Lebanon Township News

Spring 2018





March, April, May

Sledding, a bon fire and an ice carving demonstration were some of the highlights of Recreation's Fire & Ice Winter Madness Festival 2018, held at Memorial Park on February 3. More information and photos on Page 2.



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

> Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Recreation Commission



Recreation Commission

Fire & Ice Winter Madness Festival 2018

The Fire & Ice Winter Madness Festival was held on Saturday, February 3 at Memorial Park. Sponsored by the Lebanon Township Recreation Commission and Friends of Memorial Park, the event included burning of Christmas trees, sledding, free hot beverages, s'mores, music, food trucks, and an ice carving demonstration.

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department did all the heavy lifting, feeding the fire with Christmas trees brought to the park by members of the community. Justin Pill of Cold Spring Lawn and Landscape and the Pascale Family supplied truckloads of pallets to help build the bonfire.

Squeals of delight could be heard from the children sledding down the big hill. Occasionally they would take a break to make s'mores or warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.

Adults and children were mesmerized with the talent of Bob Johnson, "the Iceman", who carved three 300lb blocks of ice into works of art. He worked off suggestions from the crowd and created an eagle with an American flag, Olaf from the movie Frozen, and a dog on a pedestal symbolizing the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dog. The ice blocks were moved and on display in front of the Municipal Building on West Hill Road for many days after the event.

Fired Up Flatbread Company, Chick Wings & Things and the Empanada Guy fed the crowd with their delicious offerings. The Empanada Guy was especially a hit, and was sold out by the end of the night.

Thank you to the many people and volunteer groups involved with organizing a fun event for our community. We hope this is the start to a tradition that friends and neighbors will look forward to each year!











Recreation Commission

Recreation Commission Looking for New Members

The Lebanon Township Recreation Commission is looking to fill two vacancies this year. Our team is comprised of community members dedicated to creating and implementing fun activities and programs for children and adults in Lebanon Township. No experience necessary! If you are interested in learning more about what the position entails, please email Recreation@lebtwp.net.



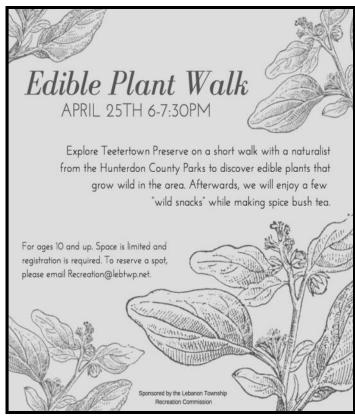
Get outdoors and enjoy the natural beauty of Lebanon Township. The White Trail in the South Section is an easy trail that traverses through a large grassland field and the forest of the park. Join the Recreation Commission and a Park Naturalist from the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation as we explore this local gem.

Space is limited. Registration is required.

To reserve a spot, please email recreation@lebtwp.net.

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Environmental & Open Space Commission

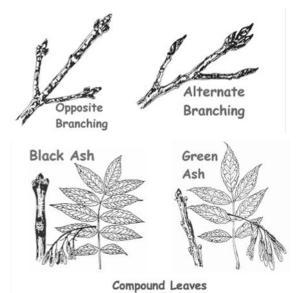
Emerald Ash Borer Update - EAB on the Rise in our Woods

The emerald ash borer is bad news for our forests. This beetle, also known as EAB, is originally from Asia, and has killed many millions of trees nationally since it was first discovered in 2002. As of January 2018, EAB infestations have been detected in Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties in New Jersey. This pest attacks only ash trees.

Ash trees are a very common and important tree in Lebanon Township - they make up about 10% of our woodlands. They provide shade in our parks and cool houses from summer heat, and provide places to nest for native birds and insects. Ash is an important wood economically - it's used for flooring, furniture, baseball bats, tool handles, and has many uses on farms.

You can help stop EAB from spreading by learning to identify healthy ash trees, learning the signs of infestation, and reporting damage. If you see a lot of woodpecker activity or damage on an ash tree as the birds try to eat the beetles and larvae, call the NJ State Department of Agriculture at (609) 406-6939 right away as treatment may be possible. After that you may see dieback at the top section of the tree, or the bark may split trees live only about 3-4 years after infestation begins, and almost all ash trees will die. Do not transport firewood cut from any ash tree more than 50 miles from its source - that is how the pest spreads to other areas.

Identifying Ash trees is not difficult. All species have opposite branching and compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets. The bark of older trees has deep diamond shaped furrows, but the bark of young trees can be smooth and gray.



For more information on EAB go to http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.







Environmental & Open Space Commission

Beautify Your Yard With Native Trees

Are you wondering, "What can we plant that might provide shade or screen our property so we don't see the road (or that ugly shed) ... and <u>quickly</u>?" Plant catalogs are arriving now, full of descriptions of "fast growers" that seem to fit the bill. Or do they?

Buyers beware! "Fast-growing" can mean "pest"! Bamboo, for example, is a popular choice to screen properties from the road or unattractive structures. But while bamboo grows fast, unfortunately, some types don't respect property boundaries. If it is planted near a road or your driveway, some types will send runners under fences and can bust through asphalt. One local homeowner was horrified to find the sharp bamboo stalks coming up through his house floorboards! Getting rid of a plant pests takes dollars, herbicides and years of patient vigilance. The best way to get rid of bamboo is not to plant it... and keep your property safe!

So plant natives instead! There are many native options that are lovely, provide great habitat for birds and other wildlife, and are also relatively fast growers. Maple trees grow quickly, and provide shade and shelter for wildlife. Some large native shrubs, such as red twig dogwood and the American cranberrybush, have colorful stems or fruit that can beautify an area while providing some screening. Even large perennials like sunflowers or Joe Pye weed can provide privacy during the summer months.

Native plant sales have become very popular locally, so keep your eyes peeled for them. New Jersey Audubon, Bowman's Hill Preserve and the Musconetcong Watershed Association all host native plants sales in the growing season, and the prices are excellent. For more information about native plant sales, consult the "Lebanon Twp Community Bulletin Board" or the "Green Team" page on Facebook in April and May!





** Land-Lots Wanted **

Looking to purchase vacant land in Lebanon Township / Glen Gardner

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From the Deputy Clerk's Office

Dog License Renewals

Just a Reminder: Renewal for Dog Licenses were due by January 31. Please add \$5 for the renewal fee. (\$14 for altered dog, spayed or neutered, or \$17 for unaltered dog). Please make sure the rabies shot is current and good through the first ten months of the licensing year.



If you have any questions, please contact Kim at the Municipal Building by phone at (908) 638-8523, x10 or by email at deputyclerk@lebtwtp.net.

Lebanon Township offers a FREE RABIES CLINIC every year. The 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.

Editor's Note

Please note: The email address for newsletter submissions has been changed to: kjnewman115@gmail.com.

Environmental & Open Space Commission

Well Water Testing Update! Well Water Testing Available to Lebanon Township Residents

If your family gets drinking water from a private well, how do you know that the water is safe to drink? Unlike public drinking water systems, private wells are not regularly checked for contamination before the water is sent to the tap. Households that use private wells must take special precautions to ensure the safety of their drinking water supplies. You cannot see, taste or smell many common well water contaminants, so regular testing is very important.

Much like annual preventative health screenings, an annual well test for bacteria and nitrates is an important part of maintaining good health. This practice ensures early detection of contamination so that measures can be taken to correct it. Those residents on public water are encouraged to test their water for lead, as the primary source of lead contamination is indoor plumbing. This spring, the Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission will partner with nonprofit clean water advocate Raritan Headwaters to offer water testing to citizens at below-market cost.

Residents can purchase water sample collection kits at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building at 530 West Hill Road on May 5 from 8:00 am to noon. Water samples must be dropped off at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 7 between 7:00 am and 10:00 am. Test results will be available approximately two weeks later.

Raritan Headwaters is a non-profit watershed conservation organization working to protect and preserve the public's access to safe, clean water that is swimmable, fishable and most importantly, drinkable. Eighty percent of the residents of this region – about 320,000 people - obtain their drinking water through wells. Well water pollutants found in the region include coliform bacteria, nitrate, arsenic, iron, radon, and volatile organic compounds. Sources of contamination may be failing septic systems, chemicals like fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and naturally-occurring contaminants. Water may also become contaminated with lead and copper as it travels through older pipes in the home.

Raritan Headwaters offers a "basic kit" for coliform bacteria and nitrate for \$60. Residents may also test for other potential contaminants at an additional cost. Raritan Headwaters staff members are available to advise citizens who are uncertain about which tests to order and to review individual results after testing is complete. More information on the tests we offer can be found at www.testmywell.org. Testing is performed by a private state certified laboratory and results are confidential.

The Community Well Testing program was established in 1974, allowing Raritan Headwaters to monitor the health of our region's groundwater supply for over four decades. Raritan

Headwaters recently completed a 30-year trend analysis of well water tests in the region, which showed an increase in arsenic levels in several towns, as well as slight increases in coliform bacteria and nitrate concentrations.

Your private well is an important investment that is best protected by regular check-ups to ensure a reliable and safe source of drinking water for you and your family.

Residents who aren't able to take advantage of the township's Community Well Testing program can contact Mara Tippett, Raritan Headwaters Well Test Manager, anytime throughout the year to arrange to pick up a test kit in Flemington. She can be contacted at (908) 234-1852, ext. 401 or by email at welltest@raritanheadwaters.org. For more information about Raritan Headwaters and its programs, go to www.raritanheadwaters.org.

From the Clerk's Office

Seeking Medical Professional for Township Board of Health

The Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, is seeking a medical professional to join its local Board of Health. This is a volunteer position, appointed by the Mayor. The ideal candidate would bring familiarity with local health issues, with examples of qualifications including a health professional that works in the local schools or in a local medical practice. The Township of Lebanon Board of Health meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as needed.

Interested persons should contact Karen Sandorse, Board of Health Secretary and Municipal Clerk at 530 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826, (908) 638-8523 or email clerk@lebtwp.net.

From the Tax Collector's Office

Property Tax Reimbursement Booklets to be Mailed in February

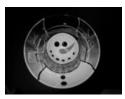
During the month of February, the State of New Jersey will be mailing the Senior/Disabled Reimbursement "Blue Books" to Township residents. Please review to see if you qualify for this state reimbursement program.

For additional information, visit the state website at www.state.nj.us/taxation/ptr/index.shtml, or call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline at 1-800-882-6597.

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To see glass base size & prices, please go to www.gonepaintin.com under the "forms" tab. Turn around time is approx 1 week

Glass Pendants

3 for \$ 25, 6 for \$ 30 or 12 for \$ 40

May be split between a max of 2 persons. Includes hooks/bails on all pendants and 1 chain. Turn around time is approx 1 week

Clay handbuilding

\$ 18 per pound of clay. Turn around time is approx 2 -3 weeks depending on drying time. Come back and paint in acrylics and take home or use ceramic glaze and have us refire for \$ 5.00

Clay Pendants

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Wine Glass Painting

\$ 16 per glass. Make and take project. Wine glass cure & care instructions can be found on www.gonepaintin.com under "forms"

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Education

From the Lebanon Township School District ...

KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child eligible for 2018-2019 kindergarten at Valley View School, call our office at (908) 832-2175, or email sunkel@lebtwpk8.org and



include your child's name, birth date, mailing address, phone number, and parents' names. Valley View kindergarten is a full day program. Children must be five years old by October 1. We are in the process of developing our kindergarten census with registration packets scheduled to be mailed sometime in March. Parents should be prepared to provide proof of residency in Lebanon Township along with their child's state-issued birth certificate.

PRESCHOOL

The Lebanon Township School District offers a preschool program with a limited number of spaces for children ages 3 and 4. Details regarding the program as well as an application form are available on the district's website at www.lebtwpk8.org, or by calling the Valley View School office at (908) 832-2175.

Voorhees High School Performs Footloose on Stage in April

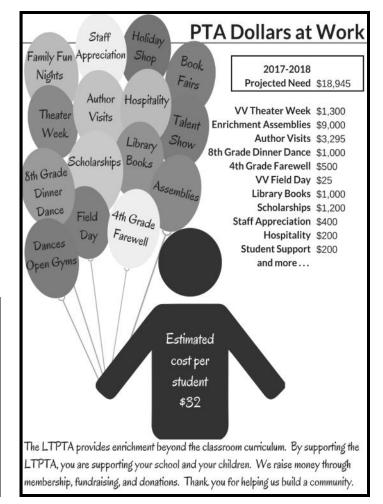
Voorhees High School is performing *Footloose* as its Spring Musical. Performances will be April 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm. All performances are in the Voorhees High School Theater. Tickets are \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for adults. The order form for advance ticket purchases can be found on the Voorhees website at http://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/theatre/files/2017/11/Footloose-Ticket-Order-Form.pdf.



PTA Working Hard to Support Our Schools

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, author visits, theater week, 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, 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. We are more than half-way to our goal of 300 members for the 2017-2018 school year. Dues are \$10 annually and you can download the membership form from our web site.

Please stay connected by visiting our web site at www.lebtwppta.org and liking us on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LTPTA/.



Education

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS EDUCATION SERIES



Spring 2018

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

Please join us for an ongoing series of educational seminars focused on the emotional and physical well-being of the families we serve.

Thursday, March 15, 2018-7:00-8:30pm

North Hunterdon High School Theater

Technology Dependence & Its Impact on Substance Abuse, Anxiety, Depression & Suicide

Presented by John Kriger of Kriger Consulting

This lively cutting edge program provides information on the potential negative impact of technology on the developing brain and behavior. Discover how texting, social networking, gaming and electronic interactions can contribute to decreased social skills, bullying, violence in the home and school, and the potential for substance abuse. Discover how continuous use, and some specific behaviors can potentially increase the risk of suicide. Learn steps to take to immediately decrease acting out, improve family life balance, enhance social interactions and decrease the potential for high-risk behaviors.

Wednesday, April 18, 2018-7:00-8:30pm

Voorhees High School Cafeteria

Raising Healthy Children: Resiliency

Presented by George Scot, Family Therapist, Director at Center for Counseling Services

Climate change has been a hot topic for decades, but what about the climate in the home, or the climate in the school, or in the classroom? Has that climate changed and is that a contributing factor to student struggles? The answer is yes, and the good news is there are solutions. With understanding comes insight. Interpretation drives intervention. When we know what the contributing factors are, then we are better prepared to make changes that benefit all of our children. Helping parents understand creates partnerships. Topics discussed will include: Increase in number of children prescribed and taking psychotropic medication and referred for psychiatric evaluations, adolescent use of drugs/alcohol, and self-injury.

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 ...

The <u>Book Club</u> meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the library. We will be reading *Evening Class* by Maeve Binchy in March, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows in April, and *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana Rosnay in May. Please call the library for more information.

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.

The Ann Rambo Curio Cabinet will feature Joan Lucas's collection of Dolly Dingle paper dolls in March, Stuart Biggs will display his fire collectibles in April, and in May we will feature Star Wars ensemble by Michael Thomas.

Bunnvale Library accepts books, especially children's books, movies, audios, and music donations that are gently used. Please do not put in the book drop or leave outside when we are not open. The Library does **NOT** accept text books, **outdated** medical and business books, 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

Historians

A Look Back At The Past

Teacher Willie Philhour stands with his class at the Bunnvale School circa 1920. Do you recognize any faces? Board of education minutes from July 6, 1915, read, "A motion was made by Jos. M. Apgar and seconded by Walter Creveling to be instructed to construct the Bunnvale School house according to plans and specifications proposed by P.C. Van Nuys of Somerville for the sum of \$1,800." It served as a school until closing in 1954 when the first section of the Woodglen School was opened. It was reopened in September 1956 and served kindergarten classes until 1958 while an addition to Woodglen was completed. This happened again from September 1961 to June 1963 for the same reason. In 1977, members of the PTA petitioned the Board of Education, opposing the plan to auction off the building. They did not want to see the building used for commercial purposes. Instead, the Township Historians proposed using the building for a library. On June 13, 1978, the Board of Education sold the Bunnvale School to the Township for \$1.00 and the Township Committee appointed a Library Committee who oversaw its restoration and establishment as the Bunnvale Library. Remember this image the next time you step into Bunnvale Library; you'll see that chalkboard still hanging on the wall!

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.



Historians

Interesting New Jersey Colony Facts From SoftSchools.com

By: Nina Savoia, Historian

- From 1664 to 1702, the New Jersey Colony was divided into East Jersey and West Jersey. Each had their own constitution. The border was never firmly established and often in dispute.
- In 1702, East Jersey and West Jersey became one royal colony. Its first governor was Edward Hyde, Lord Cornbury, who proved to be corrupt.
- After Lord Cornbury was sent back to England, the New Jersey Colony was ruled by New York's governor. It wasn't until 1738 that the New Jersey Colony separated from New York's government and adopted its own governor, Lewis Morris.
- Major towns in the New Jersey Colony included Princeton and Trenton.
- The Middle Colonies had a warmer climate than the New England Colonies and had land that made agriculture and farming much easier.
- The New Jersey Colony was not dominated by the Puritans like in the New England Colonies and had religious tolerance and freedom for its settlers. Settlers to the New Jersey Colony included Catholics, Jews, Lutherans, and Ouakers.
- Natural resources in the New Jersey Colony included agricultural land, forests (timber), iron ore, coal, and furs.
- Major exports from the New Jersey Colony included livestock, rice, wheat, indigo, rice, grain and other agricultural products.
- Iron ore was important to the New Jersey Colony. They
 used it to manufacture items to export to England such as
 tools, kettles, nails, and plows. They also exported large
 chunks of iron to be manufactured into iron products
 elsewhere.
- The New Jersey Colony was one of the colonies referred to as a 'breadbasket' colony because it grew so much wheat, which was ground into flour and exported to England.
- A typical New Jersey Colony farm included a barn, house, fields, and between 50 and 150 acres of land.
- The first state constitution in New Jersey was adopted on July 2, 1776, after the American Revolution had already begun. This constitution gave women and blacks the right to vote if they met specific requirements, which helped avoid a complete collapse of its government.
- The New Jersey Colony was located in such a position that it saw a lot of action during the American Revolution.
- The New Jersey Colony became the 3rd U.S. state of the original 13 colonies on December 18, 1787.
- New Jersey is also referred to as the Garden State.
- It wasn't until 1804 that New Jersey passed a law to gradually abolish slavery.

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

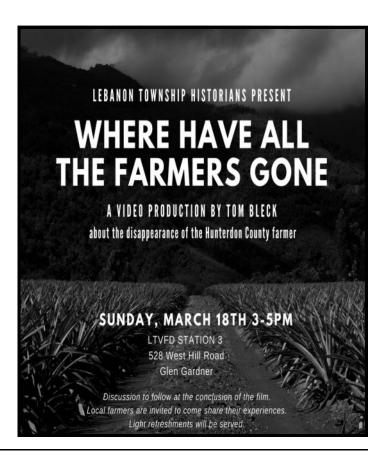
March and April will be an exhibit of items that were used in our school in the 1870's. Slates and pieces of soapstone for chalk and sheepskins for erasers, books, lunchboxes, etc. Stop by, reminisce and enjoy an apple and some crackers and cheese.

Call for a craft class you would be interested in - we will offer papier-mâché with Sandy, woolen trees and early American floorcloths. We also would like to get you started on rug hooking.

Pottery, books and holiday ornaments are here. Stop by, visit and get acquainted. Call us at (908) 537-6464.

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.





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My Latest Review 1/25/2018

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Responsiveness: ★★★★
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"Over the years we've had extensive experience with other realtors, and can say with confidence that Sharon is a truly exceptional realtor. She provided thoughtful, timely responses to all of our questions. Her knowledge of the market where we were looking (Califon-Lebanon Township) was first-rate. And after numerous positive experiences, we quickly learned to trust Sharon's network of inspectors, real-estate lawyers, surveyors, etc. Time and time again she went above and beyond the call of duty, and she worked tirelessly to make sure we ended up in a home that we were truly satisfied with. Bottom line: If it wasn't for Sharon, we likely would have settled for a home that didn't fully fit our family or lifestyle. We can't say enough good things about our experience with her, and give her our highest recommendation!"



SHARON GROBEN #1 AGENT IN LEBANON TOWNSHIP PRESENTS...

A Lebanon Township Showcase of Homes





33 Woodland Heights Circle 5 Bedrooms, 5 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths JumpVisualTours.com/227696

Expansive Colonial w separate 1st floor in-law suite. Gourmet kitchen w Plain & Fancy custom cabinetry, high-end stainless steel appliances & granite topped center island breakfast bar. Living & dining room w tray ceilings. Family room w floor to ceiling field-stone fireplace. Master bedroom w separate sitting room. Master bath has soaking tub & stall shower. All big secondary bedrooms including 2 w en-suite baths. In-law suite w kitchen, dining & living room w dual sided fireplace, bedroom & full bath. Office. Finished daylight walkout basement w full bath. Dual staircases. Sauna. Wrap around deck. Patio. In-ground pool. 5-acre view lot in cul de sac. 4-car garage.



7 Rolling Hills Way 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath JumpVisualTours.com/253131

Designed to take advantage of great views of preserved farmland this well-maintained Colonial sits on 3.41 acres in a desirable neighborhood. Open floor plan. Expansive great room. Large kitchen w/oak cabinetry & big breakfast area. Private 1st floor library. Mudroom w/ pantries. 2nd floor laundry room. Master bedroom w/2 walk-in closets. Huge master bath w/Jacuzzi jetted tub & stall shower. All bedrooms are generously sized. Tons of updates- New roof & granite kitchen countertops (2017), stainless steel appliances (2016), energy efficient Bosch™ geothermal central heat/AC unit (2015) Andersen™ tilt-wash windows. Two porches. Garden. Great location near shopping, commuter routes.



167 Buffalo Hollow Road 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Baths JumpVisualTours.com/245992

Pristine & updated! 1.54 acres w/stream adjacent to park. Rocking chair front porch. Hardwood floors. Large formal living & dining rooms. Kitchen w/oak cabinetry, tile backsplash, granite topped center island, desk area, pantry & sliders to rear deck. A granite topped bar between the kitchen & family room is perfect for entertaining. Cathedral ceiling family room w/wood-burning stove. Private office. Master bedroom suite w/two closets including a walk-in. Lavish master bath w/jetted tub, stall shower & skylight. All bedrooms have ample closet storage. Finished basement recreation room. Enjoy your private yard & babbling brook. Great location & commute.



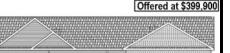
16 Whiteoak Ridge Road 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath JumpVisualTours.com/227697

Updated Colonial located in a convenient neighborhood. Large formal living room w over-sized window. Elegant dining room w bump out bay window. Renovated kitchen w custom cabinetry, quartz counters, decorative tile, pantry & sliding glass door to rear deck w pergola. Recently added between the kitchen and the family room is a Silestone™ topped breakfast bar that supplies additional seating & storage. Spacious vaulted ceiling family room has a brick wall w wood-burning fireplace. Master bedroom retreat w organized walk-in closet. Newer master bath w stall shower & beautiful tile. Finished basement recreation room. Private 1.5 acres with natural setting.



4 Spruce Run Road 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath JumpVisualTours.com/234606

Own a piece of history! Original Parsonage w period detailing -pumpkin pine floors, pocket doors, moldings & high ceilings. Expanded & renovated w attention to detail. NEW SEPTIC just installed! Foyer w transom topped double entry doors & beautiful staircase. Living room w original ornate moldings, medallion, decorative marble surround fireplace & access to deck. Large room w bump out bay window, built-ins & pocket doors opening to kitchen is great for a formal dining room. Renovated kitchen w center island, granite counters, abundant cabinetry, garden window, subway tile & breakfast room w fireplace. Spacious vaulted beam ceiling family room addition. Master bedroom w 2 closets & bath. Mudroom. Wine cellar. Front porches. Expansive deck. Paver surround inground pool. Private, landscaped 1.66 acre property.



FRONT ELEVATION

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317 Jeffrey Lane 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths New Construction - Still Time to Customize!

New home on 1.29 acres. Exceptional finishes, hardwood flooring throughout, gourmet kitchen w center island, granite counters, crisp white cabinetry & pantry. Large living room flows to the dining room w sliding glass doors to the rear deck and yard. Spacious master bedroom retreat has a beautiful master bath with double sink granite topped vanity, large stall shower & walk-in closets. Additional bedrooms are all generously sized w abundant closet storage. Main bath with double sink granite topped vanity, tub/shower & linen closet. Convenient laundry room. Full basement w 9 ft ceilings offers finishing potential. Attached 2 car garage. Easy commuting location. Great Schools including Blue Ribbon Voorhees HS

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

Sharon is very happy to celebrate Patricia Croghan's anniversary as her assistant!

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 1/27/2018 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.

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:

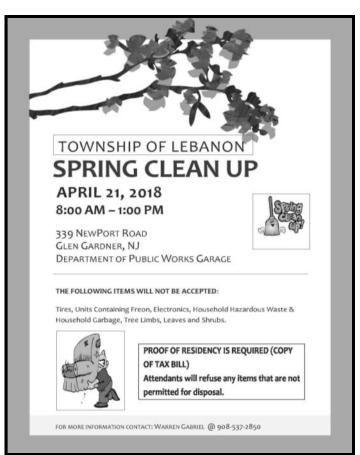
- **Aluminum cans:** Only empty beverage cans will be accepted. Other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags: Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box). Cardboard 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.

County Clean Up, Collection and Shredding Days Scheduled

The Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Services will hold a **Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day** on Saturday, March 10, 2018 and a **Computer, Computer Monitor & Television Collection Day** on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Both events will be held at the Hunterdon County Route 12 (Library) Complex, 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, rain or shine.

A detailed list of items which will and will not be accepted, quantity limits, and information on how some items should be prepared for delivery can be found on the Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling Services website at http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html. Additional questions can be emailed to swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call (908) 788-1351.

In addition, an **Ident-A-Shred** event will be held on Saturday, April 21, and Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am - noon in the parking lot located behind the Historic County Court House, 71 Main Street, Flemington. A detailed list of acceptable and unacceptable items as well as additional information can be found at http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/pdf/countyclerk/2018/ShredDays.pdf. Protect your identity - bring your documents to be shredded for free.



Community News

United Way of Hunterdon County's Free Tax Program Helps You Keep More of Your Hard-Earned Income

United Way of Hunterdon County's free income tax program (VITA), has IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers ready to assist you with your tax returns. During last year's tax season, these volunteers helped secure almost \$1.8 million in federal and state refunds.

If you are interested in getting your taxes done for free call 2-1-1, or (877) 652-1148, and schedule a VITA appointment today. VITA sites are located throughout Hunterdon County. You can also schedule an appointment online now and learn about our new Drop-n-Go Valet Tax Service – they'll do your taxes while you're doing something else! Visit www.uwhunterdon.org/volunteer-income-tax-assistance-vita to learn more or www.uwhunterdon.org/schedule-my-tax-appointment to schedule an appointment.

Clients with severe disability or mobility issues who are unable to leave their home should call United Way of Hunterdon County directly to speak to the VITA Program Coordinator or VITA Volunteer at (908) 237-1689. You will be asked if there is a representative (family or close friend) who can drop off paperwork on your behalf. If not, our organization will determine the best way to serve you and ensure your taxes will be done in a timely manner.

Seniors are reminded to bring their Property Tax Reimbursement applications (blue books) with them if they would like assistance in completing them. Free tax prep services are available at a number of locations throughout the county, including the Senior Center on Gauntt Place and the United Way Community Volunteer Center on Fulper Road in Flemington.

Self-facilitated, free online tax preparation is once again available for BOTH federal and state returns. Go to myfreetaxes.com and you have access to a volunteer preparer if you need assistance in filing your return. A nominal fee may apply for household incomes of more than \$64,000.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. United Way of Hunterdon County is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income, and health. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Learn more at www.uwhunterdon.org.

Hunterdon County YMCA Active Older Adult Program

Are you an active older adult, age 60+? The Hunterdon County YMCA offers free to low cost programs right in your neighborhood, at 285 County Road 513, Lebanon Township (1/4 mile away from Voorhees High School).

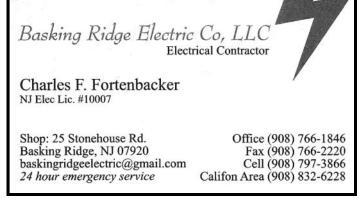
Some of the programs we offer are:

- Fitness Programs Stretch Fusion, Shape Up, Mindful Movements (non-meditating Yoga) with mat or chair options, and Chair Exercise
- Bridge and Duplicate Bridge
- Mah Jong
- Salon Day (once a month low cost haircut)
- Silver Belles & Beaus singing group that visits local nursing homes, schools & VA Hospital to perform Spring/ Fall concerts
- Computer class or assistance with smart phones and Ipads (1x per month)
- Walking Club offsite

All classes are free for your first visit. Come and check out our Open House on April 19 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will be offering free mini classes, giveaways and refreshments.

Please call (908) 638-6515 with any questions or visit us at www.HCYMCA.org.





Community News

Garlic Mustard (Alliaria petiolate) By: Doug Diehl

Garlic mustard is an edible weed commonly found in yard edges, open forest and areas that have been disturbed by development. This herb produces distinctive toothed leaves and small four-pedal white flowers. If cut or crushed, it will produce a distinctive garlic odor.

This plant produces white flowers during May into June. During the summer, the flowers evolve into long thin podlike capsules which makes the plant look very different from its flowering phase. The seeds are small and black, and are many in number. If conditions are right, the seeds will germinate into many plants the following year. Together with root propagation, this can result in a monoculture of many of its kind within a given area.

It is best to pull out this plant before it flowers. Goggle "Garlic Mustard" images this spring to see if you have this invasive weed. You may notice this as a spring plant that is familiar to you.

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Pastor: Sarah Borgstrom Lee (908) 840-4752

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Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE				
Beverly Koehler	(908) 537-2946	koehler@lebtwp.net		
Marc Laul	(908) 752-1738	laul@lebtwp.net		
Tom McKee, Deputy Mayor	(908) 638-5020	mckee@lebtwp.net		
Mike Schmidt, Mayor	(908) 537-9496	schmidt@lebtwp.net		
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042	wunder@lebtwp.net		

<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 1st Mon		
Park Committee	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		
Recreation Commission	7:30 PM 1st Thurs		
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library		
Historians	7:00 PM 2nd Thurs at the Museum		

FIRE - POLICE - EMS			
Police Emergency	911		
Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515		
Chief, Jack Gale	(908) 638-8516		
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8516		
Emergency Medical Services	911		
Fire Department Emergency	911		
Chief, James Crampton	(908) 638-4550		
Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 638-8523		
Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350		
Office of Emergency Management			
Coordinator, Alan Goracy	(908) 832-7158		
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684		
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	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 Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.			

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON

Lebanon Township Municipal Building 530 West Hill Road Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

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Calendar

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	May	
10 - County Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day	8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter	
11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	14 - County Computer, Monitor & Television Collection Day	5 - Community Well Testing Program	
17 - Recycling	21 - Recycling; Spring Clean Up	5 - County Ident-A-Shred	
18 - Where have all the Farmers Gone?	21 - Preserved Property Clean Up	13 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	
25 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt	21 - County Ident-A-Shred	19 - Recycling	
	25 - Edible Plant Walk	23 - Spring Nature Walk	

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 Fall	, , ,	All advertisements should include a check made payable to Lebanon Township.		

Please email items to Karen Newman at kjnewman115@gmail.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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