Lebanon Township News

Spring 2012





March, April, May



School Elections Day

The Lebanon Township Board of Education has voted to move the School Board Elections from April to November beginning this year.

Please see the Article on Page 12.

Municipal Building 530 West Hill Road (908) 638-8523

Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Environmental & Open Space Commission

The Little Migration by Doug Diehl

We know about migrating birds returning back from southern lands and we may even be familiar with the massive migrations of African mammals or whales of our oceans. There is, however, a critical migration for the smaller members of the animal world which occurs during a short period of time each spring. They are the amphibians.

A good example is the spring peeper, which will awake from hibernation to breed from March to June. This year, the migration may be earlier than usual because of our unusually mild winter. Perhaps as early as March, these little frogs will begin to detect milder temperatures and the beginning or ending of rain episodes which will bring high humidity, fog and dampness. Spring peepers, along with other amphibians, will migrate to vernal pools in wooded wetland areas to breed. Our township has many small wetland areas and unfortunately, the amphibians' migration may involve traveling across roads in our township.



The sound of spring peepers is a familiar vocal indicator of early spring as they begin their mating call on or after sunset. Their high pitch peeping sound will occur by high numbers in small isolated vernal pools, swamps, and in farm or residential ponds and roadside ditches. The adults are small, deceptive and difficult to see, but they may suddenly migrate by the



hundreds across a road on a given evening. I can remember an early April evening several years ago, after a rain with light fog, traveling up the lower portion of Rocky Run Road, moving slowly to avoid running over these creatures as they hopped across this narrow road

Be on the look out for these amphibians early this spring. If possible, try to avoid them, remove any migration obstacles and enjoy their sights and sounds.

For more information on spring migrations, please visit http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/protecting/projects/amphibian_crossing/ or contact MacKenzie Hall at (908) 782-4614, ext. 104 or by email at mackenzie.hall@conservewildlifenj.org.

Environmental & Open Space Commission (continued)

Community Well Testing Day - May 19

The Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission is sponsoring a Community Well Testing Day in conjunction with the Raritan Headwaters Association in May for 2012. Well testing kits will be on sale at the Municipal Building on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 AM -12 Noon sharp. Collected samples should be dropped off at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 21 from 7:00 - 10:00 AM sharp.

Basic kits (bacteria and nitrate tests) will be available for \$50. Other test kits will be on sale as well for additional charges which vary by test. Personal checks and cash will be accepted. Sorry, but we cannot accept credit cards.

For more information about tests or reporting, please contact Peggy at the Raritan Headwaters Association at (908) 234-1852 ext. 401 or email her at promeo@raritanheadwaters.org. For other information about Well Testing Day, please email Nancy Lawler at nerlawler@comcast.net.

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Historians

The Union Hotel and New Hampton

New Hampton on the Musconetcong River, is one of the oldest, and for many years one of the largest, villages in northwest New Jersey. It was before 1740 when John Bowlby bought 5,088 acres of land along what is now Route 31 at Imlaysdale in Warren County, which was then part of New Hampton. Bowlby and his sons had a gristmill going in 1740. A second mill was built a half mile north of the first on the Lebanon Township side of the road.

Indian trade and service to the fertile farms of the valley, along with mines and forges made for a thriving village. In the late 1700s, New Hampton was a center for making harnesses, barrels, shoes, and cabinets. There was also a tailor, blacksmith shops, a distillery, taverns, and a general store. By 1834, there were 20 to 25 dwellings, and by the mid 1850s, two hotels had been established. A New Hampton resident, Henry Dusenbery, a well-to-do enterprising man, bought the distillery in 1817 for \$3,500. In 1821 he built a schoolhouse, now the Lebanon Township Museum, and gave it to the town. That same year, he secured for New Hampton one of the relatively few post offices in New Jersey. It was operated out of his country store. His son, Joseph Warren, helped in the operation of the store, distillery, tanyard, grist, saw and carting mills which Henry owned.

Two early taverns were called Mackey's and McCrum's. In 1763, William Mackey petitioned for a renewal of his license, as

did later owners after 1767 and into the 19th century. McCrum's opened in 1762 and prospered at least until 1791. These buildings no longer exist.

William Morelan was a practicing physician in New Hampton in 1810, and was "much admired by patients and colleagues alike." Other doctors lived in New Hampton until the early 1900s.

The Union Hotel, later the New Hampton General Store, was built circa 1840 in a "neo-Italianate" style. The house was used by the innkeeper and for renting rooms. The third floor contained small cubicles, which provided overnight accommodation for weary travelers. It also served as a tavern. In 1909 it was called Mallatt's Place. Later, the building became a General Store. People still living in the area fondly remember it for its large assortment of penny candy and dry goods.

In the 1960s, the store and added outbuildings became a manufacturing place for woolen slippers. It then became known as the New Hampton General Store and the goods produced were shipped across the United States via mail order. By the end of the 1960s, when the factory ownership moved out of New Hampton, the building gradually fell into disrepair.

The Union Hotel, located at 27 Musconetcong River Road, is currently restored to its circa 1840s' original exterior appearance.

Historians (continued)

Memories of Bunnvale School

Our last article in the newsletter was about the Bunnvale School. In response, we received a very nice letter from Jean Castanien describing the school. Following is an excerpt from her letter:

"Bunnvale School in the 1930's was a one room school with one teacher and thirty plus students who ranged in the age from five to fourteen in grades from one to eight. The building had no water supply, electricity or plumbing. Each school morning, two of the older boys carried water in a closed pail from a neighbor's house.

The first year students, called "beginners", sat at a small table near the teacher's desk and the big stove. You did not have a desk of your own until you were in second grade. Playground equipment was a bat and ball. There were no organized games. Children played Hide & Seek and Red Rover or made up their own games of tag."

Thank you, Jean, for this wonderful letter.

Historical Inventory of Township Buildings and Houses

The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission has asked the Lebanon Township Historians to participate in a historical inventory of all houses and buildings in Lebanon Township which date from 1900 or earlier. The Historians will document the buildings via photos. This spring, Historians will be in your neighborhood taking photos of historic houses and buildings for an updated survey mandated by the County and State of NJ. The last survey was done in 1979. The Historians will have a letter verifying their identification. We ask for your graciousness during our endeavor.

Our Stormy Past

We didn't have an article in the last newsletter because of the October snowstorm. This got us to thinking about storms we have had in Lebanon Township.

Is it true there have been tornadoes in Lebanon Township? Have you seen or heard them? How much damage was there? Did your relatives live through the blizzards of 1888, 1898-1899, 1909 or others? How long did the storms last? What did people do to survive?



If you have information or pictures you would like to share about past storms in Lebanon Township, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at LebanonTownHistSoc@gmail.com or drop by the Museum.

200 Years Books For Sale



Lebanon Township 200 Years is a historical retrospect of Lebanon Township. The book is filled with wonderful information and pictures of the township including information on churches, lime kilns and early industries and pictures of one room schoolhouses. The book was published by the Historical Society in 1999. It is available for sale for \$20 at the Museum, Bunnvale Library and the Municipal Building.



Museum

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON MUSEUM 57 MUSCONETCONG RIVER ROAD (908) 537-6464

EXHIBITS February, March & April

Cindy Geiger's "School Display of the 1800s" is a wonderful collection of clothing, books, etc., of the era.

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

May, June & July

An eclectic exhibit of friends of the museum showing vintage handkerchiefs, rabbit molds and finds from the soil in my backyard.

ART SHOW

May 5 thru May 30

Reception: May 5, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Landscape artist Victor Martinez of Peapack, NJ, will exhibit during the month of May. A reception for this talented gentleman will be on Saturday, May 5, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Please stop by and view his local scenes and more.

1870 SCHOOL DAYS

School days at the museum are always fun and memorable - reading, writing and arithmetic - with a spell down and some colonial crafts thrown in. Pumping water from a well and relay races are great fun, too! Call for a date to sign up and join us.

ADULT SCHOOL HOUSE CRAFT CLASSES 2012

A menu of crafts will be available soon - featuring our favorite instructors: Cindy Geiger, Kay Weeks, Sandy Watts and museum staff. Call for more information: (908) 537-6464.

LEBANON TOWNSHIP POTTERY

The Lebanon Township Historians will be placing an order from Bujno Pottery, an Adamstown, PA, custom stoneware company. We have had pottery from Bujno before, but not since 2005. Watch for the sale to begin.

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

Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31

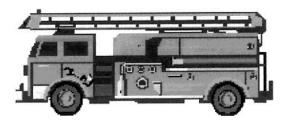
Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 31**, at 2:00 PM at Memorial Park. The rain date is Sunday, April 1, at 2:00 PM. Games, the Egg Hunt and a Visit with the Easter Bunny will be available for children from pre-school through 6th grade. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the "special" eggs. Children should bring a basket or bag to hold their eggs.

In the event of inclement weather, please check the Township web site at www.lebanontownship.net for rescheduling information.

The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 2:00 PM – please plan on arriving early!



Fire Department



2012 Line Officers

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce their 2012 Line and Administrative Officers: Chief, Ed Schaffer; Assistant Chief, Tom Carlucci; Captain Station #1, Bob Stulack; Captain Station #2, Bill Border; Lieutenant Station #1, Sean Kelly; Lieutenant Station #2, Ed Kiley; President, Bernie Cryan; Vice President, Paul Ibsen; Secretary, Bernie Cryan; Treasurer, Ken Swan.

Fire Safety Tips

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should all have fresh batteries. Carbon Monoxide Detectors older than 6 years old should be replaced because they could give false readings. The alarms may be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.
- 2. Do you have a fireplace? If yes, anytime is the perfect time to clean your fireplace and chimney.
- 3. Can we get to your house? Is your house number visible?
- 4. Is the driveway wide enough for our emergency vehicles?
- 5. Please make sure we can respond to a call to your house, even when it is snowing or there is ice on the roads.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ALSO RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS!

Firefighters and EMTs are Needed!

No experience necessary. We will train you! The department is always looking for new members. If you would like to join, please stop by our fire houses any Monday you see the doors open or call (908) 537-2838 and ask for Ed Schaffer. Last year, we had 280 Fire Calls and 406 Medical Calls. See what we do by checking out our website at www.ltfdnj.org.

Junior Fire Fighters Needed

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 14 and 18 who might be interested in becoming a Junior Fire Fighter, we'd like to hear from you. We can explain more about the Lebanon Township Fire Department and the responsibilities of a Junior

Fire Fighter. Perhaps this could become a career path for your child. For more information, please call Ed Schaffer at (908) 537 -2838 or email Jrfirefighter@ltfdnj.org.

Pancake Breakfast

The Lebanon Township Fire Department has been holding Pancake Breakfasts for over thirty years. This great tradition is held from 8:00 to 11:30 AM every second Sunday from October until June at Station One on Anthony Road. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. All money raised supports the Lebanon Township Fire Department. Directions to Station One on Anthony Road:

- From the A&P in Califon, follow Sliker Road until it turns into Anthony Road (bear left onto Anthony). Follow Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.
- From Point Mountain or Route 31, take Musconetcong River Road (Route 645) to Hollow Road. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.
- From the Municipal Building or Hill Road, follow Red Mill Road to Newport Road. Make a right onto Newport and follow to the end (just past the Road Department Building).
 Turn left onto Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.
- If you get lost call (908) 537-2838.

2012 Fund Drive

The Fund Drive Committee would like to thank you for your donations and let you know that every bit helps. If you forgot to send in the return envelope, you can still send it now. If you would like to contact our Fund Raising Chairperson, please email donation@ltfdnj.org. Thank you for your support.



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 C o u n t y we b s i t e, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.htm, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events. Lebanon Township



generally has an electronics recycling event the second Saturday in May.

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

- 1. The township recycling depots 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 has been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

Spring (Earth Day) Litter Clean-up

The spring litter clean-up is scheduled for April 21 and 22. Residents are encouraged to pick up litter along any road frontage. Bottles and cans should be recycled and any remaining litter can be left bagged along the road to be picked up the township Road Department. Bags can be picked up at the recycling depot on March 17, or you can use your own trash bags. Please contact Jan Gibas at (908) 638-4784, or jangibas@comcast.net, if you have any questions.

Computer /Electronics Recycling Day

A computer/electronics recycling day is **tentatively** scheduled for May. Please check at the Municipal Building or on the Recycling page of the township website at www.lebanontownship.net (located under Government/Recycling Commission). The date and a list of items which will be accepted will be posted as soon as that information becomes available.

For additional information, please contact Jan Gibas by phone at (908) 638-4784, or by email at jangibas@comcast.net.

County Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The next Hunterdon County Utilities Authority Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, rain or shine. The collection will be held at the Hunterdon County Library Complex, 314 State Route 12, Flemington.

A list of acceptable items as well as directions to the complex can be found on the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority website at http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/cleanup.htm.

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Featured Lebanon Township Listings



262 Rocky Run Road, Offered at \$354,900

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- · Gorgeous wrap-around porch and deck
- Updated eat-in kitchen with Silestone™ counters
- Master bedroom with walk-in closet & lovely master bath
- Spacious rooms including finished basement playroom
- Private, open & wooded 1.83 acre lot bordering park land



101 Mountain Top Road, Offered at \$324,900

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- Kitchen with granite topped counters, buffet serving bar and newer stainless steel appliances
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- Family Room with cathedral ceiling & warm gas stove



8 Spring Mountain Road, Offered at \$299,900

- Sprawling Ranch Home with 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths
- Large updated eat in kitchen with hickory cabinets and fieldstone fireplace with woodburning stove
- Living room with another fireplace and built ins
- · Bedroom with separate entrance & updated bath
- Private, peaceful location near stores and schools.

Additional Active Listings by Sharon Groben



Tewksbury Township Offered at \$899,900



Readington Township Offered at \$489,999



Clinton Township Offered at \$399,900



High Bridge Boro Offered at \$344,900



Branchburg Township Offered at \$210,000

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olutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

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

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

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

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including

colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



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

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

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



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 waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- 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.



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 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.



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



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



www.cleanwaternj.org



Bunnvale Library

News from the Library ...

Santa delivered an overwhelming number of e-readers to our patrons this year! So many excited new technophiles have come to the libraries in our county system with questions about downloading audiobooks to their Kindles, Nooks, and iPads. In response to public demand, the county library is offering tutorials and training sessions at its main location and select branches. Check with the library for schedules.

Don't miss the upcoming exhibits scheduled for The Anne Rambo display cabinet. In March, we will present **Terrariums** created by Lisa Tansug. A timely **Spring** display by Ruth Trujillo will be April's special event. The month of May features Andrew Babiuk-Murray's collection of **Cars and Airplanes**.

Another annual harbinger of spring, the 16th annual **Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale**, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 through Sunday, April 22 at the National Guard Armory on Route 12 in Flemington. Proceeds from the sale are shared with all of the libraries in the county system. Your donations of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs in good condition may be brought to designated library locations. Information regarding drop-off dates and acceptable items will be available at all libraries, on the website at www.hclibrary.us and in local newspapers.

Story Time for preschoolers, ages 2-5, is held on Fridays from 1:15-2:00 PM. The spring session begins in April and continues through June. Pre-registration is required. Specific dates and complete information can be obtained at the library.

Bunnvale Library offers a diverse collection of fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, DVDs, periodicals, reference materials, wireless and internet access, copy and fax machines. We have a book sale cart and a paperback exchange. Let us know of any special requests, suggestions or recommendations so we can better serve you.



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Memorial Park



LTAA



LTAA Baseball / T-Ball / Softball Registration Going on Now

Registration for the Lebanon Township Athletic Association's (LTAA) spring sports is going on now. Registration is open until March 11. T-Ball is available for

youth in grades K-1, baseball for grades 2-7 and up, and softball for grades 2-6. Games are played on Saturday and one weekday evening per week. Practices are usually one weekday evening each week.

LTAA is a non-profit organization serving the Voorhees community. Residents of any town or community are welcome to join. The quality and success of the program depends on the continued support and participation of parents volunteers.

Registration and additional information is available online at http://ltaa.sportsoffice.com/.



Education

School Board Elections Moving from April to November Beginning this Year

On January 17, 2012, Governor Chris Christie signed a law allowing school districts to opt to move their elections from April to the General Election in November.

On Feb 14, the Lebanon Township Board of Education met and voted to move the school board elections from April to November, starting with this election in 2012. This was a difficult decision, but by majority we voted "yes" because we believe this is the best decision for our district based on the following reasons:

- The move puts the School Board elections on the same cycle as the municipal, state, and federal governments. This means more district voters can participate in school board elections of Board of Education members, as well as school budgets if the 2% cap is exceeded.
- The budgeting process will remain the same. As always, the elected school board will develop and vote on the annual budget (April). The community will have the same input into budget development as in the past including: budget input meetings (February), a public hearing on the budget (March), and input throughout the year.
- The district will continue to be mindful of the tax burden on district residents and focus on maintaining a budget under the 2% cap whenever possible. Disseminating information to the community on budgetary issues will continue to be a focus for the board's Public Relations committee.
- All but one of the 28 Hunterdon County districts have voted to move their elections to November, which includes all North Hunterdon-Voorhees High School sending districts. Readington has voted to keep elections in April.
- Election costs will be reduced or eliminated with a change to November.
- According to the legislation, once moved, the election stays in November for a minimum of four years, and thereafter until it is moved again by due process.

Public Hearing on the 2012-13 School District Budget

The school district is currently in the process of developing the 2012-2013 school budget. Comments regarding the budget can be sent to Judith Burd at jburd@lebtwpk8.org. The proposed budget will be explained and discussed at the Public Hearing to be held at Woodglen School on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM. All community members are invited to attend this meeting to learn the details of the proposed budget. Budget information will be posted on the district's website at www.lebtwpk8.org as it becomes available.



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Help the Lebanon Township PTA Raise Money for our Schools

Do it for the environment, do it to earn free products for the Lebanon Township Schools, or do it so the Valley View students can win this year's challenge and see their principal perform in front of the whole student body!!! Yes, Mr. Frinzi has agreed to give a private trumpet performance if the students bring in more Box Tops this year than last year!

Thanks to your efforts in clipping labels from the packaged food in your pantry and around your home, the PTA is able to give teachers at Valley View and Woodglen Schools free supplies for their classrooms and fund programs for the children. Please help with the 2012 campaign by sending your Box Tops, Labels For Education and Tyson points to Valley View or Woodglen Schools. We also have drop off boxes at Bunnvale Library and the Municipal Building.

Please remember to register your Shop Rite card on the Labels for Education website and the schools will automatically receive points when you purchase participating products, and you can still clip the label. We also accept Elmer's glue containers, and empty tape dispensers/rolls.

We've gotten a great response from the community including many who don't even have kids in the school, so be sure to ask your neighbors and family members to join in the effort. Collection is year round.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Rupprecht (LTPTA Product Labels Committee Lead) at labels.committee@gmail.com or check our website at www.lebtwppta.org.







Education (continued)

Happy Face Highlights

Happy Face Nursery School has been educating local families since 1973. It is a New Jersey State Certified, non-profit, non-sectarian institution governed by a Board of Trustees. The same ideas, philosophy, perseverance, motivation, teacher dedication, and family involvement which started Happy Face Nursery School in 1973, keep it going today.

Happy Face will be holding open registration to the public starting Tuesday, February 14, 2012. We offer preschool programs in the mornings and afternoons for children aged 2.5-5+ years. Highlights of our school include programs for 2.5 year olds (2.5 year olds do NOT have to be potty trained!), 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and a special program called the Fab Fives. The Fab Fives is designed for children who need an extra year before kindergarten or for children already in a public kindergarten, who'd like to extend their day of fun and learning. It is also a wonderful alternative for those children not ready to enter a full day kindergarten program.

We also offer The Happy Face PREPpy (PReschool Enrichment Program). This is an extended day enrichment program for students in the 4AM and Fab5AM programs on Mondays and Wednesdays. PREPpy students bring their own lunch and stay for an extended day of Science, Math and Sign

Language enrichment and fun!

Lunch Bunch, available Monday-Thursday, is for all students aged 3 and over who can stay an extra hour or come an hour early from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The children have lunch together and then play with friends. Lunch Bunch is teacher supervised with emphasis on table manners and positive interactions. Additional fees apply and limited space is available.

Please call the school at (908) 832-7510 to arrange a visit, email us at info@happyfacenurseryschool.com or visit our website at www.happyfacenurseryschool.com.

Save the Date!

The Happy Face Tricky Tray returns on Friday evening, April 20, 2012, in the Parish Hall of Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, 445 County Road 513, Califon. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the first drawing is at 8:00 PM. We are accepting donations for prizes and will soon update our website, www.happyfacenurseryschool.com, and Facebook page with a list of the great selection of baskets and prizes which will be offered. The event is handicapped accessible and limited to adults only. For additional information, please email us at info@happyfacenurseryschool.com.



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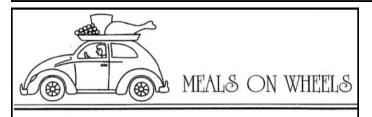
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Community News



Have Lunch with Meals on Wheels

Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is! Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided 'comfort food' to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us. If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday, with weekend coverage, if needed. Service can be short term until recovery, or longer, depending on individual needs. Delicious meals delivered by warm and caring volunteers - what could be better?

If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home delivered meals, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call (908) 284-0735 for more information.

Senior Center at Bunnvale Church Looking for New Hires

The Hunterdon County YMCA has openings for several paid employment positions at their Senior Center located at the Bunnvale Church on Route 513 in Lebanon Township. They are currently in need of a piano player and several substitutes to help with the Center's programs.

The piano player will accompany the Center's Silver Belles choir. The choir practices on Thursdays from 9:45-11:00 AM and occasionally performs, especially during the holidays. The substitutes will be used on an "as needed" basis to assist with exercise programs, bus trips, etc.

The Senior Center is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Candidates should enjoy working and interacting with lively seniors. Interested parties may contact the Center's director, Beth Wolfmayer at (908) 638-6515, or Judy Beck at (908) 236-7879 ext. 26. Employment applications are available at www.hcymca.com, or they may be picked up at the Deer Path or Round Valley YMCA fitness centers.

Help the Open Cupboard Food Pantry Help our Community

In 2011, the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton distributed over 134,000 pounds of grocery items to the needy of northern Hunterdon County. In December, a record 525 people were

assisted. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our community.

The Pantry accepts food, personal care items and cleaning supplies, in addition to local supermarket gift cards and monetary donations. Currently, the most needed items are: vegetable soup, tuna, macaroni and cheese, canned beef stew, baked beans, canned pears, peaches, and pineapple, sugar, coffee, toilet paper, and laundry detergent.

The Food Pantry has a Thrift Shop which helps support the Pantry through its sales of clothing, household items, books, jewelry, etc. For more information about donating or seeking assistance, please call (908) 730-7320.



Stars Girl's Fastpitch Gets Underway

The Voorhees Stars Girl's Fastpitch Softball program started their indoor winter workouts on Sunday, January 29 at Woodglen Middle School in Lebanon Township. These sessions serve as winter practice as well as team tryouts. Sessions will continue indoors through March.

The Stars have been in existence since 1996 and are the softball feeder team for Voorhees High School. They sponsor teams at 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under, and participate in both league and tournament play.

For additional information, or if you are interested in participating, please check the Stars' website at www.voorheesstars.org, email VoorheesStarsSoftball@gmail.com or call (610) 704-0656 or (908) 236-8000.



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Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor - Liaison to Public Works, Highlands	(908) 537-4132		
Frank Morrison - Liaison to Police, Fire and Rescue	(908) 832-5263		
Patricia Schriver - Liaison to Administration and Finance, Grants	(908) 832-7066		
Brian Wunder, Mayor - Relocation Assistance Officer; Liaison to the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon, Legal Matters, Local School District	(908) 832-2042		

<u>MEETINGS</u>			
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified			
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed		
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed		
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues		
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed		
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon		
Park Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Mon		
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		
Recreation Commission	7:00 PM 1st Thurs		
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library		
Historians 7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museu			

FIRE - POLICE - EMS		
Police Emergency	911	
Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515	
Chief, Chris Mattson	(908) 638-8516	
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8516	
Emergency Medical Services	911	
Fire Department Emergency	911	
Chief, Ed Schaffer	(908) 537-2838	
Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 537-6670	
Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350	
Office of Emergency Management		
Coordinator, Warren Gabriel	(732) 921-0764	
Municipal Court of North Hunterdon	(908) 735-7775	
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351	

<u>SCHOOLS</u>			
Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175	
Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111	
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	Mary Mastro	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Tues & Wed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM and by appointment
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
Lost Dogs	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678	
Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter		(908) 996-2525	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850	
Library Committee	Art Gerlich, Chair	(908) 638-4331	
Recreation Commission	Kristin Petrik	(908) 638-3590	
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424	
Environmental & Open Space Commission	Warren Newman	(908) 638-4332	
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.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 Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.			

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Calendar			
<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	
10 - Hazardous Waste Collection Day	8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter	
11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	20 - Happy Face Preschool Tricky Tray	13 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	
17 - Recycling	21 - Recycling	19 - Community Well Testing Day	
31 - Easter Egg Hunt (rain date April 1)	21 & 22 - Spring Litter Clean-up	19 - Recycling	
	21 & 22 - Friends of the Hunterdon County Library Book Sale		

Newsletter Notes				
Publishing Schedule		Advertising Costs		
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Deadline for input Nov 1	Business Card: \$25.00	Half Page: \$80.00
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1	Quarter Page: \$40.00	Full Page: \$150.00
Summer	Jun, Jul, Aug	Deadline for input May 1	All advertisements should include a check made pay	
Fall	Sep, Oct, Nov	Deadline for input Aug 1	Lebanon Township.	

Please email items to Karen Newman at karennewman@embarqmail.com (include NEWSLETTER in the subject line) or mail to: Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 530 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826, Attn: Newsletter.

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