MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TOM ANDES

Dear Denville Resident:

On behalf of the Town Council and all the Township staff, I wish you and your family a very joyful holiday season along with good health and prosperity throughout the new year.

For the third consecutive year, the Township remains embroiled in litigation that will ultimately determine our affordable housing obligation for the period of 2015 – 2025. The NJ Supreme Court has determined that municipalities have an obligation to facilitate the building of affordable housing. With that fact in mind, the Township has assembled a talented team of legal and planning professionals to ensure our ultimate affordable housing obligation is as low as possible so that the character and financial stability of our community is not impacted.

Our primary adversary in court, the Fair Share Housing Center, claims that Denville’s obligation should be upwards of 1,700 new affordable units, which with the 5 to 1 ration of market rate to affordable units would result in 8,500 total new housing units being constructed. This is simply not acceptable and our team has effectively chiseled away the vast majority of that demand. However, we are also cognizant that in order to avoid the court stripping the Township of its immunity from builders’ remedy lawsuits, wherein we would lose all local control and see thousands of units developed, we simply can’t just say no and must participate in the process. In fact, one of the prospective developers who is participating in the court proceedings against the Township has recently requested the Judge revoke our immunity. The Judge denied the request and indicated the Township’s immunity from builders’ remedy lawsuits would remain intact as long as we continued to participate in good faith in the process.

Residents are encouraged to look at the Affordable Housing / COAH link (http://www.denvillenj.org/coah.php) on the Township website for the latest information. We will fight it as long, as hard and as sensibly as we can, with the end goal of coming to a final deal that will be the best for our community as a whole.

In regards to other municipal projects and objectives, during the last year we have made great strides in areas of economic development, flood mitigation, road and infrastructure repair, fiscal responsibility, public safety, senior recreational and social programs.

The 1st Avenue Streetscape Project has expanded the aesthetic enhancements in our downtown area. The Army Corps of Engineers is back on track in performing a flood mitigation evaluation at a cost of $1.2 million, which is being paid by the federal government. Once the primary flood mitigation alternatives are identified, Denville could be eligible to receive up to $15 million in pre-approved grants to implement the plan. The Township is continuing to increase the number of streets being paved each year while we concurrently work to pay down more outstanding debt to reduce our overall debt load.

In 2019, the Township added an additional sworn Police Officer to its force and also added 4 new Class III Officers in the 2018-2019 school year to ensure our students and teachers are protected. The Class III program may be further expanded in 2020 working collaboratively with our local Board of Education. Many thanks to the efforts of a great group of dedicated volunteers, the Vamp Up Vets project was completed at Veterans Field, which added bleachers, an announcer’s booth and a scoreboard to our all-purpose field. In 2020, I will be working with the Township Council, during the budget process, to appropriate funding to commence the examination of adding yet another all-purpose turf field in the coming years.

After record rainfall in 2018, some of our more chronic drainage issues became an area of intense focus. Specifically, during rain events, we had to bring DPW employees in after hours and on weekends to salt and sand various chronic locations to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety. As a result, we created a prioritized drainage master plan in 2019 that will help focus on appropriating...
funds for those chronic drainage issues that, if not corrected could create unsafe driving, walking or biking conditions. Some are easy fixes, some are costly and may take many years, but the plan is an acknowledgement that we have to start somewhere.

Denville has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the Morris County Park Commission and Morris County Freeholders. This grant will enable us to begin Phase I of the Openaki – Denbrook Trail, which was one of the prime targets of 2018 in the Trails Master Plan. It is our intention to aggressively seek grants from available County, State and Federal sources to develop a trail system within our Township.

I would like to offer my congratulations to our former 2nd Ward Councilman Brian Bergen who is now the 25th Legislative District Assemblyman. As much as he will be missed, it is very exciting to have one of Denville’s own citizens representing us in the State Capitol. I would also like to welcome Angie Cote and Harry Fahrer to the Township Council. I am confident they will both serve the people of Denville well.

A very sincere thank you to our retiring Councilwomen Stephanie Lyden and Nancy Witte for their dedicated service to our community. Both have thankfully agreed to remain active in the community as volunteers. I am extremely honored to have been given, in November 2019, the honor to continue serving as your Mayor and will keep true to my core principals. I will continue to strive to make our Downtown charming and quaint and our community the best place to work, play, retire and raise a family.

Mayor Thomas W. Andes

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.

Snow Removal Is a Team Effort

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 as well as state of the art 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, which typically takes up to 4 hours after the final snowflake has fallen. 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."
2020 Recycling Updates

On October 1, 2019, the Township held a public bid opening as required by the NJ Local Public Contracts law for the renewal of our residential garbage and recycling collection and disposal services. The bid contained a variety of alternatives for bi-weekly single stream recycling, weekly single stream recycling and weekly dual stream recycling. The bid submitted for twice weekly garbage collection and weekly rotating dual stream recycling was the most competitive and was the only bid alternative that could be awarded for 2020 within the current $30/quarter garbage fee charged to our residents. All of the other bid alternatives would have required an immediate increase in the quarterly garbage and recycling fee.

As many residents may be aware, the market for recycled materials worldwide has virtually collapsed. As recently as six (6) years ago, the Township received a year-end dividend for the sale of its recycled commodities, which helped keep our garbage and recycling collection rates stable. However, due to the deteriorating international recycling market not only does the Township no longer receive a year-end dividend, during the last two years, the Township has had to pay a recycling disposal surcharge. In 2019, the surcharge (in addition to the contractual collection fees with the MCMUA) is projected to be an extra $115,954.

For that reason, we examined various alternatives and starting in 2020 will provide weekly dual stream collection without increasing our residential garbage and recycling user fee. Two questions many might be asking - (1) what is dual stream recycling and how will it work? And, (2) if the international recycling market has collapsed, how can the Township provide increased weekly collection at the same rate?

What is Dual Stream Recycling and How does it Work?

Starting in January 2020, Gaeta Recycling, Inc. will collect commingled materials (glass, plastic, aluminum, etc.) one week and they will collect mixed paper materials (newspaper, cardboard, paper, etc.) the next week in accordance with the calendar. This will rotate during the entire 2020 year with 53 collections of recycling (26 commingled and 27 paper materials) as compared to 28 single stream collection dates in 2019.

If the International Recycling Market has collapsed how can the Township provide weekly service at the same rate?

Although commodities such as recycled glass, plastic and aluminum have virtually no value on the recycling market, one product has retained and even increased in value. This product is mixed paper (i.e. - paper and cardboard). With the advent of online shopping and delivery services, there is a growing need from online retailers for recycled paper and cardboard products. The value of the paper, if not mixed with commingled items, retains a much higher value on the market, which translates into a lower collection cost for the Township and its residents. The Township structured its recycling contract to be a fixed rate contract. Therefore, even if the mixed paper commodity falls in price, we are locked in at a fixed price over the three (3) year term of the contract and will not be subject to surcharges by the vendor.

The following are some general guidelines for what items are recyclable:

Commingled Materials: Any plastic items # 1, # 2, # 4, # 5 and # 7, glass bottles and metal cans. These recyclables must be placed curbside in a solid metal or plastic reusable container with handles. All recyclables must be emptied and rinsed. Plastic shopping bags and styrofoam will not be collected with your recycling. Plastic bags can be returned to most local supermarkets and styrofoam can be placed in the trash.

Mixed Paper: Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, office paper, junk mail, chipboard, telephone books, catalogs, books with hard covers removed and paper bags may be mixed together. All mixed paper products must be placed in containers, tied into bundles or placed into secure paper bags.

Will the Recycling Center also be Dual Stream? What will the hours of operation be?

The Recycling Center will also convert from Single Stream to Dual Stream, effective January 1, 2020. For the convenience of our residents, the recycling center is open seven (7) days per week on the following schedule:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Will my Garbage Collection Change?

No. Trash collection will remain unchanged and is scheduled to be collected twice per week as follows:

- North of US Highway 46 - Tuesday and Friday
- South of US Highway 46 - Monday and Thursday
- There will be no trash pick-up on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. (If your collection is scheduled for any of these days, it will be collected the next day).

What about Pick-up of Large Metal Items?

Denville provides curbside pick-up of large metal items (air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezer, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.) by every Wednesday, by appointment only. Please call 973-825-8334 no later than 11:00 AM Tuesday to schedule a pick-up.
2020 Curbside Pickup of Leaves and Brush

The Denville Department of Public Works (DPW) performs leaf and brush collection throughout the Township. Two years ago, the Township abandoned the collection by voting ward system in order to provide more regular service to our residents. The following is a detail of what residents can expect during leaf season:

- Denville assigns 4 employees on 2 trucks to perform leaf and brush pick-up. Leaves and brush are collected separately as they are dumped in separate locations. Therefore, if your leaves were collected and your brush was not, the brush wasn’t missed but instead is collected by a separate crew in a separate vehicle. This could occur the same day or on a different day depending upon the volume of leaves and brush in other neighborhoods.

- During the months of September and early-October, the leaf truck is able to perform an entire pass of the Township in a 4 to 5 day period and the truck assigned to brush collection is able to perform an entire pass of the Township in a 2 to 3 day period. Once they complete an entire pass, they start over again and perform another complete pass of the Township.

- When leaf collection season reaches its peak, both vehicles will be assigned to leaf collection. Based upon our experience from previous years, during late-October to late-November, it will take both vehicles 5 - 7 days to perform a pass of the entire Township for leaves. Due to the volume of leaves left curbside during this time of year and both trucks being primarily assigned to leaf collection, a curbside collection of brush is typically only performed 1 to 2 times in the month of November.

- All leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags (per Ordinance #21-06) or in rigid containers (such as garbage cans or cardboard boxes) and brush must be tied into manageable bundles that are no more than 6' in length. Grass clippings are not eligible for curbside pick-up but may be brought to the recycling center during working hours.

- Denville Township is proud that our Recycling Center, located at 140 Morris Avenue, is open 7 days per week for Denville residents to drop off recyclables as well as leaves and brush. Please note, no commercial vehicles are permitted to dump recyclables, leaves or brush at the Recycling Center.

- Finally, the 4 DPW employees assigned to leaf and brush collection represent 1/8th of the entire DPW staff. Therefore, in the event of a larger public works issue, there may periodically be days when one or very rarely both of the leaf and brush trucks will not be circulating and collecting. Of course, as leaf and brush collection is a priority this time of year, we attempt to limit such disruptions in leaf and brush pick-up services.

Leaves and Brush shall be collected in accordance with the following schedule:

April 1 - June 15
June 16 - September 15
September 16 - December 31

Leaf and Brush pick-up Township-wide
No Curbside Collection
(although leaves and brush will be accepted at the Denville Recycling Center, 140 Morris Avenue)
Leaf and Brush pick-up Township-wide

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

The Township of Denville offers both one (1) and three (3) year pet licensing. Applications for new pets can be found at www.denvillenj.org. A few items to keep in mind when making the decision about applying for a one (1) or three (3) year license:

- Dog licenses expire on December 31st and Cat licenses expire on May 31st.
- In accordance with New Jersey State Law, your pet's rabies vaccine must be valid through ten (10) months of the last year in the licensing period.

To be eligible for a three (3) year dog license for 2020-2022, your pet's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to November 1, 2022.

To be eligible for a one (1) year dog license for 2020, your pet's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to November 1, 2020.

To be eligible for a three (3) year cat license for 2020-2023 your pet's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to April 1, 2023.

To be eligible for a one (1) year cat license for 2020-2021 your pet's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to April 1, 2021.

- The Township will be sponsoring a free rabies clinic in April 2020 and in November 2020 for those pet owners who want to update their pet's rabies vaccine. For a full listing of free rabies clinics, please visit: https://health.morriscountynj.gov/public/rabies/

- A one (1) year license will cost: $18- altered pet $21- unaltered pet

- A three (3) year license will cost: $45- altered pet $54- unaltered pet

- As a portion of the license fee is remitted from the township to the state, there shall be no refunds of the licensing fees under any circumstances. Therefore, please consider your pet's age and health as well as other personal factors (i.e. – if you plan on relocating out of state within the next two years) when deciding to obtain a one (1) year or a three (3) year license. Please note, that pet licenses are non-transferable.

- A pet that has a medical exemption for a rabies vaccine is only eligible for a one (1) year license.
Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

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.

Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

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 water bodies and the water is not treated.
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.

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 unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

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.

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.

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

April 2004
Community Outreach Flood Protection Information

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, Dan 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 miles 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.denville.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.denville.org and www.denvillepolice.org. Subscribe to Nole.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 (1-888-435-8637).

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 for 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.denville.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 regrade 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.denville.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 basins 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@denville.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. To do 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 may still 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.denville.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 1-800-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.
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:
Monday Closed
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Wednesday 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Food Pantry only
Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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