Lebanon Township News







September, October, November

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Environmental & Open Space Commission

244 Acre Park Preserved in Lebanon Township

Hunterdon County's newest park – 244 acres connecting the Point Mountain Reservation and Teetertown/Crystal Springs Preserve – has just been preserved by a public-private partnership spearheaded by New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Hunterdon County.

On July 19, Hunterdon County purchased the Pelio property for \$2 million with the help of New Jersey Conservation Foundation and eight other entities, including the New Jersey Green Acres Program, Lebanon Township, Hunterdon Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Victoria 1772 Foundation, Leavens Foundation, Foundation and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.



The new park links existing

preserved lands to create a greenway of nearly 2,600 acres in northern Hunterdon County.

"The addition of this property to the County Park System is crucial to connecting the county's Teetertown and Point Mountain parks, a long sought-after linkage in the northern part of the county," said Matt Holt, Hunterdon County Freeholder Director. "Connections between already preserved parcels enhance the park experience for residents and visitors and add to the value of the park system, which is a critical part of investment in our tourism industry."

The property, which features rolling farm fields, forests and wetlands along Mount Lebanon, Sharrer and Turkey Top roads, has been eyed for preservation for 15 years. It will be open to the public for passive recreation like hiking, bird watching, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and nature observation.

"From a local perspective, this acquisition significantly adds to the rural vistas, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities in Lebanon Township, while also maintaining its agricultural character," said Lebanon Township Mayor Mike Schmidt. "From a statewide perspective, the preserved lands are the source of some of the most pristine drinking water to be found anywhere."

The property is within a sub-watershed ranked the highest quality by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, indicating that its preservation will have a positive impact on water quality. The property is crossed by streams flowing into the Spruce Run Reservoir, a water supply source for central New Jersey. It also protects the watershed of the Musconetcong River, one

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of only three federally-designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in New Jersey.

The land is home to several endangered species, including wood turtles and great blue herons.

"We are thrilled to help secure the preservation of the Pelio property, and we thank all our partners," said Michele S. Byers, executive director of New Jersey Conservation Foundation. "Preservation of these lands reaffirms the importance of publicprivate partnerships in achieving land preservation goals."

Hunterdon County provided the bulk of the funding through grants to Lebanon Township and New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Green Acres was also a significant funding partner, providing grants to Lebanon Township and Hunterdon Land Trust. The Nature Conservancy, Victoria Foundation, 1772 Foundation and Leavens Foundation also chipped in, and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority helped with closing costs.

"The DEP Green Acres Program is pleased to have played a role in preserving this regionally significant property," said Martha Sullivan Sapp, Director of the Green Acres Program. "We commend our partners for preserving this 244-acre property that will provide a link to other public open spaces."

"For many years, Hunterdon Land Trust has held a deep interest in seeing this important property preserved," said Patricia Ruby, executive director of Hunterdon Land Trust. "Now, thanks to the persistence and dedication of the many partners working together, we have added significant parkland to a greenway protecting clean water, air and wildlife for all to enjoy. It is always exciting when a long-awaited preservation project comes to fruition."

"We have limited time to protect New Jersey's most critical lands as the state approaches build-out, said Barbara Brummer, State Director for The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey. The Nature Conservancy is pleased to have collaborated on this project, which provides critical linkage to other protected lands that will allow species to persist in the face of climate change."

"One of Victoria Foundation's missions is to protect New Jersey's environment, so we are pleased to help preserve the Pelio property," said Irene Cooper-Basch, executive director of the Newark-based foundation. "Not only does the Pelio property provide valuable open space and passive recreation to the public, it also protects water in the Spruce Run and the Musconetcong River."

"The 1772 Foundation is delighted to have partnered with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and others to preserve this important farm property," said Dan Ely, the foundation's president. "The fact that the Pelio Farm property adjoins other preserved farms was an important factor in our decision."

"The Pelio land has long been a keystone property, linking the Musconetcong and Raritan watersheds," said Bill Leavens of the Leavens Foundation. "We are very proud to have played a small part in preserving an important link for wildlife in the region. Hats off to New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Hunterdon County, the many partners and the Lebanon Township Environmental Commission for their incredible persistence in bringing this project to a successful conclusion."





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Lost But Not Forgotten: The Red Mill of Spruce Run by: Kathryn L. Koch, EOSC member and Lebanon Township Historian

In the autumn of 2017, the remnants of the Red Mill on Spruce Run, Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey were torn down to create the *Red Mill Race Preserve*. The old mill had stood for over 100 years, but times and technologies have changed. It's next life will be that of a park, trail and fishing spot. So as not to forget the history of this property, which goes back to the 1688 land acquisition, this author has compiled a history of the property and the people who owned it, worked it and cared for it since then. If anyone with knowledge to add, by all means let the author know and she will gladly add it to this anthology, as it is an ongoing project. In the meantime, we will explore what has been found so far.

