Lebanon Township News

Spring 2020





March, April, May

Celebrating the Suffrage Centennial

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting women the right to vote.

In recognition of this anniversary, a proclamation honoring the suffragists was read at a recent Township Committee meeting. The full article can be found on page 4 and the proclamation is posted on the township website at www.lebanontownship.net.

The Lebanon Township Museum will also be recognizing this anniversary with a number of events and displays during February and March. Find additional information on page 6 and on the township website at http://www.lebanontownship.net/services/museum.aspx.

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

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

Recreation Commission



Recreation Commission



Recreation Commission Vacancy

The Lebanon Township Recreation Commission is looking to fill a vacancy 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 this volunteer position entails, please email Recreation@lebtwp.net.



Bunnvale Library



News from the Library ...

The <u>Bunnvale Library</u> will have a <u>Medicaid Workshop</u>: <u>Medicaid Application Process for Seniors</u> presented by Node Kludze on April 18, 2020, at 10:00 AM. Topics covered will be:

- Who is eligible for long term care Medicaid?
- Planning for Medicaid When to start the application process?
- What to expect when you submit your application?

The Anne Rambo Curio Cabinet has been a staple at the library since the late 1980s. Patrons have been displaying their crafts, collectibles, talents, and hobbies for over 30 years. If anyone has anything they would like to display in the cabinet, please call or stop by the library. The display changes monthly.

For March, a collection of Polly Pockets will be displayed by Lauren Goracy and Jenny Wehof. April will again feature Woodglen Middle School students under the direction of Art Teacher Alex Maxwell showing their talents with geometric pattern tiles. Michael Thomas will exhibit his Star Wars collection for May.

<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 Book Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Library. We will be reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford for March. In April, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance will be discussed. *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah was selected for May.

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 the book drop or leave outside when we are not open. The Library does **NOT** accept text books, **TIME-LIFE BOOKS**, **outdated** medical and business books (**nothing older than 2017**), encyclopedias, or magazines. Please call first before donating any of the above items.

<u>NOTE</u>: Bunnvale Library has a new phone number: (908) 638-8523, x401.

"A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read." Mark Twain

Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday & Friday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Telephone: (908) 638-8523 x401



Township Committee

Lebanon Township Committee Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage 1920 - 2020

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting a woman's right to vote. The centennial offers an opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy; that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender.

New Jersey has had a long storied history in the suffrage movement with New Jersey women playing a crucial role in pursing the rights of women to vote. In 1776, women property owners were enfranchised under the New Jersey State Constitution, which was unique in the nation at the time, however, in 1807, the New Jersey Legislature eliminated the property requirement for voting rights and limited the ballot to white males. It took seven decades of dedication and determination by millions of women from across the country, including New Jersey leaders Alice Stokes Paul, Lucy Stone, Dr. Emma O. Gantz, Martha Klatshchken, Rosalie Jones, Allison Turnbull Hopkins, Julia Hulburt, Beatrice Reynolds Kinkead, and Minnie D. Abbott, to secure a woman's right to vote. We owe these great women and the men who supported them a debt of gratitude. On February 9, 1920, New Jersey proudly became number 29 of the original 36 states to ratify the 19th amendment and on August 18, 1920, Tennessee was the last of the required number of 36 states to ratify, which secured the amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The 19th Amendment was signed into law on August 26, 1920, by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

To celebrate the centennial of New Jersey women's suffrage, a proclamation honoring the efforts of the suffragists was prepared and read by Lebanon Township Committeewoman, Beverly Koehler at the February 5, 2020, Township Committee meeting. The dais was decorated for the occasion in purple, white and gold, the colors of the U.S. suffragists. The proclamation can be found on the Lebanon Township website at www.lebanontownship.net.



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Township Committeewoman Beverly Koehler reading a proclamation honoring the suffragists at the February 5, 2020, Township Committee meeting.

From the Clerk's Office

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Due to the forecast for record voter turnout for the 2020 elections, there will be two polling locations in the Township. Please refer to the front of your sample election ballot for your District number.

- Districts 1-3 will be located at Fire Station #3, 528 West Hill Road
- Districts 4-6 will be located at Fire Station #2, 532 West Hill Road

If you have questions, please contact Municipal Clerk Karen Sandorse at (908) 638-8523 x101 or Deputy Clerk Kim Jacobus at x102.

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Lebanon Township Showcase of Homes



14 Woodland Heights Circle

List Price ~ \$449,900 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full, 1 Half Bath

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Pristine neighborhood Colonial w an incredible amount of updates is all ready for a quick

close! Just renovated kitchen w Kraftmaid cabinetry, quartz counters & stainless steel appliances. Large formal living & dining rooms w gleaming hardwood flooring & decorative moldings. Spacious family room w fireplace flanked by custom leaded glass inserts. French door to expansive deck. Master bedroom w 2 walk-in organized closets. Both full baths are completely remodeled w Kraftmaid vanities & white subway tile. All big bedrooms have new Stainmaster carpeting. Picture perfect & private 1.76 acres. Even more recent updates include roof, Trane furnace & central ac, powder room, hot water heater, insulated garage doors, water filtration system.



10 Dewey Lane

List Price ~ \$579,900 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full, 1 Half Bath

JumpVisualTours.com/310762

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED IN 2017! Loaded w upgrades. Custom designed w an open &

spacious floor plan. Gorgeous wood flooring throughout. Tranquil, private & level 1.77 acres. Wrap around porch. French doors off foyer open to large living room. Elegant formal dining room w decorative moldings. Gourmet kitchen w quartz counters, breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances, abundant cabinetry, pantry & breakfast room. Spacious open family room w gas fireplace. Master bedroom retreat w 2 closets. Gorgeous master bath w freestanding tub, stall shower, double sinks & decorative tile. Generously sized bedrooms. HUGE Vaulted Ceiling Bonus Recreation Room greatly expands your living space! Mudroom. 9 ft ceilings on the 1st level. 3-car garage. Paver patio.



302 Jeffrey Lane

List Price ~ \$389,900 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths

tourwizard.net/3de82336/

Spacious home on a picture perfect & private 1.45 acre lot in a desirable neighbor-

hood. Just renovated kitchen w granite counters, stainless steel appliances, abundant cabinetry, subway tile back-splash & skylight. Large living room has a huge bay window & hardwood flooring which flows into the dining room. Elegant dining room has sliding glass doors to the expansive deck which greatly increases your living & entertaining space. All bedrooms have hardwood flooring, lighted ceiling fans & Easy Closet organizers. Main bath w tub shower, ceramic tile & linen closet. Roomy family room has a warm Harman pellet stove. Private 1st level bedroom & full bath with jetted tub. Property w ponds & stream backs to woods. New Septic to be installed!



15 Hoffmans Crossing Road

List Price ~ \$210,000 2 Bedrooms, 1 Full Bath

JumpVisualTours.com/316627

Loaded with updates this charming Colonial is right next to the scenic Columbia Trail &

Ken Lockwood's Gorge! Perfect for nature lovers, fishermen, hikers/bikers & outdoor enthusiasts! Open 0.28 acres offers a large, private yard. Enclosed front porch makes a great mud room. Sunny eat in kitchen features abundant white cabinetry, tile backsplash, decorative wainscoting & a new gas range with hood. Spacious living room has faux fireplace. Roomy master bedroom with high ceilings & walk-in closet. Both bedrooms have direct access to the bath. Convenient 1st floor laundry room. New paver patio with paver block walled gardens. Walkout basement has storage space. Recent updates includes roof, furnace, shed, carpeting, windows and septic (2009).

THINKING OF BUYING OR SELLING? PUT LEBANON TOWNSHIP'S #1 AGENT* TO WORK FOR YOU!

Contact Sharon directly on her cell at 908-303-9385 for a Free, Confidential Market Analysis.



*in Lebanon Township for Dollar Volume &/or Individual Properties Sold in 2012-2019. 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 any way responsible for its accuracy. Data accurate as of 2/1/2020. 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.



Museum

News from the Museum ...

Twenty-twenty got off to a sweet start with M&M Teachers' Portraits created by Mr. Maxwell's seventh and eighth grade Art Club students. These colorful works of art added a colorful touch to the museum's walls. Visitors were encouraged to look but not eat ... luckily for them, we also had some personalized "Wildcat" M&Ms available for consumption at our Art Show Opening Reception in early January.

Northern Lights Landscapes by Mrs. Newcomb's third grade students completed the show. Students proudly showed off their artwork to their parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends. Third grader Livia Oliveira won our "guess how many buttons in the jar" contest and got to bring home a 500 piece art set. Much to our surprise, her younger brother Adam had the second closest guess (winning himself a set of branch pencils). Great job, Oliveira kids! We can't wait to see what you create with your new art supplies.



Threading the Needle: Honoring Women's Activism with an Exhibit of Quilts that Celebrate the Suffrage Centennial opened on February 1 with a packed house to enjoy the neverbefore-seen quilts created by the Courthouse Quilters specifically for this show. Alongside the quilts are many of the Museum's artifacts including some recently uncovered wooden and honeycomb glass ballot boxes. These boxes were most likely first used around the time that women were granted the right to vote in 1920 and last used in Lebanon Township's November 1970 General Election.

Many events are planned to complement this exhibit, including *Movies at the Museum in March*. Doors open at 6:30 PM for all movies, light refreshments will be served and admission is free.



Pictured above, Woodglen Librarian Kate Spann and Woodglen Art Teacher Alex Maxwell, standing near the M&M depiction of Kate created by eighth grader Riley Hogan.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 5: Iron Jawed Angels - Defiant young activists take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

Thursday, March 19: Not For Ourselves Alone Part One - Ken Burns documentary on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Thursday, March 26: Not For Ourselves Alone Part Two

A Closing Reception will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. *The Suffrage Movement & the Work of Alice Paul* will be presented by Linda Barth, retired educator, author and the Executive Director of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Light refreshments will be served.

Do you have any vintage baseball uniforms, equipment, paraphernalia, or stories to share? We'd love to borrow them for our April and May baseball exhibit.

Please be sure to follow Friends of the Lebanon Township Museum on Facebook or sign up for our email list to stay informed of all upcoming events! Contact Curator Gina Sampaio at (908) 638-8523 x405 or museum@lebtwp.net with any questions.

Historians

A Look Back at the Past -- The Story of Irishtown

Since the early 1700s, many Irish laborers settled in New Jersey. Newark's Ironbound section was dubbed Little Ireland, Trenton's Fourth Ward was known as Irishtown and Paterson had its own Dublin. Spring Lake and other shore towns are still called the Irish Riviera. But did you know the story of how a small settlement along present day State Route 31, (near Gem Vacuum), became known as "Irishtown"? Lebanon Township Historian Chuck Speierl researched the story...

In the mid 19th century "the thriving village of Clarksville," (present day Glen Gardner), was viewed as an up and coming location with great investment potential. An ad appearing in The Hunterdon Republican newspaper of June 21, 1867, regarding the sale of Eveland's Hotel (present day Humphrey's Tavern), proclaimed the excellent condition of the three-story hotel which boasted 22 rooms. It also bragged of the hotel's proximity to the New Jersey Central Railroad and being 200 yards from the train station. The article went on further to state that "there are stores, mills, shops, churches, schoolhouses, in the immediate vicinity and the village of Clarksville is a very prosperous and flourishing condition, affording an excellent opportunity for investment and business".

The history of Glen Gardner and Irishtown was connected to the railroad as well as the industries and job opportunities that developed there. It was not until 1888, that the first reference is made to Irishtown. According to a death notice in the Hunterdon Republican of March 21, 1888, Castor Ehli, age 62, a resident of Irishtown, a suburb of Glen Gardner, died after a two-year battle with stomach cancer. It was acknowledged that Ehli gave the "small settlement of Irish families" its name. Irishtown is also noted several times in the childhood recollections of Lillian Hunt, (1878-1955), in her published memoir "Little Memories of Childhood in Glen Gardner, New Jersey". One can infer that the area of Irishtown was known and existed before 1888.

According to the data on occupations in Glen Gardner, workers with Irish surnames, and those specific to Irishtown, two areas of employment stand out; the railroad and the quarry industry. A large number of Irish in need of work found employment with the railroad as track walkers, fireman, brakeman, track boss, station agent, or coal worker. According to period maps of Clarksville and Glen Gardner, a stone breaker was shown to exist on the south end of Irishtown. The map also shows at least six buildings, listed under Irish surnames, near the stone breaker and along the eastern side of the Central Railroad of NJ tracks. It would make sense that this facility employed a good portion of men from Irishtown not already employed on the railroad. Occupations were simply listed as "worker at stone cracker."

In 1891, the Glen Gardner Occupational Index listed that a Thomas Miller, contractor, "resumes work at the Stone Crusher

with a force of 40 men." Based on period newspaper accounts, church history, cemetery records, death notices, etc., the number of Irish residents in the area appear to be quite large. It is particularly interesting that "The Weekly Avalanche", Glen Gardner's weekly newspaper of the time, reported that "the factory was closed down and the stores all closed on St. Patrick's Day." (The Weekly Avalanche, March 20, 1901). The Irish population must have been very large indeed to result in the closing of the town's businesses to commemorate a day so important to the Irish people.

Other employment opportunities existed. In 1864, the Gardner brothers, William, Oliver, George, John, and Joseph arrived, in then Clarksville, from New York City and established a picture and mirror frame business. Their large three-story factory built in 1865, would eventually employ 700 workers. Some of these employees were no doubt Irish laborers who made \$2 to \$6 a day. This appears a far better wage than what quarry workers earned. As a comparison, quarry workers at the nearby Mulligan quarry in Clinton would make 12 to 14 cents per hour for a 12 ½ hour day.

Many residents shared a common heritage rooted in the history of Ireland. They fled religious persecution, prejudice and the horrors of ethnic cleansing as well as the starvation, death and disease of the famine years. Once here, they overcame anti-immigrant opposition and fought to establish themselves as business and community leaders and to start churches in their communities that still exist today as a testament to their determination.

A prime example of this is the establishment, in 1859, of St. Ann's Catholic church in Hampton. The church served the large Irish population in Hampton, Glen Gardner and Irishtown. By 1866, St. Ann's congregation numbered over 1,000. In addition to the present day stone church a school was built adjacent to the church in the late 1860s. It was torn down in the 1920s. According to church records, and those of the New Jersey Genealogical Society, as many as 1,200 tombstones in St. Ann's cemetery bear Irish surnames.

While some became prosperous, and noted community leaders, others made up the poorer, laboring class. They lived out their daily hardscrabble existence overcoming economic hardships, illness and unsafe working conditions. With the exception of their tombstones in parish churches and family memories, many have gone unrecognized. The Lebanon Township Museum has a copy of the full account of the people of Irishtown; their history, occupations, family life, religion, and more. Stop by and check it out!

Historians

Lebanon Township Historians Present

HOME HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINAR

Sunday, March 22nd, 2 -3:30pm LTFD Station 3 - 528 West Hill Road Glen Gardner

Interested in discovering the story of your old home? Hit a dead end at an early handwritten deed for your property? The Lebanon Township Historians Committee is hosting an introductory seminar on how to trace the history of your home and the families associated with it. With a special emphasis on the late 18th through 19th centuries, the seminar will cover the many resources available including Hunterdon County archives at Records Hall and the Surrogate's Court, State of NJ archives, early Hunterdon County maps, census records, local history books, genealogy resources, and more.

The program is FREE but registration is requested. Please email historians@lebtwp.net to sign up.



The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc.

The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve, maintain and

improve historical structures and artifacts in the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The organization takes its name from the iron forge established in the mid-1700s along the Musconetcong River at Squiers Point in the northwest part of Lebanon Township. The group strives to share knowledge with the public while instilling a sense of community pride. It was originally incorporated in 1979 and was

instrumental in preserving the shuttered one-room school at New Hampton and transforming it into the Township of Lebanon Museum.

In 2018, The Squiers Point Historians funded an addition that brought indoor plumbing, heating and air conditioning to the Museum. The group sponsors and participates in various events at the Museum and within the community. Currently, the group is working on preserving the historic and locally significant Polt horse-drawn bobsled that transported children to school in Lebanon Township in the early 1900s.

We hope you will take time to review the Membership Form on the next page and become a part of this historic endeavor.



The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc.

4 Sunset Farm Lane Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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olutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

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

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

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

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

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



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

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

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



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.
 And remember to:
 - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



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



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021



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Education

News from the Lebanon Township PTA



Lebanon Township PTA Membership

We are proud to announce that we have 282 Lebanon Township PTA (LTPTA) members and counting. Help us reach our goal of 300 members for the school year. 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 register and pay online at our new MemberHub site https://lebtwppta.memberhub.store. A portion of your membership dues also supports the National PTA and the New Jersey State PTA, which create policies that support the educational needs of children and promote family engagement and strong partnerships between schools and the communities they serve.

Stay Connected

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/.

The LTPTA holds three General Membership meetings throughout the school year. All are welcome to attend (only members can vote). Our next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 PM at Riley & Jake's Restaurant.

Box Tops for Education

HUGE THANKS to everyone who is faithfully clipping Box Tops and/or scanning shopping receipts with the Box Tops mobile app. Our fall collection earned \$699.30 for our schools! If you still haven't downloaded the new Box Tops mobile app, what are you waiting for? Box Tops are an easy way to help earn money for the LTPTA. Each one is worth 10ϕ for our school! Download the app and start scanning your receipts today.

While participating brands make the switch to digital Box Tops, you'll still find traditional Box Tops on many store products. Please continue to clip them and send them to school. 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 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.com/BTFE.com/BT

Executive Board Members Wanted!

The LTPTA Executive Board needs some fresh faces and more

representation from Valley View School. The majority of our board members' terms are expiring. We are looking to fill the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Corresponding Secretary (membership)
- Vice President I (Volunteer Coordinator for Valley View)
- Vice President II (Fundraising)
- President

Parent participation is vital to the future of the LTPTA! All positions can be shared and there's plenty of time to shadow the current board to learn the roles. Please put your talents to use for a great purpose! For more information, contact Julie Weldon at info@lebtwppta.org.

Save the Date for These Important LTPTA Sponsored Events

- Wildcats Fun Run (powered by Booster) is back! We'll kick off the fundraiser with a Pep Rally on March 16 and all Valley View students will race around the indoor track on March 25!
- April 2 9: Valley View Spring Book Fair
- May 8: Lebanon Township Talent Show at Voorhees High School
- May 28: General Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM at Riley
 & Jake's (Volunteer Appreciation and 2020-2021 Elections)



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Sign Up Today!

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In my everyday work and personal life I find it so important to be kind and to give back unconditionally. It improves both our health and the health of the places we live! Here are some acts of kindness you can do not just for your neighborhood, but everywhere. Don't be limited because possibilities are endless!

Bring dinner to a neighbor who needs a hand or lives alone. Don't be shy, seek out that elderly person and ask what it is you can do for them. Shoveling snow, raking leaves, or even just a cup of tea and a beautiful conversation go a long way! Welcome your new neighbors. Help them move things in and show them around town. Tell them all the great things about the place we live. On a rainy day share your umbrella with someone. When you are at that coffee shop, buy the person next to you a coffee. If you aren't using something anymore pass it along to those who can use it. Plant flowers for someone because all of us deserve to have colorful blooms in our lives. It is as simple as a smile and a friendly hello.

We often forget that even the smallest acts have the power to impact so many.

Love and kindness are timeless! They don't have to cost a dime and you can share them anywhere.

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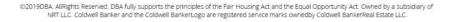






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Lebanon Township Board of Health

Weight Reduction: Benefits and Strategies By Nicholas J. Avallone, M.D., F.A.A.O.S.

Obesity is a common problem for many Americans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published some interesting statistics about obesity and helpful tips regarding improving one's body weight on its website at CDC.gov and will be referred to frequently in this article. According to a 2016 survey from the CDC, 39.8% of Americans suffer from obesity. The group with the highest levels of obesity is middle-aged adults at 42.8%. Approximately 20% of children between the ages of 6 and 19 suffer from obesity. The causes are multifactorial as genetics, disease states, lifestyle choices, socioeconomic status, and environmental factors appear to all play a role in the development of these high obesity rates in our country.

The determination as to whether a person suffers from obesity is made by calculating their body mass index (BMI). The formula for calculating one's BMI is weight in pounds divided by one's squared height in inches multiplied by the conversion factor of 703 [Weight ÷(Height)²] x 703. A healthy BMI is considered to be between 18.5 and 24.9. Overweight is defined as a BMI of 25.0 to 29.9 and obesity is determined to be a BMI greater than 30. For children, the calculation is the same, however, they are compared on growth charts to other kids of the same age, height and sex. According to the CDC, a BMI at the 95th percentile or higher for that person's age and sex defines obesity in children.

An elevated BMI is considered to be an indirect indicator of excess body fat. According to the CDC, a high BMI is correlated with the development of certain disease states that can lead to premature death such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke and some forms of cancer. Thus, improving one's BMI is considered an important way to promote good overall health. The CDC also cites that obesity increases healthcare costs significantly.

While genetics certainly play a role in the development of obesity, there are some modifiable factors to consider. Making good choices in one's diet is central to battling obesity. Choosing water instead of drinks containing sugar is an easy place to control caloric intake. Having a diet that includes a higher proportion of fruits and vegetables has also been found to improve BMI. Getting enough sleep has also been found to increase one's energy during the day, which often leads to heightened amounts of activity and thereby can lead to a lower BMI. With respect to physical activity levels, many research studies have demonstrated that daily or nearly daily exercise routines lead to improved health. In diabetics, improved blood sugar control is seen in patients who exercise daily.

When a person eats has also been found to be almost as important as what a person eats. Eating large meals late at night has been shown to increase body weight. Scientific studies have demonstrated that the human body would like to have the most calories at the beginning of the day and smaller meals as the day progresses. This makes sense from an energy expenditure standpoint as breakfast should be the meal that gives a person the energy to navigate a busy day. Dinner has become our biggest meal but should really be the smallest meal as the energy required to sleep is far less than that required to perform our daily activities.

As a society, it is important for us to do what we can to reduce the prevalence of obesity so we can all live healthier and longer lives. Making small changes in behavior can have a big impact on our overall health. To summarize: drink water instead of sugar-filled beverages, exercise daily and eat a large breakfast and a small dinner.





From the Deputy Clerk's Office

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Just a Reminder: your Dog License renewal is now late. Please add \$5 per dog for the renewal fee (\$16 for altered dog or \$19 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 moved from the

township, no longer have a dog or if you have any questions, please call Kim at the Municipal Building at (908) 638-8523 x102 or send an email to deputyclerk@lebtwp.net.

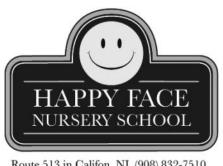
Lebanon Township offers a FREE RABIES CLINIC every year. This year's clinic is scheduled for November 7, 2020, from 9:00 AM to noon at the Lebanon Township Department of Public Works Building on the corner of Anthony and Newport Roads.





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Recycling

Recycling has Changed

Lebanon Township will no longer be holding the monthly Recycling Depot in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building. Instead, a recycling dumpster has been placed in the parking lot and is available for residents to drop off their recyclable materials at any time. The dumpster will be emptied on a weekly basis.

Please understand that it is **extremely important** that materials placed in the dumpster, are actually recyclable. The service provider scrutinizes the contents of the dumpster; if there are too many non-recyclable materials, none of the material will be recycled and will instead be sent to a landfill.

Please refer to the information below to determine whether or not something can be placed in the recycling dumpster. Detailed information is also available at https://recyclingsimplified.com/recycling-basics/.

DO Recycle these Items:

Glass bottles or jars with lids attached Plastic bottles or jugs with lids attached Metal cans Flattened cardboard Non-mixed paper – remove bubble wrap from padded envelopes and plastic windows from paper envelopes

DON'T Recycle these Items:

Plastic bags of any kind Items which are wet

Items which contain food or food residue, including pizza boxes with grease residue

Bubble wrap or Styrofoam

Unattached lids – they are too small – instead, attach them to the bottle or jug they came from



Recycling News

Not only is recycling the right thing to do, it is also the law in New Jersey.

The Hunterdon County Residential Recycling Program is held at the Hunterdon County Transfer Station/Recycling Depot, 10 Petticoat Lane, Annandale. The Transfer Station is open Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Saturday, 7:00 AM to 12:45 PM.



ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION:

- **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.

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.

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, 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 430 pounds of onions, potatoes, green beans, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, beets, melons, 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.

BOY SCOUT MARCHING BAND GEARING UP FOR THEIR 2020 SEASON, WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!

The Scoutmaster Wink Dousa Boy Scout Marching Band is an award-winning marching and concert band led by Boy Scouts that participates in parades and events throughout New Jersey.

Entering its 7th year, the band is gearing up for its 2020 season of parades and activities, and is looking to fill all instrument positions – trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, baritone, clarinet, sax, flute, oboe, and percussion.

Based in northern Hunterdon County, the Scout Band is open to all Scout musicians from any Scout troop. Over the years, the band has performed for the New Jersey State Assembly in Trenton and has been awarded the "Best Youth Unit" trophy at the Lebanon 4th of July parade.

Regularly scheduled band activities include:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade Clinton, NJ
- Memorial Day Parade Flemington, NJ
- Flag Day Parade Clinton, NJ
- July 4th Independence Day Parade Lebanon, NJ
- John Basilone Parade Raritan Borough, NJ
- Christmas Parade Clinton, NJ

To become part of the Scout band or for more information contact band director, Mark Dau at (908) 619-6289 or mark.j.dau@comcast.net.

North Hunterdon Food Pantry

If you need assistance in feeding your family, the North Hunterdon Food Pantry in Lebanon Township can help.

The pantry distributes food the second Thursday of each month, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

We are located at: 200 Sanatorium Road Building #24 Glen Gardner

For additional information or our next scheduled distribution, please call (908) 537-4824, option #2.

Leave a message or visit us the second Thursday of each month at the pantry.

Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE				
Beverly Koehler	(908) 638-8523 x504	koehler@lebtwp.net		
Marc Laul, Deputy Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x503	laul@lebtwp.net		
Tom McKee	(908) 638-8523 x502	mckee@lebtwp.net		
Mike Schmidt, Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x501	schmidt@lebtwp.net		
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042	wunder@lebtwp.net		

MEETINGS 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, Erik Rautenberg	(908) 638-8523 x201		
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8523 x203		
Emergency Medical Services	911		
Fire Department Emergency	911		
Chief, Robert Pek	(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		

<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				
Business Administrator	James Barberio	(908) 638-8523 x112	Email: administrator@lebtwp.net	
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Scheduling of Municipal Building Meeting Rooms	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x101	Email: clerk@lebtwp.net	
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar, Reserving the Memorial Park Pavilion or Fields	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x102	Email: deputyclerk@lebtwp.net	
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x103	Email: Planning@lebtwp.net	
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x104	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	
Tax Assessor	Erica Brandmaier	(908) 638-8523 x105	Email: assessor@lebtwp.net Hours: Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 8:00 PM or by appointment	
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x106		
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x107	Hours: Wednesday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 PM	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 638-8523 x301	Email: dpw@lebtwp.net	
Animal Control	Police	(908) 638-8515		
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8523 x401	Hours: Wed 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thurs & Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	
Township of Lebanon Museum		(908) 638-8523 x405	Hours: Tues 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Thurs 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Sat 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	
Recreation Commission	Maria Naccarato		Email: recreation@lebtwp.net	
EOS Commission / Green Team	Adam Duckworth		Email: <u>ltenv@lebtwp.net</u> / <u>LTGreenTeam@gmail.com</u>	
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman		Email: kjnewman115@gmail.com	
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	

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

Please email items to Karen Newman at <u>kjnewman115@gmail.com</u> (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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