

Lebanon Township News

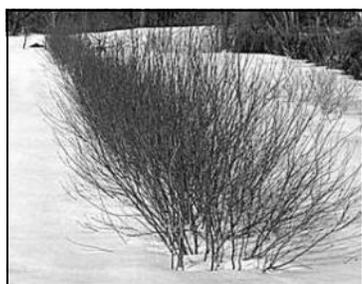
Spring 2013



Environmental & Open Space Commission



March, April, May



There are many benefits to planting native species like the red twig dogwood, pictured above, or the Eastern hemlock, pictured below. See the article on this page from the Environmental & Open Space Commission.



Replace Downed Trees with Natives

Did you lose trees in the wake of Superstorm Sandy? Are you wondering what you can plant that might provide shade or screen your property so you don't see the road (or that unsightly shed)...and quickly? Plant catalogs are arriving now, full of descriptions of "fast growers" that seem to fit the bill. Or do they?

Buyers beware! "Fast-growing" can mean "pest"! Bamboo, for example, is a popular choice to screen properties from the road or unsightly structures. While bamboo grows fast, unfortunately, it doesn't respect property boundaries. If it is planted near a road or your driveway, its underground runners, called *rhizomes*, will go under fences and are tough enough to break through asphalt. One local homeowner was horrified to find bamboo coming up through their house floorboards! Getting rid of these plant pest takes dollars, herbicides and years of patient vigilance. The best way to get rid of bamboo is to not plant it at all or plant dwarf varieties in containers to control root growth... and keep peace with the neighbors!

Plant natives instead! There are many native options that are lovely and provide great habitat for birds and other wildlife, and are relatively fast growers. Hemlock is a native tree that grows quickly and provides shade and shelter for wildlife. Some native shrubs, such as red twig dogwood and American cranberry, have colorful stems or fruit that can beautify an area while providing moderate screening. The bright red color of the bare branches of the red twig dogwood are spectacular in winter against the white snow.

Native plant sales have become very popular locally, so keep your eyes peeled for them. New Jersey Audubon, Bowman's Hill Preserve and the Musconetcong Watershed Association all host native plants sales in the growing season, and the prices are excellent. Join the "Lebanon Township Community Bulletin Board" or the "Citizens Environmental Awareness and Advocacy" page on Facebook and look for our posts!

Community Well Testing Day - May 18

The Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission is sponsoring a Community Well Testing Day in conjunction with the Raritan Headwaters Association. Well testing kits will be on sale at the Municipal Building on Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 AM -12 Noon sharp. Collected samples should be dropped off at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 20 from 7:00 - 10:00 AM sharp.

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

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

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

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

Environmental & Open Space Commission (continued)

You can ask, “What is the ecology on this property?”

By Doug Diehl, Environmental & Open Space Commission

...Actually, ecology is the study of living things and the dynamics of their environment. It's more accurate to ask, “What are the ecosystems or habitats on this property?” There can be many little ecosystems and habitats in wooded or wet areas of a parcel, and less in an area such as a mowed lawn.

An ecosystem is a description of the living and non-living relationships in an area. It includes plants, animals, microorganisms (including bacteria), climate, seasonable weather, *and* people. Rainfall, seasonal temperature averages and extremes, along with soil and surface conditions all contribute to an ecosystem's stability.

A habitat is the “living area” of plants and animals. Plants exist in areas where soil type and rainfall determine whether it is a wetland or an upland ecosystem, and they in turn help define animal habitat. An animal habitat is where animals seek food, shelter, reproduce, and raise their young. Habitats, along with its ecosystem, can be “disturbed” by human activities.

An open space area left to grow will produce “weeds”, or herbaceous plants, during summer to fall. Although weeds tend to be dry and perhaps not very attractive during the winter, they live in harmony with the environment and can sustain a more diverse population of animals. This harmony is disrupted when energy is introduced outside the ecosystem.

Maintaining a perfect lawn is an example of introducing energy from the outside, in the form of mowing and raking. This activity, especially with the use of chemical treatment and fertilizer, keeps the lawn “off-balance” and prevents it from becoming more weed or insect-populated. You have to keep doing something to keep it the way you want - it doesn't sustain itself. A section of lawn left to grow wild, where no outside energy is used, is an example of being sustainable. By leaving a small edge of lawn to grow wild, you can be more sustainable, and cut down on the use of fertilizers that can affect local water quality as well. Look at the edge of the fields at our Memorial Park to see this contrast.

You can see a more complex ecosystem and habitat condition when you walk on the boardwalk section of the Goracy trail. This section of the trail, an outstanding achievement by local resident Kyle Stanski in performance of his Eagle Scout merit project, is still in progress. The boardwalk goes through a pristine red maple forest wetland with a forest floor dominated by wetland plants and contains habitats for wetland animal species. The boardwalk allows visitors to enjoy this unique environment without disturbing delicate habitats occupied by amphibians and reptiles. Species of birds such as red-wing blackbirds and mammals such as muskrats depend on this ecosystem; an area which they can migrate to for food, shelter and to reproduce.

The energy system is natural, starting with the sun and chemicals in the soil setting off nature's dynamic cycles. Sustainability means working with nature by allowing this ecosystem to remain undisturbed and letting nature take care of itself.



Above, is an example of a sustainable field edge which has been left to grow wild at Memorial Park.



View of the boardwalk on the Goracy trail. The boardwalk was constructed by Eagle Scout Kyle Stanski.

Environmental & Open Space Commission (continued)

Celebrate Earth Day with a Rain Barrel Building Workshop Monday, April 22

Did you ever wonder what you could do with the rainwater from your downspout? How about harvesting it with a rain barrel.

Lebanon Township's Green Team, as part of our Sustainable Jersey project, is sponsoring a workshop on how to build a rain barrel, on Monday April 22, from 7-10 PM. It's a great deal. The workshop costs \$20 per person, and you will build your very own rain barrel which you can install at home. A rain barrel will help you recycle rainwater by allowing you to use it to water gardens and lawns when you need it!

A rain barrel is a waterproof container placed under a gutter's downspout that collects and stores rainwater from your roof. Installing a rain barrel at your house will not only save water and electricity, and can help prevent basement flooding, it will also help to reduce pollution and flooding during heavy rains!

This workshop is for adults ages 16 and older. Tools will be supplied. To sign up, email Kelsey Barbella at americorps@raritanheadwaters.org, the Environmental & Open Space Commission at ltenv@lebtwp.net, or leave a message for us at the Municipal Building. The deadline for registering for the workshop is April 1.

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Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 23**, at 2:00 PM at Memorial Park. The rain date is Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 PM. Games, the Egg Hunt and a Visit with the Easter Bunny will be available for children from pre-school through 6th grade. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the "special" eggs. Children should bring a basket or bag to hold their eggs.

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

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



Fire Department

2013 Line Officers

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce their 2013 Line and Administrative Officers: Chief, Ed Schaffer; Assistant Chief, Tom Carlucci; Captain Station #1, Bob Stulack; Captain Station #2, Bill Border; Lieutenant Station #1, Steve Freeborn; Lieutenant Station #2, Sue Schlesinger; President, Paul Ibsen; Vice President, John Kneafsey; Secretary, Jay Harkins; Treasurer, Ken Swan.

Fire Safety Tips

1. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should all have fresh batteries. Carbon Monoxide Detectors older than 6 years old should be replaced because they could give false readings. The alarms may be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Do you have a fireplace? If yes, anytime is the perfect time to clean your fireplace and chimney.

3. Can we get to your house? Is your house number visible? Is the driveway wide enough 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.

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

Firefighters and EMTs are Needed!

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

Junior Fire Fighters Needed

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 14 and 18 who might be interested in becoming a Junior Fire Fighter, we'd like to hear from you. We can explain more about the Lebanon Township Fire Department and the responsibilities of a Junior Fire Fighter. Perhaps this could become a career path for your child. For more information, please call Ed Schaffer at (908) 537-2838, or email Jrfirefighter@ltdnj.org.

Pancake Breakfast

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

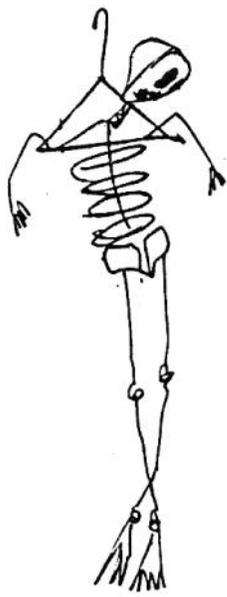
supports the Lebanon Township Fire Department. Directions to Station One on Anthony Road:

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

If you get lost call (908) 537-2838.

2012 Fund Drive

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



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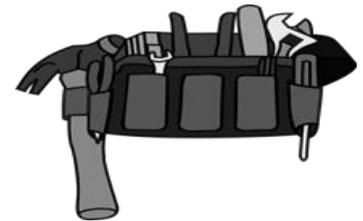
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- ♦ Eat-in kitchen, wood cabinetry
- ♦ First floor bedroom with updated full bath
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- ♦ Walk-out basement. First floor laundry room.

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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.htm, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events. Lebanon Township generally has an electronics recycling event each spring.



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 has been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

Spring (Earth Day) Litter Cleanup

The spring litter cleanup is scheduled for April 20 and 21. Residents are encouraged to pick up litter along any road frontage. Bottles and cans should be recycled and any remaining litter can be left bagged along the road to be picked up the township Road Department. Bags can be picked up at the recycling depots on March 16 or April 20 or you can use your own trash bags. Please contact Jan Gibas at (908) 638-4784 or email jangibas@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Computer & Electronics Collection Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a computer and electronics collection day on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, rain or shine, at the Hunterdon County Library Complex, 314 State Route 12, Flemington.

They will accept up to 10 items containing electronic circuit boards including computers, monitors, televisions, stereos, DVD and CD players, and cellular and cordless telephones. NO air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, propane tanks, or hazardous wastes will be accepted. For larger quantities or commercial disposal of other items, contact Newtech Recycling, Inc. at (732) 469-9774.

For additional information, call (908) 788-1110, email hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us or check their website at <http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/electronics.htm>.

County Hazardous Waste Collection Day

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

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



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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 litter

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

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.



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

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Bunnvale Library



News from the Library ...

As we move into the final phase of winter, thoughts turn to plans for the coming spring: gardens, home improvement, and ways to organize, enhance and spruce up our living spaces. Bunnvale Library offers a variety of books plus access to numerous websites to help you realize your dreams for refurbishing and restyling. Come on in and search for new decorating ideas!

In that vein, the library itself seeks a fresher look. We welcome bids for painting the building's exterior, along with some minor repairs to shutters and siding. We also have an opportunity for volunteers to maintain our Circle Garden. If you need time logged for your certification as master gardener, or if you have gardening experience and time to give to the community, we would like to hear from you. The Library Committee will make the final selections. If you are interested, or if you can recommend appropriate individuals, please let our staff know and we will pass along the information to the committee.

Something for everyone to enjoy, the upcoming exhibits scheduled for The Anne Rambo display cabinet: March features the return of Sue Clausen's popular **Gnomes**; in April, first-time exhibitor Anne Freeman will show her **Paintography**; and for May, Mary Gaydick will display her collection of **Trinket Boxes**.

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

We also anticipate another spring event, the annual **Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale**, scheduled for **Saturday April 20 through Sunday April 21** at the National Guard Armory on Route 12 in Flemington. Proceeds from this now-17th annual sale are shared with all of the libraries in the county system. Your donations of books, audio books, computer games, DVDs and CDs in good condition may be brought to the Armory on March 16, 23 and 30. The Friends also welcome volunteer help. For more details, pick up a copy of their Winter 2013 issue at the library.

Please also note that while your generosity is appreciated, we request that you **not** bring donation items to your **local** library

without our consent, as we do not have enough room for storage, nor means of transporting such items to the Armory. It's best to contact us if you have contributions. Most materials left at the door end up, regrettably, being discarded. In the past, we have sorted through outdated textbooks and outmoded fiction, many of which were in poor condition, unusable for library circulation or lacked interest even as sale or free items. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to accept such items. Even well-loved collections have a "shelf life" that expires!

Bunnvale Library currently offers a diverse collection of fiction, nonfiction, audio books, DVDs, periodicals and reference materials. We provide wireless and internet access, copy and fax machines, and a color printer. We have a book sale cart, a help-yourself-to-free items and a paperback exchange. Due to ongoing budget restrictions, our circulating inventory may be sparser than in previous years, particularly in the best-seller category. We will however continue to honor special requests, suggestions and recommendations which can help us serve you better.

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Historians

Voorhees State Park and the CCC

By Nina Savoia,
Historian



Situated in the rolling hills of Hunterdon County in Lebanon Township is Voorhees State Park, the former home of Foster M. Voorhees, the 30th

Governor of New Jersey from 1899 to 1902. A graduate of Rutgers University, Voorhees, pictured here, was born in Clinton in 1856, died at High Bridge in 1927 and is buried in Clinton.

Prior to his death, Voorhees donated his 325 acre farm to the state. The property became a state park in 1929. From 1933-1941, about one thousand young men worked at Voorhees in a Depression era federal agency known as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was the brainchild of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The goals of the CCC was to give jobs to unemployed young men between the ages of 17 and 24 and veterans of World War I, and to undertake thousands of conservation projects across the nation in parks, forests and at historic sites.

When the CCC men arrived at Voorhees in 1933, they found three relatively undeveloped parcels of land. The park reflected Governor Voorhees' use as a farm and included pastures, woodland, barns, and orchards. The men were paid \$30 per month and \$25 was automatically sent home to family members or guardians for their support, leaving each worker \$1.25 per week. For many enrollees at Voorhees, the CCC provided vocation and avocational classes. The program was known as "The School in the Woods" and included job training, a camp library and current happenings.

Each CCC company had 200 men, although that number varied. The CCC camp at Voorhees was initially known as Camp #20 or Camp Voorhees. It was later given the designation of State Park #5 (SP#5).

During their eight years of work at Voorhees, under the supervision of the National Park Service and the Army Corps, the CCC workers built the present-day road systems, shelter, latrines, visitor amenities, and trail systems.

Notes from the Historians ...

- The Lebanon Township Historians are planning to hold *Story Time* at Memorial Park this summer. We hope to sit around the pavilion and listen to and tell stories of Lebanon Township, past and present. We will be video recording them to keep our history alive for future generations. Lebanon Township residents are invited to share their stories. More information to come.
- Like us on Facebook at *Lebanon Township Museum and Historians*. Keep updated on what is going on at the Museum.
- Hunterdon County will be celebrating its 300th Anniversary in 2014. We are looking for ideas of things to do within the Township to celebrate this event. Any suggestions greatly appreciated. Post on our Facebook page.
- Everyone is invited to attend our meetings held at the Museum on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. The Museum is located at 57 Musconetcong River Rd in New Hampton. Any questions call (908) 537-6464.



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Education

News from the Lebanon Township Education Foundation

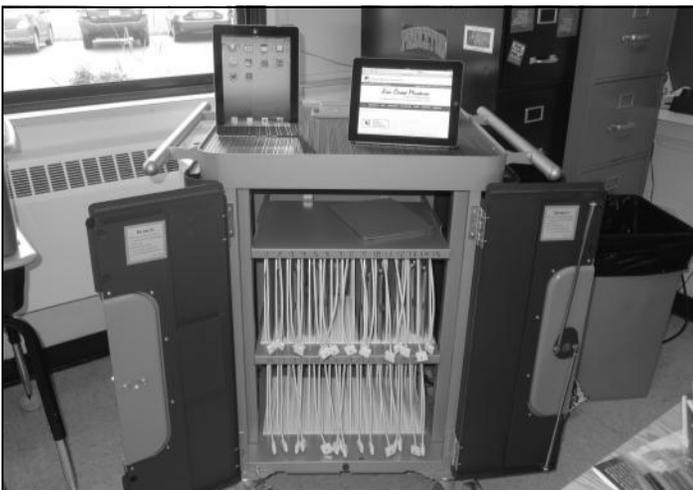
- Congratulations to the recipients of the Lebanon Township Education Foundation (LTEF) teaching and community service awards for 2012-2013. This year's recipients of the Excellence in Education Awards are Ms. Colleen Bollette (1st grade) for Valley View Elementary School and Ms. Suzette Dilzer (5th grade language arts) for Woodglen Middle School. The recipient of the Excellence in Community Service Award is Beth Fisher for her work with the Lebanon Township Memorial Park Committee. The awards will be presented on **March 9** at Cabin Fever, a fun evening out with unlimited appetizers, beer and wine, and a DJ, as well as a silent-auction to benefit the schools. See additional details at www.ltefuture.org.
- Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo

5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk which will be held on **May 5** at Memorial Park. To register, visit www.raceforum.com/cincodemayo5k.

- Thank you to all of the generous community members who supported our Hundred Squared Campaign this school year. We raised over \$6,000 and donated 15 iPads to Woodglen School with the proceeds. This past fall, the LTEF purchased 7 new computers and interactive whiteboard projectors for teachers at Valley View School.
- All community members are welcome at our upcoming meetings on 3/6, 4/10, 5/1, and 6/5 at 7:30 PM in the Woodglen School Library.
- There are a variety of upcoming courses (see next page) being offered by the LTEF. These courses are provided as a service to the community (they are not fundraisers), and are typically subsidized by the LTEF. We hope you will join us!



Pictured above, Valley View Principal, Dave Frinzi, with a new interactive whiteboard projector donated by the LTEF. Pictured below is a Woodglen iPad cart. The LTEF donated 15 iPads to Woodglen Middle School in January.



Advanced Ticket Purchases: www.harlemwizards.com	★	On-Site Ticket Purchase: Voorhees High School 256 County Route 513 Glen Gardner, NJ
VIP Floor Seating: \$50.00 1 hour pre event entry Includes Photo, Meet and Greet Opportunity (limited availability)	★	VIP Floor Seating: Pre-Purchase Only
1st and 2nd Row Bleacher Seating: Adults \$30.00 Children \$25.00	★	1st and 2nd Row Bleacher Seating: Adults \$35.00 Children \$30.00 (based on availability)
General Admission Seating: Students \$10.00 Adults \$15.00	★	General Admission Seating: Students \$15.00 Adults \$20.00

Questions? Contact Kim Taylor at aktaylor414@gmail.com or call 908-832-9159

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE LTPTA

March 24th, 2013 @ 2PM ★ Voorhees High School

Education (continued)



Educational Workshops
Brought to you by the
Lebanon Township Education Foundation

Mark Your Calendars! Register Early!

Astronomy Workshop

Learn about Comets, the Sun & the Stars
Class offered by Deborah Szmaida/Project Astro
Thursdays 2/28, 3/7 & 3/14,
3:15 - 4:30
Woodglen, Deborah Szmaida's Room
Grades 5-8 - \$32 per child (incl. materials)

Retro String Art Craft Class

Wed. 3/6 and Fri. 3/8
3:15-5:00 ; Valley View Cafeteria
Grades 1-4
\$18 per child (incl. materials)

Water Color Workshop

Class Offered by Diane Sinclair
Wednesdays 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 & 4/10, 4/17
3:30-5:00
Woodglen, Mrs. Sinclair's Art Room
Grades 5-8 - \$125 per child (incl. materials)

Yoga for Kids

Class Offered by Julianne Targan
Fridays 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 3:15- 4:15
Valley View Gym
Grades 1-4 - \$12 per child

Puppetry Workshop

Design & Create Your Own Elaborate Puppet!
Class offered by Nancy Bauernfeind
Wednesdays 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15
3:15-5:00
Valley View Art Room
Grades 2-4, \$83 per child (incl. materials)

Estate Planning Workshop

For Adults - Prepare for the Future
Class offered by Regina C. Garrido, Esq., CPA
Tues. March 19th, 7:30pm
Woodglen (classroom TBD)
\$10

Raising Healthy Children Workshop

For Adults - Action Plan for Healthy Diet &
Healthy Home
Class by Elaine Hardy, MS, RN, APN, C
Wed. April 17 at 7:00 p.m
Brasserie 513, Califon
\$10

Paper Art Earrings

Make Unique Origami and Paper Punch Earrings
Thursday May 2 3:15-5:00
Woodglen Deborah Szmaida's Room
Grades 5-8 \$40 (incl. materials)

Jewelry Making Classes

For Adults: offered by Deborah Szmaida
Woodglen: Deborah Szmaida's Room
Learn the Techniques and Make Great Gifts!
1.**Basic Earrings:** 4/11 7-8pm \$33
2.**Lashed Wrapped Bracelet:** 4/18 7-9pm \$42
3.**Chain Mail Bracelet:** 4/25 7-9:30pm \$51
All classes include materials

***Watch for upcoming Safe Sitter
Certificate Course and CPR to be
offered in the spring!**

TO REGISTER/FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Kristen Barkman at
klsbarkman@gmail.com

****Registration for each class must be completed TWO Weeks Prior to class start date.***

Community News

Musconetcong 2013 Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 13

**Volunteers Needed...
(great for community service hours!)**

From Lake Hopatcong to the Delaware River, the Musconetcong Watershed Association is seeking volunteers to help with its Annual Spring Clean-up **Saturday, April 13**, from **9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon**. Here in Lebanon Township, clean-up crews will attack litter at Point Mountain, Butler Park, Changewater and Route 31. With additional help we can add locations!

To register for the Spring Clean-up or for more information, call the Musconetcong Watershed Association at (908) 537-7060 or email us at adrienne@musconetcong.org.

A special thanks to all of you who have participated in the past. We look forward to another successful event.

Hope to see you there!

Open Cupboard Food Pantry's Current Needs

Every month, the Open Cupboard Food Pantry provides food and household items to more than 500 people in Northern Hunterdon County. This would not be possible without the support of the community. Currently, our greatest need is for canned fruit, canned beef stew, beef soup, elbow pasta, macaroni and cheese mix, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Voorhees Stars Girl's Fastpitch Softball Tryouts in April

The Voorhees Stars Girl's Fastpitch Softball program started their indoor winter workouts on Sunday January 27 at Woodglen Middle School in Lebanon Township from 12 PM to 2 PM. Practices will continue indoors through March. Tryouts will be in April for the upcoming Summer season which runs from the end of June through July. We sponsor teams at 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, and 16/18 and under. We participate in both league and tournament play. The Stars have been in existence since 1996 and are the feeder team to Voorhees High School. If interested, please email Paul Borsetti at voorheesStarsSoftball@gmail.com or call (610) 704-0656 (mobile) or (908) 236-8000 (home). Please check us out on the web at www.voorhees-stars.org.

United Way's Free Tax Prep Service Helps You Keep More of Your Hard-Earned Cash

United Way of Hunterdon County is once again offering free tax preparation services to individuals and families through its Internal Revenue Service (IRS) certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Building on past success, United Way is now partnering with several local businesses and organizations in the community to extend the reach of the program. As a result, this year's program has expanded and now offers free tax prep services at a number of locations throughout the county.

The United Way tax program is completely free of charge – no hidden fees – and returns can be e-filed with the IRS in order to receive a rapid refund without any fees. Appointments are necessary but scheduling one is easy. For a complete list of sites and to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 or visit www.uwhunterdon.org. Spanish-speaking preparers are available upon request.

United Way of Hunterdon County is still looking for volunteers to spend a little time learning about tax return preparation. If you're interested, you'll be trained with IRS tax materials to help people with their federal and state individual income tax returns.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. The goals of this program are to provide savings on tax preparation fees as well as assist individuals and families in the claiming of tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), and to encourage putting some of their tax refunds into savings accounts. By claiming these credits and splitting refunds, individuals and families have more money to pay bills, pay down debt and achieve or maintain financial stability. Last year, more than \$425,000 in refunds benefited local families and the local economy.

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on income, health and education. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Our goal is to invest in improving lives in Hunterdon County by creating long-lasting changes which prevent problems from happening in the first place. For more information about United Way of Hunterdon County, visit the website at www.uwhunterdon.org.

Township Directory

<u>TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</u>		<u>FIRE - POLICE - EMS</u>		
Bernie Cryan	(908) 537-2203	Police Emergency		911
Tom McKee, Mayor	(908) 638-5020	Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515	
Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor	(908) 537-4132	Chief, Chris Mattson	(908) 638-8516	
Frank Morrison	(908) 832-5263	Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8516	
Patricia Schriver	(908) 832-7066	Emergency Medical Services		911
		Fire Department Emergency		911
		Chief, Ed Schaffer	(908) 537-2838	
		Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 537-6670	
		Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350	
		Office of Emergency Management		
		Coordinator, Alan Goracy	(908) 832-7158	
		Municipal Court of North Hunterdon		
		(908) 735-7775		
		Hunterdon County Board of Health		
		(908) 788-1351		
<u>MEETINGS</u>		<u>SCHOOLS</u>		
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified				
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed			
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed			
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues			
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed			
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon			
Park Committee	7:00 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	7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum			
		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
<u>TOWNSHIP CONTACTS</u>				
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x11		
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10		
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM	
Assessor	Mary Mastro	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Tues & Wed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM and by appointment	
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22		
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x19		
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x20	Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00 PM-4:00 PM	
Lost Dogs	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678		
Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter		(908) 996-2525		
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850		
Library Committee	Art Gerlich, Chair	(908) 638-4331		
Recreation Commission	Kristin Petrik	(908) 638-3590		
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424		
Environmental & Open Space Commission	Warren Newman	(908) 638-4332		
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.com	
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00-8:00, Thurs & Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-2:00	
Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton		(908) 537-6464	Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat 1:00-5:00 PM	
Hunterdon County Transfer Station		(908) 236-9088		
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM	
For scheduling use of the Municipal Building Meeting Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.				

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<i>Calendar</i>		
<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
9 - Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup	13 - Computer & Electronics Recycling	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter
10 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	14 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
16 - Recycling	20 - Recycling - Spring (Earth Day) Litter Cleanup - Friends County Library Book Sale	18 - Recycling
23 - Easter Egg Hunt	21 - Spring (Earth Day) Litter Cleanup - Friends County Library Book Sale	18 - Community Well Testing Day
24 - Easter Egg Hunt Raindate	22 - Rain Barrel Building Workshop	
<i>Newsletter Notes</i>		
Publishing Schedule		Advertising Costs
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Deadline for input Nov 1
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1
Summer	Jun, Jul, Aug	Deadline for input May 1
Fall	Sep, Oct, Nov	Deadline for input Aug 1
		Business Card: \$25.00
		Quarter Page: \$40.00
		Half Page: \$80.00
		Full Page: \$150.00
All advertisements should include a check made payable to Lebanon Township.		
Please email items to Karen Newman at karennewman@embarqmail.com (include NEWSLETTER in the subject line) or mail to: Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 530 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826, Attn: Newsletter.		
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