward to seeing them in the school every year and talking with them about Dunellen and what they do outside of helping the residents of Dunellen. According to Media Specialist, Beth Willoughby, "this is an exciting way to wrap up the week for Read Across America. The students and staff enjoy having our elected officials come in and share stories that they enjoy. The students also can learn about what they do in their elected position and be inspired to run for office or work to help a town one day."

For more information on Faber School or to see more pictures visit us on Twitter @jpfaberschool.

Faber School Celebrates Reading With The Cat in the Hat

As part of Faber Schools Read Across America Week, First Grade Teacher Barbara Guhl was able to arrange for the Cat in the Hat to Visit on February 28, 2019. Faber was selected to for a visit from the famous cat through the NJEA (New Jersey Education Association).



Mrs. Guhl with her students and Cat in the Hat. Photo Credit: Elizabeth Willoughby

Students and staff were thrilled to meet one of their favorite characters, dance with the cat and take pictures.

In addition to this exciting visit, media specialist Beth Willoughby, arranged for every class to have a guest reader during the week. Readers included: High School students and staff members, the superintendent of schools, members of Dunellen Police Department, student athletes and coaches from Kean College, retired teachers, members of the community and our local elected officials. Students and staff were encouraged to participate in spirit days which included: Pajama Day for the Sleep Book, Hat Day for The Cat in the Hat,

wear a shirt you can read day for I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, wear something green for Green Eggs and Ham and wear your crazy socks for Fox in Socks. According to the media specialist: "Read Across America is a great celebration of reading and how our students enjoy reading. Students were able to learn what their teachers enjoy reading and share books that they have enjoyed with staff members and other students. They also were able to talk to members of the community and learn what they do that helps Dunellen."

For more information on Faber School or to see more pictures visit us on Twitter at jpfaberschool.

Kids and Exercise

Submitted By: Marcie Tyson, Contributor and Dunellen Resident

Everyone needs to EXERCISE. In addition to promoting weight loss or maintaining a healthy weight, physical activity increases stamina, flexibility and muscle strength. Regular exercise also relieves stress, anxiety and mild depression (kids get stressed too).

- **Limit television, video and computer games.** Let children and adults earn TV time: exchange an hour of exercise for an hour (or a half-hour) of TV viewing.

- **Buy the "stuff".** Choose birthday or holiday gifts that promote activity, such as roller blades, frisbees, a bike or scooter (don't forget the helmet), or a softball and glove.

- **Be a good role model.** If children see that you are active and having fun, they are more likely to be and stay active. Bike, or walk to the post office or convenience store instead of driving. Walk up the stairs instead of taking the elevator in the mall. Park at the far end of the parking lot at the supermarket. Take an exercise class.

- **Plan celebrations and vacations around active play.** Instead of movies and a pizza party, plan a party at a bowling alley,

miniature golf range or a roller rink. Take your family vacation (or plan a day trip) where there are walking or hiking trails, find a river where there is canoeing or rafting, or swim in the ocean waves.

- **Make exercise a family affair.** While gym class and recess provide some exercise time during the school day, parents also need to provide opportunities for physical activity. Take walks, bike rides or hikes together. Put music on and dance instead of watching TV after dinner. Everyone can do yard work, wash the car or help with the house cleaning. Reward accomplishments with praise and healthy treats.

- **Match the activity to the child.** While some children enjoy organized team sports, others prefer individual sports such as martial arts or tennis. For non-competitive children, exercise can still be fun: biking, swimming, roller blading or dancing will contribute to overall fitness. Remember, physical activity is any movement that uses energy ... jumping rope, playing tag and walking the dog are exercise too!

On the Occasion of Your Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Daniel Lucash



Daniel Lucash, Eagle Scout, members of Dunellen Borough Council and Mayor Seader.

115 service hours for his Eagle Project. His project was restriping the athletic parking lot at St. Joseph High School wherein he recruited 13 volunteers and worked over three weekends for the project's completion.

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Lucash has achieved the high rank of Eagle Scout and been honored by an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

NOW THEREFORE I, Robert J. Seader, Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen, extend sincere best wishes to Daniel Lucash on his achievement.

DATED: January 8, 2019.

WHEREAS, Daniel is a Junior at Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, Daniel is a member of the Saint Joseph High School Robotics, German, Video Gaming, and St. Christopher's Travelers Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Daniel is a two-times recipient of a varsity letter for Robotics and a varsity letter winner for band; and

WHEREAS, Daniel is a member of Troop 29 where was a 2015-2016 NTC Exchange Scout, a Quartermaster, and a Troop Guide; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has worked as a summer camp counselor and as a cashier at the Piscataway Shop Rite; and

WHEREAS, Daniel earned his Brown Belt in American Isshinryu martial arts; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has volunteered at different Somerville Elks children events and has traveled to West Virginia on a mission trip for Justice Worx, a program sponsored by the Center for FaithJustice; and

WHEREAS, Daniel plans to attend college and pursue a degree in Meteorology or Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has completed the requirements for Eagle Scout completing

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