MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TOM ANDES

Dear Neighbors:

During 2016, much of your municipal officials’ attention and efforts have been focused upon proactive future flood mitigation, downtown economic development and the defense and protection of our municipality in the courts as it relates to our future fair share affordable housing obligation.

In 2012 and 2014, my Administration proposed and the Township Council funded two flood mitigation studies which were performed by our Township Engineer. The studies were aimed at identifying projects that were either locally achievable as well as those for which we would need to seek outside funding to accomplish. This year, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the Township’s studies and they have agreed to perform a more in-depth flood mitigation study for Denville. Partnering with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the anticipated $1.2 million U.S. Army Corps study will be funded entirely by Federal and State sources. Once the Army Corps’ study is completed in 2018 or 2019, a determination will be made as to whether the plan has merit. If it does, our community will be in an excellent position to receive up to $10 million in pre-approved Federal and State flood mitigation funds. Please see pages 2-3 of the newsletter for more detailed information on flood mitigation.

As many of you have seen, earlier this year we commenced our downtown streetscape project. A Federal Grant of $821,000 allowed us to construct new curbs, a brick utility corridor and add decorative lamp posts along Broadway. We also decorated Broadway with new holiday wreaths and have purchased seasonal banners. Additionally, a NJ Clean Community grant will allow us to replace many of the garbage cans and recycling containers downtown. Furthermore, we will be installing a new electronic message board by the clock tower which will allow us to remove the portable board, which has become a common fixture at that intersection. In November, the Township submitted an application to the federal government for Phase III downtown streetscape improvements, which will encompass First Avenue and the First Avenue parking lot. It is my goal to continue the streetscape project throughout the entire Downtown area.

On a more challenging note, arguably the biggest issue facing our community in the coming year is the current litigation related to our Denville’s affordable housing obligation thru 2025. Due to inexcusable inaction by our State-level officials, the matter of determining each municipality’s obligation has been placed upon the court system. Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), who is our adversary in the lawsuit, is proposing a new obligation for Denville in excess of 1,000 affordable units (in addition to 5000 market rate units) over the next 10 years.
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The Township has put together a talented professional team to combat these claims. In fact, our scientifically based calculation propose an obligation to the courts for Denville as being only a fraction of the obligation proposed by FSHC. To maintain our protection from builder’s remedy lawsuits, which would result in development that would undoubtedly change the character of our community, Denville is participating in the process in good faith. I need to prepare the community that there will be residential development in Denville during the coming years; however, your municipal officials and our professionals are going to do our absolute best to ensure it is smart development with the least possible impact on the quality of life in our community. Additional information regarding affordable housing is available on page 3.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that working collaboratively with the Denville Board of Education, we will be performing some very minor modifications to the Municipal Building which would enable the Board of Education Administrative Offices to move into Town Hall prior to the end of 2017. At the present time, the Board of Education is renting office space for their Administrative staff. During the past 1½ years, a viable plan was developed to reconfigure and utilize some unoccupied space in the Municipal Building with the ultimate goal of saving the taxpayers of our community money by eliminating the Board of Education’s need to pay rent.

I would like to thank our elected & appointed officials, our staff and our many dedicated volunteers for all their hard work and efforts which continue to make Denville the finest place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

On behalf of the Township Council and Township staff, I hope you have a joyful holiday season and wish you and your family good health and prosperity throughout the new year.

Mayor Thomas W. Andes

Denville Beautification

Denville’s Beautification Committee is one of the dedicated groups of volunteers that greatly improves the quality of life in Denville by enhancing the appearance of our town. The Beautification Committee does not limit their activities to the downtown area, which contains planters and mini parks, but have also created colorful floral “paintings” throughout our town. To make this possible the Committee needs people to volunteer to make Denville a unique place in Morris County. Join the Committee so you can say, “I was a part of the movement that made our town, Denville, the jewel of New Jersey.” Give a few hours each week or even each month and enjoy both camaraderie and a sense of enhanced pride in our community.

For more information or to join the Beautification Committee, you can email Irene: irenes@denvillenj.org or call 973-625-8300 ext. 290.
Affordable Housing Update

Due to the inability of our elected legislative and executive officials at the State level ineffectively performing their duties and responsibilities, the matter of determining each municipality’s affordable housing obligation for the period between 2015 and 2025 has been taken up by the Courts where a judge will ultimately determine our affordable housing obligation as well as that of all other municipalities in the State of New Jersey. As the matter is being litigated in the courts with developers and an affordable housing advocacy group serving as interested parties in the lawsuit against Denville, much of the discussion has been required to take place in executive session in order to provide the municipality with optimal protection from these and other prospective interveners. This closed process is not what any of your elected or appointed officials desire; however, in order to maintain our immunity from builders’ remedy lawsuits which would result in the loss of all control of development in our community, we must continue to proceed in this manner. In fact, this immunity has been stripped from other municipalities who have not complied with the court’s directives, which has resulted in devastating consequences.

The Court has required the Township to submit a conceptual amendment to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the Township’s Master Plan. Resolutions were adopted by the Township Council and the Planning Board to do so at a public meeting held on March 22, 2016. Although all members of these two bodies voiced their displeasure with the process; both groups recognized that the consequences of not adopting the resolution would be infinitely worse. The conceptual plan will now be submitted to the courts for their review and a determination as to whether the conceptual plan is acceptable or needs further modification. By adopting the conceptual plan and submitting it to the court, the Township is assured of maintaining its immunity from builders’ remedy lawsuits. Links to both the Mayor’s statement and the Conceptual Housing Element and Fair Share Plan submitted to the courts may be found on the Township website at the following location: http://denvillenj.org/more_info_COAH.php

Flood Mitigation Update

During the past five years, the Township of Denville has undertaken numerous projects and programs to prepare and protect our community from flooding events. Our local accomplishments are many, including achieving a FEMA CRS Rating of 6 (which qualifies all property owners in Denville who require flood insurance with an automatic 20% discount), installing state-of-the-art flap valves on the Den Brook, installing water-proof seals on sewer manhole covers in flood-prone areas, acquiring 11 homes on Riverside Drive with grant funding, removing two of the three piers in the Rockaway River to eliminate the “bottlenecking” effect, obtaining grant funding to perform de-siltation at select locations in the Rockaway River to increase the river’s capacity, and funding two flood mitigation studies by our Engineering firm to identify other available flood mitigation alternatives.

This cursory summary of our local accomplishments are, of course, in addition to regular river clean-ups and de-snagging, which is spearheaded by the Township’s River and Stream Advisory Committee.

In late-2014, the Township submitted the two flood mitigation studies prepared by the Township Engineer to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) for their review. Based upon their review, we received formal notification in October 2016 that the USACE has agreed to fund an in-depth and comprehensive $1,259,950 flood mitigation feasibility study for the Township of Denville. If the results of the planned study, which will occur in 2017 and 2018, are favorable, the USACE has advised the Township that it can fund flood mitigation project(s) up to $10 million. This is a very exciting proposition and places the Township in a great position to have the federal government fund some of the most comprehensive flood mitigation improvements in the history of our community.

As additional information is provided to the Township by the USACE, the Township will do its best to disseminate the information via press releases and on social media.
Message from Stephen Dublanica, Denville’s Social Services Coordinator

Soon after I became the Social Services Coordinator for Denville Township in 2015, the water crisis in Flint, Michigan became front page news. As I was watching a television reporter interview a Flint clergyman handing out thousands of gallons of donated water he asked the minister a question that made my ears perk up. “What happens when people stop giving you this stuff?”

“I am a man of faith” the minister replied. “I have to believe it’ll come from somewhere.” The minister’s words deeply resonated with me. The Denville Social Services Department runs almost entirely on donations and, as I was taking on my new role, I was a bit nervous about keeping the pantry shelves filled. Having recently moved to Denville prior to accepting this job, I curiously wondered what the people of Denville were like. After fifteen months on the job I got my answer.

Because of the generosity of Denville’s citizens, the 2016 Thanksgiving food drive provided a turkey to every family that needed one and our annual Toy Drive collected over 900 toys. Our Adopt-a-Family Program was so successful that we had more people wanting to adopt families than we had families to adopt. And, month after month, private individuals, scouting organizations, volunteers, businesses, schools, churches and civic groups have kindly donated not only food but their time, talents, and money in order to ultimately help the less fortunate members of our community. Please be assured, your help is deeply appreciated.

I would be remiss, however, if I didn’t single out two organizations for special mention in 2016. First, many thanks to the Book and Fashion Barn of Denville for their recent donation of $30,000 to Social Services. Your generous donation will enable my department to continue providing nutritious food and keep financially stressed people warm in their homes for many winters to come. I also want to thank Dr. David Barrett and the staff at the Denville Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center for their incredible effort collecting food and toys this Holiday Season.

What I’ve learned during my tenure is this – I too have become a man of faith. I have great Faith in the people of Denville. Because no matter what the specific needs are for Denville Social Services, to quote the minister of Flint, Michigan, “I know it’ll come from somewhere.”

Property Tax Deductions
Contact the Tax Assessor for Applications

Veterans/Surviving Spouses of Veterans - An individual’s service must have been during time of war or qualified peacekeeping missions (peacekeeping missions require service in the specified zones to qualify). The Property Tax Deduction is $250/year.

Senior Citizen Deduction – To qualify an individual must be 65 years of age and combined spousal income cannot exceed $10,000/year (Social Security or Government Pension excluded from income limits). The Property Tax Deduction is $250/year (Please Note- If Government pension is excluded from the income limits listed above, then all of the Social Security income shall apply towards the $10,000 limit.)

Disabled Property Tax Deduction – Property Owner must be 100% totally & permanently disabled as declared by medical/social security documentation. Income requirements same as Senior Citizen deduction. There are no minimum age requirements. The Property Tax Deduction is $250/year.
2017 Curbside Pickup of Leaves and Brush
** NEW FOR 2017 *

In an effort to improve the efficiency of service delivery to the residents of our municipality, we shall be revising the curbside leaf and brush collection program in 2017. Please review the following information carefully, as the “collection by voting ward system is being eliminated.” We expect more regular pick-ups of leaves and brush throughout the Town based upon the new schedule.

March 1 - June 15  Leaf and Brush pick-up Town-wide

June 16 - September 15  No Curbside Collection (although leaves and brush will be accepted at the Denville Recycling Center, 140 Morris Avenue, Denville)

September 15 - December 31  Leaf and Brush pick-up Town-wide

Please be advised that brush must still be tied in manageable bundles that are no more than 6 feet in length. Leaves MUST be in biodegradable paper bags (per Ordinance #21-06) or in rigid containers (such as garbage cans or cardboard boxes). There is no curbside pick-up of grass, although grass clippings may be brought to the recycling center.

If you have any questions regarding the revised leaf and brush pick-up schedule, you may contact the Denville Department of Public Works at (973) 625-8334.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be picked up starting in early January and continue until mid-February. The schedule may be modified as a result of inclement weather. Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the recycling center. Please do not place the Christmas trees in a bag.

Snow Removal

It is the mission of the Department of Public Works to clear Denville’s roads of snow and ice as quickly as possible. We have a dedicated workforce and maintain the appropriate equipment. Depending on the severity and composition of a storm, there may be delays in clearing some roads. Our initial objective is to open all roads beginning with our primary arteries and proceeding to our secondary and tertiary roads. Once all roads are open, the Township begins the process of widening the cleared roads to their full width and clearing intersections. It is during this process that we are likely to plow snow back across the driveway you just cleared. Please understand that we have no alternative. We need your cooperation to ensure the roads are rapidly returned to a safe condition. Please observe the following regulations:

_Denville Township Municipal Code §3-4.3_ “All persons are PROHIBITED from shoveling, throwing, casting, placing, plowing, or depositing snow and ice, which accumulates on private property, upon sidewalks or streets of the Township. Furthermore, “Sidewalks must be cleared by the property owner within 12 hours from the end of snow fall.”

_Denville Township Municipal Code §7-3.8_ prohibits parking on streets that are snow covered until the “roads have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent parking will not interfere with normal traffic flow.”
Tips from the Health Department
Basics To Preventing The Flu

Seasonal influenza (flu) typically begins in October. The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year. The upcoming season’s flu vaccine will protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common that year. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by an influenza virus. Serious outcomes of flu infection may result in hospitalization or death. Older people, young children & people with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease and asthma are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. Good health habits may help protect you against the flu & stop the spread of germs.

Here are six good health habits:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep distance from others.
- If possible, stay home from school, work and errands when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Washing your hands often will protect you from germs.
- Germs are often spread by contamination and then touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work & school.

Garbage Collection

Trash collection is scheduled twice weekly as follows:

North of US Highway 46    Tuesday and Friday
South of US Highway 46    Monday and Thursday

As the collection route is at the discretion of the garbage company, residents are encouraged to place their garbage curbside any time after 5:00 PM the night before your designated collection date.

Each household is permitted two 30-gallon cans (with lids) and one bulky item per pickup. Household waste should be contained within plastic bags and not loose within the can. Also, any construction material must fit inside the cans as it will not be picked-up loose at the curbside. Finally, for sanitary reasons, residents are strongly encouraged to spray down the inside of their garbage can monthly during the summer.

There will be no trash pick up and the recycling center will be closed on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. If your collection is scheduled for these days, it will be done the next day (i.e. - Monday on Tuesday, Thursday on Friday).

Metal Items

Denville provides curbside pickup of large metal items (Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.) by appointment only, every Wednesday. Please phone 973-625-8334 no later than 11:00 am Tuesday to schedule a pick-up.

DPW & RECYCLING CENTER
HOURS:
Monday - Friday  7:00 am - 2:30 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
ANIMAL LICENSING

All dogs and cats residing/being harbored in Denville Township must be licensed by 7 months of age or at the time they possess permanent teeth. If your dog is licensed from another New Jersey municipality, you do not need to obtain a license from Denville Township until the current license expires. Dogs licensed in other States are required to be licensed in Denville within 90 days of moving into the Township.

All unlicensed dogs and cats must be licensed within 10 days of moving into the Township.

To obtain a dog or cat license:

You must fully and legibly complete and sign a dog or cat license application. The application is available online at the Denville Health Department page of the Township website (www.denvillenj.org) or you can pick one up in the Health Department office Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00pm.

You must include the required fee made payable to the “Denville Division of Health”. The fees for dog and cat licenses are as follows:

- Neutered Dog or Cat $15 per animal
- Unneutered Dog or Cat $18 per animal

IMPORTANT: By state law, all dogs and cats must have a RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE THAT MUST BE VALID 10 MONTHS OUT OF THE LICENSING YEAR. The licensing year for dogs is January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This means that your dog’s rabies certificate cannot expire before November 1, 2017. The licensing year for cats is June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. This means that your cat’s rabies certificate cannot expire before April 1, 2017. You must include a copy of the current rabies certificate with your application if it has been updated since your last license renewal. By state law, the Township is not permitted to process your license renewal otherwise.
CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
PERMIT PROCESS

If you are contemplating a project and have questions or concerns, please feel free to visit the Construction Office on business days, between 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM or by appointment, at such time the Construction Official and Zoning Officer will be available to assist you and answer any questions you may have regarding the construction permitting process. The Construction Department staff is dedicated to try and make your project proceed as smoothly as possible and therefore it is encouraged that residents stop in or call to determine if permits or even board approvals might be required.

MINOR PROJECTS - Are those projects that do not request prior approvals from the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board but still require permits (such as: kitchens, baths, basements, home generators, etc.). Permits are also required for roofing and siding installation and can usually be issued immediately.

For a minor project, you will need to submit the following:

- Completed technical forms with contractor information including signatures and seals.
- Construction Department Folder (available at Construction Department)
- 3 sets of drawings (if applicable). If they are architect plans, 3 sets required—2 sets must be sealed. If they are homeowner drawings, each page must be signed by owner.
- Electric and plumbing diagrams (if applicable).
- Manufacturer Specifications on any mechanical element of your project.
- Photocopy of your contractor’s licenses.

MAJOR PROJECTS - Many larger projects require prior approvals by either the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board (new construction, additions, rebuilds, garages, accessory structures, decks, swimming pools, etc.)

In addition to the documents listed above for minor projects you must also include the following in your application:

- Zoning application with a good copy (not reduced or enlarged) of your boundary survey. Location of the proposed construction must be scaled out on your survey
- A check for $35 for zoning review.
- COAH Development Application (for all new construction, additions & rebuilds)
- Copy of Resolution (if applicable) from Zoning or Planning Board.

Zoning review typically takes 10 days or less (workload dependent). The Zoning Officer checks for local land use ordinance compliance, including property boundary setback requirements as well as adherence to all requirements of any resolutions for your property.

Plan review typically takes 20 days or less and reviews are completed on a first come/first served basis. Plan review includes a review by all sub code inspectors to ensure your project is fully code compliant.
2017 Recycling Schedule
Denville Township
Every Other Wednesday

January
- 4 Wednesday-Recycling
- 18 Wednesday-Recycling

February
- 1 Wednesday-Recycling
- 15 Wednesday-Recycling

March
- 1 Wednesday-Recycling
- 15 Wednesday-Recycling

April
- 12 Wednesday-Recycling
- 26 Wednesday-Recycling

May
- 10 Wednesday-Recycling
- 24 Wednesday-Recycling

June
- 7 Wednesday-Recycling
- 21 Wednesday-Recycling

July
- 5 Wednesday-Recycling
- 19 Wednesday-Recycling

August
- 2 Wednesday-Recycling
- 16 Wednesday-Recycling

September
- 13 Wednesday-Recycling
- 27 Wednesday-Recycling

October
- 11 Wednesday-Recycling
- 25 Wednesday-Recycling

November
- 8 Wednesday-Recycling
- 22 Wednesday-Recycling

December
- 6 Wednesday-Recycling
- 20 Wednesday-Recycling
Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey’s greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that’s why we’re all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it’s dirty.

As part of New Jersey’s initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.
If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people’s property.
- Make sure you know your town’s or agency’s requirements and comply with them. It’s the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Don’t litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Don’t feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021

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Local Flood Hazards
Are You Protected?
Floods are the number one natural disaster in the United States, causing the most property damage and killing the most people. That’s why the Township of Denville works all year long to protect you, your family, and your neighborhood from the devastating effects of flooding. With the Rockaway River, Den Brook and Meadow Brook along with many private lakes and detention basins, the Township works to constantly improve flood protection for our residents and businesses. While major milestones have been achieved, the risk of flooding will never be completely eliminated. Just because your property has not flooded in the past, does not mean it will not flood in the future. Mother Nature is difficult to predict. The best protection is being prepared. This newsletter will offer some helpful tips on how to protect yourself, your property and your belongings from floods.

What is Your Flood Risk?
Check It Out!
Visit our website at: www.denvillenj.org You can also contact the Township Engineer’s Office directly to find out if your property is in a regulated floodplain or inquire with a licensed surveyor to obtain an elevation certificate.

How to Protect Yourself?
Flood Safety Checklist
For evacuation, designated shelters, sandbag locations and other important emergency information visit our website at: www.denvillenj.org and www.denvillepolice.org. Subscribe to Nixle.com for text message emergency alerts and notices by texting 07834 to 888-777.

☐ Never walk or drive through flooded areas; more people die in their vehicles during a flood than anywhere else.
☐ Stay away from power and electrical lines; electrocution is the second most-frequent cause of death during flooding.
☐ Look where you are walking. Watch out for animals, especially snakes.
☐ Prepare an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, candles, matches, first-aid kit, medication, blankets, water and food. Visit www.ready.gov or www.redcross.org.
☐ Keep important documents and priceless possessions on an upper level or highest point in your home.
☐ Prepare an Evacuation Plan and make a list of items to take with you and also have a plan for your pets.
☐ Know how to shut off your gas and electricity if instructed to do so. Contact your local utility company for detailed instructions.
☐ Pick a safe place on high ground where your family can meet and have a telephone call-in number in case you are separated.

Buy Flood Insurance
Protect Yourself
Did you know that if you live in a floodplain, there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding over the life of a 30 year mortgage? 25% of all flood claims arise outside of floodplains in low to moderate risk flood zones. Most standard homeowner and business owner insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is available in the Township of Denville to building owners and renters through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Don’t wait to buy coverage. Typically, there is a 30 day waiting period for voluntarily purchased flood policies to be effective.

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The Township of Denville has earned a Class 6 in the NFIP’s Community Rating System. This means that owners of properties in the floodplain can get a 20% reduction on their flood insurance premiums. Ask your insurance agent about the Community Rating System (“CRS”). For more information on purchasing flood insurance see your local insurance agent or visit: www.floodsmart.gov (1-888-435-6637).

Property Protection
Measures You Can Take
There are many ways you can protect your home, garage or other property from the types of flood damage experienced in your community. Different techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings.

If your building is on a crawlspace, look into barriers, wet flood-proofing and elevation.
If your building is on a slab foundation, check out barriers, dry flood-proofing and elevation.
If you have a basement, split level, or other floor below ground level, learn about barriers, wet flood-proofing and basement protection.
Elevate or relocate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances to areas less likely to flood.
You can find more about these property protection measures at the following website: www.denvillenj.org/engineering.

Protect your valuables by moving them to a second story or higher ground.

Important documents and irreplaceable objects should be placed where they will not get damaged.

What are the Natural and Beneficial Uses of Floodplains?
Floodplains and wetlands provide recreational value along with habitats for fish, wildlife and plants. They also provide ground water recharge and water quality maintenance by acting as natural filters for storm water runoff. Floodplains and wetlands form a complex, dynamic, physical and biological system that support a variety of natural resources and societal functions.

Floodplains should be viewed in their natural context. They are more than just hazardous locations for human development. Plants growing in wetlands filter storm water runoff and make the water cleaner for those living downstream. Local open space, such as Muriel Hepner Park, with its preserved woodlands and wetlands also serve the function of filtering storm water runoff. Furthermore, these wetland areas are used by a variety of wildlife and provide habitats for various species.

Federal, State and local regulations serve to protect and preserve such natural areas and wetlands. While some development is permissible, any wetlands filled as part of development are required to be compensated for by creation of additional or improved wetland habitats nearby.

The storm drain system carries untreated storm water runoff directly to our streams. Pouring wastes into storm drains directly impacts our environment. Oil, anti-freeze, paint, fertilizer and pesticides pollute the water, destroy plants, and endanger wildlife. For example, one quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water. The oil from one motor oil change can create an eight acre oil slick. Therefore, you should do your part to help keep our streams and storm drains free of pollutants. Storm drain inlets that lead to local rivers and streams are embossed with a reminder.
Floodplain Permits Required

Any development (not just building construction) in the floodplain requires a permit. This includes grading, cut and fill, installation of riprap and other bank stabilization techniques. Always check with the local Engineering and/or Construction Department to see if a permit is required before you build on, fill, alter or re-grade your property.

To minimize damage to structures during flood events, the Township requires all new construction in the floodplain to be protected from flood damage. Development projects in the floodway must be reviewed to ensure that they do not divert water or serve to exacerbate local flooding. For more information and prior to undertaking any activity in the floodplain, contact the Engineering Department. If you see any development in the floodplain and a permit sign is not posted in plain view, contact the Engineering Department or www.denvillenj.org/departments/engineering.

What Happens if my Home or Building is Damaged or Substantially Improved?

Substantially damaged or improved buildings must meet the same floodplain management construction requirements as new buildings. The Township defines substantial improvement as any reconstruction, rehabilitation, or addition to an existing structure, the cost of which exceeds 50% of the structure’s market value prior to the improvement. Substantial damage is defined as damage of any origin sustained by a building whereby the cost of restoring the building to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the building before the damage occurred.

A building that is substantially damaged or substantially improved must meet the same construction standards as a new building in the floodplain and protected from flooding. In the case of an addition, only the addition must meet floodplain management construction requirements. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must meet these requirements.

For example, if a house in the floodplain is flooded, has a fire or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level in accordance with State and local regulations.

Importance of Storm Drain Maintenance

The Water Could End Up on Your Property

Although Denville Township’s Department of Public Works regularly cleans and maintains storm drain inlets and basin throughout the municipality, property owners are encouraged to do their part as well. Dumping debris into storm drains creates problems for everyone. Such dumping not only results in an expense to taxpayers, but also can restrict water flow and create a flood hazard on your property. Keep trash, branches and grass clippings away from creeks, levees, channels, basins, streams, ditches, gutters and storm drain inlets. A blockage can back up water onto your property.

