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## Message from the Mayor

MAYOR JASON F. CILENTO  
April 2026

In this April Message from the Mayor, we recognize the dedicated volunteers who serve on the Borough of Dunellen's Boards

and Commissions in honor of National Volunteer Month, provide information on how residents can get involved, and preview upcoming events to welcome the spring season, including the Opening Day Parade & Ceremony, Volunteer Picnic Day, and a Mayoral Town Hall focused on volunteerism.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

April is National Volunteer Month, a meaningful opportunity to recognize the many residents who give their time and energy to making Dunellen a stronger community.

Across our borough, volunteers play an essential role in shaping daily life. From serving on boards and commissions to supporting community events and local initiatives, their contributions help keep Dunellen active, welcoming, and moving forward. Their efforts often happen behind the scenes, but the results are visible everywhere.

I am deeply grateful to those who already dedicate their time in service to our community. Your commitment reflects the very best of Dunellen and continues to make a

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## Dunellen Memorial Day Parade Returns – Honoring Our Veterans

Get ready, Dunellen! Our annual Memorial Day Parade is back and ready to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. The parade will kick off at 10:00 AM, on New Market Road, winding its way through town to celebrate our community and pay tribute to our veterans.

Residents are encouraged to bring a chair and find a spot along North Avenue to enjoy the procession. From sports teams to floats and local organizations, there will be plenty to see for the whole family.

Following the parade, attendees are invited to join the Memorial Day Ceremony at Washington Park, where we will gather to remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

**Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony**  
Monday, May 25

Parade Lineup - 9:30 AM | American Legion Post 119  
Parade Start - 10:00 AM

Ceremony - Directly following the Parade at Washington Memorial Park

All Scouts, Recreation Sports Teams, Youth Organizations, and High School Athletes are invited to march in the parade!

If your organization would like to have a float in the parade, contact Recreation Program Coordinator Kelly Seader at [kseader@dunellenborough.com](mailto:kseader@dunellenborough.com) by Monday, May 12.

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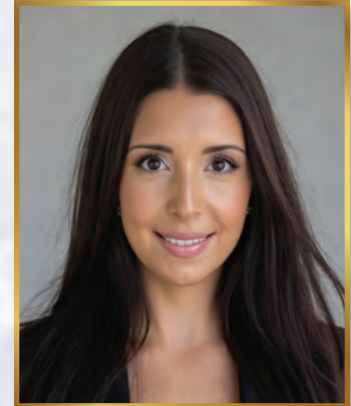
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## Message from the Mayor

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lasting difference for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

At the same time, we are always looking to welcome new volunteers. Getting involved is a meaningful way to connect with your neighbors, share your perspective, and play a direct role in the future of our borough. Even a small amount of time can have a lasting impact.

If you have been considering getting involved, now is a great time to take that first step. Together, we can continue building a community that reflects the strength, generosity, and spirit of its people.

### If you are interested in volunteering in our community, you can fill out the Borough of Dunellen's Volunteer Application in one of two ways;

- Complete a paper application, which is available at the Clerk's Office in Borough Hall, 355 North Avenue
- Apply online by visiting [www.Dunellen-NJ.gov/volunteering](http://www.Dunellen-NJ.gov/volunteering) or scanning the QR code

We proudly offer opportunities for individuals of all interests to get involved:

Dunellen Planning Board, Dunellen Library Board of Trustees; Shade Tree Commission; Dunellen Arts, Inclusion, & Culture Commission; Dunellen Downtown Management Organization; Dunellen Parks & Recreation Commission; Dunellen Municipal Alliance; Dunellen Parking Authority; Dunellen Fire Department; Dunellen Rescue Squad; Maurer House Restoration Committee; Mayor's Traffic & Pedestrian Task Force; Office of Emergency Management; Mayor's Cannabis Task Force; Dunellen Green Team Advisory Committee

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## Volunteer with the Borough of Dunellen!



Volunteers are the backbone of the Dunellen community and we would not be where we are today without the passionate efforts of our volunteers. Get involved today by applying to one of our many volunteer boards and commissions including:

- Dunellen Planning Board
- Dunellen Library Board of Trustees
- Dunellen Shade Tree Commission
- Dunellen Arts, Inclusion, & Culture Commission
- Dunellen Downtown Management Organization
- Dunellen Parks & Recreation Commission
- Dunellen Municipal Alliance
- Dunellen Parking Authority
- Dunellen Fire Department
- Dunellen Rescue Squad
- Maurer House Restoration Committee
- Mayor's Traffic & Pedestrian Task Force
- Office of Emergency Management
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Learn more and fill out the Borough's Volunteer Application at:  
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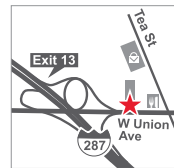


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## Message from the Mayor

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**Mayoral Town Hall - Volunteerism:** Join us on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the George W. Hodulik Firehouse for a Mayoral Town Hall focused on volunteerism in Dunellen. This event will highlight the many ways residents can get involved through our boards and commissions, with current volunteers sharing their experiences and the impact of their service. It is a great opportunity to learn how you can play a role in shaping our community. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/DunellenTownHall](http://tinyurl.com/DunellenTownHall).

**Opening Day Parade & Ceremony:** The Borough of Dunellen will mark Opening

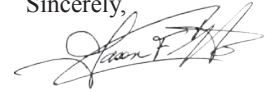
Day on Saturday, April 11, with the Recreation Department's annual parade and ceremony. The parade steps off at 10:00 AM from Washington Memorial Park, travels along N. Washington Avenue, and concludes at McCoy Park, where the Opening Ceremony will be held. We invite residents to line the route and show their support for our athletes, coaches, and local organizations as we kick off a new season together.

**Volunteer Picnic Day:** Following the Opening Day festivities on Saturday, April 11, join us at 11:00 AM at McCoy Park for our second annual Volunteer Picnic Day. Hosted by the Dunellen Parks and Recreation Department, the Borough Council, and the Mayor's Office,

this free, public event is a chance to recognize and celebrate the volunteers who contribute so much to our community. Come out, enjoy the afternoon, and help us thank those who help make Dunellen such a special place.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's Message from the Mayor. I am always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our residents. My Borough cell phone number is (732) 882-4551, and my email is [jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov](mailto:jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov).

Sincerely,



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen

## Dunellen Outings Community Committee (DOCC)

DOCC hibernated through most of the first quarter of 2026 and is ready to welcome spring with open arms! We hosted an event in January, in partnership with members from DAICC, to paint the first two panels of the new murals slated for the Prospect Avenue Bridge, honoring Dunellen's first responders. We had a great turnout, with about 16 volunteers, and were able to finish the first coat that night while enjoying pizza donated by DAICC. A special thank you to DAICC for including us in this project! We look forward to more events for this project in the future as the panels are ready.

Our next event was on March 19th at Planet Chicken for our first Night Out of the year. DOCC's Night Out events are scheduled throughout the year at various Dunellen establishments where the food is always delicious. Residents are invited to come and meet new neighbors, join in the fun, or just stop in to say hello. We hope to see you at our next Night Out!

The Walk and Talk with the Mayor events were gaining momentum when we paused for the winter. They are held on the first Saturday

of every month from April through November at 9:30 AM at Columbia Park. Meet us at the gazebo a couple of minutes prior. These walks are fun, leisurely, and very informative—usually consisting of one or two laps around the pathway. If you don't have a question to ask, that's okay; there's always great conversation.

Moving forward this year, be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page, DOCC – Dunellen Outings Community Committee, for information on our future events. In 2026, we're planning an event for moms, or a crafting event—possibly in May; plays in the park (Dunellen and Edison); Food Truck Night (August); our Annual Shopping Trip to Bethlehem, PA, this year (November); and a centerpiece crafting event in December/January for the Seniors Holiday Party. In between, you'll find our Nights Out. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

We love to hear feedback from our residents! If there's something you would like to see us present in the future, or if you have any questions, send us a note via our Facebook page, or you can email us at [dallen5296@verizon.net](mailto:dallen5296@verizon.net).



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## Dunellen High School Mural Unveiling Ceremony

Dunellen High School was excited to unveil its newest mural, Safe Driving: For Dunellen, By Dunellen, on March 23, 2026. Students at DHS have been working with the Nikhil Badlani Foundation, focusing their efforts on educating students about driver and pedestrian safety. The mural, created by 10th grade students, is now on display on the DHS 2nd floor by the Gymnasium.

In attendance at the ceremony were numerous DHS students, as well as representatives from the Dunellen Borough and the Dunellen School District. 12th grade students Autumn Humbert-Williams, Angie Lockhart, and Jackson Portik spoke about the efforts of the initiative and their participation in a Youth Advisory Board. They spoke to those gathered about their work teaching the students at Faber Elementary School as Safety Ambassadors. The lessons focus upon bicycle and pedestrian safety, the importance of wearing a helmet while riding, and the use of crosswalks around town. The students did a great job highlighting their work and gave a preview of where their efforts will next take them.



The Nikhil Badlani Foundation is a New Jersey organization committed to teen driving safety and has partnered with schools, state, and local authorities to promote awareness of traffic rules and improve traffic safety by spreading the

message "Drive Smart. Save a Life." Nikhil's Law was implemented in 2015 to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians. DHS is proud to partner with this group and looks forward to the positive change they can make in the future.



### Dunellen Memorial Day Parade: Floats Wanted!

Dunellen Recreation is calling all local organizations, teams, and community groups to join in the annual Memorial Day Parade! This beloved tradition honors our veterans and brings the community together for a festive celebration of remembrance and pride.

Those interested in marching in the parade or featuring a float are encouraged to reach out to Recreation Director Kelly Seder at [kseader@dunellenborough.com](mailto:kseader@dunellenborough.com) by May 4th. Don't miss the chance to showcase your group and be part of this cherished community event.

Mark your calendars and help us make this year's parade bigger and more memorable than ever!

### Sewer Tax Information

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## Celebrate Community at Volunteer Picnic Day

Dunellen Recreation invites residents to come together and celebrate the spirit of community at this year's Volunteer Picnic Day on Saturday, April 11, at 11:00 AM at McCoy Park, immediately following Opening Day festivities.

Volunteer Picnic Day is an opportunity for residents to learn more about the many individuals who dedicate their time and energy to making Dunellen a vibrant and welcoming place to live. From youth sports coaches and event organizers to behind-the-scenes helpers, volunteers play a vital role in supporting programs, events, and services throughout the year.

Have you ever wondered what our volunteers do, or thought about getting involved? This event offers the perfect chance to meet current volunteers, ask questions, and discover how you can be a part of something meaningful in the community.

Residents are also encouraged to stop by simply to show appreciation, enjoy the atmosphere, and help kick off the spring season. Whether you're looking to get involved or just want to say thank you, Volunteer Picnic Day is a great way to celebrate everything that makes Dunellen's "Miracle Mile" so special.

Join us at McCoy Park as we recognize the power of volunteerism and welcome the spring season together.



**DUNELLEN, N.J.**

# Volunteer Picnic Day

**Saturday, April 11 | 11:00 AM**  
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# DUNELLEN PARKS AND RECREATION

## Dunellen Recreation Summer Camp 2026 – Celebrating Over 50 Years of Summer Fun!

For more than 50 years, Dunellen Recreation Summer Camp has been a cherished tradition in the community, giving generations of children a place to spend their summers making friends, staying active, and creating lasting memories. As the program enters its next season, the Recreation Department is excited to welcome campers back for another summer filled with fun, creativity, and adventure.

Open to children ages 5–12, the Dunellen Recreation Summer Camp offers a safe, engaging environment where campers can explore new activities while enjoying many of the traditions that have made the program a local favorite for decades.

Each day at camp is packed with exciting activities designed to keep campers active and entertained. Children will enjoy playground playtime, organized games, team challenges, science experiments, scavenger hunts, water play, and movie days.

The camp is located at the Senior Center at Columbia Park and will run from June 15 through August 14. Camp hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with a late pickup option of 5:00 PM.

Summer 2026 is shaping up to be one of the most exciting seasons yet. Planned activities may include field trips to Runaway Rapids Waterpark and the Branchburg Sports Complex, as well as popular camp traditions like Movies and Pizza Fridays. Campers can also look forward to a variety of themed events, including Camp Olympics, Karaoke and Talent Show performances, dance glow parties, and the always-popular Christmas in July celebration.



Families can register campers by the week or by the day. Weekly registration is \$250 per week, while daily registration is available for \$60 per day. Families looking for the best value can also choose the full summer registration option.

An aftercare program is also available daily from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM for families who need extended hours. Aftercare costs \$30 per day, \$90 per week, or \$900 for the full season.

With more than five decades of summer memories and a full schedule of exciting activities planned, Dunellen Recreation Summer Camp continues to be one of the borough's most beloved programs. Registration for Dunellen Recreation Summer Camp 2026 is open, and space is limited. Families are encouraged to register early to secure their preferred weeks.

For more information or to register, visit the Dunellen Recreation Department's registration website: [www.DunellenParksandRecreation.com](http://www.DunellenParksandRecreation.com)

## Dunellen Recreation Kicks Off First-Ever Spring Break Camp

Dunellen Recreation brought a week of fun and excitement to the children of Dunellen with its inaugural Spring Break Camp from March 30 through April 3 at the Senior Center at Columbia Park. Designed for children ages 4–12, the camp offered a full schedule of activities that combined the best of recreation, creativity, and teamwork, giving campers a sneak peek at the popular summer camp experience.

Each day was packed with playground playtime, organized games, team challenges, scavenger hunts, and hands-on crafts. Weather permitting, campers also enjoyed outdoor fun, staying active while making new friends and building lasting memories.

Parents also appreciated the flexible options, including daily or weekly registrations, a sibling discount, and optional aftercare for those needing extended hours. Many families took advantage of the full-week program, ensuring their children had a consistent and engaging experience throughout the week.

The success of the Spring Break Camp has already sparked anticipation for future sessions, and Dunellen Recreation looks forward to continuing to provide enriching programs for the community's youth.

## Dunellen Recreation Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Families gathered at Columbia Park on Sunday, March 29, for the annual Dunellen Recreation Easter Egg Hunt, where local children enjoyed an afternoon filled with excitement, laughter, and springtime fun.

Dunellen children in Pre-K through 3rd grade took part in the festive event as thousands of colorful eggs filled the football field. When the hunt began at 1:00 PM, children eagerly raced across the field, collecting eggs and celebrating the thrill of the search.

A special highlight of the day was the arrival of the **Easter Bunny**, who made a grand entrance with an escort from the Dunellen Fire Department. The Easter Bunny greeted the excited crowd and remained after the hunt to take photos with children and families, creating memorable moments for many in attendance.

The event once again brought the community together and continued a cherished spring tradition in Dunellen. Dunellen Recreation would like to thank all who were involved for helping make the event a fun and successful afternoon for local families.





# DUNELLEN PARKS AND RECREATION

## Dunellen Recreation Youth Tennis Academy Returns This Spring

Dunellen Recreation is inviting young athletes to hit the courts this spring with its Spring Youth Tennis Academy, building on the borough's very popular structured tennis sessions. This five-week program is designed to introduce new players to the sport while helping developing players improve their skills in a fun and supportive environment.

The academy focuses on building a strong foundation in tennis through a variety of engaging activities and instruction. Participants will work on strategy and tactics, athletic movement, proper technique, and the mental aspects of the game, while also learning the importance of sportsmanship and character on and off the court.

The program will be led by Larry Dillon, PTR International Master of Tennis, Youth Development, USTA National Trainer, and USTA Eastern Lead Clinician. Dillon brings extensive experience in youth tennis instruction and player development.

The cost of the program is \$90 per player, which includes one five-week session on either Mondays or Saturdays.



For more information or questions about the Spring Youth Tennis Academy, residents can contact Recreation Director Kelly Seader at: [kseader@dunellenborough.com](mailto:kseader@dunellenborough.com)

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## Dunellen Recreation Wraps Up Successful Youth Basketball Season

Dunellen Recreation recently concluded another exciting youth basketball season, with students in grades 5-6 participating in weekly Saturday morning basketball sessions and Monday night games.

Throughout the season, players had the opportunity to build their basketball skills, learn the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship, and most importantly, have fun on the court. Saturday morning sessions focused on skill development, while Monday night games allowed players to put those skills into action in a friendly and supportive environment.

Dunellen Recreation would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the volunteer coaches who generously gave their time to support the program and guide the players throughout the season. Special thanks also go to Recreation Coaches Austin Clark and Deryn Watts for their dedication and leadership. Without their commitment, this season would not have been possible.

The hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by players and coaches truly represent what Dunellen Recreation Basketball is all about.

Looking ahead, Dunellen Recreation is exploring the possibility of having teams participate in a travel league next year, depending on coaching



availability. Anyone interested in potentially coaching a travel team is encouraged to contact Recreation Director Kelly Seader at [kseader@dunellenborough.com](mailto:kseader@dunellenborough.com).

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## Creative Night Out: DAICC's Paint & Sweets Night

Looking for a fun, relaxing night out in Dunellen? The Dunellen Arts, Inclusion & Culture Commission (DAICC) invites local adults to join their Paint & Sweets Night on Friday, May 15, at 7:00 PM.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned painter, this guided painting event is all about creativity, community, and a chance to enjoy a sweet escape from the everyday. Participants will receive a canvas, paint, and all supplies, along with expert instruction to guide their artistic journey.

This special evening will be hosted at Deli Cream, one of Dunellen's newest local businesses, located at 387 North Avenue. Guests can explore the welcoming space while creating their own masterpiece and enjoying delicious, sweet treats.

The cost to join is \$35 per person, and space is limited. A minimum number of participants is required, so early registration is encouraged.

To register, please go to:  
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**Paint & Sweets Night**

Friday, May 15 | 7:00 PM

**Deli Cream, 387 North Avenue, Dunellen**

Join the Dunellen Arts, Inclusion & Culture Commission for a fun and relaxing Paint & Sweets Night at Deli Cream! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced painter, this guided evening is all about creativity, community, and a great night out.

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### Unleash Creativity This Summer with DAICC Art Camps!

Dunellen children and teens have the perfect opportunity to dive into creativity this August with the Dunellen Arts, Inclusion, and Culture Commission's (DAICC) Summer Art Camps. Designed for ages 6–12 and teens, the camps offer a fun, hands-on approach to art for all skill levels.

#### Summer Art Camp for Ages 6–12

- Location:** Dunellen Senior Center in Columbia Park
- **Fee:** \$120 per week
- **Week 1:** August 17–21, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Week 2:** August 24–28, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Summer Art Camp for Teens

- Location:** Dunellen Senior Center in Columbia Park
- **Fee:** \$75 per week
- **Week 1:** August 17–21, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Week 2:** August 24–28, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Spaces are limited, so families are encouraged to register early for a summer full of creativity, learning, and fun with DAICC's art camps!

### VFW Auxiliary 80th Anniversary

At the March 16th Dunellen Borough Council Meeting, we were joined by members of the Tri-Boro Memorial VFW Auxiliary 5479 to celebrate the organization's 80th anniversary. Since its founding on March 24, 1946, the Auxiliary has proudly supported veterans, service members, and their families through volunteerism, fundraising, and patriotic programs. We thank and congratulate the members of the Auxiliary for eight decades of dedication, service, and commitment to those who have served our nation.

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## Dunellen Shade Tree Commission

In February, the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission sponsored a poetry contest at Dunellen High School to promote one of its core goals: highlighting the importance of trees in maintaining a healthy community. A total of 28 student submissions were evaluated based on poetic form, exploration of the value of trees, and use of metaphor, and the students did a terrific job overall. The contest served as a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the vital role trees play in our environment. The winner of the contest was Liana Huczak, who selected a \$50 gift card to the Greenbrook Pancake House as her prize. Congratulations, Liana!



## Dunellen Shade Tree Commission Upcoming Activities

This time of year is the beginning of the busy season for the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission.

- The Commission is working in collaboration with Ms. Gunther of the Gifted & Talented/Environmental Enrichment program at Faber Elementary School to develop an Arbor Day Celebration. The event will include activities where the first graders at Faber will learn about trees, the importance of environmental stewardship, and the need to care for trees in our community. The event will end with a tree planting ceremony.
- The Commission will be conducting low-branch pruning throughout town, along with a cleanup and planting at the two southern side railroad embankments on S. Washington Ave.
- The Commission is also working on a plan to develop and place tree identifiers on the trees within Washington Park, so visitors can learn about each tree species using a simple scan of a QR code.

Finally, Dunellen was awarded *Tree City USA* status for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, for its efforts to maintain an inventory and plant trees throughout town.

If you'd like to join the DSTC, please reach out to us at: [shadetree@dunellenborough.com](mailto:shadetree@dunellenborough.com).

**Current Shade Tree Commission members – one may be a neighbor:**



- Kenneth Baudendistel, Chairman
- Joe Cummins, Vice Chairman
- Jim Sweeney, Secretary
- Sue Butterworth, Commission Member
- Brianna Savage, Commission Member
- Robert Rios, Commission Member
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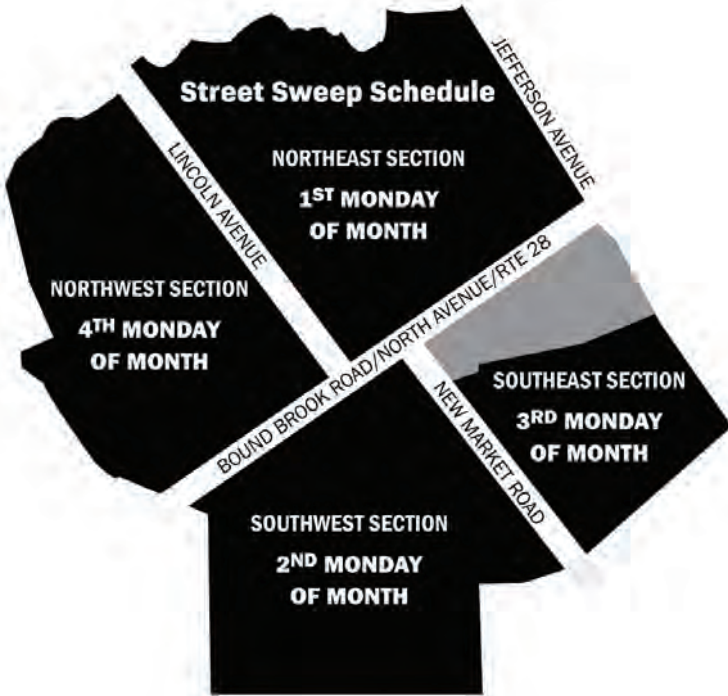
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- **First Monday of the month: Northeast section**  
Streets north of North Avenue (Rte 28) and east of Lincoln Avenue
- **Second Monday of the month: Southwest section**  
Streets south of North Avenue (Rte 28) and west of New Market Road (not including New Market Road)
- **Third Monday of the month: Southeast section**  
Streets south of North Avenue (Rte 28) and east of New Market Road; the Borough does not provide this service to the streets in Dunellen Station
- **Fourth Monday of the month: Northwest section**  
Streets north of North Avenue (Rte 28) and west of Lincoln Avenue (not including Lincoln Avenue)

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## Dunellen OEM

### Recent Hazards, Their Impact on Our Community, and How You Can Prepare for the Next Event

Are you prepared to ride out a couple of nights without heat and electricity due to a power failure? Or a couple of hours due to an injury?

It has been many years since we experienced the number and types of storms that our area was subjected to this past winter. Potential risks from these storms included injuries ranging from falls due to icy conditions, frostbite, overexertion, and cardiac failure from shoveling or other emergencies, where medical assistance could have been impeded by weather conditions.

It is also the time of year when fires or carbon monoxide incidents related to heating systems malfunction, and electrical systems become overloaded due to improper use of space heaters.

Over the last two months, 12 Dunellen residents were unexpectedly forced from their homes during a period of bitter cold due to a gas leak and structural concerns. Another four families with a combined total of 15 residents, including children and two pets, were permanently forced out of their apartments as a result of a massive three-alarm fire that engulfed the building they occupied. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in either case. But the extensive fire, smoke, and water damage made returning to their homes, even to retrieve belongings, impossible.

### OEM Activated to Provide Reception Center Services

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) responded to the fire scene and located the displaced residents. The residents were relocated to the Dunellen Senior Center, which OEM opened as a reception center to provide temporary shelter from the cold and provide an area where the American Red Cross could process the residents for ARC assistance services. The Dunellen Rescue Squad assisted with the transport of the residents to the reception center.

The American Red Cross, a property representative, and the 1-800 Board-up organization helped provide paid lodging for the displaced residents at a local hotel for 5 days. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was activated to contact the residents to ascertain their clothing and immediate needs. This need for inventory was provided to Dunellen groups that indicated willingness to help. Several individuals and groups, including The Dunellen PTO and The Carol Fund, are working to provide clothing and gift cards. Efforts to date have been helpful in these emergencies, but far from all that is needed for recovery.

These unfortunate circumstances only underscore the serious need for emergency planning before a crisis. Both incidents are stark reminders that homeowners and renters must secure adequate insurance to cover property losses and personal effects. Coverage is also important to ensure that reserve funds will be available for temporary housing and living expenses.

Although renters' insurance is relatively inexpensive, insurance costs may be a challenge for some. Fires, the effects of severe winter storms, and other potential hazards remind us that everyone needs to take some steps toward emergency preparedness within their means. Have emergency plans and several days of emergency supplies on hand, including plans for alternate living arrangements in the event of a sudden evacuation, or the necessary accommodations if forced to shelter in place where you could be isolated at home for an extended period.

### Simple Planning Steps You Can Take Before a Crisis

- Have some cash or cash reserves that can be accessed via a debit card.
- Have an emergency communication plan which includes contact information for family and medical service providers.
- Find out now whether family and friends would be willing to provide temporary lodging.
- Keep an easily accessible Go Bag handy with essential documents and supplies.

See a short-list of recommended Go Bag items included here, or contact Dunellen OEM/CERT for more detailed information on how to best prepare (oem@dunellenborough.com, 732-968-3033/ext. 9).



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### Items Recommended For Inclusion In An Emergency Go Bag

#### Prepare Now

#### Emergency Supplies

- Water - 1 gallon per person per day (minimum 3 days)
- Food - At least a 3-day supply of non-perishables for humans and pets
- NOAA weather radio; battery powered or hand-cranked radio
- Cell phone and charger
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Manual can opener
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting, scissors and duct tape (shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Cash or cash reserves accessible via debit card
- Emergency communications plan
- Local maps
- Go Bag



**Dunellen Downtown Management Organization**  
**Spring Into Wellness**

**Spring into Wellness**

**Sunday, May 3**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
 Washington Park

This free event is filled with demos and classes from local health & fitness organizations! Suitable for most ages and skills levels:

- Stretching • Yoga • Zumba • Martial Arts • Fitness

Hosted by the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization in partnership with the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library's Open Air Market.

Join us at Washington Memorial Park on Sunday, May 3, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for our annual Spring into Wellness event in collaboration with the launch of the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library's Dunellen Open-Air Market! This free event is perfect for the whole family and features demos and classes from local health and fitness organizations, including stretching, yoga, Zumba, martial arts, and fitness!



**Downtown Car Show**

**3rd Annual Spring**  
**Downtown Dunellen**  
**Car Show**

**May 3 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
 355 North Avenue, Dunellen | Rain Date: May 31

**Free Admission to the public!**  
**Day of Show Car Entry Fee: \$20**  
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**For more information, contact Karl Jackson: (908) 500-1837**

The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization and Karl's Custom Classics will be hosting the 3rd Annual Spring Downtown Dunellen Car Show on North Avenue, Dunellen, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 3! This event is free for the general public.

If you are interested in entering your vehicle, contact Karl Jackson at (908) 500-1837. There will be a day-of-show entry fee of \$20 per vehicle.

This exciting event will feature an impressive lineup of cool, unique, and vintage cars. Enjoy a day of family-friendly fun, explore local shops and restaurants, and experience the charm of Downtown Dunellen! This event also coincides with the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library's first Open Air Market of the season and the DDMO's Spring Into Wellness at Washington Memorial Park!

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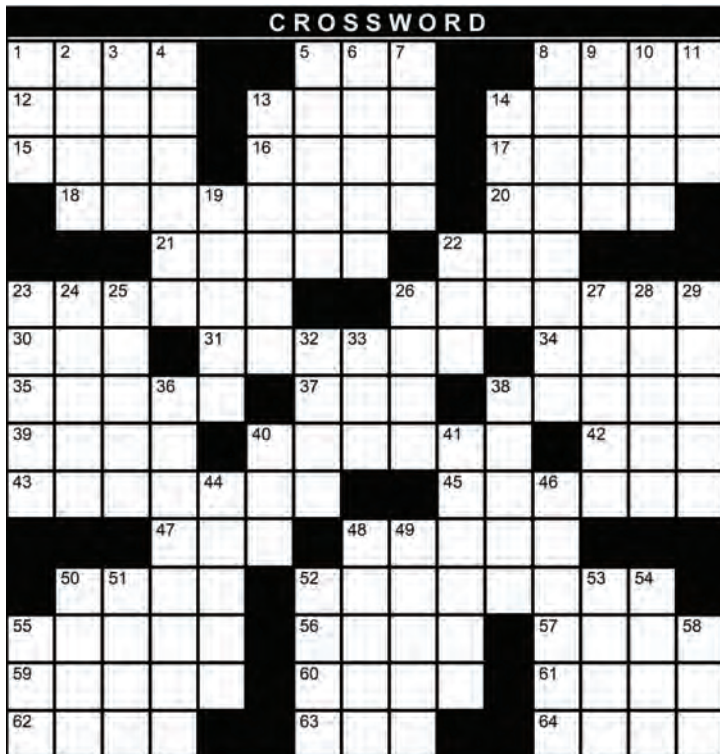
**Road Paving Updates**

By the end of 2026, Dunellen will have paved 13.33 miles of roadway, approximately 75% of all Borough roads, since 2020. To learn more about past, current, and future road projects, Mayor Cilento has released a detailed video update as part of his Tuesday Talks with the Mayor series. Scan the QR code or visit [www.YouTube.com/@MayorCilento](http://www.YouTube.com/@MayorCilento) to learn more.



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### ACROSS

1. Abbreviation, abbr.
5. Corvine bird's sound
8. Aquarium dweller
12. Sandwich shop
13. Half human, half cobra in Hinduism
14. Blatant
15. Don't go
16. \*Tony Stark, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_ Man
17. High-quality black tea
18. \*Leader of Guardians of the Galaxy
20. Research facil.
21. Words to live by
22. Leo month
23. \_\_\_\_ Tree National Park
26. Period between linked activities (2 words)
30. Not safe in baseball
31. Drunk's speech?
34. Sitar music
35. Doughy snack of Jewish origin
37. Rage
38. Seize a throne
39. Common hosiery shade
40. Nom de guerre
42. "Wow!"
43. What emergency workers do
45. Choice word
47. Young newt
48. Passport stamps
50. Vomit
52. \*Doctor Doom's frequent ally (2 words)
55. Deserved consequence
56. One of Great Lakes
57. Iranian money
59. Like Vitruvian Man, e.g.
60. Prima donnas' problems
61. Author Murdoch
62. Like Regina George
63. "\_\_\_\_ My People Go"
64. \*Sandman can transform his body into this

### DOWN

1. Pop-ups, e.g.
2. Risky business, pl.
3. Cry plaintively
4. Capital of Saudi Arabia
5. Billiards bounce
6. Ancient Greek marketplace
7. Diagon Alley purchase
8. \*Captain America's team
9. Albanian monetary units
10. Small cave
11. What Pac-Man did to strawberry
13. Largest Asian antelope
14. Poppy seed derivative
19. Just outside a fairway
22. Inflation matter
23. \*Batman's arch-nemesis
24. 1/16th of a pound
25. Not shakes, as in bartender
26. \*\_\_\_\_ Titans, cyborgs' team
27. L in LOL
28. Acquiesce
29. Rubbernecker
32. Tough spot
33. \*Leonardo to Michelangelo
36. \*One from Krypton
38. Inuit skin boat
40. \*Size-changing \_\_\_\_-Man
41. Yeses, alt. sp.
44. Butcher's refuse
46. Trouble, in Yiddish
48. Threshold
49. "Complete \_\_\_\_'s Guides"
50. Bid, past tense
51. Particular region
52. Comes on a rod
53. Turkish currency
54. Been in bed
55. \*\_\_\_\_ Possible
58. Lysergic acid derivative, acr.

## Monmouth Museum Opening

### Monmouth Museum is growing: coming to Dunellen May 2, 2026!

The Monmouth Museum is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$500,000 grant through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority’s Activation, Revitalization, and Transformation (A.R.T.) Phase II Program. This significant investment will support the Museum in opening a new satellite location in downtown Dunellen, New Jersey. The expansion marks the Museum’s first additional site in its 60 year history and represents a major step in extending its mission to inspire, educate, and connect communities through art, science, and culture.

The Dunellen museum site will combine two storefronts (264 and 266 North Avenue), bringing hands on STEAM programming, art exhibitions, family learning experiences, and community arts initiatives to Middlesex County. Located across from the Dunellen Train Station on NJ Transit’s Raritan Valley Line, the new site offers exceptional accessibility for residents, families, commuters, and schools traveling from across the region. The project is designed to support local revitalization, attract foot traffic, strengthen small businesses, and contribute to the long term vibrancy of Dunellen’s downtown district.

Exciting things are happening as we prepare for the Monmouth Museum’s new Dunellen location, and we’re thrilled to share that our Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 PM. We hope the community and friends from across the region will join us for this special moment as we officially open our doors and celebrate the start of something new.

To mark the occasion, the inaugural exhibition will feature a cardboard art show by acclaimed Asbury Park artists Porkchop and Bradley Hoffer. These artists are known for transforming everyday

discarded materials into imaginative works of art. Using cardboard, light, and found materials, they create playful environments that feel both magical and unexpected.

More details about the exhibition and opening festivities will be announced soon, but for now we encourage everyone to save the date.

As preparations continue, we are also pleased to welcome Emily Jenison as Assistant Manager of the Dunellen location. Emily will help lead programming, support visitors, and work closely with the community as the new space comes to life.

If you would like to learn more about what we have planned or introduce yourself, please feel free to reach out.

Phone: 732-224-1992 Email: [ejenison@monmouthmuseum.org](mailto:ejenison@monmouthmuseum.org)

Things are coming together nicely, and we are incredibly grateful for the warm welcome we have received from the Dunellen community and Mayor Jason Cilento. We look forward to creating a vibrant space where art, creativity, and discovery can be enjoyed by adults and children alike.

This project has been made possible through the support of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) and is supported by funding through the NJEDA’s A.R.T. – Phase II Grant Program. We are deeply grateful for their support and belief in our ability to bring a new level of arts and culture to this community.

“We are honored to receive this support from NJEDA and excited to begin this new chapter,” said Erika Schaefer, Executive Director of the Monmouth Museum. “Dunellen is a remarkable and resilient community with so much creativity and heart. This new location will allow us to bring our work to residents, guests, families, schools, and people of all ages. It is an opportunity for growth, collaboration, and joy, and I am thrilled to see it come to life!”

The new location will feature rotating art exhibitions, a hands-on STEAM exploration space for children, drop-in family programming, community workshops, and public events created in partnership with Dunellen organizations and local leaders. The Museum will also be available for birthday parties and special event rentals.

“We are delighted to welcome the Monmouth Museum to downtown Dunellen,” said Mayor Jason Cilento. “Their presence will bring energy, educational opportunities, and cultural engagement to our community. This project aligns beautifully with our goals for a vibrant and thriving downtown, and we look forward to working together.”

### Crossword Solution from Page 15

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## Dunellen CERT

CERT is a nationally recognized volunteer program that educates and trains residents in basic disaster preparedness and response skills. Team members receive instruction in areas such as fire safety, structural search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and damage assessment. CERT volunteers support their community by assisting local emergency services during disasters, public events, and community preparedness initiatives. Dunellen CERT operates under the auspices of The Dunellen Office of Emergency Management (OEM), ensuring coordination, oversight, and alignment with municipal emergency management operations.

During the first two months of the year, the Dunellen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has remained highly active and engaged. To date, members have contributed a total of 313 hours, including 133 hours in training sessions and meetings, and 180 hours across three winter activations supporting the community.

We launched our new Member Mentor and Orientation Program, welcoming five new members to the team. Of those five, three are currently enrolled in the 11-week CERT Basic Course, which meets one day per week and is projected to graduate in mid-April. This structured approach strengthens onboarding, builds capability, and ensures new members are properly trained and integrated into team operations.

The team also established new standing committees to improve organization and long-term sustainability. These include Recruitment and Retention, Equipment and Logistics, Shelter and Mass Care, Community Outreach and Education, and Team Events. The committees help distribute responsibilities, improve coordination, and support continued team growth.

Operational readiness activities included completion of a monthly CERT Trailer inventory review, ensuring equipment is accounted for, properly tracked, and ready for deployment. Members conduct hands-on inspections and functional testing of trailer equipment each month to confirm operational readiness.

Recently, Dunellen OEM hosted a four-hour seminar instructing CERT members in the FEMA Incident Management System (IMS) and Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA). The training was taught by the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management and prepares members to respond during weather events and widespread disasters. Members are trained to perform assessments that quantify disaster impacts on individuals, families, businesses, and public infrastructure. The primary objectives are to validate damage data, determine if an incident exceeds local resources, and ensure proper documentation to support potential disaster declarations. Dunellen OEM remains focused on ensuring the team can respond professionally and effectively during times of disaster.

The Dunellen CERT program is led by Chuck Lopez, CERT Coordinator. Residents who would like to learn more about the Dunellen CERT program or who may be interested in joining the team are encouraged to reach out for additional information by emailing [clopez@dunellenborough.com](mailto:clopez@dunellenborough.com).



## Remembering CHRIS MUELLER

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Chris Mueller, a dedicated member of the Dunellen Office of Emergency Management, a founding member, and active participant of the Dunellen CERT Team.



Chris served as Dunellen OEM's Local Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator and worked closely with the organization as a liaison and Adjunct CERT Instructor. He brought extensive expertise in Incident Management and Inland Ground Search and Rescue Management, consistently going above and beyond in service to our community.

Chris represented Dunellen OEM and CERT with professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment that far exceeded expectations. He set the standard for what a CERT provider should be, and his impact will be felt for years to come.

We honor his service, dedication, and the legacy he leaves behind. Chris will be deeply missed.



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## Congratulations New Eagle Scout Alex Parlapanides

Alex Parlapanides, a Scout from Troop 127 in Dunellen, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on March 11, 2026. Alex began his Scouting journey as a first grader in Pack 26 in Dunellen.



Alex is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. He attended National Youth Leadership Training, which helped him learn leadership skills necessary for serving as Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Alex's Eagle Scout project was the most impactful part of his journey to Eagle. Alex planned his project over a period of several months and then coordinated a group of Scouts and adult volunteers in the creation of a Flag Retirement Box for the American Legion Post 119 in Dunellen. Members of the community can place their flags in the box on the front porch of the Legion for proper retirement during flag ceremonies organized by Troop 127.

Alex has thoroughly enjoyed his Scouting journey. He stated, "Being Eagle is not a rank, it is an achievement earned through time, sweat, and determination. It is something I have worked toward since I was young, something that helped me grow, lead, and learn. The journey taught me lessons for the future, values beyond Scouting, and memories I will carry with me forever proudly."



## Volunteerism Town Hall

Join us on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the George W. Hodulik Firehouse for a Mayoral Town Hall focused on volunteerism in Dunellen. This event will highlight the many ways residents can get involved through our boards and commissions, with current volunteers sharing their experiences and the impact of their service. It is a great opportunity to learn how you can play a role in shaping our community. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/DunellenTownHall](https://tinyurl.com/DunellenTownHall).



# Mayoral Town Hall

## Volunteerism

Hosted by Mayor Jason F. Cilento



*Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 PM*

George W. Hodulik Firehouse  
231 S. Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor

The Borough of Dunellen offers a variety of opportunities to get involved in our community through our various volunteer boards and commissions. Join us to hear directly from these volunteers to learn more about their roles in enhancing our community and how you can get involved!

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**April 11**  
Rain Date: April 18

**10:00 AM**

**Parade & Ceremony**

The parade starts at Washington Memorial Park, heads north on N. Washington Ave, and concludes at McCoy Park with the Opening Ceremony.

**Washington Park to McCoy Park**

Spring is here, and that means it's time to play ball in Dunellen! Get ready to kick off the season at this year's Opening Day Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, April 11.

The excitement begins at 10:00 AM at Washington Memorial Park, where teams, coaches, and families will gather before marching together through town to McCoy Park. The parade is a great opportunity for the community to come out, show their support, and celebrate the start of another fun-filled season of youth sports.

Once the parade reaches McCoy Park, the Opening Day Ceremony will officially welcome our young athletes to the field. It's a special moment for our players, especially our youngest participants, as they begin their season surrounded by friends, family, and community pride.

After the ceremony, the fun continues with games throughout the day, so stick around to cheer on our little sluggers as they take the field for the first time this season.

We're also excited to host our Volunteer Picnic following the festivities. This is a great chance to meet and thank the many dedicated volunteers who make our programs and events possible, or to learn how you can get involved in giving back to the Dunellen community.

Whether you're there for the parade, the games, or the picnic, Opening Day is a celebration you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing everyone out as we welcome the return of spring and another great season in Dunellen!



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## Washington Avenue Beautification (Street Lights)

The Washington Avenue Beautification Project was completed in March with the installation of new LED decorative street lights from First Street to Dunellen Avenue, which are now fully operational. The first phase of this project was completed by our contractor, AA Berms, in coordination with PSE&G. The next phase of this project includes planting trees and restoring areas that were affected during construction. Like the lights installed on North Avenue several months ago, these LEDs offer clearer, brighter lighting, longer-lasting bulbs, and improved energy efficiency.



## North Avenue No Parking Ordinance Parking Reminder – North Avenue and North Washington Avenue

In accordance with Ordinance 2025-01, the Borough of Dunellen reminds property owners and residents that overnight parking is prohibited Monday through Friday from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM on the following streets to allow for scheduled street cleaning:

- North Avenue – Madison Avenue to Jefferson Avenue
- North Washington Avenue – North Avenue to Front Street

## Green Brook Cleanup

On Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, the Borough of Dunellen will once again take part in the annual multi-town clean-up of the Green Brook at McCoy Park and along sections behind Mountainview Terrace.

This regional effort brings together volunteers and partner organizations, including the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership, as well as neighboring communities such as Dunellen, Green Brook, Middlesex, Plainfield, Watchung, Bound Brook, and North Plainfield. Participants will spend the morning helping to remove litter and debris from the waterway and surrounding areas, contributing to the ongoing improvement of this important natural resource.

This initiative is part of the Mayor’s Alliance for a Clean Green Brook Waterway, a collaborative effort among municipalities to protect and preserve our shared environment. Each year, these clean-ups continue to make a measurable impact, with noticeable reductions in litter thanks to both volunteer participation and ongoing environmental investments.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to participate and join this important community effort. Register online by scanning the QR code or visiting [lowerraritanwatershed.org/events](http://lowerraritanwatershed.org/events).

## The Friends of the Dunellen Public Library



The Friends of the Dunellen Public Library is an independent nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to supporting our community library. We are a volunteer organization and would love to have you join us. You can support us by becoming a member, attending our events, or making a donation.

Our fundraising efforts help to provide items to enhance the Dunellen Public Library. We have purchased computers, museum passes, Wi-Fi hotspots, and added books to the library collection. We also fund movie licenses, programs, and materials for the children’s area.

Recently, we added museum passes for the Intrepid Museum, Newark Museum of Art, 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Morris Museum, American Museum of Natural History, and Montclair Art Museum. Dunellen Public Library patrons can borrow these passes using their library card. Our largest fundraiser is the Open-Air Market at Washington Memorial Park, held on the first and third Sundays from May 3 through October 18, 2026. The market runs from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with vendor fees helping support the library. The event also includes live entertainment, seasonal activities, and a nine-hole mini golf course.

We will begin the season on May 3 in partnership with the Downtown Dunellen Management Organization, which will host its annual Spring Into Wellness event.

For more information about the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library, you can email us at: [friendsofthedunellenlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthedunellenlibrary@gmail.com)

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## Dunellen Police Assist Public Works During Winter Storm Responses

The Dunellen Police Department, working in close coordination with the Dunellen Department of Public Works, played a key role in maintaining public safety and assisting with snow removal operations during recent winter storms affecting the Borough of Dunellen.

During the winter storm on January 25, 2026, the Police Department coordinated with Public Works personnel to support snow removal efforts and enforce parking restrictions under the borough's snow emergency ordinance. A total of 229 snow ordinance violations were issued.

A similar response occurred during the blizzard on February 22, 2026. Officers actively enforced the borough's snow ordinance to keep roadways clear for plowing operations and emergency vehicles. Throughout this storm, 133 snow ordinance violations were issued, and 33 vehicles were towed after obstructing snow removal efforts and creating hazardous conditions.

The enforcement of the snow ordinance during both storms allowed Public Works crews to clear streets more effectively, ensuring quicker restoration of safe travel conditions for residents and emergency responders.

The Dunellen Police Department reminds residents that compliance with snow emergency parking regulations is essential to allow plow crews to safely and efficiently clear borough roadways during winter storms. Residents are encouraged to remain aware of snow emergency declarations and move vehicles off designated roadways when required.

The Dunellen Police Department thanks the Department of Public Works for its continued partnership and dedication in maintaining safe road conditions for the community during severe winter weather events.

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