Lebanon Township News

Spring 2019





March, April, May



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

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

Recreation Commission & Friends of Memorial Park

Fire & Ice Winter Madness Festival

Without a doubt, volunteers are the lifeblood of our events. A tremendous amount of gratitude is owed to all those who volunteered their time at the Fire & Ice Winter Madness Festival this year.

Many thanks to Jon Valenta of General Pavingstones, LLC, Justin Pill of Cold Spring Lawn & Landscape, LLC, and Califon Lumber for supplying pallets for the bonfire. We also appreciate the High Bridge DPW for delivering a load of Christmas trees as well as the Lebanon Township community members who took the time to drop off their trees.

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department did all the heavy lifting, feeding the fire and ensuring the blaze lasted for hours. Gratitude is also owed to both Califon and High Bridge Fire Departments for providing emergency services coverage while our LT firefighters managed the bonfire, and to our Township EMTs who were on standby. Thanks to Gary Apgar, our Township Fire Official, for ensuring the safety of all attendees around the fire and the Lebanon Township DPW for loaning cones for our safety barrier.

Huge thanks to the Friends of Memorial Park Committee for keeping us warm with gallons upon gallons of hot chocolate! This group of people is dedicated to ensuring Memorial Park is a beautiful community space we can all enjoy no matter the season.

The Recreation Commission helped children and adults make more than 230 s'mores! Thank you to the committee for the sweet treat, sticky fingers and all the heart you put into these events!

Special thanks to our Township OEM Coordinator, Joe Maurizio, for helping secure the use of tower lights from the County. These lights helped illuminate the pond and parking area.

Speaking of the pond...a tremendous debt of gratitude is owed to the individuals who helped clear the snow so it could be used for ice-skating. It took many hours over the course of a few days but we were determined to get it done! Doug Springer, Justin Pill, Martina and Frank Villani - thank you for your time! There are others who chipped away at it throughout the week; I'm sorry we don't know who those folks are but your help is greatly appreciated!

And finally, thanks to the community for coming out on a cold winter night! The Recreation Commission and Friends of Memorial Park were excited to see the community come together, and to see the smiles on the kids and adults having fun. Traditions like this are part of what makes living in Lebanon Township so special; thanks for being part of the memories!

Enjoy the photos here and on the next page!



Recreation Commission & Friends of Memorial Park



More photos from the Fire & Ice Winter Festival!







I've moved!

I'm writing to share some exciting news! I've recently moved my business to Leaf, Realtors in Oldwick. I have a new email address, but don't worry the one you have still works!



Not only do I have a licensed assistant, but our office works as a team and is focused on getting you better results.

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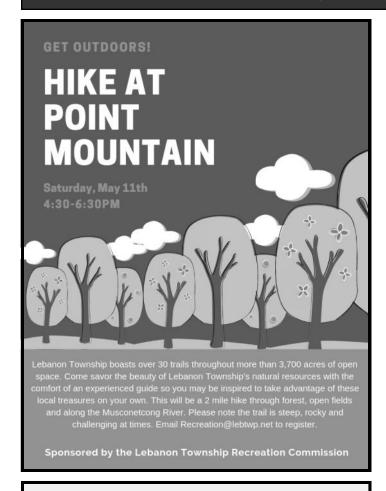


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Recreation Commission







From the Deputy Clerk

Dog Licenses and Rabies Clinic

Just a Reminder: if you have not renewed your dog's license, it is now late. Please add \$5 per dog to the renewal fee (\$16 for altered dog or \$19 for unaltered dog) and make sure your dog's rabies shot is current



and good through the first ten months of the licensing year.

If you have any questions, please call Kim at the Municipal Building at (908) 638-8523 X10 or send an email to deputyclerk@lebtwtp.net.

Lebanon Township offers a FREE RABIES CLINIC every year. The next clinic is scheduled for November 2, 2019, from 9:00 am to noon at the Lebanon Township Department of Public Works Building on the corner of Anthony and Newport Roads.

Museum / Historians

Big Changes Happening at the Museum By: Gina Sampaio, Curator

The Lebanon Township Museum has been undergoing some big changes recently. You may have heard that a bathroom was being added on - it's more than just a bathroom though! There's also a kitchenette and a storage closet, but perhaps most impressive is the fact that this is the first time our historic building has had running water!

Those aren't the only changes, though. Curators Joan Lucas and Deanna Kinney, with more than fifty years of combined service to the Museum, are retiring. My Assistant Curator, Bill Honachefsky, and I have some big shoes to fill, but we feel up to the challenge!

Bill and I are both Hunterdon County natives with strong family and community ties to the area. Bill has been an appointed official serving on various nonprofit boards including Clinton Township Historic Preservation Commission, Union Forge Heritage Association, New Jersey State 350th Historic Commission, and many more. He helped found the first Board of Directors of Union Forge Heritage Association in 2002 and continues to serve as its Vice President. He has published hundreds of articles about, and lectures frequently on, New Jersey history. His latest book, *High Bridge* was published in 2016 by Arcadia Publishing. He has received three Distinguished Achievement awards from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission and Planning Board for his organizations' work.

I live here in Lebanon Township with my husband Andy and our five children. I have years of experience in event planning, community organizing, public speaking, marketing, and working with children in various capacities. I am the organizer of the Northern Hunterdon County Martin Luther King Day of Community Service. I am currently serving on the New Jersey Historical Commission's Civic Engagement Committee for commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in 2020. For the past three years I have worked as a tour guide, workshop leader and administrator at the Red Mill Museum.

I know Bill is just as excited as I am to discover all that



the Lebanon Township Museum has to offer. We look forward to working with the public to bring dynamic programming to the community that will interest and engage people of all ages.

Please stop by the Museum on Saturday, March 16 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm for our *Hello/Goodbye* party. We will be showing off the new addition, discussing our plans for the future and wishing all of our best to Joan and Deanna.





Historians

Two Stones

In the mid-1800s, James Hance and his family owned a farm along present day Anthony Road. It was located in what used to be called "Anthonytown".

In this beautifully written excerpt from *The Ride to Pleasant Grove*, author Sal Vuocolo recounts an imagined interaction between Hance and the Reverend Lambert Swackhammer. Swackhammer was the founder of the Mount Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church (known as Old Swack Church), the ruins of which remain along Anthony road today. In a corner of the cemetery lie two fieldstones marking the burial place of Jinnett Thomson, the enslaved woman mentioned in the excerpt below.

Two Stones

Hance slowed as he recognized the horseman as the Reverend Lambert Swackhammer.

Known throughout as a devout man of God and foe of slavery, Hance warmed at the sight of this kindred spirit.

The founding minister of Mt. Bethel Church he inspired its construction in 1844. Built on the bend in Anthonytown Road it was right on Hance's line.

Unique among country churches it had a well patronized library. Just east of the church was a log home built for Lambert and his Scottish wife, Janet MacNaughton.

A honey-throated tenor, he stirred his congregation with song and sermon. But he failed to convince the New York Synod to pass a resolution denouncing slavery as "sin in the sight of God."

For the Synod the slavery question was political, not religious.

Speaking to Hance in the steady manner of a man who understands his work, Swackhammer reported that he had granted permission for the burial of an ex-slave woman behind the church.

Formerly the property of Mark Thomson, Congressman and ironmaster of Changewater furnace, she was the last member of the only ex-slave family to remain.

Her grave was marked in the Biblical fashion*.

*Fieldstones were often used to mark the sites where enslaved people were buried.

For more history, stories, memories, and vintage photographs of Lebanon Township, please visit the Friends of Lebanon Township Museum page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ LebanonTownshipMuseumHistoricalSociety/.



Fire / EMS Department

2019 Officers

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce our 2019 Officers.

Line Officers:

- Chief Robert Pek
- Deputy of Fire David Sulpy
- Deputy of EMS Bill Cutri-French
- Captain of Fire James Crampton
- Lieutenant of EMS Daniel Paolillo
- Lieutenant of EMS William Cox

Administrative Officers:

- President Daniel Paolillo
- Vice President Rachel Laul
- Secretary Sarah Raper
- Treasurer Linda Cox
- Assistant Treasurer Ashley Crampton
- Trustee Carsten Janes
- Trustee Gary Milkowski
- Trustee Sue Schlesinger

Fire Safety Tips

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should all have fresh batteries. Carbon monoxide detectors older than six 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.
- Do you have a fireplace? If yes, anytime is the perfect time to clean your fireplace and chimney.
- Can we get to your house? Is your house number visible next to your driveway? Is the driveway wide enough (12 feet) for our emergency vehicles? Please make sure we can respond to a call to your house, even when it is snowing or there is ice on the roads; clear ice and snow off your walkway and driveway; and, trim low tree and shrub branches away from your driveway so our vehicles don't hit them.

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 house at 532 West Hill Road any Monday you see the doors open. Members are usually there between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, or you may call (908) 638-4550.

Junior Fire Fighters Needed

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 16 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, check out our contact information on our website at www.lebanontownshipfire.org.

Hall Rental

We have an air-conditioned hall and commercial kitchen rental located at our recently renovated building at 528 West Hill Road. Please contact us for a walk-though tour of the hall. We have plenty of parking, round and long tables, soft cushion seat chairs, and a roll down projection screen to use with a computer power point program. The room is perfect for a company meeting or special private family get together. Email hallrentals@lebanontownhipfire.org for more information.

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 May, at Station #3, 528 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner.

2018 Fund Drive Held in the Fall

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. You may contact our Fund Raising Chairperson by emailing donation@lebanontownshipfire.org, or simply mail a check to Lebanon Township Fire Department, 532 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826. Thank you for your support.

Donate your Old Vehicle

Vehicles are always needed for our training! Call (908) 638-4550.

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

Our used clothing drop shed is sponsored by the Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire/EMS Department with the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC. The shed is located at 532 West Hill Road in the parking lot between the Municipal Building and Fire Station #2.

Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Your donation will not be cut up or shredded. Please... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods. Please understand that the above mentioned items are a hardship and expense to dispose of. Help us keep your donations clean and dry; please place in plastic bags.

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC:

We are a locally owned company and a member of the Better Business Bureau. Our mission is to get USEABLE clothing to people who can use it, here in the U.S. and in third World Countries. Secondly, it is our goal to help support local organizations. Visit our website at <u>WWW.Turnkey-Enterprises.com</u>.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ALSO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS!

Police Department

Internet Exchange Zone

The Township Committee has approved the establishment of an "Internet Exchange Zone." This zone will consist of two parking spaces located in the front of the Municipal Building parking lot, indicated with a sign and painted markings. This area will be under 24-hour video surveillance. Residents are encouraged to conduct their transactions during daylight hours. This parking area will be in place this spring.

Junior Police Academy Week

This summer, the Lebanon Township Police Department will be conducting the Junior Police Academy. Parents: look for more information coming from the school this spring.

Crime Prevention Tips

Please be aware of some common scams and potential crime situations:

- IRS and Arrest Warrant calls: Some residents have fallen victim to phone calls requesting money to satisfy outstanding warrants or IRS debts. Often, people are threatened with arrest if money is not sent. Law enforcement will not call you and tell you to send money or face arrest! If you receive such calls, do not give any personal information. Simply hang up the phone. If they persist, call police.
- <u>Credit Card Theft:</u> When using a credit/debit card be observant as to who is handling your card; i.e. gas station attendants, cashiers. Report any suspicious activity to management. Thieves are using "readers" at some of these locations as well as at ATM machines. Review your bank statements often to see that all of your charges are valid.
- <u>Social Media and Travel/Vacations:</u> Do not post your travel plans or vacation pictures on social media, until you return home. Consider stopping by headquarters to fill out a vacation/vacant house application to put your home on police check. Be sure to lock your doors, windows, vehicles, sheds, and other out buildings.

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Animal Control Notice

Animal Control

Our Animal Control Officer's duties are coordinated through and in conjunction with the Lebanon Township Police Department.

For found, confined dogs (i.e., on a leash and/or secured) with an affixed license, or for animal bite incidents, or to report lost animals, or wildlife issues, call Lebanon Township Police at (908) 638-8515. Wildlife issues may also be referred to NJ Fish and Wildlife at 1-908-735-7040.

For found, confined dogs <u>without</u> an affixed license or for other domestic animal concerns contact Laura Roerig, Animal Control Officer (ACO) as follows:

- Call (908) 537-7663 (Glen Manor Veterinary Hospital). Veterinary staff will take your information from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Mon-Thurs, and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Fridays.
- For after hours and weekend <u>non-emergency</u> situations, leave a voice mail. Messages will be answered during regular business hours.

Please be advised that Animal Control is not an emergency service. Dangerous or emergency situations should be reported directly to the Lebanon Township Police at (908) 638-8515 or call 9-1-1.





Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC)

A Busy Year for Your Environmental and Open Space Stewards

Water quality, clean streets, open space and strategic planning...oh my! These were the topics that were top of mind for the cherished volunteers that cared for our township environmental and open space interests in 2018. Check out these key accomplishments!

- A record year for the well testing program with more than 70 residents participating the most in its 10+ year history. Put May 11th on your calendar so you're ready to pick up your test kit for this year. A heartfelt thanks to Kathy Koch for her management of this program.
- The spring litter cleanup continues to be a great success and thanks are owed to a long list of individuals, families and organizations that participated in 2018. More than 200 volunteers descended on 50+ miles of roadway to keep our streets clean. The care these volunteers show for their neighborhood benefits all residents and shows real community spirit. Don't forget to grab some friends and adopt a road this year! Check out the flyer on the next page. A special thanks to Maria Naccarato for continuing to ensure this program is a success.
- Open space is why many of us call Lebanon Township home and maintaining this character is no easy task. 2018 was a year of strategic planning with the update of two critical long-term planning documents: our own Township Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Hunterdon County Strategic Parks and Open Space Plan. EOSC members were critical in driving the refresh of the first and ensuring our township's interests were reflected in the second.

It wasn't only about open space planning in 2018, though. With a monumental effort from our own Mayor Mike Schmidt, an additional **244 acres of rolling farm fields, forests and wetlands were also preserved**. This property connects Point Mountain Reservation with Teetertown Preserve and was protected at little cost to the township. More open space means more maintenance and we're lucky enough to have volunteers who like to roll up their sleeves and get down to business. More than **15 community members turned out on a sunny Saturday morning in April to blaze a new trail on** the recently-commissioned Red Mill Race Preserve.

After seeing what can be accomplished, you can't help but want to get involved too. Reach out to Adam Duckworth at letenv@lebtwp.net to get started. We have a variety of projects that can fit a variety of needs and interests, all of which have a real and visible impact right here in our own township.

Many thanks to all those that supported our efforts in 2018, including Adam Mickley, Deborah Szmaida, Erik Henriksen,

Gene Slowinski, Kathy Koch, Mara Tippett, Marc Laul, Maria Naccarato, The Collett family, Mike Chen, Mike Schmidt, Nancy Lawler, Peter Haugk, Sharon Hardy, Sharon Petzinger and Warren Newman.

Pay attention if you like beer, wine, or fruit - there's a new pest in town! By: Sharon Petzinger

This new pest, the spotted lanternfly, has been confirmed in southern Warren and northern Mercer counties and is presumed to also be in Hunterdon. It is a beautiful bug with white polkadots, but it can be deadly to a variety of plants it feeds on - from trees to vegetables to grapes to yes, even hops.

This bug is bigger than protecting the trees and the environment – it's about protecting our livelihood through our local growers – so we may continue to pick apples from a local orchard each fall, buy fruits and vegetables from local farm stands every summer, and enjoy beer and wine at local breweries and vineyards.

Spotted lanternflies hide in anything that's left outdoors and therefore can be easily transported without being noticed. Hunterdon County is under quarantine, which means any outdoor items moved outside this area should be checked for spotted lanternfly egg masses, adults and nymphs. This includes tents, backpacks, bicycles, motorcycles, storage sheds, outdoor furniture, propane tanks, firewood, lumber, grills, lawnmowers, yard decorations, kiddie pools, etc.

Please become familiar with what spotted lanternfly adults, nymphs and egg masses look like, and make it a habit to check anything you bring back from a quarantined area (esp. Pennsylvania) as well as moving something out of a quarantined area. If you see one, report it immediately to <u>SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov</u> or call 1-833-223-2849 (BAD-BUG-0). More information can be found online at https://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pl/prog/spottedlanternfly.html.



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Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC)

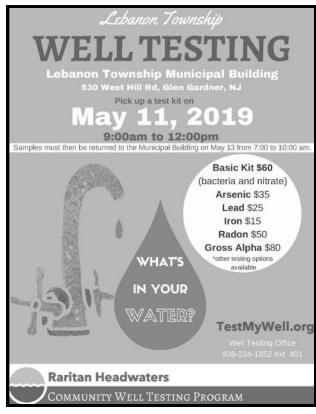
2019 Community Well Testing Day

Have you had your well tested lately? Did you know the Hunterdon County Health Department recommends residents test their well water annually? We know you are busy - so Lebanon Township has a convenient, low-cost solution for you! Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission sponsors a Community Well Testing Day every year through our partnership with Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA). It's easy to participate, too! Water sampling kits will be on sale at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building on

Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Completed water kits can be dropped off at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 13 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am sharp. The water testing is performed by Garden State Laboratories, a New Jersey certified laboratory. All test results are reported directly and confidentially to you, the resident. Basic kits are \$60 and include a fecal coliform and nitrate test. Additional tests are available for the following additional fees: Lead \$25.00; Iron \$15.00; Manganese \$15.00; Arsenic \$35.00; Volatile Organics \$95.00; Gross Alpha \$80; and, Radon \$50. Checks are to be made payable to RHA. Cash is acceptable, but please bring exact change. For more information on Well Test Day, please visit www.testmywell.org, email welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org or call the RHA Well Testing office at (908) 234-1852 ext. 401.





THE GREY TREE FROG By: Doug Diehl

Our township has many forested areas. A common frog species (Hyla versicolor) has a habitat



living in tree branches near vernal pools and on the forest floor. Although it is only two inches in length, the male frog emits a loud distinct high pitch trill during mid to late spring evenings to attract a mate. The species is named *versicolor* because it can change color quickly to match its surroundings. This common amphibian has sticky toe pads to allow it to climb high along tree branches. Both male and female will search and consume insects within the trees.

Upon mating, the female will travel to a vernal pool or another body of standing water such as a large puddle or even a swimming pool to lay the eggs. The tadpoles hatch in five days to develop into young frogs which will feed on small insect larva or worms in trees or on the forest floor.

During the winter, this frog will hibernate under forest floor leaves and has the ability to survive freezing due to glycerol produced in its body. Warmer temperatures stimulate the tree frog to return to the tree habitat and once again make itself heard with its loud trill from the trees. This spring, when walking in one of our township forested areas, listen for the grey tree frog call.

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





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

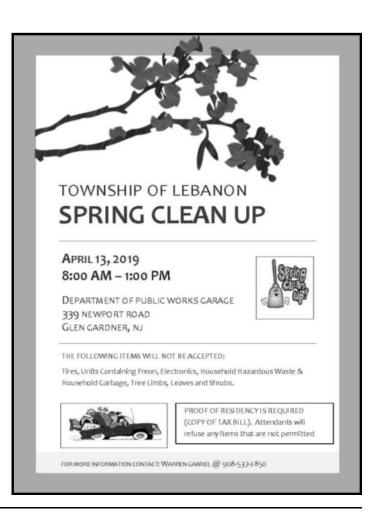
Date: September 28, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Location: 530 West Hill Road
(Municipal Building front parking lot)

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.

Please call JoAnn on Fridays at (908) 638-6964 with any questions.



Recycling

Smoke Detector Recycling is Now Available

Please bring your old smoke detectors to the Hunterdon County Division of Health, Route 12 County Complex Building #1, 2nd Floor, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call (908) 788-1351.

IONIZATION SMOKE DETECTORS - FACTS

Smoke Detectors are a common household item. One type, ionization smoke detectors, use a small radioactive source as a key component for detection of smoke particles. The radionuclide used in ionization smoke detectors is americium-241 (Am-241), which is bonded to a metallic foil and sealed within a small chamber. As long as you use the smoke detector as directed and do not open it, it poses no radiation health risk. Photoelectric detectors use a light and sensor to detect smoke and do not contain radioactive material. Many smoke detectors may us both ionization and photoelectric features to achieve maximum detection.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Unfortunately not all smoke detectors are marked the same. Different indicators may be used to determine if the smoke detector contains radioactive material or not. Observe the labels and markings on the original packaging or on the back of the smoke detector; and refer to the owners manual. If you see any of the following, the device does indeed contain radioactive material:



The radiation symbol in any size or color.

Any of these words: Radioactive - Ionization - Americium - Microcurie - Becquerel or Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Any of these abbreviations: Am-241 - p.Ci - kBq or NRC.

If none of these markings occur, chances are the detector is photoelectric only and does not contain radioactive material.

County Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day

The Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Services will hold a **Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day** on **Saturday, March 9, 2019** at the Hunterdon County Route 12 (Library) Complex, 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, rain or shine.

They will accept up to 10 gallons or 80 pounds of the following (at no charge):

Latex Paint, Varnish/Stains, Herbicides, Gas/Oil Mix, Mercury/

Thermostats, Oil Based Paint, Insecticides, Pool Chemicals, Photographic Chemicals, Fuel/Oil Sludge, Fire Extinguishers, Paint Thinner, Pesticides, Aerosol Cans, Battery Acid, Diesel Fuel, Asbestos Pipe Wrap, Gasoline, Kerosene, Drain Cleaner, Fluorescent Tubes, and Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs).

Consolidate latex paints and oil based paints, keeping them type separated, to make full cans. Wrap fluorescent tubes in newspaper or put back in original sleeve.

NOTE: Amounts in excess of 10 gallons or 80 pounds will incur a cost of \$1.59 Per Pound.

They will accept with no quantity limit:

Used motor oil, anti-freeze and automotive batteries.

They will not accept any of the following:

Solid Waste, Empty Containers*, Radioactive Materials, Explosives, Air Conditioners, Pentachlorophenol, Tires, Electronics, (20lb) Propane Tanks, Helium Tanks, PCB's, Silvex and unknown, unmarked or unidentified materials.

* Empty dry containers with the lids off can be disposed of with regular garbage or recycled with tin and bi-metal at the Hunterdon County Transfer Station.

PLEASE NOTE: Alkaline batteries now fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

FREE INSULATED TOTE BAGS AVAILABLE

Stop by the Municipal Building during normal business hours and pick-up a free insulated grocery tote.

Using one cloth bag saves: 6 plastic bags a week, 24 bags a month, 288 bags a year, and 22,176 bags in an average lifetime.

Remember to wipe out or wash your reusable bags.



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780 Backhus Estate Rd.
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4 Bedrooms,
2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath
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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.

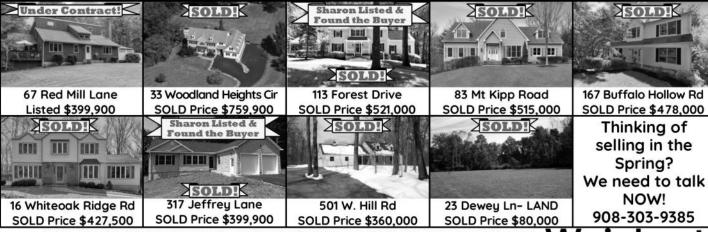


109 Sliker Road List Price \$520,000 4 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths

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Extensively renovated with stylish modern detailing. Spacious open floor plan w/ mahogany floors, 2-story foyer, vaulted ceiling living room w/floor-to-ceiling 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 walk-in 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.

UNDER CONTRACT, LISTED & SOLD in 2018 by Sharon Groben



*in Lebanon Township for Dollar Volume &/or Individual Properties Sold in 2012-2018. 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.

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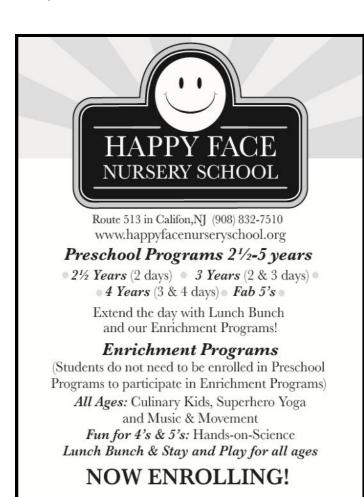
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Education



FROM THE LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ...

Valley View School conducted their Kindergarten and Preschool registrations in January. If you are new to the district and need information regarding registration, please contact the Valley View School office at (908) 832-2175.



From the Lebanon Township PTA ...

Please support the Lebanon Township PTA (LTPTA)! 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 website. You can also register and pay online at our new MemberHub site https://lebtwppta.memberhub.store.

Throughout the year, we raise money through membership, fundraising and donations. To find out about upcoming events and fundraisers, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LTPTA/ or visit us on the web at http://lebtwppta.org/.

Save the date for these important LTPTA-sponsored events:

- Valley View students in 1st through 4th grades will be performing Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr. on April 5. The LTPTA Theater Program has been offered at Valley View School for the past 16 years and has proved to be a popular and fun-filled event.
- NEW! Don8Zone Color Run Fundraiser on April 18 is a multi-colored, activity-based fundraising event that is certain to tie-dye everyone at Woodglen School from head to toe!
- NEW! Artome Art Show Gallery on May 9 is an art show experience allowing young artists to view their artwork framed for the very first time.
- Lebanon Township Talent Show on May 31 at Voorhees High School.

All are invited to attend our **LTPTA General Membership meetings** (only members can vote). Our next meeting will be held at Ono Rosa's beginning at 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 6; Executive Board elections and budget approval for 2019-2020. Please check our web site and/or Facebook page for meeting date changes/updates.

Got Box Tops? Send them into school! Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn money for the LTPTA. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! 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 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!

Bunnvale Library



News from the library ...

The **Book Club** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Library. We will be reading *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman for March, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles for April, and *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barberry for May. Please call the library for more information.

<u>The Knitting and Crocheting Club</u> 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 Jeanette Sliker's *Collection of Dolls* for March, Stuart Biggs will display his *Fire Collectibles* in April, and May 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 - NO MOLD OR WATER DAMAGED BOOKS. Donations of *current fiction and non-fiction books* would be a welcomed addition to our inventory. Please do not put donations in book drop or leave outside when we are not open. The Library does **NOT** accept text books, **outdated** medical and business books (**nothing older than 2017**), 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

United Way of Hunterdon County's Free Tax Program is Up and Running

United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC)'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 \$2 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, x27, 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 & Go service - we'll do your taxes while you're doing something else! Visit http://www.uwhunterdon.org/schedule-my-tax-appointment for details. You can also file online for free at www.myfreetaxes.com if you earn less than 66,000 a year. VITA clients are encouraged to put some of their refund into savings and those who do will be entered to win a variety of prizes, including cash prizes offered by Commonwealth, our nonprofit partner focused on helping Americans save.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. Every individual deserves the opportunity to thrive. United Way of Hunterdon County focuses on poverty prevention, financial empowerment and advocacy to create positive change in our community. Learn more at www.uwhunterdon.org.

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AND

PASTOR SARAH BORGSTROM LEE

INVITE YOU TO VISIT US

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 FOR OUR CHURCH SERVICE

AND

On EASTER Sunday - April 21, 2019

FOR:

SUNRISE SERVICE - 7:00 AM (Outdoor - weather permitting, otherwise indoors)

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Visit our website for more info at: http://www.changewaterumchurch.org

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISITS!

We are located at 180 Musconetcong River Road in Lebanon Township

Community News



Lower Valley Presbyterian Church 445 County Road 513 Califon, NJ

Our garden is growing ... come grow with us!

Do you love to garden? Would you like to have a sunny spot with a

nice, tall fence and all the tools you need to grow fresh, healthy food for your family during the spring, summer and fall? Would you love to also help feed those less fortunate right here in our community? If your answers were "yes" to these questions, then we've got a place for you.

The Lower Valley Presbyterian Church has a community garden and we would love to share it with you. Our garden has raised beds, including three extra-high beds for those whose bodies may not bend as easily as they used to. Beds are available for rent for \$25 each and the garden is open from March through October. We supply soil, compost, water, wheelbarrows, and a shed full of a variety of tools. You provide the seeds, plants and labor.

In addition to the personal garden beds, we also have a number of beds dedicated to growing food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. We ask that each garden member spend a few hours, one or two weeks of the season helping with the pantry beds and doing general garden maintenance. We harvest all summer long and into the fall for the Food Pantry. Last year, we donated 300 pounds of onions, potatoes, green beans, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, beets, watermelons, and more.

The garden also provides a place for community residents to come together to garden and get to know each other.

If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.lowervalley.org/mission/mission.aspx, call Claudia Gilbert at the church office at (908) 832-2933 or email lowervalleypc@embarqmail.com.







Community News



MEALS on WHEELS in HUNTERDON

To register for programs, call (908) 284-0735 or email info@mowih.org

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon's Nutrition Service Programs are designed to address problems of food insecurity, promote socialization, and promote the health and well-being of older persons through nutrition and nutrition-related services.

<u>Home-Delivered Nutrition Services</u> - provides a meal and related nutrition services to homebound older individuals. A nutritious meal and an assurance check is delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm; the Weekend Home-Delivered Program offers two cold meals for weekend consumption delivered on Friday.

<u>Congregate Nutrition Services</u> - provides a meal and related nutrition services to older individuals at the nutrition sites. A nutritious meal, socialization, and volunteer opportunities are offered Monday through Friday.

<u>Nutrition Education</u> - a program to promote better health through nutrition and health related information for participants of the Congregate Nutrition and Home-Delivered Programs.

<u>Nutrition Counseling</u> - a program for individualized advice and guidance from a Registered Dietitian about options and methods for improving nutritional status for participants of the Congregate Nutrition and Home-Delivered Programs.

Spring 2019 Programs

Location & Time: Senior Center/Meals on Wheels Café 4 Gauntt Place, Building 1 - Lower Level, Flemington 11:45 am

March 14 - <u>Happy St. Patrick's Day Party</u> - Entertainment by Thomas Johnston, a singer/songwriter; his original songs are in the genre of Irish American, a blend of Americana, Folk, and Irish music.

April 25 - **goHunterdon** will be offering *Carfit*, a community-based educational program that promotes continued safe driving and mobility among older drivers by focusing attention on safety, comfort and fit.

May 23 - <u>Leonard Ziegler</u> will speak on his discovery of Paleo-Indian artifacts. He will display and explain what these artifacts tell about Native American people who lived in the area from 13,000 years ago to more recent eras.

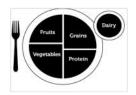
2019 Lunch and Learn Programs with a Registered Dietitian

Location & Time: Senior Center/Meals on Wheels Café 4 Gauntt Place, Building 1 - Lower Level, Flemington 11:45 am

March 6 - Overcoming Roadblocks to Healthy Eating

April 3 - Vitamins and Minerals - B Vitamins & Deficiency





To register for programs, call (908) 284-0735 or email info@mowih.org

A donation of \$5.25 is suggested



Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE			
Beverly Koehler	(908) 537-2946	koehler@lebtwp.net	
Marc Laul, Deputy Mayor		laul@lebtwp.net	
Tom McKee	(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, Joseph Maurizio	(908) 310-8122		
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684		
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351		

SCHOOLS			
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	Email: clerk@lebtwp.net
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10	Email: deputyclerk@lebtwp.net
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Assessor	Erica Brandmaier	(908) 638-8523 x17	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and by appointment. Email: assessor@lebtwp.net
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22	Email: Planning@lebtwp.net
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) 638-8515	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850	
Recreation Commission	Maria Naccarato		Email: recreation@lebtwp.net
EOS Commission / Green Team	Adam Duckworth		Email: ltenv@lebtwp.net / 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.			

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Calendar				
<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>		
9 - County Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day	1 - Application deadline for Historian's Scholarship	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter		
10 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	13 - Spring Clean Up	11 - Hike at Point Mountain Community Well Testing Day		
13 - Whoooooo Wants to Learn About Owls?	14 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast		
16 - Recycling Museum Hello/Goodbye Party	20 - Recycling Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date	18 - Recycling		
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Newsletter Notes

Publishing Schedule		Advertising Costs		
Winter Spring	Dec, Jan, Feb Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1		Half Page: \$80.00 Full Page: \$150.00
Summer Jun, Jul, Aug Deadline for input May 1 Fall Sep, Oct, Nov Deadline for input Aug 1	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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