Originally, the land on which the mill was sited was inhabited by Lenape Indians. They were hunter-gatherers who fished, hunted and grew crops, living on or near the banks of New Jersey's numerous waterways, of which Spruce Run was one. Gradually pushed aside by English settlers, the Lenape moved off and were replaced by land speculators from England during the 1680's. About 1688, a wealthy British investor, Daniel Coxe [1640-1730], acquired many thousands of acres of western New Jersey land, including much of what was to become Hunterdon County, through his agents. Although Mr. Coxe never visited the area, his son and then grandson, Daniel Coxe, inherited the holdings. They did come to reside in what was known as Burlington County, New Jersey from which Hunterdon was later derived. In 1751, prior to the American Revolution [1775-1783], William Coxe, of Philadelphia, son of the original land speculator, sold land in Clinton to Adam Shurts. After the war, in 1795, three sons, William, Daniel and John Coxe, executors of William's estate, divided 300 acres of land to increase the holdings of a local pioneer named Abraham Banghardt. This land is a neighboring property of the soon to be mill property. The Banghardts were among the founders of the Spruce Run Lutheran Church, just down stream of the mill property. Later, on December 27, 1813, 70 and 90/100ths of an acre were sold to Adam Runkle [1765-1850] for \$496.30 by the Coxe brothers, again as executors of William's estate. No mill was yet mentioned in the deed, however the description of the land "on the waters of Spruce Run" included "buildings, waters, woods, water sources, mines, metals and fisheries".

The Runkles were quite an industrious family, descending from German immigrants and establishing a number of farms and businesses in Central New Jersey. For interested parties, there is a thorough account of "The Runkle Family" by Ben. van D. Fischer, published in 1899 and available on line. Spruce Run Road and Red Mill Road were formally recognized by law in 1807. It is noted in the Hunterdon County ledger of roads as reaching from White Hall [now Wood Glen] to Clarksville [now Glen Gardner].

Then, on March 31, 1829, four lots were sold by Adam Runkle and his wife Sarah [nee' Richey], Township of Mansfield, to Daniel Johnson, "a millwright" and Jesse Runkle [1802-1861, grand nephew or grandson, family tree conflicts, of Adam] of Amwell, New Jersey for \$2,000.00. The lots comprised of 2 3/4, 24 1/4 and 6 3/4 acres. This is the first deed to state the outlines of "a heap of stones by the side of the great road from the Union to Changewater ... to the east of the grist mill and sawmill". A millwright is a professional mill builder and one who can repair and maintain a mill. He is often not the miller, one who grists grain into feed and flour.

Again the lands changed hands, but still within the family. Daniel Johnson [1794-1858] and his wife Maria [1802-1881, neé Prall] of Amwell Township, sold their interest in the four lots to William Runkle, of Lebanon Township and William Reeder Prall [1798-1878] of Amwell Township, Maria's brother, for \$1,700.00 on January 9, 1830. William was married to Eliza Runkle [1804-1835, Jesse's sister].

On August 23, 1831, an eight acre lot, owned by John B. Parke [d. 1843] of Mansfield Township, Warren County was deeded to Jesse and William Runkle and William Reeder Prall, of Lebanon Township for \$600.00. This lot notes that it begins in the middle of Spruce Run, opposite to a heap of stones of the north bank. It also mentions that "profits and advantages" are included, alluding to an ongoing business there. Local history buffs will recognize the Parke name as the man and his family who were victims of the *Changewater Massacre on May 1, 1843*, reported in Lebanon Township News, Summer 2013. Mr. Parke acquired the lot from a James V. Anderson and wife on June 2, 1827, for \$108.37.

Then, on February 2, 1832, Samuel A. Johnson and his wife Cornelia, of Lebanon Township, sold an adjacent 1/4 acre lot to William Reeder Prall for \$200.00. On March 11, 1834, Jesse Runkle sold more land to Williams Prall and Runkle for \$700.00. This included two lots of 27 and 6 37/100 acre lots. That deed notes the "heap of stones and being east of the grist and saw mill".

Starting in 1836, the various lots were acquired by Peter H. Rowland of Lebanon Township. I could find no connection between Mr. Rowland and the milling complex Rowlands Mills in the Raritan Township area, located on what is now Route 31. He appeared to be a colorful character. He renamed the mill after himself, became a township committeeman, borrowed vast sums of money from his neighbors, became the Hunterdon

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County Commissioner of Deeds and then lost that position after he became "a bankrupt", as later deeds state. He is buried in the old Lebanon German Reformed Cemetery in Lebanon Borough, along side his wife Sophia and son George.

The mill on eight acres was purchased from William Reeder Prall by Mr. Rowland on September



26, 1836, for \$2,000.00. On August 2, 1837, he bought 60/100ths of an acre from John B. Parke. April 9, 1840, Philip Crater and Margaret Apgar Crater, his wife, sold 15/100ths of an acre to Mr. Rowland. On June 5, 1846, 7 & 23/100ths acres were conveyed by Abraham and Mary Banghardt for \$90.00. A quitclaim deed conveys a small property of 19/100ths of an acre for \$4.50 from Elias and Ester Fritts to Peter H. Rowland. It was adjacent to Rowland's Mill on June 7, 1849. Loans were taken by Mr. Rowland from two Castners, Nevius and Van Syckle, most likely to increase his holdings.

In a public auction in 1871, at the hotel owned by Dennis Sullivan [probably near what is now Hampton Borough], David Van Fleet, assignee of the estate of Peter H. Rowland, "a bankrupt", sold all of the holdings to the highest bidder, Benjamin Apgar of Tewksbury Township for \$3,660.00. So ended Mr. Rowland's mill story. He was born in 1815 and passed away in 1880, as noted by the headstone above. The headstone's legend states, according to church records, "*Death is certain; The hour unseen.*"

During the period from 1873 to 1875, five deeds involving Sheriff John Rittenhouse were made which apparently cleaned up mortgages and half interest in the mill property to Mr. Apgar. The 1880 US Census shows that Mr. Apgar was a 48 year old carpenter, married to 50 year old Emma and had three teenage children. Three of the lots, including the mill, were also deeded on August 20, 1875, to David L. and Rebecca Everitt. Mr. Everitt was descended from Apgars and was probably a relative of Benjamin. On December 7, 1885, the same parties [Everitt to Apgar] were involved in another deed, this time in consideration of \$1,500.00 for half interest in the four lots, mill and mill pond.

The Township of Lebanon Museum, located on Musconetcong River Road in New Hampton in what was formerly the New Hampton School, has in its possession two Day Books from the Spruce Run Mill of 1902. They are hand written ledgers of daily sales of the mill's products. Feed, wheat, corn meal, cob meal, and buckwheat are identified milled products. Prices by volume were noted and whether or not the customer paid cash. Twentyfive pounds of buckwheat sold for 60 cents. At the time, Benjamin Apgar was still the property owner. All is quiet until the Apgars pass away and leave the properties to Marshall Apgar, et als. On January 1, 1919, the mill property is sold to Benjamin T and Retta T. Haggerty of Lebanon Township for \$1,550.00 in a loan to be paid in



monthly installments of \$50.00. The debt is cleared in another deed dated January 18, 1921. A sign, pictured here, is in the possession of the museum.

Once again, the property changes hands, now from the Haggerty's to Aloisie and Alois F. Kopriva, of Stoneybrook, New York on March 14, 1921. The value is noted as \$1.00 and other goods and valuable consideration. On March 1, 1927, the Koprivas transferred title to the lots, buildings, water, and profits to John and Anna Feiks. They operated the mill until 1945. It then lay fallow, however, the next door home was still in use. The Feiks passed away in the early 1960's, leaving no will.



Administrators, George J. and Agnes M. Setzer, sold the property to John J and Gloria M. Dempsey, of Union Township, County of Union, New Jersey for \$14,000.00. What is particularly amusing is that the neighbors and land descriptions are the

same as the descriptions from the early 1800's deeds, including the "pile of stones", "chains and links" rather than feet or yards and the road leading from Clarksville to Antonetown [Anthony, a village in Lebanon Township]. John B. Parks [sic] and Peter H. Rowland are named as neighbors, although they were long deceased. The photo above, was taken in 1992, by Jim Miller, a mill fancier and published in MillPictures.com.

The Dempseys were known locally as antique dealers and used the mill for storage and lived in the old house. Gradually the mill fell into disrepair and collapsed. The Dempsey's passed away, Gloria in 1999 and John in 2011. The house was on the market for years, but the passing of time took its toll and it was torn down in 2017, as a prerequisite of a sale to the Raritan Headwaters Association on December 15, 2017, for \$134,200.00. The land included four lots of a total of 9.6 acres. It then was turned over to the control of Lebanon Township and renamed *The Red Mill Race Preserve*. The name signifies the yet existing mill race, millstones and the memories of the old mill that stood there.

I would like to thank Susan, at the Hunterdon County Hall of Records for her enthusiasm and aid, FamilySearch.com, and George Zach for acquiring the Haggerty sign. If anyone has any other documentation to add, please let the Township Historians know and I will follow up and add to the history.

A Look Back At The Past

Prior to 1951, a group of men known as the Volunteer Fire Brigade would do their best to control a fire in the township until the Fire Department arrived. At the time, Califon, Glen Gardner, Hampton, High Bridge and Mansfield Township Fire Departments assisted in protecting portions of our township.

On the evening of September 21, 1951, the Volunteer Fire Brigade went before the Township Committee who authorized the first officers and men to form the first Volunteer Fire Department of Lebanon Township. The first meeting was held in the Mt. Lebanon Grange Hall. Thereafter, meetings were held in the homes of members.

In 1951, the first piece of equipment, a portable water pump, was purchased with money loaned to the company by Jim Ross. Jim was a local businessman and an active member of the fire company. The portable water pump would be put on the back of Chief William Twining's pickup truck and with that, they would do their best to control the fire until one of the surrounding departments arrived.

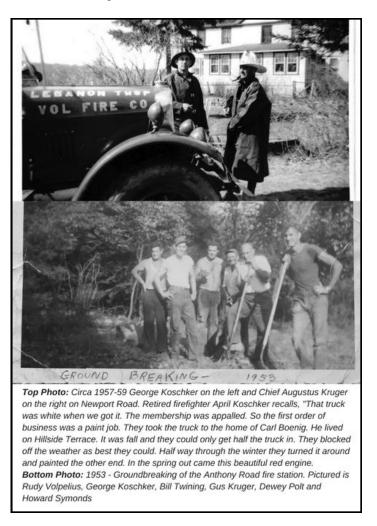
In 1953, recognizing a need, George Dewey Polt, Sr. and his wife Anna, donated a piece of land on Anthony Road for the future firehouse. The construction of the two-bay firehouse was done entirely by the dedicated firemen using concrete block and lumber purchased second hand.

In 1954, the Ladies Auxiliary was organized with fourteen members, Anna Polt and Edna Vopelius being two of its charter members. Over the years, the ladies held fund raising functions like tricky-trays, fashion shows, monthly breakfasts, variety shows, spaghetti dinners, and more. In 1958, the proceeds from much of their fundraising went towards the construction of the kitchen, meeting room and two restrooms at the firehouse.

By 1960, the company had three pieces of equipment in service. A 1928 Pirsch Pumper was donated by Gus Kruger, local businessman and fire member. A 1947 tanker was purchased by the company and in 1958, Herman T. Backhus donated a 1937 Seagrave Pumper which he purchased for \$1000 from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. In September of 1960, the firemen purchased a 1953 Dodge 4-wheel drive power wagon, which they nicknamed the "Mountain Goat". This vehicle enabled them to climb the mountains, carrying firemen and portable extinguishers to fight the brush fires. As the Township grew and the company acquired more equipment, the need for another firehouse arose. The Township sold 6/10 of an acre on Hill road adjacent to the Municipal Building to the Fire Department for a nominal fee. On September 14, 1973, Firehouse Number 2 was dedicated to the "Residents of Lebanon Township" with Chief George Rush officiating.

Almost 66 years later, our Township fire department is still run by dedicated volunteers. When they respond to a call, there's a 100% chance that the person in need will be a friend, neighbor, or someone even closer. Helping their neighbors in their hour of need is what volunteer firefighting is all about.

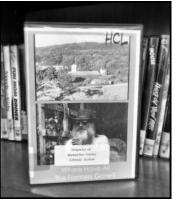
Visit the Friends of Lebanon Township Museum Facebook page a t h t t p s : / / w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m / LebanonTownshipMuseumHistoricalSociety/ to view more photos that chronicle the legacy of volunteer firefighting in Lebanon Township.



Photographs are essential to the connections with family, friends, our community and the countless memories we share. The Lebanon Township Historians are working to create a digital archive of material including photos, newspaper clippings, documents, family trees, etc. If you have material depicting life in Lebanon Township, please contact the Historians at museum@lebtwp.net. We are dedicated to preserving what we regard as crucial pieces of Lebanon Township history and to sharing the stories behind these vintage photos of life in our community. Find more stories and photos on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LebanonTownshipMuseumHistoricalSociety/.

"Where Have All The Farmer's Gone?" now available at Bunnvale Library

There's a new addition to the DVD collection at Bunnvale Library! We're excited to share that "Where Have All The Farmers Gone?", a poignant production by Lebanon Township resident Tom Bleck,



is now available to borrow through the Hunterdon County Library system. If you missed the video presentation in March, this is a must-see documentary about the changes in farming and agriculture in Hunterdon County.







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Reverend Jacob S. Harden, Murderer! by: Nina Savoia, Historian

Louisa Dorland Harden, wife of the Reverend Jacob S. Harden, died on the morning of March 9, 1859, after several days of progressively worsening illness. Harden was preaching at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mount Lebanon, New Jersey, but, at age 22, he had not fully established himself there and was staying at the home of Dewitt Ramsay in Andersontown. Louisa, who was living with her parents in Mount Lebanon until they could afford to set up a household, had come to Andersontown to spend a few days.

Not long after arriving, Louisa became violently ill. The symptoms abated for a day or so, then returned with even more intensity. The night of March 8, she asked for a doctor, but Harden refused. When Ramsay saw Louisa, he also thought she needed a doctor. Harden argued that she did not; Ramsay insisted, but by the time a doctor arrived she was dead.

Louisa was hastily buried, but the matter was not closed. Harden's refusal to call a physician, together with rumors of infidelity that always seemed to surround the young minister, fed a growing suspicion that he had poisoned his wife. It was alleged that another woman who was intimate with Harden had purchased the poison and helped him administer it. The coroner empanelled a jury in Andersontown and ordered the body exhumed. He had the stomach contents sent to a chemist who found that it contained arsenic. During the progress of the inquest, Jacob Harden fled the state and the governor of New Jersey offered a \$500 reward for his arrest.

The marriage between Jacob and Louisa Harden had never been a happy one. She was born Hannah Louisa Dorland and they had known each other as school children in Blairstown, New Jersey, but lost touch when the Dorlands moved away. Jacob had gotten the religious call early and at age 19 was working as a colporteur, traveling throughout New Jersey selling religious books and tracts. He met Louisa Dorland again in Mount Lebanon and her parents decided that Jacob was the perfect man for their daughter, taking every opportunity to put the two together.

Louisa wanted to make a visit to Blairstown and Jacob agreed to take her. Upon their return, rumors were floating that the two were going to marry. The rumors escalated and people were saying that Louisa had been pregnant and lost the child and that Jacob was the father. The rumors were false, but they threatened his reputation as a man of God, and although Louisa had not been pregnant, the couple did have intimate relations and Louisa pressured him to do the right thing. Finally, Jacob agreed to a conditional engagement; he would marry her in two or three years after he had established himself. It would also give Louisa time to improve her education, a necessity for a minister's wife.

Louisa's parents would not agree to this and threatened to sue

him for breach of promise unless they married immediately. Jacob began to suspect that the parents had started all the rumors themselves. He finally agreed to marry Louisa if the family would draw up a legal contract relinquishing all claims against him and formally denying the rumors. The Dorlands issued and signed the document and the two were married.

By this time, it is safe to say that whatever love Jacob Harden had for Louisa Dorland, had disappeared. Louisa, also, was more interested in being married than in being a wife. Since they could not afford to set up a household, she elected to live with her parents while he lived in a boarding house. When Jacob became pastor of the Mount Lebanon, M. E. Church, he stayed at the homes of several of his parishioners and he and Louisa very seldom saw each other. The two communicated by letters which were often contentious.

In March 1859, the coroner's jury indicted Jacob Harden for the murder of his wife, but he was still at large. A month later there was still no sign of Harden until the editor of the *Warren Journal* received a subscription request that caught his attention. A man named James Austin in Fairmount, a small village near Wheeling in what was then western Virginia, requested a subscription to the paper as he was "… very anxious to learn whether Jacob S. Harden had been indicted for the murder of his wife at the approaching term of court." The editor was immediately suspicious and sent a copy of Harden's photograph, along with a copy of the governor's proclamation offering \$500 for his arrest, to the police in Wheeling. Before long, Jacob Harden was in custody and on his way back to New Jersey.

Trial: April 18, 1860

Jacob Harden's trial for the murder of his wife was delayed three times, twice because of the absence of prosecution witness, Dr. Chilton, the New York chemist who had analyzed the stomach, and once because of the absence of defense witness, Mrs. Ramsey. The trial finally began on April 18, 1860, with both of the missing witnesses along with at least 175 more. The defense contended that the case was entirely circumstantial and that nothing in Harden's history suggested he was likely to commit murder. In fact, they said, Mrs. Harden had killed herself. She was not healthy and had been in constant pain, though she hid this from her family. On May 2, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and Jacob Harden was sentenced to hang.

Verdict: Guilty of murder

Aftermath: On July 6, 1860, Jacob Harden was hanged in Belvidere, New Jersey. Hundreds of people who had converged on Belvidere to witness the execution were disappointed to learn that the hanging would be held behind the walls of the jail yard and attended by only one hundred fifty ticketed witnesses. The rest waited outside. When the trap was sprung the news was relayed outside and the crowd's cheering filled the air. (Continued on page 8)

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Prior to the execution, Harden confessed to the murder but refused to make the confession public. It was later published in a book entitled *Life, Confession, and Letters of Courtship of Jacob S. Harden, of the M. E. Church, Mount Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., N. J.* In the confession, Harden admitted that he had often wished Louisa dead but had not thought of taking her life until she arrived in Andersontown. He first gave her the arsenic on half an apple. She remarked that there was something gritty on it and he told her it was a powder to prevent pregnancy. Louisa got sick but recovered, so he bought more arsenic and gave it to her in glasses of milk. He also gave her a tumbler of laudanum.

Harden said he did not know that the stomach could be analyzed and the poison detected. In fact, he was unaware that poisoning was considered murder and carried the death penalty. As an afterthought, he closed his confession with "Warn the youth of temptation, etc."

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Museum

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON MUSEUM 57 MUSCONETCONG RIVER ROAD HAMPTON, NJ 08827 (908) 537-6464

Looking forward to **STORYTELLING** August 26, 2018, and September 23, 2018, at Memorial Park from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Sundays. Hope to see you there.

An **ART SHOW** exhibited by our own Terry Trotta of Lebanon Township - come meet Terry and admire her original paintings on Florida tree bark. A **reception for Ms. Trotta** will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. We are excited!

Our **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Please enjoy our soup and bread reception. Meet old friends and make some new. Our festive windows will be decorated for winter. Happy New Year to All!

Joan & Deanna

Helping our local food pantry is always a needful and thoughtful gift to give at anytime of the year. Let us help for 2019. Thanks!

Museum Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 PM The museum is supported by the Township of Lebanon under the guidance of the Township Historians and the general operating grants of the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Recycling

Recycling News

Not only is recycling the right thing to do, it is also the law in New Jersey. Hunterdon County and Lebanon Township work together to try to make recycling convenient. Please check the recycling page of the Hunterdon County website, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/ recycling.html, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events.



For residential recycling, materials are accepted at each of the following locations:

1. The township recycling depot on the third Saturday of each month between 8:30 and 11:30 AM behind the Municipal Building.

2. The county residential recycling program at the Transfer Station in Annandale. The hours at the transfer station are 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

• Aluminum cans: Only empty beverage cans will be accepted. Other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

• **Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags:** Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box). Cardboard with food or food residue WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

• **Glass bottles and jars:** Food and beverage container glass with rings and caps removed will be accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed. Cups, drinking glasses, dishes, ovenware, window glass, lead crystal, TV tubes, light bulbs, mirrors or any other type of glass product WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

• Hard covered books

• Junk mail & office paper: Un-shredded junk mail and office paper will be accepted. Junk mail and office paper should be tied or placed in a cardboard container (box). Shredded or bagged junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

• **Newspaper:** Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

• Paperback books

• **Plastics bottles # 1-7:** Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.

• Telephone books

• **Tin and bi-metal cans:** Are accepted if all food and other residue have been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

FREE TOWN-WIDE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

A safe and secure way to destroy confidential documents

Date:September 8, 2018Time:9:00 am to 12:00 noonLocation:530 West Hill Road(Municipal Building front parking lot)

Papers should be loose and dry – no rubber bands, binders, metal fasteners, hanging folders, metal book rings, or binder clips.

Staples, paper clips and manila file folders are acceptable.

Shredding will be done on site by Absolute Shredding from Hackettstown, NJ.

If you have more than 2 boxes of materials to be shredded, please call JoAnn on Fridays at (908) 638-6964.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON FREE COMPUTER / ELECTRONICS AND SCRAP METAL RECYCLING EVENT

OCTOBER 13, 2018 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 339 NEWPORT ROAD GLEN GARDNER, NJ 08826

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (908) 638-6964 or treasurer@lebtwp.net

<u>ITEMS ACCEPTED</u> (anything with a plug)

Computers, fax machines, stereo equipment, radios, TV's, humidifiers, monitors, scanners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, terminals, VCRs, VHS players, copiers, air conditioners, space heaters, fans, telephones, laptops, typewriters, MP3 players, servers, equipment, large appliances, and scrap metal.

WILL NOT ACCEPT

Light bulbs, smoke detectors, or carbon monoxide detectors.

NOTE: Please remove ink cartridge from printers. For items containing freon – proof of residency is required (tax bill). Hard drives will be destroyed by Advanced Recovery.

Fall 2018



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A Lebanon Township Showcase of Homes





780 Backhus Estate Road ~ List Price \$575,000 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath JumpVisualTours.com/268683

Updated Custom for sale by the original owners/designers. Perfectly nestled on a private 3 acre property in the desirable Backhus Estates neighborhood. This home features a 2-story foyer. French doors open to the living room. An elegant formal dining room with a butler's pantry. Renovated gourmet kitchen with center island, granite counters, abundant maple cabinetry, new stainless steel appliances & pantry. Breakfast room with sliders to rear deck & patio. Cathedral ceiling great room with stunning floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Spacious tray ceiling master bedroom suite with bump out bay window seat & walk-in organized closets. Lavish master bath with jetted tub & stall shower. Big bedrooms with great closet space. Huge bonus rec room has a studio area w sink. Private 1st floor office. Energy efficient with 5-zone heating. 10 ft ceilings on 1st floor. Coveted neighborhood. Great commute.



432 W. Hill Road ~ List Price \$485,000 4 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths, JumpVisualTours.com/260029

This distinctive Custom home offers a popular open concept w/new oak hardwood floors, new roof, new furnace, new central air & hot water heater. A pair of 2-story Palladium windows provides amazing views! Cathedral ceiling in the living & family room both have fireplaces, sliders to front deck & access to the butler's pantry w/wet bar. The living room opens to an elegant dining room. A gourmet kitchen w/center island breakfast bar boasts maple cabinetry, large pantry & a breakfast area overlooks the wood paneled family room w/stunning stone fireplace. Gorgeous 1st floor master suite w/walk in closet & luxury master bath w/jetted tub. Big bedrooms w/ ample closet space. Entertaining options in the finished basement and on the lovely paver patio. 1.72 acres w big open rear yard. 3-car garage. Unfinished bonus room has incredible potential. Easy commute and great schools including Blue Ribbon Voorhees High School.

REALTORS

109 Sliker Road ~ List Price \$535,000 4 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths JumpVisualTours.com/271651

Extensively renovated with stylish modern detailing. Spacious open floor plan w/ mahogany floors, 2-story foyer, vaulted ceiling living room w/floor-toceiling stone fireplace. Elegant dining room. Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, stainless steel appliances, white cabinetry, tile backsplash & breakfast bar seating. Skylights and a wall of windows brighten the breakfast room. Gorgeous family room w/stunning wall-mounted linear gas fireplace w/ decorative tile surround. Expansive master bedroom suite w/organized walkin closet & lavish master bath w/jetted tub & stall shower. Big bedrooms w/ ample organized closets. Private office. A finished basement is perfect for entertaining w/wet bar, wine room, media room, exercise room & powder room. The private 2.85 acres includes lush landscaping, deer fencing, patios, tennis courts, oversized 2 car garage with loft storage & full bath. Enjoy the easy commute and the wonderful school system.



113 Forest Drive ~ List Price \$529,900 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath JumpVisualTours.com/277529

This pristine Colonial is loaded with curb appeal! Exceptional cul-de-sac neighborhood across from Voorhees State Park. Lovingly maintained & updated by the original owners. Spacious room sizes. Two-story fover with French doors opening to the living room. Elegant dining room with exquisite trim. Renovated & expanded gourmet kitchen with oversized center island breakfast bar, granite counters, white cabinetry & stainless steel appliances. Bright breakfast room with sliders to rear deck. Huge family room has a cathedral ceiling with skylights, fireplace & access to gazebo. Captivating gazebo perfect for outdoor living & entertaining. Master bedroom suite with organized walk-in closet. Lavish master bath with double sinks, jetted tub under bay window & stall shower. All big bedrooms with great closets. Private, open & wooded 1.5 acres of beautifully landscaped property. Easy commute, near shopping, dining and great schools.

For additional information, please contact Sharon Groben, cell 908-303-9385

Veichert, GoGroben@earthlink.net Office: 908-439-2777 Weichert Realtors Oldwick Office, 126 Oldwick Road, Oldwick, NJ 08858

*in Lebanon Township for Dollar Volume &/or Individual Properties Sold in 2012-2017. This representation is based in whole or in part on data supplied by the Garden State Multiple Listing Service, LLC ("GSMLS"). GSMLS does not guarantee nor is in anyway responsible for its accuracy. Data accurate as of 8/1/2018. Data maintained by GSMLS may not reflect all real estate activity in the market. If your home is currently listed with another broker, this is not intended as a solicitation of that listing

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Recreation Commission

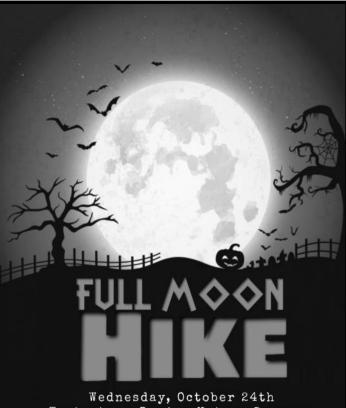


Sponsored by the Lebanon Township Recreation Commission



Teetertown Nature Preserve Thursday, September 27 5:30-7PM

Take an evening stroll at Teetertown Nature Preserve with the Recreation Commission and a Naturalist from the Hunterdon County Parks Division as we look for the fall migrants and local breeding birds of the county. We will use both eyes and ears to determine which birds are in abundance, as well as to observe other signs of the fall season. Binoculars will be provided. Space is limited. Email Recreation@lebtwp.net to register.



Wednesday, October 24th Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve 6:30PM

There's nothing like hiking under a full moon! Come join the Recreation Commission and a Naturalist from the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation for a free guided night hike at one of Lebanon Township's best hiking venues! Night hiking is a unique experience, the sparkling stars and dark woods are a perfect complement to each other. Email Recreation@lebtwp.net to register. Space is limited!

Recreation Commission





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The Lebanon Township PTA (LTPTA) is working hard to "Build Our CommYOUnity." We provide enrichment beyond the classroom curriculum by funding activities and events like book fairs, holiday shop, author visits, theater week, talent show, open gyms, school dances, staff appreciation, assemblies, 8th grade dinner dance, 4th grade farewell, and much more. By supporting the LTPTA, you are supporting your school and your children.

Any local resident, at least 18 years of age or older, with an interest in supporting our schools, whether you have school-aged children or not, is welcome to join the PTA. By becoming a PTA member, you can connect with other parents, learn about important news and upcoming events, and have a voice in the programs we support. Dues are \$10 annually and you can download the membership form from our web site. A portion of your membership dues also supports the National PTA and the New Jersey State PTA, which create policies that support the educational needs of children and promotes family engagement and strong partnerships between schools and the communities they serve.

Throughout the year, we raise money through membership, fundraising and donations. Our new *Wildcats Out & About* events allow us to partner with local businesses by hosting a dining and/or shopping event where a portion of the sales are donated back to the LTPTA. This is a win-win for our community. To find out about upcoming events and fundraisers, like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LTPTA/) or visit us on the web at http://www.lebtwppta.org/.

The LTPTA holds four general membership meetings throughout the school year. All are welcome to attend (only members can vote). Our meetings will be held at Ono Rosa's beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates*:

- Wednesday, September 26 budget approval
- Wednesday, November 14
- Thursday, February 21 nominations for next year
- Thursday, May 9 elections

* please check our web site and/or Facebook page for meeting date changes/updates.

The PTA will be selling **KidStuff Coupon Books** again this fall. KidStuff is packed with a GINORMOUS collection of the



best local and national coupons! KidStuff is also offering a NEW KidStuff Coupon App INCLUDED with every KidStuff Coupon Book, allowing you to access coupons even if you've left the coupon book at home. Books cost \$25 each (which is easily recouped after using only one or two coupons), and the PTA earns 50% of the profit from each book sold. The sale will run from August 30 through September 21. If you are interested in purchasing a book, email the LTPTA at info@lebtwppta.org.

Don't Toss your **Box Tops**! Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn money for the LTPTA. Each one is worth 10ϕ for our school! Last school year we earned \$1,220! Just look for the



pink Box Tops logo on hundreds of grocery store products. Collection boxes are available for your convenience at the Municipal Building, Bunnvale Library, Valley View School, and Woodglen School. For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings and get access to coupons and bonus offers.

Thank you for supporting the LTPTA!

From Valley View School ...

We invite local veterans to attend our Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. If interested, please contact Principal Patricia Bell at (908) 832-2175 or email pbell@lebtwpk8.org for details.



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From the Deputy Clerk

Dog License Renewals

Any dog residing in Lebanon Township must be licensed as per State Law and Township Ordinance.

State statute requires owners of all dogs seven months of age or older to annually apply in the municipality in which they reside for a dog license.



This is a reminder: Dog license renewals are due by January 31 each year. Anyone who has not renewed for 2018 must do so as soon as possible. The annual fee, including late fee through the month of August, is \$46 for altered dog (spayed or neutered) or \$49 for unaltered dog, with an additional \$5 per month late fee going forward. Please make sure the dog's rabies vaccination is current and good through the first ten months of the licensing year. A summons will be issued for non-compliance.

If you have any questions, if you no longer have a dog or you are moving from the Township, please notify Kim at the Municipal Building, (908) 638-8523 x10 or send an email to deputyclerk@lebtwp.net.

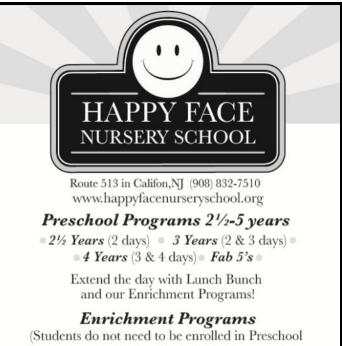
LAST REMINDER before the FREE Rabies Clinic!!

Lebanon Township offers a **FREE RABIES CLINIC** every year. The 2018 clinic is scheduled for November 3, 2018, from 9:00 am to noon at the Lebanon Township Department of Public Works Building on the corner of Anthony and Newport Roads. As in the past, Califon Animal Hospital will administer the shots.

If you have any questions regarding the expiration of your dog's rabies vaccination, call Kim at (908) 638-8523 x10.







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Bunnvale Library

News from the library:

A <u>MEDICARE</u> WORKSHOP will again be held at Bunnvale Library on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm presented by

Senior Advisors. Topics covered will include:

- What Changed in 2018?
- 5 Biggest Mistakes Made by Medicare Beneficiaries
- How do Medicare Supplement Policies Work?
- Original Medicare Versus Medicare Advantage Plans

PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER at (908) 638-8884.

The **Book Club** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the library. We will be reading *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon in September, Peter Straub's *Ghost Story* in October, and Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything* in November. For further information, please call the library.

The Knitting and Crocheting Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the library. Novice and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome to join.

<u>The Ann Rambo Curio Cabinet</u> will feature Doris Terris's paintings in September, Kara Martin will display *The Justice League* in October, and November will feature Jackie McCloskey's *Disney Porcelain Princess Collection*.

Bunnvale Library accepts books, especially children's books, movies, audios, and music donations that are gently used $-\underline{no}$ mold or water damaged books. Please do not put donations in the book drop or leave outside when we are not opened. The library does **NOT** accept text books, **outdated** medical and business books (**nothing older than 2015**), encyclopedias, or magazines. Please call first before donating any of the above items.

Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday & Friday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Telephone: (908) 638-8884



Community News

Jingle Bell Junction An Over 30 Year Tradition in our Over 200 Year Old Church

Christmas Craft Show November 17, 2018 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Quilts made by our own church quilters

25 plus crafters and vendors

Lunch includes barbecue, stone soup, chili and hot dogs, freshly baked bread, and freshly made apple pies

Plus, many different types of cookies from our own cookie ladies

Come shop, eat and be a part of our tradition

Spruce Run Lutheran Church West Hill Road, Glen Gardner



ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET IN THE PARK by: Douglas Diehl

Oriental bittersweet is an aggressive invasive vine that threatens trees and shrubs in forest and open areas. *Celastrus orbiculatus* is the scientific name, which differs from the native climbing bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*). Oriental bittersweet is displacing the native form through competition and hybridization. This invasive woody vine will climb a tree by winding and girdling a main stem (see photo below). It grows a canopy of leaves which covers the tree, thus preventing photosynthesis. Trees can weaken, become diseased and die.

The canopy of leaves are alternate with thin stem leaders that can intertwine with tree leaves. The five petal flowers are green and occur in the spring. The fruits develop in the form of green or orange capsules with seeds inside each.

American bittersweet flowers grow on the terminal ends of stems while the invasive form has flowers and fruits along the stem. Both species grow extensive root systems which generate stem leaders as illustrated. These rhizome leaders will search for a new branch to connect on to. This will cause further damage to the host tree or shrub.

If this invasive plant is found, it can be cut and treated with an herbicide. Goggle *oriental bittersweet* for additional information and images.



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Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE				FIRE - POLICE - EMS		
Beverly Koehler	(908) 53	37-2946	koehler@lebtwp.net	Police Emergency		911
Marc Laul	(908) 7:	52-1738 laul@lebtwp.net		Police Dispatch		(908) 638-8515
Tom McKee, Deputy Mayor	(908) 63	38-5020	mckee@lebtwp.net	Chief, Jack Gale		(908) 638-8516
Mike Schmidt, Mayor	(908) 53	37-9496	schmidt@lebtwp.net	Office Manager, Kathy	Goracy	(908) 638-8516
Brian Wunder	(908) 83	32-2042	wunder@lebtwp.net	Emergency Medical Services		911
			Fire Department Emergency		911	
MEETINGS			Chief, James Crampton		(908) 638-4550	
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless of			therwise specified	Fire Official, Gary Apgar		(908) 638-8523
Township Committee		7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed		Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)		(973) 786-6350
Board of Health		6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed		Office of Emergency Management		
Planning Board		7:00 PM 1st Tues		Coordinator, Alan Goracy		(908) 832-7158
Board of Adjustment		7:30 PM 4th Wed		Tewksbury Township Municipal Court		(908) 832-7684
Environmental and Open Space Commission		7:00 PM 1st Mon		Hunterdon County Board of Health		(908) 788-1351
Park Committee		7:00 PM 2nd Mon				
Agricultural Advisory Board		7:00 PM 2nd Mon		SCHOOLS		
Recreation Commission		7:30 PM 1st Thurs		Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175
Library Committee		7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library		Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111
Historians		7:00 PM 2nd Thurs at the Museum		Voorhees High School	Grades 9-12	(908) 638-6116

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS						
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x11				
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10				
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM			
Assessor	Laura Whitaker	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Wed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM			
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22				
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x19				
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x20	Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00 PM-4:00 PM			
Animal Control	Police	(908) 638-8516				
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850				
Recreation Commission	Maria Naccarato		Email: recreation@lebtwp.net			
EOS Commission / Green Team	Adam Duckworth		Email: lebtwspeosc@gmail.com / LTGreenTeam@gmail.com			
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman		Email: kjnewman115@gmail.com			
Bunnvale Library	-	(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00-8:00, Thurs & Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-2:00			
Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton		(908) 537-6464	Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat 1:00-5:00 PM			
Hunterdon County Transfer Station		(908) 236-9088				
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512,	Califon, NJ 07830	(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM			
For scheduling use of the Municipal Building Meeting Re	ooms or reserving the	e Memorial Park pavilio	on or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.			

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Calendar						
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>				
7 - Movie in the Park	6 - Medicare Workshop	1 - Deadline for Winter Newsletter				
8 - Free Shredding Event	13 - Computer / Electronics and Scrap Metal Recycling Event	3 - Free Rabies Clinic				
15 - Recycling	14 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	7 - Valley View School Veterans Day Program				
23 - Story Telling in the Park	20 - Recycling	11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast				
27 - Fall Bird Walk	24 - Full Moon Hike	17 - Recycling				
29 - Friends of Memorial Park Fall Fest	28 - Halloween Madness					

Newsletter Notes

Publishing Schedule			Advertising Costs		
Winter Spring	Dec, Jan, Feb Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Nov 1 Deadline for input Feb 1	Business Card: \$25.00 Quarter Page: \$40.00	Half Page: \$80.00 Full Page: \$150.00	
Summer Jun, Jul, Aug Fall Sep, Oct, Nov		Deadline for input May 1 Deadline for input Aug 1	All advertisements should include a check made payable to Lebanon Township.		
Please email items to Karen Newman at kinewman115@gmail.com (include NEWSLETTER in the subject line) or mail to:					

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