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Tom Boniakowski Hits Platinum Award Again



Green Brook, NJ – For 3 consecutive years, Thomas A. Boniakowski, Broker Associate with ERA Boniakowski Real Estate in Green Brook, has received the NJAR® Circle of Excellence Sales Award, 2020 - 2022 Platinum Level in addition to the prestigious ERA Leaders' Circle Award.

Tom has been a Realtor with ERA E.A. Boniakowski Agency, Inc. for over 40 years and is an invaluable member of our Agency," noted Joseph Boniakowski, President/Broker. "Through a combination of real estate savvy and stellar customer service, he has and will continue to make a positive impact on our local

real estate market."

Tom's complete and comprehensive knowledge of the marketplace together with providing his clients and customers with the highest level of personal service is the primary reason for his achievements. "I will do whatever it takes to assist my clients in getting the best results possible," said Boniakowski. "My commitment to service along with matching the specific real estate products to meet the needs of buyers and sellers is my business philosophy," explains Boniakowski.

Tom attributes his success to his family's strong work ethics which has instilled professionalism, loyalty, sincerity, and a strong desire to succeed in addition to a true aspiration to customer satisfaction. During Tom's 40 years in real estate, he has experienced many market fluctuations which helps him have a greater understanding of pricing strategies. "In this market especially, I take the time to extensively research the data to assist my clients in making an informed decision," remarks Tom.

Tom sells through the entire state specializing in Somerset, Middlesex, Morris and Hunterdon Counties and can be reached at ERA Boniakowski Real Estate, 929 N. Washington Avenue, Green Brook, NJ 732-968-0700 or direct at 732-529-0301.

Tour of Somerville on Track for Memorial Day



Somerville, NJ – The 78th running of the Kugler-Anderson Memorial Tour of Somerville will occur on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, in Downtown Somerville, New Jersey. The Tour is America's longest-running competitive cycling event, having been contested yearly since 1940, except for World War II and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The event will feature a Family Fun Ride and USA Cycling-sanctioned races for all age groups before hosting the two premiere races: The 25-mile Mildred Kugler Women's Pro Race and the 50-mile Kugler-Anderson Memorial Men's Pro Race.

The organization committee has retained event production company Long Tail Creative of Allentown, PA, as the event organizer. Long Tail's principals are Gabe and Kacey

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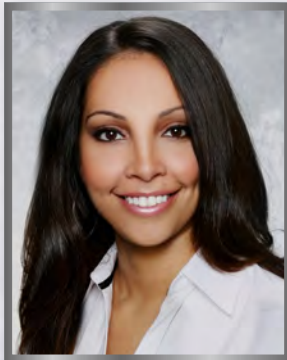
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How to Be a Pet Parent on a Budget

(StatePoint) Whether you are a first-time or veteran pet owner, being a pet parent can be expensive. From daily needs like food, treats and toys to medicines, the costs can add up.

To help stretch your budget, the experts at Dollar General are providing cost-friendly ways to provide for your pet:



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Food to Fuel Your Furry Friend: Fueling your pet with nutritious food doesn't have to break your budget. By stocking up on options available exclusively at select retailers, you can feed your furry family member affordably. For example, Nature's Menu is available only at Dollar General and offers dog and cat food free from artificial colors, flavors or preservatives. Their dry pet food products also include pre and probiotics to support healthy digestion, along with added vitamins, minerals and other trace nutrients and a money-back satisfaction guarantee.

Hygiene How-To: Having a pup or feline companion comes with responsibility, especially when it pertains to their cleanliness and well-being. To maintain a groomed pet, create a care tote that includes such hygiene essentials as a brush or flea comb, shampoo, nail clippers and puppy pads, which can be used as clean-up tool for both dogs and cats. Also consider using a dual-action topical treatment to help prevent fleas and ticks. Be sure to see a trusted veterinarian for annual checkups and other needs.

Paw-some Accessories: All those accessories that enhance your pet's days and nights don't have to be costly. Consider new water and food bowls, a collar and a bed for a good night's rest after playful days. Next, make playtime a bit more fun with a few new toys from Dollar General's private brand, Forever Pals, which include a variety toy pack for dogs and a feather wand for cats. With these accessories, your pet will be wagging their tail or purring with excitement all day long!

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Middlesex County Kicks Off 2023 Season With Weekend Festivities At East Jersey Old Town Village

Middlesex County, NJ – On Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2, Middlesex County residents celebrated the start of the season at East Jersey Old Town Village. Historical interpreters brought the village to life through trades and crafts, while living history interpreters depicted British occupations from the Revolutionary War. Visitors were also able to explore the new Micah Williams Exhibit at the Cornelius Low House, which showcased Middlesex and Monmouth County residents and their role in social change and economic development.

The East Jersey Old Town Village and the Cornelius Low House are open to the public year-round, from Wednesday to Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Living history interpreters will be present on site from April to October.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ

Middlesex County is home to numerous Fortune 500 companies, three universities, 19 park systems, and world-class healthcare and research facilities making it one of the nation's most dynamic regions and a leader in technology, transportation, the arts, and food innovation. As one of the most diverse populations in the country, Middlesex County is home to over 860,000 residents

living throughout 25 municipalities. The County's award-winning Middlesex County Magnet Schools system and two-year Middlesex College uphold its position as #1 in the state for best schools, offering secondary and postsecondary education and workforce development programs that create a unique ecosystem in which opportunities abound. Conveniently located between New York and Philadelphia, Middlesex County is a leading destination for businesses and residents alike to live, work, and play – and has been since the 17th century. For more information, visit middlesexcountynj.gov and find us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



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Jesse Posa is one of the leading Frank Sinatra impersonators in the country, performing at Radio City Music Hall, in the Off-Broadway production of “Sinatra & Friends” and at BB King’s in Times Square NYC in “Party with the Rat Pack.” Joe Perce in pure Dino fashion and wit, swaggers around the stage with a martini glass glued to his hand. He has been portraying Martin for over 20 years. Lloyd Diamond revives Sammy Davis Jr. and his “Mr. Bojangles” dance moves. Diamond is a celebrity impersonator and comedian who has appeared on the “Comedy TKO” segment on “Showtime at the Apollo” and Comedy Central’s “Chappelle’s Show” and America’s Got Talent.

On June 10th, The Jersey Four and Johnny Maestro’s 16 Candles will take audiences on a musical journey through the life and music of these legendary artists whose music has stood the test of time! Showtimes are 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. The Jersey Four celebrates the most successful 1960s rock and roll group of our time – “those four guys from Jersey” - The Four Seasons! The stories, humor, and audience participation will delight audiences! The Jersey Four are accomplished singers and musicians from Jersey who stay true to The Four Seasons’ music, incorporating authentic costumes and musical equipment to recreate that famous sound of The Four Seasons.



June 1 - 7:30PM



June 10 - 2:30 / 7:30PM

Johnny Maestro’s 16 Candles featuring Joel Katz takes audiences on a journey of the iconic sound of Johnny Maestro’s performing the legendary hits “16 Candles”, “Six Nights A Week”, “Step by Step”, “The Angels Listened In”, and the iconic song “Worst That Could Happen” and deep cuts that no other groups perform.

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Message From The Mayor

Jason F. Cilento, April 2023



In this April Message from the Mayor, I share information about planning for the future in Dunellen, updates on redevelopment projects in the Borough, plans for the Memorial Day Parade, mobile office hours with Assemblywoman

Matsikoudis, and more.

Planning for the Future: In 2022, the Borough engaged its planning consultant DMR Architects to prepare two plans: a Master Plan Reexamination and a Climate Resiliency Plan. DMR has moved diligently through the planning process and engaged the public by requesting feedback through surveys and hosting a community meeting. The two plans were also discussed during a Mayoral Town Hall presentation in December 2022.

Why do we need these plans? New Jersey requires a periodic reexamination of a master plan every ten years and Dunellen's previous master plan was adopted in 2012. The master plan reexamination revisits issues and objectives stated in the Borough's 2011 Master Plan, examines how conditions have changed since the plan was written, modifies the objectives stated in that plan, and identifies actions the Borough can take to advance those objectives over the coming years. As for the

Climate Resiliency Plan, New Jersey recently amended the Municipal Land Use Law to require municipalities to include a climate-change related hazard vulnerability assessment into any new Master Plan land use element being adopted. Dunellen's Climate Resiliency Plan will be one of the first such documents adopted in the state and will outline current and future climate related risks to the Borough and list recommended actions the Borough can take to reduce its exposure to natural hazards. These two planning reports will be presented to the Mayor and Council at the Council meeting on May 1 at 7 PM and will be considered for adoption by the Planning Board at the Planning Board meeting on May 22 at 7 PM. Please check the Borough's website at www.dunellen-nj.gov and Borough of Dunellen, NJ Facebook page for more information about how to join these meetings.

Updates on Redevelopment Projects in the Borough: Construction is nearing completion at Dunellen Station, which is located on the site formerly known as the Art Color Complex. Families have been moving in to the rental apartments at The Nell and the for-sale townhouses at The Crossings; 80 apartments and 54 townhomes are now occupied. Many of the new residents have shared with me how happy they are to be a part of the Dunellen community. Let's give a warm welcome to our new neighbors! The Dunellen Station retail spaces along South Washington Avenue will soon be occupied by Blue Foundry Bank and

Kessler Physical Therapy. Two retail spaces are still available for lease.



Residential development project currently under construction at 528 North Avenue.



Mixed use development project currently under construction at 150 North Avenue.

There are two redevelopment projects under construction on North Avenue, one at 528 North Avenue and the other at 150 North Avenue. The 528 North Avenue property is located at the fork where North Avenue becomes Bound Brook Road and is next door to Blacher Canvas. The previous buildings on the site were damaged in a fire several years ago. Construction is underway

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Scoop the Poop

By Norma Martin

Neighbors,

Did you know an estimated 40% of American dog walkers don't pick up after their dog?

40%! That's mind-blowing, since the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has deemed dog poop to be a dangerous pollutant, in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.

Four reasons why picking up dog poop is so important:

1. It won't break down on its own.

If you believe that dog poop will break down or just wash away, you're wrong. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Plus, when rainwater washes over dog poop, it flows into the drainage systems. Then the contaminated water is carried into lakes, streams, and rivers. Studies have shown that up to 30% of bacteria found in watersheds come from pet waste!

2. Diseases causing bacteria and parasites.

The parasites and bacteria in dog waste can spread disease to other dogs if not properly picked up. E. coli and salmonella are some of the bacteria which are carried in dog waste. The parasites and bacteria can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you're putting other people's pets at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. Children who play outside and gardeners are at the most risk for contamination.

This harmful bacteria also affects water quality. There are nutrients and pathogens that can pollute the water if the poop is not disposed of correctly. When your furry best friend does his business and the waste ends up in the water, it decomposes and releases harmful nutrients that will cause excessive growth of algae and weeds in the water. The water will become smelly and unusable for locals to swim, fish, or boat in. When water is polluted with this kind of waste it can cause severe illness for humans. You should avoid letting your dog poop within 200 feet of a body of water and remember to never throw dog waste into a storm drain.

3. Dog poop is not fertilizer.

Since most dogs' diets are high in protein, it has the reverse effect of fertilizer. Dog poop is exceptionally high in nitrogen and phosphorus, so if you let your dog's waste lay in your grass, it can actually cause burns in your lawn. Since it's so acidic, it will kill your grass if it isn't picked up. Dog waste isn't the same as cow manure since cows eat plant matter. In fact, dog poop can contaminate fruits, vegetables, and surrounding areas with harmful bacteria if not composted properly.

You might think that your dog's poop can't do much harm. However, it can throw off the balance of an ecosystem. An ecosystem can handle

about two dogs per square mile. However, in many cities, there are close to 125 dogs per square mile! That's a lot for a one square mile town! It's certainly enough to throw off an ecosystem especially if some owners are not picking up pet waste on a regular basis.



4. It's common courtesy to pick up after your dog.

When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, what waste your dog makes is your responsibility to pick up. It is even the law to clean up after your pet. When feces is left lying in yards, grassy areas, parks, and even the sidewalk area around our schools the smell can quickly become overwhelming! IT STINKS! It's so important that we, as responsible dog owners, pick up after our pups to keep our community healthy, happy and safe.

Thank you.

*Sincerely,
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The Friends of the Dunellen Public Library

By Terri Albertson

The Mission of the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library is to raise money for the Dunellen Library. In 2022 the Friends purchased new computers for the circulation desk, hot spots for patron use, furniture for the children's area, books for summer reading and provided funding for children's programs. This year we will continue to support the Library with your assistance.

On April 16, the Friends will be hosting a family friendly Willy Wonka Tea at the library. Along with traditional tea, we will offer scones, cucumber sandwiches and cream cheese and jelly rolls. Attendees may make their own marshmallow fluff sandwiches or enjoy treats from a chocolate fountain. The tea will be held from 1 to 3 pm. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for the first child and \$10 for any child after. Contact the Friends at friendsofthedunellenlibrary@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Our Open-Air Market begins on May 7th from 11 am to 3 pm at Washington Memorial Park. The Market will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday through October. We have many wonderful vendors this year and some fun surprises and themes. At the May 7th Market we include Spring into Fitness, an annual event hosted by the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization. It highlights businesses and organizations within Dunellen that are focused on health, wellness and fitness. We will have fitness performances by local organizations, an obstacle course and a bike safety session.

Fitness based companies and organizations have been invited to perform at the gazebo throughout the day, and wellness-based companies will have the opportunity to promote their literature and experiences to the public.

We hope to see you at our events. Please follow the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library and the Dunellen Open-Air Market on Facebook.



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for a 43,200 square foot apartment complex which will have 40 rental apartments with six affordable housing units.

The property at 150 North Avenue is located on the corner of North Avenue and Jackson Avenue. The property was previously an empty parking lot. Construction is underway for a three-story mixed-use building consisting of 1,578 square feet of first floor commercial/retail space with 14 rental apartments above with two affordable housing units. There will be ground-level covered parking for use by residents and businesses.

"The Gateway" is a proposed development project located at 745-753 Bound Brook Road near the western boundary of Dunellen on Route 28. The construction project will replace an existing restaurant/club that has been vacant since COVID-19. Architectural plans show 23 luxury and boutique multi-family units and three affordable housing units. SRV Urban Renewal LLC is the developer and has entered into a redevelopment and financial agreement with the Borough of Dunellen. A notable feature of the proposed building is a "turret" and the builder's intention is that it marks the entrance into the Borough. The project's developer, SRV Urban Renewal LLC, presented the final plans to the Dunellen Planning Board on March 27; the Planning Board agreed to move the project forward and an affirming resolution on the development will be presented at the Planning Board meeting on April 24 at 7 PM.

Plans for the proposed redevelopment project at 120-126 North Avenue, which is across the street from Rock Ice near the eastern boundary of the Borough, call for 33 luxury apartments, five affordable housing units and 2,192 square feet of retail space. North Avenue Portfolios LLC is the developer and has entered into a redevelopment and financial agreement with the Borough of Dunellen. The developer will most likely seek approval of its site plan and submit its application to the Dunellen Planning Board in the coming months.



Proposed development project "The Gateway" at 745-753 Bound Brook Road.



Proposed development project "Dunellen Lofts" at 120-126 North Avenue.

The developers of all redevelopment projects in Dunellen will provide streetscape improvements. More information can be found on www.dunellen-nj.gov.

Memorial Day Parade: Dunellen's annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 29 and will begin at 10 AM at the American Legion Post 119 on New Market Road. Organizations that wish to walk in or have a float in the parade should contact the Dunellen Recreation Department's Director Alex Miller at amiller@dunellenborough.com or (732) 968-3033, x8.

Update on the Firehouse: The Dunellen Firehouse suffered damage in October 2021 and has not been occupied since. The Borough's architects, Alloy5, prepared plans and specifications for the rebuild and the project was bid in January of this year. After reviewing the submissions, and upon the recommendation of Alloy5, the Dunellen Borough Council awarded a contract to H&S Construction and Mechanical of Elizabeth, New Jersey on March 20. H&S are

now submitting the required insurance documents and we are preparing for the actual construction, which will be overseen by a Construction Manager to be hired soon by the Borough.

Mobile Office Hours with Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis and Mayor Jason Cilento: Join us on Saturday, April 29 between 10 AM – 12 PM at Jackie's Sweets located at 330 North Avenue for our joint Mobile Office event. We invite residents to bring us their tough (or easy!) questions. We will guide you on how to handle your state and local government issues. Email Assemblywoman Matsikoudis at aswmatsikoudis@njleg.org with any questions about the event.

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Mobile Office Hours

Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis and Dunellen Mayor Jason Cilento




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PSE&G Street Paving Project: The PSE&G mill and pave project is anticipated to begin the week of April 10, weather permitting. The streets scheduled for improvements are: 800 block of First Street; 700 and 800 blocks of Dunellen Avenue; 500-800 blocks of Front Street; and 200 block of Orange Street. Updates on the status of the project will be available at:

- www.dunellen-nj.gov;
- Facebook page announcements at Borough of Dunellen, NJ, Mayor Jason F. Cilento and Dunellen Parks and Recreation; and

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- Email blasts from Dunellen Parks and Recreation (sign up to receive messages by creating an account at www.dunellenparksandrecreation.com).

Pulaski Street Culvert Project: The scope of the Pulaski Street culvert project calls for the removal of the damaged culvert on Pulaski Street and installation of a new culvert in its place. The Middlesex County Department of Transportation will be awarding the bid for the project later in April and the work is expected to start this summer. After the new culvert is installed, the County will be repaving Pulaski Street between Walnut Street and South Avenue and will also be installing ADA-compliant ramps at the street corners.

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Walks & Talks with Mayor Jason Cilento: Join me on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM at Columbia Park's 1/2 mile walking path for "Walks & Talks with the Mayor." These monthly events are part of my Mayor's Wellness Campaign and are being held in partnership with the Dunellen Outings Community Committee (DOCC). Hope to see you there!

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,
Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen

Tennis Tournament

Grab a partner and enjoy a fun filled day of doubles tennis on Saturday, May 6! The Doubles Tennis Tournament begins at 9 AM at the tennis courts in Columbia Park, Orange Street, Dunellen. The entry fee is \$20 per team; pre-registration is required (only one member of the doubles team needs to register). Proceeds from the event will support youth tennis programs in Dunellen. The winning team will receive a trophy and gift card. Tournament is open to high school students and adults. Rain date: Sunday, May 7. Register by April 30. Contact Dunellen Recreation Program Manager Julie Grof with questions at jgrof@dunellenborough.com. To register, go to www.dunellenparksandrecreation.com>Register>Programs

New Member of Municipal Alliance



Lee Best (left) was sworn in by Municipal Attorney John Bruder (right). Mr. Best is a guidance counselor at Dunellen High School and was appointed to the Dunellen Municipal Alliance in that capacity.

Mr. Best works with 10th and 12th grade students, guiding them through the ups and downs of high school life and assisting them with college and scholarship applications.

Mayor's Alliance for a Clean Green Brook Waterway

The annual Stream Clean Up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 7 at 10 AM. Volunteers should meet at McCoy Park in Dunellen. Please wear boots, icky clothes and bring bug spray and work gloves. The event is organized in partnership with the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership and the Mayor's Alliance for a Clean Green Brook Waterway. More information is available at www.dunellen-nj.gov.



Mayor Jason Cilento organized the multi-town Stream Clean Up Day event last year. Dunellen residents removed enough trash from the Borough's section of the Green Brook to fill two dump trucks. These residents weren't afraid to get their hands dirty or their feet muddy.

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Dunellen Police Department Welcomes New Officer

By Chief Daniel Smith

The Dunellen Borough Police Department is proud to welcome our newest officer to the ranks, Patrolman Gary A. Smith Jr. who was sworn in on February 13, 2023, before the Mayor and Council.

Patrolman Smith is local to the area, as he was born and raised in South Plainfield and has owned several businesses in Middlesex Borough. Patrolman Smith comes to us from the Middlesex County Correctional Center as a Correctional Police Officer. He will attend additional training at the Gloucester County Police Academy before Field Training and assignment to the patrol division.



From left to right: Mayor Cilento, Lt. Beenders, Ptlm. Smith Jr., and Chief Smith

What's Up with DOCC?

By Faith Thompson

The Dunellen Outings Community Committee (DOCC) was created in 2021 under the Recreation Department. DOCC works with the Dunellen Recreation Department with planning, organizing and facilitating fun activities for our community's adults, 18 years and above. The organization's mission is to reach out to Dunellen residents, bringing those with like interests together through events and activities.

DOCC receives community input on what activities residents would like to see via surveys as well as speaking with participants directly during events for their feedback.

Some of the events DOCC held in 2022 and which will continue in 2023 are the Weekly Walking Group at Columbia Park, Restaurant Night Out, Food Truck Night, Caroling Around Town, bike rides and hikes, meet ups at local events such as historical reenactments, and more. Activities are free aside from venue entry fees, food, souvenirs, or similar costs.

Save the Dates! DOCC planned events so far for 2023:

- April 15 (Rain date April 16): DOCC Meet Up at the Battle of Bound Brook
- May 2: DOCC Walking Groups start up at Columbia Park (meet at the gazebo)
 - Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30 am
 - Friday at 6:30 pm
 - Saturday at 7:30 am
- May 6: DOCC Walks & Talks with the Mayor at Columbia Park 9:30 am
- May 31: DOCC Night Out at Zupko's at 4:30-7:30 pm
- August 18: Food Truck Night and Movie in the Park with Recreation
- October 1: DOCC Meet Up at Lord Stirling 1770's Festival, Basking Ridge



- November 4 (Rain date November 5): Hike Hacklebarney Park, Long Valley
- December 16 (Rain date December 17): Caroling Around Town

Find Out More

Contact DOCC Voice Messaging #732-595-1637 or go to www.dunellenparksandrecreation.com and click on the Calendar.



More than 300 people from Dunellen and surrounding towns attended DOCC's August 2022 Food Truck Night which offered delicious options from 6 food truck vendors.

May is Cat Licensing Month in Dunellen

Cat licenses are renewed every May in Dunellen. New licenses will be valid from May 2023 to April 2024. Complete the Dog and Cat License Application, which can be found at www.dunellen-nj.gov > Departments > Health. The fee is \$10 for spayed/neutered pets and \$13 for non-spayed and non-neutered pets. If you have questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 732-968-3033.



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The Dunellen Municipal Alliance

Submitted by Terri Albertson, Coordinator

The mission of the Dunellen Municipal Alliance is to engage a diverse network of residents dedicated to promoting and supporting alcohol and drug prevention strategies in order to reduce youth substance abuse and create a healthy community. To accomplish this mission, the Alliance provides a variety of programs, activities and community events.

This winter we have been very busy. On February 9th we hosted our Friendraiser breakfast at the Dunellen Hotel. Guests included Mayor Jason Cilento, Council President Trina Rios, Councilmembers Jessica Dunne and Hal VanDermark, Dunellen School Superintendent Dan Ross, Dunellen High School Principal Paul Lynch, Wellspring Center for Prevention CEO Ezra Helfand, friends and supporters from our community. We were so happy to have our representatives from LD 21, Senator Jon Bramnick, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz and Assemblywoman Michelle Matsikoudis attend this event.

Senior members of the Stop Underage Drinking by Students (SUDS) team spoke about their involvement and how it has impacted them as well as the students and community members they have worked with. Speakers Ryan Cifuentes and DeAndrew Ramirez joined SUDS in 8th grade. Linda Gonzales joined in 10th grade.

DHS Principal, Paul Lynch, was honored for his continued support to the Alliance. When he first started at Dunellen High School he was the Alliance Coordinator for three years. He has continued to work with us as a mentor and advisor. His support and encouragement is very important to us. We received donations from guests and others to help us continue to provide the wonderful programs and activities.

The Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute provided 47 Dunellen students with an all day Leadership program on February 23rd. Members of the Peer Leaders, Safety Ambassadors, SUDS team and the Leadership 4 Life Class met at the Dunellen Senior Center for the day. After a Breakfast visit from Mayor Cilento, the 4 facilitators began the day's training. The students were very involved and enjoyed the activities. It was very interesting watching them in action, hearing their ideas of what makes a good leader and who their hero is.

Our Wellness Fair was back in action on March 9th. After being sidelined by COVID we were able to finally have this interactive program. All students in Lincoln Middle and Dunellen High School attended during their PE class. They were able to visit with the 14 tables hosted by Health, Wellness and Safety organizations. We were pleased to have St. Peter's Hospital, Rutgers nursing students, RWJ, The Brain Injury Alliance, Blueprint Mental Health, Wellspring Center for Prevention, Middlesex County Center for Empowerment,



Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, The Poison Control Center, and Central Jersey Family Health Center participate. The SUDS team and the DHS LGBTQ club hosted tables as well. Approximately 525 students participated in the event.

If you would like to know more about the Dunellen Municipal Alliance please follow us on Facebook or email us at dunellenma@gmail.com.



Kids Don't Float!



The Borough of Dunellen and RWJ/Safe Kids Middlesex County remind parents to keep both eyes on the water and the kids to promote safety this summer!

The summer is one of the most exciting times of the year for your children, but it's also a time when kids can be more at risk for injuries. That's why we're encouraging all parents and caregivers to be prepared with simple water safety tips this summer season.

When school's out for summer it's a great time to connect with family and friends and spend time outdoors, hanging out by the pool or grilling out at a barbeque. But with these activities come safety risks that we may not always think about.

Did you know that swimming tragedies increase in the summer? Two-thirds of drowning deaths occur in the summer, between May and August - most commonly on the weekends. By reminding ourselves of a few water safety tips, the summer can be safer and more fun for everyone.

1. Give kids your undivided attention.

Actively supervise children throughout the summer, whether it's at the playground or in and around the water. Small children can drown in as little as one inch of water.

2. Use the Water Watcher strategy.

When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use the Water Watcher strategy to designate an adult as the Water Watcher for a certain amount of time (such as 15-minute periods) to prevent lapses in supervision and

give parents a chance to read, make phone calls or take a bathroom break.

3. Educate your children about swimming safety. Every child is different, so enroll children in swimming lessons when you feel they are ready (usually about 4-5yrs. old). Whether swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake or ocean, teach children to always swim with an adult. Older, more experienced swimmers should still swim with a partner every time.

4. Learn CPR/Basic First Aid. We know you have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be at the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better. You can contact RWJ Mobile Health Services at cprtraining@rwjbh.org for information about local classes.

5. Be extra careful around pool drains and make sure to secure long hair. Educate your children about the dangers of drain entanglement and entrapment and teach them to never play or swim near drains or suction outlets.

6. Wear life jackets. Always have your children wear a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard while on boats, around open bodies of water, or when participating in water sports. Make sure the life jacket fits snugly. Have the child make a "touchdown" signal by raising both arms straight up; if the life jacket hits the child's chin or ears, it may be too big or the straps may be too loose.

7. Visit the beach when lifeguards are present and pay attention to the warning flags. Learn about rip currents by watching this short video: <https://youtu.be/rJ76XfBVkq0>

If you have a pool or spend time at a family or friend's pool, stop by Borough Hall to pick up your free Water Watcher Tag. They are available in English and Spanish.

The Story Of The Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club

By William M. Robins, Secretary, Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club

George W. Day and six other gentlemen, including George R. Bolmer, a past president of the Bound Brook Rotary Club, dined at the Eiseman Heights Inn in New Market on November 23, 1923. They discussed the forming of a Dunellen Rotary Club. It was unanimously agreed and at the next meeting of the group on December 20th, the Club was organized, a charter application was drafted and officers were elected.

The Rotary International Charter was received January 10, 1924 at the Hotel Pines in Edison. Dunellen became Rotary Club Number 1580, of the 36th District Rotary International District. The Club's jurisdiction included Dunellen, Middlesex, Piscataway and Green Brook. George W. Day, who initiated the idea, became the first president, serving from 1923 to 1925.

The charter members of the Dunellen Rotary Club were William Sauer, druggist; George Day, printer; Clarence Voorhees, butcher; Russell Runyon, undertaker; Henry Pfaff, innkeeper; William Wert, banker; Thomas Platt, surgeon; Walter Muller, business executive; Henry Garretson, coal dealer; Louis Churchill, civil engineer; Eugene Smalley, hardware store owner; George Zink, baker; Ernest Brown, minister; Frank Aftley, asphalt dealer; John Park, plumber and John Fenner, real estate agent. Meetings were held at Eiseman Heights Inn until November 1925 when they were moved to the Hotel Chanette, now The Dunellen Hotel.

Dunellen Rotary Club joined Borough officials in 1924 in successfully convincing the officials of the Art Color Printing Co. to construct their new plant in Dunellen. In 1927, the Club's meeting place was changed to the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The Ladies Aid Society and the Missionary Society prepared and served luncheons to the Rotarians for the next thirty-eight years.

During that period the Rotary Club was involved with a number of projects. In 1938, resolutions were forwarded to the Central Railroad urging them to eliminate the grade crossings which had been responsible for several deaths and which had also impeded the development of the business district. It was 1955 before this goal became a reality. Dunellen Rotarians purchased \$47,950 in bonds during the 1942 World War II Bond Drive. Rotary projects included construction of a grandstand, scoreboard and refreshment stand in Columbia Park during the 1950's.

From 1965 to 2007, the Dunellen Rotary Club conducted their weekly luncheon meetings at the Green Valley Restaurant, now The Willows, in Green Brook. The Club sponsored a survey in 1968 that recommended that a one-story building be constructed to house the Dunellen Public Library. A major donation and car raffle benefited the Library Building Fund. Another building project that the Club assisted was the funding of two rooms at the Raritan Valley Hospital in Green Brook.

In 1976, the Club's name was changed to the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club with its jurisdiction confined to those two communities.

For many years the Rotarians and their wives ran a Thrift Shop which was the major source of revenue for scholarships for students at Dunellen High School and Green Brook High School. Other annual fund-raisers included Art-on-the-Green, a Fashion Show, April Pasta Nights and a Classic Car Show. Students, individuals and organizations have been the beneficiaries of the time, effort and talents of the members of the Club. To record all of the fund-raising activities, the social events and contributions which the Rotary Club has made to the welfare of the community over the past nearly 100 years would be an extensive endeavor. Current projects include our Annual Pasta Festival in April, participation in the Warren Lion's Club Fair in June, Sponsoring a booth at the Hillsborough Rotary Club Fair in August, our annual Comedy Club in October, and providing hot chocolate and munchkins to all at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington Park in December. Suffice it to say that the present membership of the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club is committed to continuing the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" into the twenty-first century.

Our Club meets the first and third Thursday of every month at the Dunellen Hotel at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to be our guests and to

learn more about the greatest civic organization in the world!

For more information about our Club, go to www.dunellengreenbrookrotary.org, or call Bill at 732-713-6068.

Spring into Wellness is May 7

By DDMO

The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization (DDMO) is happy to announce that the popular Spring into Wellness event will be at Washington Memorial Park on Sunday, May 7 starting at 11 AM. The event will coincide with this year's launch of the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library's Open Air Market, which is held on the first and third Sundays of each month through October.

Spring into Fitness is a free, annual event offered by DDMO. It showcases Dunellen businesses and organizations that are focused on health, wellness and fitness. There will be fitness performances at the gazebo, an obstacle course and a bicycle safety session. Wellness-based companies will be promoting their products and services to attendees. Professional sound support for the performances will be provided by Scott, "Soundman." We hope to see you there!

The programming schedule for the day follows:

- 11:00 Welcome - Mayor Jason Cilento
- 11:15 Yoga Demonstration - Yoga warm up and stretch
- 11:45 Lloyd Fitness Pro - Zumba
- 12:30 Dunellen Municipal Alliance - Game show
- 1:00 Generations Dance - Stretch and dance performance
- 1:45 All Day Fitness - Fitness demonstration & obstacle course
- 2:15 DOCC
- 2:30 Dunellen Jogging Club
- 3:00 Closing remarks from Mayor Jason Cilento

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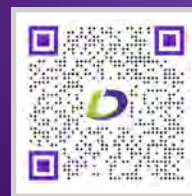
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The Tour of Somerville is hosted by Arts on Division (AOD), a local non-profit. "The Tour requires a significant volunteer effort annually," commented AOD Board member Bernie Navatto. "The addition of Long Tail last year brought a new dynamic to the event that will continue to allow the Tour of Somerville to grow."

Unity Bank will return as the presenting sponsor with a 3-year commitment to carry their support through the 80th edition in 2025.

Further support is planned from Clinton Honda, Range Rover Princeton, Somerset Patriots, Somerset County, the Downtown Somerville Alliance, and the Borough of Somerville. In addition to these named sponsors, the Tour is supported by the businesses, residents, and alumni of the race.

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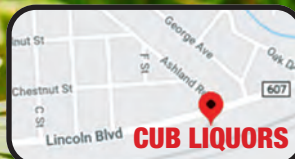
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