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Message from the Mayor Jason F. Cilento October 2022

In this October *Message from the Mayor*, I would like to share some of the Borough's recent initiatives on our e-notify communications, an update on the Kline Place Road Improvement Project, and culvert clean-ups.

E-Notify Communications: The Borough of Dunellen has been working on how to better improve our communications when it comes to notifications related to emergency notifications, road closures, road work, flooding, etc. In realizing this need, I have been working with the Social Media Committee, which is comprised of Council Member D. Cole Sigmon and Council Member Terri Albertson, as well as with Business Administrator/Municipal Clerk William M. Robins and Deputy Clerk/Registrar Lauren Staats, on how to enable our website with an E-Notify program for such notifications. We have recently gone live with this feature on our Borough Website here: www.dunellen-nj.gov/enotify

When residents go to this landing page of the website (link is also found on the homepage of our website), residents will be directed to sign-up using the directions in the image below:

Visitors... Manage e-Notifications of Page Changes

- 1 Type your email address in the box and select Sign In.
- 2 If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select Save.
- 3 To subscribe or unsubscribe click Email icon and/or SMS icon next to the pages to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

Please sign in to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your subscriptions

YOUR EMAIL

Email Address...

Sign In

Administration

Alert Detail Page

BY EMAIL BY TEXT PAGE TITLE

PAGE LINKS

General Notifications municipal_news/general_notifications.php

Step 1 will ask for residents to type in their email addresses and then select “Sign In.” **Step 2** is followed by entering your mobile phone number and selecting “save” should you wish to receive text messages. Finally, **Step 3** requires that in order to subscribe or unsubscribe click By Email icon and/or By Text icon next to the pages to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe and then click “Save.”

Once you have signed up, you will begin to receive an email or text message anytime a notification is added to the E-Notify page of the Borough Dunellen website. Again, these notifications will only be used to inform residents when there are emergency situations and there is a need to inform the entire municipality of flooding, snowstorms, road closures, road works and any other related urgent news information for residents.

Kline Place Road Improvements: The anticipated road improvements to Kline Place that the Borough received NJDOT Municipal Aide grant funds for will begin with engineering and design phases later this year. We anticipate the project to go out to bid early next year and to be completed around mid-2023. We are happy that we are nearing this long-anticipated infrastructure improvement.

Culvert Cleaning Project: On October 3, 2022, the Mayor and Borough Council approved funding for the cleaning out of various culverts throughout the Borough of Dunellen. Our goal is to hire a company that will help us jet and vacuum silt and debris out of culverts this fall. This will assist in how water dissipates after rainstorms. We hope this will contribute to the Borough’s ability to mitigate flooding around town. The Borough is looking at the following locations to clean out:

1. Grove Street & Prospect Avenue.
2. Grove Street Pipe towards Gertrude Terrace.
3. Gertrude Terrace Culvert.
4. Prospect Avenue Pipe.
5. New Market Road & Whittier Avenue Culvert.
6. Prospect Avenue Culvert (new #235 Prospect Ave).
7. High Street/Gavornik Park: Piping system from South Madison to Gavornik Park.
8. South Avenue/ Hall Street Culverts.
9. South Washington Ave Culvert.

Please note that the Pulaski Street Culvert is not listed as we are working to coordinate with Middlesex County a replacement of this culvert in the near future.

Mayoral Town Hall on Redevelopment: Please consider joining us on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7 pm as we host a Mayoral Town Hall Meeting on Redevelopment in Dunellen at the Dunellen Senior Center. We will discuss various topics such as our recent Master Plan Re-Examination, updates on various redevelopment projects, redevelopment plan updates, affordable housing, school aged children, PILOTs/Short Term Tax Exemption Program and provide a Q&A session. Guest speakers will include myself and the municipality’s redevelopment professionals. This will be an in-person event at the Dunellen Senior Center with

a live stream capability for those who cannot attend in-person. I hope to see you there for this important conversation as we continue to revitalize Dunellen's downtown.

Thank you for your time in reading this month's *Message from the Mayor*. I am always available to listen to your ideas and concerns. My Borough cell phone number is (732) 882-4551 and my email is jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen