

Lebanon Township News

Fall 2009



September, October,
November

SAVE THE DATE:

**BUNNVALE LIBRARY
30th ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**To thank the community
for your support
over the years ...
admission to
Day in the Park
will be FREE this year!!**

**Municipal Building
530 West Hill Road**

Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Memorial Park

Friends of Memorial Park Present...

8th Annual

Day in the Park



**Saturday, September 19, 2009 (Raindate September 20)
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FREE Admission**

Don't miss this great event! Enjoy a fun-filled fall day of:

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All proceeds benefit Lebanon Township Memorial Park.

At Lebanon Township Memorial Park, Bunnvale Road, Lebanon Township (across from Woodglen School). For more information, visit www.lebanontownship.net.

Memorial Park (continued)

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LEBANON TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK

SUNDAY IN THE PARK *Car Show*

Location: www.sundayinthepark.net

LEBANON TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK Date: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2009
 67 BUNNVALE ROAD Raindate: SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2009
 CALIFON, NJ 07830

Trophies Awarded for All Classes:

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| E. Mopar Muscle | L. Street Rods | S. Shelby |
| F. Stock Chev | M. Custom Cars | T. Tractor |
| G. Stock Ford (1950 & up) | N. Foreign/European | |

Entry Form:

PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT. 20TH- \$12.00
 DAY OF SHOW - \$15.00

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YEAR:	MAKE:
MODEL:	CLASS:
SPECS:	OPTIONAL:

Make checks payable to: Lebanon Township Memorial Park Committee to be received by 9/20/09: 193 Musconetcong River Rd, Washington, NJ 07882	For more Info contact: Wayne Maurer - 908-638-4661 or email us: info@sundayinthepark.net \$2.00 Spectator Admission Fee
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9/11 Remembrance in Memorial Park

Once again, a formal remembrance with the Field of Flags representing the lives lost in the terrorist attacks, has been scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM, Memorial Park, Bunnvale Road.

The ceremony will include the Hunterdon Harmonizers, Hunterdon/Somerset Pipes and Drums and many of the valued speakers who joined us last year. Part of this year's service will include the groundbreaking of a Veterans Memorial within the woodland area and a prayer ceremony for those currently fighting for our country.

For more information about the Richard Cudina 9/11 Memorial, please visit our website at www.richardcudinamemorial.com.

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2009 Day in the Park Sponsorship Opportunities

Friends of Memorial Park are excited to offer you the following opportunities for participation in and sponsorship of our annual Day in the Park.

Platinum Sponsor (\$1500)

These are *exclusive, limited* sponsorship opportunities that provide a banner at one of a few select areas at the event site. Other benefits of Platinum Sponsorship include: 8 VIP passes to the sponsor's tent; a banner along "Sponsor's Row" on Bunnvale Road that will remain on display for a week after the event; a full-page ad in the event program; recognition on the Lebanon Township website (www.lebanontownship.net); and exhibition space in the sponsor's arena.

Gold Sponsor (\$1000)

A premiere sponsorship opportunity that provides a banner along "Sponsor's Row" on Bunnvale Road that will remain on display for a week after the event; a half-page ad in the event program; recognition on the Lebanon Township website; and exhibition space in the sponsor's arena. In addition, Gold Sponsors receive 6 VIP passes to the sponsor's tent.

Silver Sponsor (\$500)

Ideal for high visibility, Silver Sponsors receive a banner along "Sponsor's Row" on Bunnvale Road that will remain on display for a week after the event; a business card ad in the event program; recognition on the Lebanon Township website; and exhibition space in the sponsor's arena. In addition, Silver Sponsors receive 4 VIP passes to the sponsor's tent.

Bronze Sponsor (\$250)

Meet event attendees with exhibition space in the sponsor's arena; a listing in the event program; and recognition on the Lebanon Township website. In addition, Bronze Sponsors receive 2 VIP passes to the sponsor's tent.

Park Patron (\$100)

Show your support PLUS enjoy "Day in the Park" hospitality with 2 VIP passes to the sponsor's tent. In addition, you will receive recognition in the event program and on the Lebanon Township website.

Become a Park "Friends and Family" Member (\$25)

Support your community park with a \$25 contribution. Your generosity will receive recognition in the event program and on the Lebanon Township website.

A few notes on exhibit space: Space must be reserved **IN ADVANCE** by **9/11/2009** on your sponsorship commitment form. Space must be set up by **11:00 a.m. the day of the event**. Table and 2 chairs will be provided by the event staff. Additional set up required will be the responsibility of the sponsor. **Exhibits should be family-friendly** and may include company/product/service literature, demonstrations, and giveaways to attract traffic. Friends of Memorial Park reserve the right to reject any sponsorship offers, promotional materials, or activities that, in their judgment, detract from the overall purpose and family atmosphere of the event.

For questions or assistance in selecting a sponsorship package, please contact Collette Evanko at cpevanko@comcast.net or 908-537-6041.

2009 Day in the Park Sponsorship Commitment Form

Yes! We would like to be a sponsor for Friends of Lebanon Township Memorial Park's "Day in the Park" on September 19th (raindate 9/20).

Please check desired sponsorship level:

- Platinum (\$1500)
- Gold (\$1000)
- Silver (\$500)
- Bronze (\$250)
- Patron (\$100)
- "Friend and Family" (\$25)

For Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Sponsors only, please indicate here if you wish to reserve exhibit space in the Sponsor's Arena:

- Yes! Please reserve a space for us. We will be exhibiting.
- No, thanks. We will not be exhibiting this year.

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Special plans/giveaways for your exhibit? Please indicate here _____

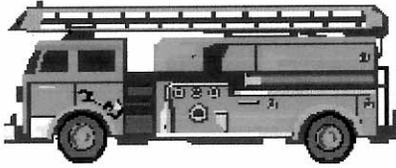
Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this completed form with business card, ad graphics, and check payable to Lebanon Township Memorial Park to

Kim Jacobus
Leb. Twp. Municipal Bldg.
530 W. Hill Road
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

NOTE: TO ALLOW TIME FOR PRODUCTION OF ADVERTISING AND ENSURE MAXIMUM SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION PLEASE REMIT BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009.

Fire Department



Check out our website at www.lfdnj.org

Home Fire Safety

Home fire safety means keeping your family and home safe from the devastations of fire. Home fire safety should always be a top priority and is almost entirely about prevention. A little bit of prevention can go a long way. There are very simple steps you can take to promote fire safety in your home:

- Make sure there is a working smoke detector in each room
- Keep your valuables in a fire-proof safe
- Keep flammable and dangerous items out of the reach of children
- Create a fire evacuation plan and practice it with the entire family, including children
- Make sure all exits are easily accessible - debris, garbage and other obstacles can prevent people from getting out and prevent rescue workers and fire fighters from getting in
- Make sure your children have a clear understanding of what to do in case of a fire and what to do if their clothes or hair catch on fire

Home fire safety is an easy thing to promote. It only takes some simple, common-sense precautions, fresh batteries, and a clear plan.

Fire Fighters Needed

We are looking for new members! To learn more about joining the Fire Department, please stop by any Monday you see the doors open, or contact Fire Chief Jay Harkins at (908) 638-8116 or email jayharkins71@yahoo.com.

2009 Fund Drive

Within the next few weeks you should be receiving the Fire Department's 2009 fund drive mailing. As always, the department needs your support. We are here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please take a moment to look over the information and help support YOUR fire department.

Thank you again,
Fund Drive Committee

Pancake Breakfast - October 11 First Breakfast of the Season

The Lebanon Township Fire Department has been holding

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

Directions to Station One on Anthony Road:

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

Environmental & Open Space Commission

It's no secret that Lebanon Township is full of many beautiful, scenic spaces. You may not know that some of these gems are on township, county and state land open for the public to enjoy. The creation and improvement of trails to enhance their accessibility and enjoyment is one of the topics being discussed by the Environmental & Open Space (EOS) Commission. To find out more about this and other environmental issues in your community, please stop by our info booth at Day in the Park or attend an EOS meeting. Our meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

The serene open space below is located near Miquin Woods, one of the county's newest parks located in Lebanon Township.



First Aid Squad

Be Educated About Your Risk for Rabies

Rabies has become a concern in most of Hunterdon County, especially in areas which harbor a large feral cat population, such as Lebanon Township.

Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the nervous system. It causes the brain to swell creating bizarre behavior. It is most commonly transmitted by a bite from an infected animal, but occasionally other forms of contact may transmit the disease. It is fatal if left untreated.

Once bitten, the rabies virus travels to the brain by following nerves at the source of injury to the spinal cord and brain. The incubation period of the disease depends on how far the virus must travel to reach the brain and spinal cord. Many people believe that the infection is instantaneous, but it usually takes a few months to two years to reach the spinal cord and brain. Once the infection reaches the spinal cord and brain and symptoms begin to show, the untreated infection is usually fatal within days.

Early-stage symptoms of rabies are fatigue, headache and fever. Unfortunately, these symptoms are also an early symptom of Lyme's Disease, which is also epidemic in our rural county. Later the symptoms of the disease leads to more serious ones, including acute pain, violent movements, uncontrolled excitement, depression and inability to swallow water. Finally, the patient may experience periods of uncontrolled behavior and lethargy, followed by coma. The primary cause of death is usually the victim losing the ability to breathe.

Soon after, the symptoms expand to slight or partial paralysis, cerebral dysfunction, anxiety, insomnia, confusion, agitation, abnormal behavior, paranoia, terror, hallucinations, progressing to delirium. Death almost invariably results two to ten days after the first symptoms.

Treatment after exposure, known as post-exposure prophylaxis or "P.E.P.", is highly successful in preventing the disease if administered promptly, generally within ten days of infection. Thoroughly washing the wound as soon as possible with soap and water for approximately five minutes is very effective at reducing the number of viral particles. If available, an antiseptic such as alcohol should be applied after washing.

Most importantly, you should never interact with a strange animal. If you get bitten, you should immediately contact your primary healthcare provider and let them know what happened. Do not become a victim. Stay safe in the country.

Doris Terris will have an exhibit of her artwork at the Bunnvale library during the month of September. A portion of the proceeds from any sales from this exhibit will be donated to the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad. For additional information, contact Doris at dtorris@embarqmail.com



School is back in session. Please obey local speed limits and drive carefully!



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Bunnvale Library

**JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
BUNNVALE LIBRARY'S 30th ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009
1:00-3:00 PM**

From 1979 through the present, Bunnvale Library has accommodated the community by providing for and adapting to its needs. Thanks to the vision of our Lebanon Township residents, some of whom continue to serve as members of the Library Committee, Bunnvale Library has evolved into a full-service library offering wireless and internet access, interlibrary loans, audio books, DVDs, periodicals, information on local events and displays loaned by the public. Of course, we maintain a diverse collection of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction; but as with all 21st century libraries, we're not just books! So share in this special occasion: join us for refreshments, memories and maybe even some surprises.

If you have an anecdote or specific memory of the library you'd like to provide for this event, please contact Wendy at the library at (908) 638-8884.

While we look forward to this and other fall events, we must acknowledge all of the enthusiastic participants who have once again made our annual Summer Reading Programs successful. This year's theme "Be Creative! Express Yourself at Your Library," had dozens of children, preschoolers through sixth graders, enroll and earn prizes for achieving their reading goals. The program culminated in a celebration on August 15 with refreshments, award certificates and special prizes. Adults also enjoyed the third annual Summer Reading Club sponsored by the Hunterdon County Library, which offered opportunities for readers to create a blog, solve word puzzles and write book reviews.

But don't stop reading yet! Fall Story Time for preschoolers begins on Friday, September 11, 1:15-2:00 PM, and continues through December 2009. The minimum age is two years old. Preregistration is required.

The unique selections in our Anne M. Rambo display cabinet are always admired and appreciated by our patrons. September features Doris Terris's pastels and watercolors. For October, Kara Drake offers her collection of the Superman family. In November, Lois Deutsch and her students at the Hunterdon Learning Center will present their ceramics and arts projects.

Bunnvale constantly seeks ways to serve and assist our community, to fulfill your expectations and to become even better. We welcome your suggestions or recommendations to help us meet these goals.

HOURS: Wednesday, 1:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
TELEPHONE: (908) 638-8884

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Historians

A Look back at our Heritage ...

By Ralph Lomerson

Lebanon Township Historian

He Remembers Seventy Years Ago

**George Banghart tells interesting story of early days ...
Glen Gardner once called Sodom and Gomorrah - Early
religious fervor - Grown people went barefooted to save
leather - Sweethearts rode same horse**

Sound in mind and body at seventy-eight years of age is George Banghart, a native of the Spruce Run and Glen Gardner vicinities, who now makes his home in Washington, N.J. A reporter of the Star, in an interview with him, asked for some information concerning the habits and customs of people fifty or sixty years ago (published October 23, 1902).

Then Uncle George leaned back and opened up with some history of the early days with all the freedom and readiness as though he were telling of events that took place only last week. He spoke not only of experience in the early part of his own life but told of different things that he remembered hearing his father and mother speak of.

"When I was small," said Mr. Banghart, "our family lived in Glen Gardner. It was not called Glen Gardner then, but was known as Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lebanon Township side of the Spruce Run River was called Sodom, the Bethlehem Township side was called Gomorrah. When a post office was set up there, the names were abandoned in favor of Spruce Run, then Clarksville, later when the Gardner family set up their picture frame factories, the name was again changed to Glen Gardner."

In earlier years of the 19th century, politics was a lively affair. "I am a Democrat of the school of Thomas Jefferson," Banghart was quoted as saying, he cast his first vote for James E. Polk. "In Polk's time we had to wait ten or twelve days to learn the results of a national election," he added, "but we could generally guess the outcome as soon as the returns from the South were in. The South was the heart of the country's political turmoil until Lincoln was elected, after the Civil War, of course, it didn't count."

Great enthusiasm and patriotism were manifested during election campaigns in those days. "We used to attend political meetings in a body, and wagon-loads of men and women came from miles around to hear political stump speakers. A favorite way was to drive out in a big wagon decorated with flags drawn by six or eight horses all the same color."

Mr. Banghart, commented that in his boyhood, the average boy went to school three months in the year, the girls, for the most part, not at all. Commenting on changes in churches and

religion over the years, Banghart said, "the buildings and preachers are much better now, but religious fervor and sincerity have deteriorated a lot." When revival meetings are held now, many of the converts are the same ones that came forward when the meetings were held the previous year. It wasn't so in those days. A convert generally remained true to his faith and it wasn't very often that there was a backslider. Some wonderful revivals were held in the old Mt. Lebanon church. They were typical Methodist revivals - lots of singing and lots of loud long-winded prayers. There were cases where those moved by the spirit went into a trance and remained in a semi-unconscious state for several hours. I remember one case where a convert remained in this condition all night. The brethren prayed with him until morning and they accompanied him home. When you get religion that way it ought to stick.

Yes, it is too bad, but things are different. When you see a funeral procession on the way to the cemetery nowadays, you have to look twice to see whether it is actually a funeral or a picnic party. It wasn't that way years ago. Relatives took the matter to heart and you could hear their sobs and moanings even before the hearse came in sight.

Old time folks walked to church barefooted in order to save shoe leather. They carried their shoes under their arm and put them on their feet before entering church. Stockings were worn only in the winter. I have heard my father tell how the churches were heated with a charcoal fire built in the center of the room. A musical instrument of any kind was not tolerated in a church, the music being confined solely to congregational singing.

Nearly all traveling was done on horseback, there hardly being such a thing as a carriage known. When a young man took his girl home from church he merely mounted her ahead of him on the horse and away they went. It was rather close quarters I suppose you think, but it beat the carriage rides of the present day lovers to all pieces.

They often talk of the bread and cakes and pies "that mother used to make." My, maybe I can't remember them. I'd give a good deal for a piece of the oven-bottom rye bread this minute. You could eat the whole of one of those pies and it wouldn't hurt you a particle. We always put down enough meat in the fall to last all the year. Once in a while we had a little fresh meat - maybe a lamb or a chicken.

Spinning flax was a great industry about here. I can sew, pull, thrash, spread, break, dress and fit flax for the spindle and I believe I am the only person living in this section who can do this. There used to be many oil and flax mills in these parts, but

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all have long since disappeared.*

For farm work in my earlier days, oxen were used to some extent. They were driven without any harness, save a yoke. They were guided by the motion of the driver's whip or by the driver's commanding "gee" and "haw". The old fashioned wooden plow was used almost exclusively.

We had much amusement at apple cuttings, quilting parties and the like. All turned out and after the apples were out for drying purposes a dance was held. At quilting parties the women turned out in the afternoon and finished their work by nightfall. Then the men came and all joined in the dance. The music for these was furnished by a fiddler who generally got upon a table. Charles Stearn, a colored man, and Joseph Thomas, were two fiddlers who used to furnish most of the music for country dances and frolics in our neighborhood.

There was a time when there were no peaches raised in this vicinity. The nearest point where they could be obtained was in the neighborhood of Flemington in Hunterdon County. Victor and Andrew Castner of Changewater were the first to introduce peach growing in this section. They made a lot of money out of this at first, this was because they got the profits instead of the commission men, as is the case at the present time.

George W. Banghart died December 17, 1914, aged 89 years,

and is buried in the Spruce Run Cemetery, beside his two wives. He was a farmer in the early years of his life. Later, he ran Grist Mills at German Valley and Glen Gardner. He moved to Washington, N.J. in 1884.

Recycling

Township Depot Continues

The Township Recycling Depot is held on the **third Saturday of each month** from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM behind the First Aid Squad and Municipal Buildings, 530 West Hill Road. Containers (aluminum, bi-metal, glass, and #1 and #2 plastics) can be commingled. Cardboard, newspapers and junk mail/magazines should be bundled and tied separately. Household batteries can also be dropped off. Please observe the rules - we're getting a lot of plastic that is not #1 or #2.

County Hazardous Waste Cleanup

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold the next hazardous waste cleanup day on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Flemington. Please check their website at <http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/cleanup.htm>, email ajohnson@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call (908) 788-1110 for additional information.

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Museum

2009 Fall Slate

Joan Lucas
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Assistant Curator

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POT HOLDERS & PIE PLATES

Aug. 1 thru Sept. 29

Remember when women crocheted & quilted potholders and a real pie plate came with a store bought pie - "Brings back memories" says a friend of the museum. Stop by & reminisce.

HUNTERDON COUNTY QUILT GUILD

Oct. 3 to Oct. 27

Reception, Sat., Oct. 3 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Presenting its biennial show with a reception on Sat. the 3rd of October from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Their new raffle quilt will be on display. The show is free and beautiful!

PASTEL DRAWINGS

Saturday, Oct. 10

Sandy Watts, a Lebanon Township resident & gifted artist, will make a pastel drawing of you or your child at the museum between 1:00 & 5:00. If you would like to sign up for this wonderful opportunity, call the museum for an appointment. The charge is \$25.00 & takes about 45 minutes. If profile only, \$10.00 and takes about 15 minutes (about 11x17).

LIBRARY

Saturday, Oct. 17

Our Bunnvale Library will celebrate 30 years. Please join us there for this ceremony & gathering of friends & enjoy refreshments.

ART SHOW

Nov. 7 to Nov. 28

Jim Sims, a self-taught artist moved to the Delaware Valley 25 years ago. His watercolors capture the essence of the local scenery, architecture and the inner beauty of the local people. Please come to his reception on Sat., Nov. 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Free.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 5 to Jan. 30

Party - Sat., Dec. 12 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Don't miss our "Holiday Party". You will be delighted to see our window decorations. Ten windows decorated by friends of the museum will be on display for all to enjoy. Each window will showcase the creativeness of these folks. Enjoy our burgundy stew, punch & cookies. Please bring a donation for a local food pantry and welcome "2010".

ALL WELCOME FREE

The museum is supported by the Township of Lebanon under the guidance of the Township Historians and the general operating grants of the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

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Community News

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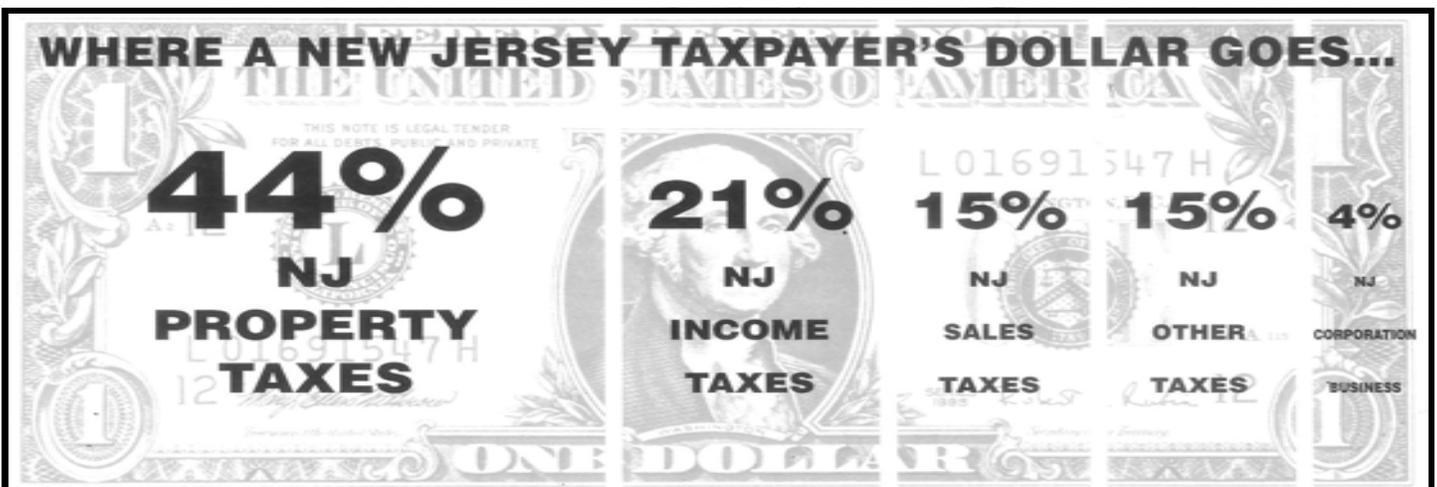
The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that by 2010, an estimated 6.1 million Americans will be over the age of 85 and one in five Americans will be over the age of 65 by 2030. "As the "baby boom" generation enters its golden years, more Americans will require an increase in home health, hospice and personal assistance in the home to be able to care for themselves or for their loved ones," stated Donald Pinner, of Lebanon Township, who was recently promoted to Chief Operating Officer for Hunterdon Regional Community Health. Mr. Pinner went on to say, "Hunterdon Regional Community Health has been providing comprehensive and coordinated medical, home health and personal care services to thousands of seniors in the community."

Hunterdon Medical Center's Home Health services have been meeting the needs of patients in Hunterdon County and the surrounding counties for many years. With so many area seniors homebound and growing increasingly dependent upon their adult children, using Home Health Services may literally be a lifesaver. Home Health Services provides home care nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, social workers and works in coordination with Visiting Health and Supportive Services which provide home health aides to help with personal care.

"Hunterdon Hospice, Visiting Health and Supportive Services, Home Health and Hunterdon Lifeline, help people maintain their independence," explained Mr. Pinner. "Hunterdon Lifeline, a personal response system, has added a medication dispenser to services the department can offer clients. The medication dispenser is a device that is programmed by the caregiver to automatically dispense medication at the appropriate time for the client. The machine will even call the caregiver if the medication is not taken on time," stated Mr. Pinner. Medication compliance is a large factor in allowing a person to remain as healthy as possible and greatly helps a person maintain their independence.

In 2008 Hunterdon Hospice served 325 families. Hunterdon Hospice focuses on care and quality of life. "Care is provided primarily in the client's home, which allows families to be together, and helps provide end of life care which is peaceful, comfortable and dignified," stated Mr. Pinner.

Whether it is an assessment of physical capability, blood testing, or a personal response system, Hunterdon Regional Community Health staff can provide the in-home support needed. For more information call (908) 788-2562, visit www.hunterdonhealthcare.org or e-mail Pinner.don@hunterdonhealthcare.org.



Don't pass the buck to NJ's property taxpayers!

The property tax is already New Jersey's workhorse tax. It's the largest tax on residents and businesses.

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Source of data: DCA for 2008 property tax levy and OLS April revenue estimates for FY '09 state taxes.

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Save-A-Life Golf Classic to Benefit the American Red Cross

The 8th Annual Save-A-Life Golf Classic benefiting the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey is scheduled for October 5, 2009 at Hawk Pointe Golf Club. Individual player is \$225 with many sponsorships available. There will be a 12:30 PM Shotgun start. By supporting the Save-A-Life Golf Classic you can help save a life through relief to local victims of house fires and flooding, training in CPR, First Aid and life saving skills. For more information, please contact Jennifer Durrant at (908) 782-4121.

Trying to Decide When to Retire? Make an Informed Decision

Richard Gaudiosi, Social Security Administration Public Affairs Specialist

It's never too early to start thinking about your retirement. When you do, one of your first questions may be, "When's the best time to start receiving retirement benefits?"

There's no one "best age" for everyone and, ultimately, it is your choice. You should make an informed decision about when to apply for benefits based on your individual and family circumstances.

With that in mind, Social Security has published a fact sheet to help you make the decision that's best for you. *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits* is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.pdf.

Things you should consider are your current cash needs, health, family longevity, whether you plan to work after you retire, future financial needs and obligations, and the amount of your benefit and other income, such as pensions and deductions from retirement funds. Do you have investments to draw from when you need extra money? Will it last as long as you expect to live?

Keep in mind that people are living longer than they used to. About one out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past age 90, and one out of 10 will live past age 95. If you decide to

retire early, at 62 or any time before your full retirement age, you'll get your benefits sooner — but you'll get a reduced benefit for the rest of your life. Your monthly benefit will last as long as you do. So the reduction in monthly payment for taking early retirement can add up to a big difference over the life of your benefits.

Your decision can affect your spouse and family, too. If you die before your spouse and dependent children, they may be eligible for survivors benefits. But if you took early retirement, their payments would be based on your reduced benefit amount.

When you reach your full retirement age, you can work and earn as much as you want and still receive your full Social Security benefit payment. If you are younger than full retirement age and if your earnings exceed certain dollar amounts, some of your benefit payments during the year will be withheld.

On the other hand, if you put off retirement benefits until after your full retirement age, your amount will increase. In fact, your benefit amount will continue to go up until you reach age 70 or start receiving benefits, whichever comes first.

And when thinking about Social Security, don't forget Medicare. You should sign up for Medicare three months before reaching age 65, no matter when your full retirement age is— even if you decide to delay retirement benefits. Otherwise, your Medicare medical insurance, as well as prescription drug coverage, could be delayed, and you could be charged higher premiums.

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Community News (continued)

YMCA Camp Bernie Advantage School Program

As kids across Lebanon Township return to school, they are also preparing to sit at their desks for six or more hours a day! YMCA Camp Bernie and the Lebanon Township School District have teamed up to offer kids an exciting way to stay active—in spirit, mind, and body—before the school day begins, and after the school day is over.

YMCAs across the United States form the largest before and after school child care organization, making the YMCA of the USA the best school-age child care resource available. The curriculum designed for the YMCA Camp Bernie Advantage School Program curriculum follows the guidelines and standards of the YMCA of the USA in order to make this experience the best possible for Lebanon Township students.

Students enrolled in the program will not only be physically active in both indoor and outdoor activities, but their creativity will be stimulated with art projects, drama, dance, and science experiments. The curriculum content areas include health, wellness and fitness, literacy, arts and humanities, science and technology, character development, homework support, and special events throughout the school year.

Every month, participants will have the benefit of taking a field trip to the YMCA Camp Bernie facility on more than 250 acres of program areas and nature trails. Camp Bernie’s highly trained program staff will guide students through new experiences such as climbing tower, stream ecology, low ropes, canoeing and much more! YMCA Camp Bernie also offers Vacation Camp on scheduled school closings which is offered to full-time enrolled students (5 days a week, before or after) free of charge and at a reduced rate for students enrolled less than full-time.

The Advantage School Program operates every school day with the exception of delayed openings, early dismissal or school closings due to emergencies or inclement weather. The before school program runs from 7:00 AM until the beginning of the school day at Woodglen Middle School, and the after school program runs from dismissal (regular or scheduled early) until 6:00 PM at Valley View Elementary School. Transportation by bus is provided from Woodglen to Valley View both in the morning and afternoon.

For more information regarding the Advantage School Program or any of the other valuable services and activities offered by YMCA Camp Bernie, please visit our website at www.campbernieymca.org or contact Kristin Cadwalader at (908) 832-5315 or kcadwalader@campbernieymca.org.

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Mayor – Patricia Schriver		(908) 832-7066	Police Emergency		911
Deputy Mayor – Ed Post	COAH, Open Space Coordinator	(908) 832-6930	Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515	
Frank Morrison	Police, Fire, Rescue	(908) 832-5263	Chief, Chris Mattson	(908) 638-8516	
George Piazza	Relocation Assistance, Liaison to Standing Committees, Liaison to the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon	(908) 638-1104	First Aid Squad Emergency		911
Jay D. Weeks	Public Works	(908) 832-7155	Squad Captain, Ken Ader	(908) 638-0549	
MEETINGS			Building Rentals	(908) 638-6851	
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified			Fire Department Emergency		911
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed		Chief, Jay Harkins	(908) 638-8116	
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed		Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 537-6670	
Planning Board	7:00 PM 3rd Tues (1st if needed)		Burning Permits, Bob Dove	(908) 689-7771	
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed		Office of Emergency Management		
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 1st Mon		Coordinator, Warren Gabriel	(732) 921-0764	
Park Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Mon		Municipal Court of North Hunterdon		
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		SCHOOLS		
Recreation Commission	7:00 PM 1st Thurs		Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library		Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111
Historians	7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum		Voorhees High School	Grades 9 – 12	(908) 638-6116
TOWNSHIP CONTACTS					
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x11			
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10			
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM		
Treasurer	Julia Gambert	(908) 638-8523 x19	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM		
Assessor	Mary Mastro	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Tues & Wed 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and by appointment		
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22			
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x20	Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		
Lost Dogs	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678			
Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter		(908) 996-2525			
Department of Public Works	Paul R. Jones	(908) 537-2850			
Library Committee & Memorial Park Committee	Art Gerlich, Chair	(908) 638-4331			
Recreation Commission	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332			
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424			
Recycling Committee	Jan Gibas	(908) 638-4784			
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.com		
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thurs – Sat 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM		
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			
Hunterdon County Board of Health		(908) 788-1351			
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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<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
10 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	4 - Sunday in the Park Car Show Raindate	1 - Deadline for Winter Newsletter
11 - 9/11 Remembrance in Memorial Park	11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
19 - Day in the Park	17 - Bunnvale Library 30th Anniversary Celebration	14 - County Hazardous Waste Cleanup
19 - Recycling	17 - Recycling	21 - Recycling
20 - Day in the Park Raindate		
27 - Sunday in the Park Car Show		

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

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