MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TOM ANDES

Dear Denville Resident:

Since I have been provided with the privilege of serving as your Mayor, I have done my best to guide the Township’s government to focus on the cardinal objectives of my administration. These objectives include flood mitigation, economic development, maintaining and improving our infrastructure while managing our Township’s finances in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Township is pleased to highlight two other notable accomplishments this year. First, the Denville Board of Education relocated the vast majority of their administrative office staff to the second floor of Town Hall. Aside from the convenience for residents, the move eliminated the need for the Board to pay rent any longer. Furthermore, in collaboration with the various educational institutions in our community, the Denville Police Department hired 5 Class III Special Police Officers in 2018 to greatly enhance safety of the children and teachers within our schools. The Class III Specials are all retired sworn police officers who provide armed security at the Denville K-8 schools as well as at Morris Catholic High School and Celebrate the Children School. These 5 officers are in addition to the 2 School Resource Officers who have been assigned to Morris Knolls High School and to the Morris County Vocational High School.

Despite many other notable achievements on the cardinal points listed above, the largest single challenge currently facing our community is the settlement of the 2015 NJ Supreme Court-ordered affordable housing obligation for the period between 2015 - 2024. Like so many other New Jersey municipalities, we find ourselves defending the character of our community, the financial stability of our municipality and trying to prevent our roadways from becoming even more congested. Residents are encouraged to look at the “Affordable Housing/COAH” link (http://www.denvillenj.org/coah.php) on the Township of Denville website for the latest information.

The Township of Denville has yet to settle the pending litigation related to our affordable housing obligation, principally because the numbers being proposed by our adversaries in court would undoubtedly change the character of our community. In April 2016, the Township submitted to the court a plan to facilitate the construction of 112 affordable units between 2015 – 2024. However, the Fair Share Housing Center, our adversary in court, submitted a report that demands Denville permit the construction of in excess of 1,300 affordable units during the same period.

Therefore, we continue to fight the fight but we do so wisely with the exceptional team of legal and planning professionals we have assembled so as to not jeopardize our immunity from a builder’s remedy lawsuits. This, as learned by other nearby municipalities, would simply be catastrophic to our community and we would lose all local control of the planning process. Therefore, we are working collaboratively with certain developers to limit the size and the scope of their developments in order to avoid exposure to builder’s remedy lawsuits.
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Unlike some neighboring communities, Denville has continued to maintain its immunity from builder’s remedy lawsuits by being proactive in its approach to satisfying its obligation. In fact, our community entered the 2015 – 2024 round with a surplus of 33 affordable housing credits towards meeting our obligation. Moreover, the Township approved zoning for 3 inclusionary developments, including Redmond Press on Route 53, Glenmont Commons on Casterline Road and Toll Brothers on Franklin Avenue. Please let me make this clear that neither I nor the Township Council were happy about approving these zoning changes. However, after reviewing all available parcels located within our municipality, we negotiated with the developers to keep the total units to a minimum while ensuring the buildings are aesthetically attractive as possible so as to make the best out of a clearly bad situation.

We are currently in overall settlement negotiations with our adversary, the Fair Share Housing Council, and we are being forced by the Judge to meet with the Court’s Special Master as well as with certain developers who have joined the lawsuit against the Township. I cannot adequately state the level of frustration we are experiencing with the overall process and we are equally frustrated that our elected officials in Trenton including the current and past governor, have decided to do nothing. Therefore, the courts are forcing the local officials to negotiate deals in private and then tell the public about them afterwards. I find it very ironic because these are the same elected officials in Trenton who are constantly passing laws promoting open government on one hand yet forcing local governments to spend millions of dollars defending themselves and governing in conference rooms or in executive sessions. Denville has attempted to be as transparent as possible in the process and as soon as a document has been deemed to not fall under attorney-client privilege, we have posted it on the Township’s website in the link identified herein.

Ultimately, it is our plan to attempt to negotiate the lowest number of affordable units for our municipality. Additionally, we encourage residents to send letters to representatives in Trenton, on both sides of the aisle, to ensure they do their job in fixing this issue so that we are not in court for the next affordable round in 2025, only six years away.

With respect to other topics, 2018 saw a record amount of precipitation in Denville. We were pleased to see that for the most part, the river remained within its banks and flooding was not a major issue. It is clear that the flood mitigation efforts by the Township and hard work by the Rivers and Streams Committee as well as the hundreds of volunteers who clean the river annually has been paying off. The Army Corps of Engineers’ study and potential federally funded project is still in progress. Unfortunately, the study has taken longer to complete that we had been initially informed. Once complete, the finances for a large-scale flood mitigation project are still in place to help our community.

In late-2017, the Township was awarded an additional $630,000 TAP grant to continue with the downtown streetscape improvements on First Avenue. We received final approval from both State and Federal authorities to competitively bid the project. We anticipate awarding a contract in January 2019, with construction to commence in Spring 2019. Earlier this year, we applied for Phase IV of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project, which would cover a section of Diamond Spring Road from Broadway to First Avenue as well as a NJ Department of Transportation’s Safe Street to Transit grant for improvements on Bloomfield Avenue. We are hopeful to hear if these grant applications were successful in the coming months.

I’d like to thank all the volunteers and everyone who contributed whether financially or with goods, services, labor or other talents to our new playground at Gardner Field. It is a testament to our community that in this day and age with so many working families that our community was able to raise a quarter million dollars for a state-of-the-art playground that will be enjoyed for years. With the assistance from the Denville Department of Public Works and volunteers, the playground is now built and open.

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

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 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, 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.”

2019 Curbside Pickup of Leaves and Brush

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

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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 for disposal during working hours.

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.
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 4:00 PM the night before your designated collection date. Garbage cans are also required to be removed no later than 8:00 AM the day after your designated collection (per Ordinance #22-2018).

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 cans periodically.

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 these days, it will be collected 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.

The Current State of Recycling

As you may have seen on the news during the past several months, the state of the international recycling market has all but collapsed. In past years, the Township was able to sell its recyclables to earn cash rebates which has enabled us to maintain our garbage collection rates stable for more than 2 decades. However, due to a variety of market factors, there was one point in 2018 where it actually cost more to dispose of recyclables than to dispose of trash. The market has improved slightly but still remains in a bad condition with the Township having to use an additional $80,000 of tax payer revenue to recycle in 2018 as compared to 2017.

In meeting with experts from the industry, the following helpful suggestions were provided:

DO NOT throw plastic shopping bags in with recyclables as the plastic bags have the ability to spoil and render worthless an entire load of recycling. The plastic bags apparently create jams and break the equipment at the recycling sorting centers resulting in entire batches of recyclables to be redirected to the landfill. The best alternative for residents is to return the plastic bags to the supermarkets, who typically have recycling bins specifically for plastic bags.

Even with single-stream recycling, the Township was encouraged to separate cardboard and paper from all other recyclables. As our recycling contract with the MCMUA ends in 2019, we are looking into moving to a modified single-stream program where glass, plastic, aluminum and other recyclables are placed in one bin while cardboard and paper products are placed into another. Due to the increased use of online shopping, there remains a very healthy market for recycled paper and cardboard products. And remember, besides being good for our planet and community, maximizing our recycling rebates will help us keep our residential collection fees stable into the future. Both the Township contracts for garbage collection (Gaeta), and recycling collection (MCMUA) expire at the end of 2019. Township officials are currently planning and creating bid specifications aimed at potentially improving the collection services to be provided starting in 2020.

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
Dear Dog and Cat Owners:

The Township of Denville is pleased to introduce a (3) three year licensing option for your pet(s). Beginning with the 2019 licensing period, Denville pet owners will have the option to license each of their pets for either one (1) year or three (3) years.

A few items to keep in mind when making the decision about applying for a one (1) year or three (3) year license:

- 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.
  
  [EXAMPLE: a one (1) year 2019 license would be required if a dog’s rabies vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2021 or if your cat’s rabies vaccination expires prior to April 1, 2022]

- The Township will be sponsoring a free rabies clinic in April 2019 and in November 2019 for those pet owners who want to update their pet’s rabies vaccines. Rabies vaccines are valid for three (3) years from the date issued. For a full listing of free rabies clinic in Morris County, please visit:


  A one year license will cost: $18.00– altered pet  $21.00-unaltered pet
  A three year license will cost: $45.00– altered pet  $54.00-unaltered pet

- As a portion of the license fee is remitted from the Township to the State, there shall be no refunds of the license fee under any circumstances. Therefore, please consider your pets age and health as well as other personal factors (i.e. – if you plan on relocating out of state within the next 2 years) when deciding to obtain a one (1) year or (3) three year license. Please note pet licenses are also non-transferable.

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

To provide the deserved recognition, we are asking local service personnel (present and past) to provide us with the information. Forms are available on the Denville Township website denvillenj.org or at the municipal building. Once the form is completed it may be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall or feel free to send an e-mail with the requested information to denvillevet@denvillenj.org.

Individuals also have the option of being recognized at a Town Council meeting or in a more private setting in the Mayor’s office or can simply come to Town Hall during normal business hours to pick up the tribute.

We appreciate your service and may God bless you all!
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No collection on New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1/1/20, make-up collection on Thursday 1/2/20.
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.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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
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, 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.

Maximum Coverage Available

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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.
If you have a property at risk of flood, 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.

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 surface 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. They are part of a complete, complex, dynamic, physical and biological system that support a variety of natural resources and societal functions.

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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.
DENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

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

By enrolling in NIXLE, you will receive emergency notices and road closure alerts on your cell phone from the Denville Police Department

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