Never fill, excavate, landscape, plant, irrigate, modify or place any improvement on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

National Flood Insurance Program

Flood Hazard Mapping

Through its Flood Hazard Mapping Program, FEMA identifies flood hazards, assesses flood risks, and partners with States and communities to provide accurate flood hazard and risk data to guide them to mitigation actions. Flood Hazard Mapping is an important part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as it is the basis of the NFIP regulations and flood insurance requirements. FEMA maintains and updates data through Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and risk assessments. For questions related to problems not shown on the FIRM contact the Township Engineer at engineer@denvillenj.org. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Township Public Library. You can also visit the Planning Department at 1 St. Mary’s Place to see if you are in a mapped floodplain area such as the Special Flood Hazard Area or Floodway. If so, they can give you more information, such as ground flood elevations, past flood problems in the area, and copies of elevation certificates on buildings built in the floodplain since 2010 (also posted on Township website). Furthermore, the Planning Department can provide information on flood insurance for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevations, if shown on a firm. Please be advised, that even if you are not in a floodplain, there still may be some risk of flooding. In order to make a flood map request, please call the Planning Department at 973.625.8300 x246, send an email with your request from our website http://www.denvillenj.org/departments/flood_information or visit 1 St. Mary’s Place.

For more information you may call a Map Specialist in the FEMA Map Information Exchange; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or access their website at www.FEMA.gov.

CRS:6

In 2016 the Township of Denville was granted a CRS (Community System) rating of 6 by the National Flood Insurance Program and FEMA for the measures we have taken to protect our Township from future flood events. A rating of 6, which is the highest in Morris County and amongst the top 12 in the State of New Jersey, will entitle our residents within the floodplain to a 20% reduction on their flood insurance premiums renewed or purchased on or after May 1, 2016 for a period of three years.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, staff, professionals and elected officials for all of the hard work that achieved such an elite rating.
**DONATE A BRICK TO PROJECT PLAYGROUND 2.0**

Project Playground 2.0 is an initiative in conjunction with the Denville Police Athletic League that aims to raise funds and awareness with the ultimate goal of updating and rebuilding the playground located at Denville, New Jersey’s beloved Gardner Field. Powered by the spirit of volunteerism and fervor for the community, Project Playground 2.0 will feature a state of the art playground for kids of all abilities to enjoy.

We are working hard with the help of the community to rebuild Gardner Field playground. We would love to see you and your family or your organization become a part of the new playground with the donation of a commemorative brick.

With the purchase of your personalized, engraved brick your family or organization will become a permanent part of the rebuilt playground. Engraved bricks can honor your child or family member who plays here every weekend or recognize a graduate who played here in their younger days, remember a loved one, show support for an organization, or even advertise your business with the donation of a Project Playground 2.0 Brick. Your brick will not only become a part of the new playground but will show your support for the rebuilding efforts taking place.

**4x8 Brick: $75.00 donation**, if you would like to add a souvenir brick it will be an additional $20.00
(Souvenir brick is 1.5” x 3”, will feature felt backing and same engraving as large brick)

**8x8 Brick: $150 donation**, if you would like to add a souvenir brick it will be an additional $30
(Souvenir brick is 3” x 3”, will feature felt backing and same engraving as large brick)

*Symbols can be added to engraving for $5 per symbol, please order online for this option & to see available symbols.*

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Yes, we’d like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)
ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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**Please return this form and your check payable to: PAL Project Playground 2.0**

Mayor’s Office – Denville Town Hall, Attn: Project Playground 2.0
1 Saint Mary’s Place
Denville, New Jersey 07834

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If you have any questions, please call Vikki or Patty at (973) 400-9389 or bricks@denvilleplays.com
You Can Also Order on Our On-Line Ordering Website: [www.bricksrus.com/order/denvilleplays](http://www.bricksrus.com/order/denvilleplays)
DENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

Telephone scammers use many scenarios for soliciting money from unsuspecting victims. Be very cautious when receiving calls in which anyone asks you to send money. There are no scenarios in which you should agree to send money to someone you do not know.

NIXLE
BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY!
STAY INFORMED BY SIGNING UP FOR DENVILLE’S OFFICIAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

You will receive emergency notices & road closure alerts on your cell phone

To sign up: Text 07834 to 888-777

TOWN HALL HOURS:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

COURT WINDOW:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 am - 3:45 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

SOCIAL SERVICES:
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm