



BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

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Message from the Mayor Jason F. Cilento April 2022

I hope my April 2022 Message from the Mayor finds you and your families in good health. I look forward to continuing to report to you throughout the year on the happenings around the Borough of Dunellen. Please always know my office door is open to you for your comments, questions or concerns. You can call my Borough cell at (732) 882-4551 or email me at: jcilentodunellen-nj.gov.

Here are some important things happening in the Borough of Dunellen.

Memorial Day Parade: I am happy to announce that Dunellen will host its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th starting at 10:00 am. The parade's starting point will be located at the American Legion Post 119 on New Market Road. The Dunellen Recreation Department is looking for organizations to walk in the parade and to create their own parade floats. For more information, contact Alex Miller, Recreation Director, at amiller@dunellenborough.com. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 am at Washington Memorial Park.

Addition Roll-Off Day in June 2022: At the March 21, 2022, Council Meeting, I put forth a resolution for the Dunellen Borough Council to support an additional roll-off day(s) pilot program to take place in June 2022. The approval authorizes the Dunellen Department of Public Works to undertake an additional roll off day(s) subject to favorable weather conditions. The roll-off will be held at the DPW yard on a Wednesday in June from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and a Saturday, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with rain dates the following week. It should be noted that at this time, actual dates for the roll-off day(s) are to be determined. The allowed material for roll-off will be restricted to household waste and rubbish. Debris or waste from contractors will not be permitted. The fee for residents per load for the June 2022 program will be: \$25.00 per carload; \$50.00 for SUV/Mini van; and \$75.00 per pick-up truck. The Municipal Clerk's Office will receive payment and issue permits. For more information on the June 2022 pilot program, you may call, (732) 968-3033, ext. 3. If the program is successful through residents' participation, the Borough will take into consideration extending roll-off day(s) in the future. It should be noted, that while the additional roll-off day(s) in June 2022 will have an associated permit fee per load, the annual roll-off day(s) in September will still be free-of-charge to Dunellen residents.

Amended Ordinance 217-3: This amended ordinance enhanced the Dunellen Code, Chapter 217 – Property Maintenance by amending 217-3 Section F to oversee Rubbish, Garbage, Trash and Debris. Under this amended section of the ordinance, property owners are required to maintain the exterior of their property and keep it free from any accumulation of rubbish, garbage, trash and debris. The ordinance limits the timeframe in which appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other discarded items may be stored outside or at the curb to no more than one uninterrupted 24-hour period. The Borough may announce periodic limited exceptions to this particular requirement, such as for State of Emergency declarations by the Borough for which the Borough will provide notice of an exception to this requirement. In addition, the ordinance addresses how the owner and/or occupant of a dwelling must dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing the garbage in a garbage container. For a copy of this ordinance and others, you may visit our website at: <https://www.dunellen-nj.gov/ordinances/index.php> or email our Borough Clerk, William M. Robins at wrobins@dunellen-nj.gov.

Over the course of the past two years, we have made efforts to update and amend ordinances to assist in keeping Dunellen streets clean of litter and debris, such as:

Chapter 186-3, Littering and Dumping: This ordinance amended our littering ordinance by adding language that prohibits persons and/or businesses from disposing household or business trash or rubbish in public litter receptacles placed upon the streets of the Borough for use by the public to prevent littering streets and sidewalks. In addition, language was added to prevent littering in public waterways in Dunellen; and

Chapter 186-8, Circulars and Handbills: This ordinance assists in discouraging unwanted solicitation materials issued to properties, most notably, the delivery of the STAR-LEDGER EXTRA. To discontinue the delivery of the STAR-LEDGER EXTRA advertising material to your home, you may contact the advertising agency CBA Industries via email at basantos@cbaol.com or call them at 1-800-376-6222 and ask to be removed from their list. In addition, the Borough created a process on our website for residents to report if deliveries continue after they have requested to be removed from the CBA Industries listing. The form may be found here: https://www.dunellen-nj.gov/municipal_news/recently_enacted_ordinances_that_effect_dunellen_residents.php

Dunellen Fire Department Update:

We are making steady progress toward returning our Fire House to fully functioning status. Though the road ahead is long, we have a well-thought-out plan for replacing all the damaged equipment and vehicles. In addition to monies received from insurance, we have adopted a bond ordinance to cover the costs. At the March 21, 2022, Council Meeting, we awarded contracts for the purchase of three new fire trucks, including a pumper and a ladder truck. We are also creating specifications for rebuilding the Fire House building.

New Jersey American Water & PSE&G Improvements: New Jersey American Water will continue replacing water services, as well as replacing water mains along several roads in Dunellen inclusive of North Washington Avenue, Pulaski Street, and North Avenue Extension. All streets that NJAW is working on will be paved curb to curb approximately 90 days after

completion of installation. In addition, PSE&G continues their improvements along Second Street (from Middlesex Borough to Schwartz Place), all of Schwartz Place, 800 block of First Street, 700 & 800 blocks of Dunellen Avenue, 700 & 800 blocks of Front Street, and Sanford Avenue (from North Avenue to Dunellen Avenue). The streets on which PSE&G will be installing new gas mains will be paved curb to curb approximately 90 days after completion of the installation either through an agreement with PSE&G or through the Middlesex County mill and pave program. Sanford Avenue will not be paved curb to curb under the PSE&G project, but the road will be restored appropriately. The Borough of Dunellen is considering all of Sanford Avenue for an application to the NJDOT Municipal Aide Grant program for a FY2023 road improvement project.

For questions or concerns on the NJAW project, you may contact Mike Rinaldo, Construction Inspector at 908-205-3471. They can also be reached at our Customer Service Center: 1-800-272-1325 Hours: 7 a.m.–7 p.m., M-F. For emergencies, we're available 24/7.

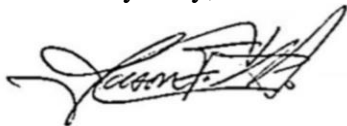
For more information on this PSE&G project, as well as a video about the upgrade work, please visit: <https://nj.pseg.com/inthecommunity>. If you have any questions, please call 1-833-661-6400.

As with any construction project, you may experience an increase in traffic, loud noise, and the presence of heavy equipment and machinery. If anyone in the household has a serious medical condition that may be aggravated by an interruption in gas service, please contact us immediately at 1-800-436-7734 (PSEG).

More information on the NJAW and PSE&G projects can be found on our website where we have been posting regular updates: https://www.dunellen-nj.gov/news_detail_T30_R28.php

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen