

# Lebanon Township News

Spring 2021



March , April, May

The Lebanon Township Committee meets at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Municipal Building, unless otherwise specified.

Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed. Agendas are posted in advance.

Visit [lebanontownship.net](http://lebanontownship.net)

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

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

## Memorial Park

**Friends of Memorial Park Presents**  
**Swing Into Spring**  
**Virtual Fun Run**

**Date: April 24 to May 8**

**Place: Anywhere**

**\$20/person or \$50/family**



It's time to stop hibernating and emerge from our dens. The Friends of Memorial Park is proud to present their inaugural **Swing Into Spring Virtual Fun Run** fundraising event. Lebanon Township's Memorial Park is operated by a non-profit and relies solely on donations, fundraisers and grants. Ever since the pandemic started, the Park has seen a noticeable uptick in usage and has been a sanctuary for kids to get out of their houses and socialize during these trying times. All funds raised by this event will go directly towards replacing a large portion of the beloved Caterpillar Cove playground equipment, which was originally installed in 2003. Our children deserve a playground with enhanced features where they can create memories and expend energy together.



Participants will get a chance to break a sweat while supporting a worthy cause. This is a community-wide event and people of all ages are encouraged to join. Choose between a distance of 1 or 3 miles for an entry fee of \$20/person or \$50/family, which will get you a race memento and entry into various prize drawings. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Park hats and headbands to show your support. Registration is now open! Scan the below QR code or register at <https://runsignup.com/SwingIntoSpringVirtualFunRun> to get

started. Donations are always welcome if you choose not to actively participate in the race, which can also be done online through RunSignup.com.

Complete your chosen distance between April 24 and May 8, and then self-report your time (optional) at RunSignup.com. The beauty of a virtual race is that you can do it anywhere, anytime, and at your own pace. Run, jog, or walk in the park, on trails, in your neighborhood, or even on a treadmill. The possibilities are endless! Plus, you don't have to be local to participate. Spread the word to friends and family, no matter where they live. Please 'Like' the Friends of Memorial Park Facebook page and 'Share' the Virtual Fun Run event. Have fun with this event and upload photos to the Facebook event page. Thank you for your support and email [swingintospringfunrun@gmail.com](mailto:swingintospringfunrun@gmail.com) with any questions.



## *Environmental & Open Space Commission*

### **“Water, water every where, Nor any drop to drink”**

**By Kathryn L. Koch, Lebanon Township E&OSC Member**

This is a quote by Poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) from “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” (1798). It speaks to the dilemma of being surrounded by an abundance of something (sea water in the Mariner’s case) and the inability to make use of it. Why start with a literature lesson?

Lebanon Township has a wonderful abundance of water. We have two major rivers and one minor river coursing the Township. We enjoy numerous Runs. Run is a local term for stream. There are many brooks, seasonal flows and springs within our borders. The majority of our residents and businesses rely on private well water. The cleanliness and safety of our water supply is each of our responsibilities. We as a community must preserve and protect our water supply, or we will be in the Ancient Mariner’s boots, unable to drink a drop.

So, how does one do this? There are several steps you can take. Pick up after your pets. Do not discard waste of any sort in the waterways. Use fertilizers carefully and lightly in your lawn and garden. Compost vegetable waste, use a rain barrel to collect roof runoff and install a rain garden to filter water before it runs over the surface into the waterways. Get your septic system checked every year and pumped out every two to three years, depending on usage and water table levels. My riverside property has a three foot deep water table, so although there are just two people living in my home, I have the septic tank pumped out every other year. Lastly, get an annual well test to pinpoint any potential problems. The good news is the Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission, in conjunction with Raritan Headwater Association (RHA) will be holding our annual well test drive on Saturday, May 22, at the Township Municipal Building at 530 West Hill Road. Please see the ad for the event in this newsletter and on the Township website for the hours and fees. It will likely be held outdoors with a drive up system in front of the building. Your samples are to be returned Monday, May 24.

This past summer we hosted the test distribution at Memorial Park, as we worked around Covid-19 restrictions. We had a weekday event with a two hour turnaround sample gathering. Three of us were able to gather 36 samples, less that half our usual amount, but not bad while dealing with the pandemic. This year, although careful and being respectful of Covid-19 best practices, we hope to get a good turnout. We will be focusing on data from the Musconetcong River area, as the Musky will be tested for pollution this year. Well tests from that area will aid in finding contamination sources. We are looking at you Musconetcong River Road residents! Your participation will help with this research.

Besides letting the individual property owner know how their well or spring (yes, we still have some homes fed by springs!) is faring, RHA compiles the test data to get a handle on our overall water quality. No individual results are ever published. This data gives us a sense of where there may be naturally occurring contaminants (arsenic, radon), failing septic systems (nitrates, E. coli), pollutants and poor plumbing (lead). Overtime, we are able to see patterns and will be able to address some of the sources of contamination. Below are the findings from RHA:

The following chart is a summary of data collected from these 36 wells on Primary Contaminants of Concern:

Contaminant	# wells tested in 2020	Limit or MCL*	Range of results (ND=NonDetect)	# wells exceeding MCL
Coliform bacteria	36	Absent	Absent-Present	6
Nitrate	25	10 mg/L	0.06-8.61mg/L	0
Lead	8	15 ppb	ND- 19.9 ppb	2
Radon	13	2000 pCi/L**	272.8-8284 pCi/L	3
Gross Alpha	7	15 pCi/L	ND-2.2 pCi/L	0
Arsenic	3	5 ppb	ND	0
E.coli	36	Absent	Absent	0

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\* **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).** The maximum level of a contaminant which is permitted in public water supplies. Maximum contaminant levels are specified in the Primary Drinking Water Standards set by EPA for contaminants that affect the safety of public drinking water.

\*\* There is no standard set in NJ for radon in water. Standards set in other states in our region are used as guidelines. The most protective of these standards is 2000 pCi/L in New Hampshire.

There are approximately 2,400 private wells in Lebanon Township. Under the New Jersey Private Well Testing Act (PWTA) which was signed into law in 2001, wells must be tested for an array of contaminants upon transfer of ownership or if there is a rental on the property. The NJDEP collects and publishes data on the results of the testing which may be explored at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dsr/pwta/>. In Lebanon Township, 845 wells have been tested as mandated under the PWTA between 2002 and 2018. The following table summarizes available data for Lebanon Township on the percent of exceedances for individual contaminants, including the number of wells tested under PWTA.

Municipality	Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County
Nitrate	0.4%, (845 wells sampled)
Arsenic	0.6%, (845 wells sampled)
Iron	25.0%, (845 wells sampled)
Manganese	10.8%, (845 wells sampled)
Gross Alpha	3.2%, (740 wells sampled)
VOC	0.2%, (845 wells sampled)
Fecal coliform or E. coli	3.4%, (845 wells sampled)
pH	54.2%, (845 wells sampled)

When we hold the well test event we will have several water experts on hand to answer questions. We will be accepting checks, cash and credit cards for the test fees. We hope to see you there. Here's to many more drops of water to drink!

### Lebanon Township

# WELL WATER TESTING

## May 22, 2021

9:00am to 12:00pm

Lebanon Township Municipal Building  
530 West Hill Rd, Glen Gardner, NJ

**Pick up a test kit**

**Basic Kit \$60**  
Basic kit includes tests for coliform bacteria, E.coli, and nitrate. Test every year.

**Arsenic \$35**  
Testing recommended every 3-5 years.

**Lead \$25**  
**All homes built before 1987 should have drinking water tested for lead.**

**Iron \$15**  
Iron may cause aesthetic issues such as rust stains or a metallic taste.

**Radon \$50**  
Radon in well water is a common issue. Test at least once.

**Gross Alpha \$80**  
Gross Alpha is a test for uranium and radium. (other testing options are available)



What's in Your Water?



For more information contact the RHA Well Testing Office  
908-234-1852 ext. 401

Water samples must then be returned to Municipal Building on May 24 from 7:00 to 10:00am.



**Raritan Headwaters**  
COMMUNITY WELL TESTING PROGRAM



## ANNUAL LEBANON TOWNSHIP LITTER CLEAN UP



### Volunteers Needed

Keeping our environment clean and beautiful is an important step to maintaining a healthy, safe and enjoyable community. By working together, we can all make an impact. Consider donating your time during the month of April to help pick up litter along our roads; the amount of time you contribute is up to you. Join us for a rewarding experience that benefits Lebanon Township.

### Sign Up Today!

COVID-19 sidelined our clean up efforts in 2020. We need your help picking up the accumulated trash. To sign up, email [LTENV@lebtwp.net](mailto:LTENV@lebtwp.net) with the name of the road you would like to adopt. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.



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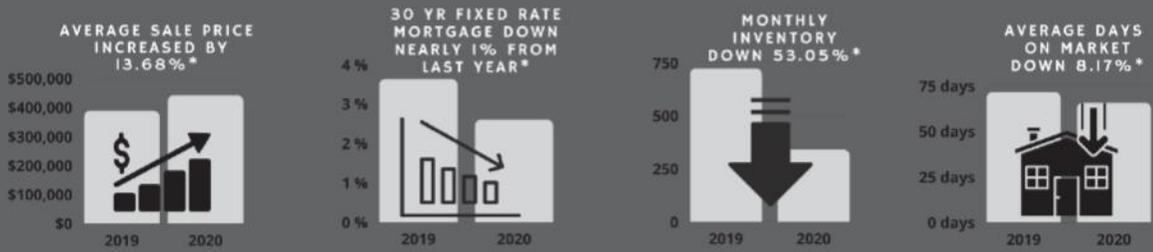
## SEE WHAT MY CLIENTS ARE SAYING

★ You are the BEST!!! Thank you again for selling our home in days and at a great price. We will always be indebted to you.

We decided to sell our home and downsize. I saw Sharon's ad in the Lebanon Twp. Newsletter many times and decided to give her a call. She came to our home and was extremely prepared, calm and professional. She had us at the presentation. She told us how everything would work and guided us through what we thought would be a nightmare. It wasn't. She was with us every step of the process. We were always in good hands. Pricing, showings, offers and inspections - it was like she was selling her own home. She knew how to handle everything with ease. She told us it would sell fast and it did, one week and above asking. We would definitely recommend Sharon Groben again and again.



## HUNTERDON COUNTY MARKET REPORT JANUARY 2021



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

**Stay Safe & Stay Healthy!**



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**UNDER CONTRACT**

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**SOLD 2020**

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**SOLD 2020**

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**SOLD 2020**

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**SOLD 2020**

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**SOLD 2020**

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**SOLD 2020**

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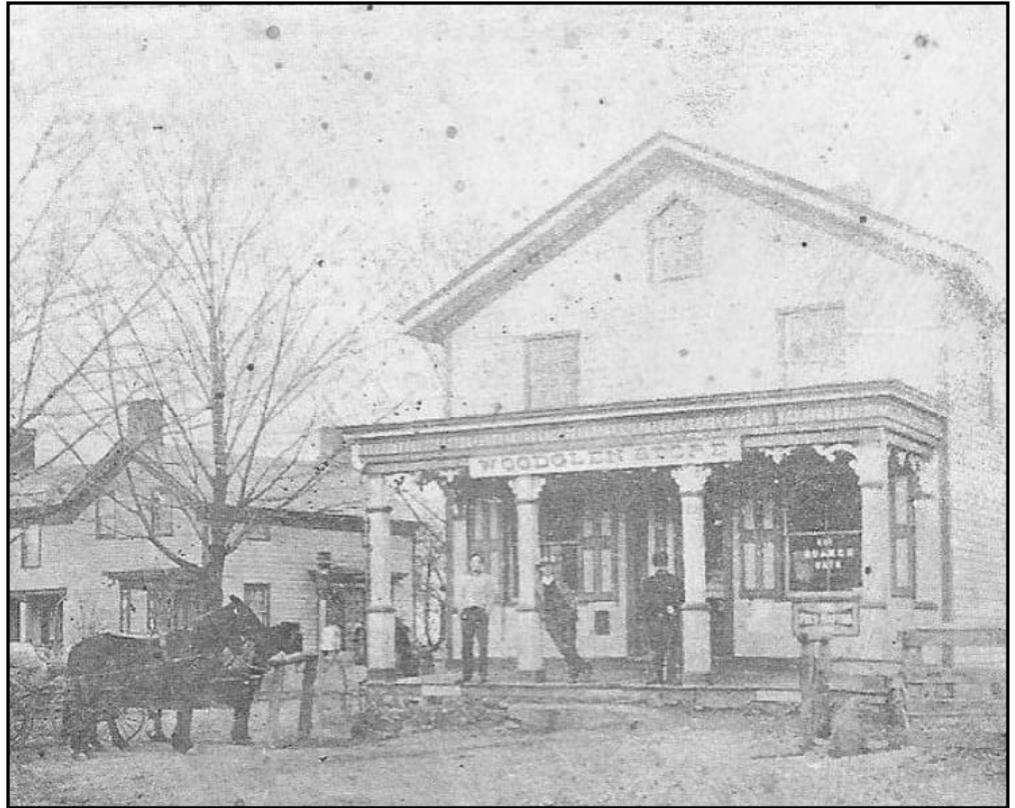
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## Historians

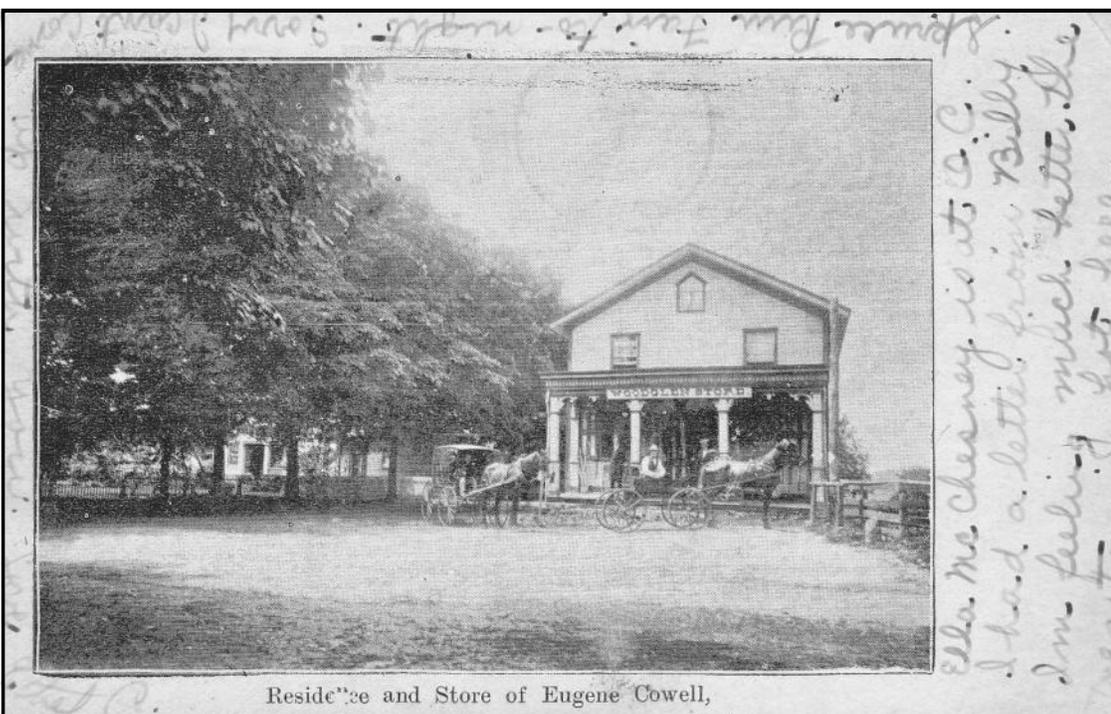
### *A Look Back at the Past*

This photograph and postcard show Woodglen General Store as it looked in the early 1900s. The leafless trees in the photo give us a clear glimpse of the building next door as well. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, general stores were central to small town communities. Selling everything from groceries, hardware items, shoes, pots and pans and other necessities, the store often anchored other small businesses that would line the town's main street. Whether you were picking up household supplies for Mom or just a few pieces of candy for yourself, these stores served as a hub of community activity.



There's something magical about a general store, most of which have faded into the past. With the rise of national and regional chains, it's become harder and harder for the general store, once a mainstay of American community life, to survive. Lucky for us, such a store still exists in our own community. Gone is the tavern, blacksmith and wheelwright shops of the village originally known as "White Hall", but the Woodglen General Store remains, a living piece of history, a slice of Americana.

Photographs are essential to the connections with family, friends, our community and the countless memories we share. The Lebanon

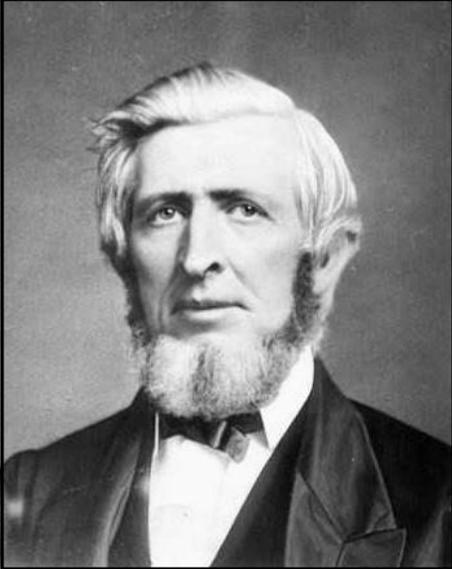


Residence and Store of Eugene Cowell,

Township Historians are working to create a digital archive of material including photos, newspaper clippings, documents, family trees, etc. If you have material depicting life in Lebanon Township, please contact the Historians at [historians@lebtwp.net](mailto:historians@lebtwp.net). We are dedicated to preserving what we regard as crucial pieces of Lebanon Township history and to sharing the stories behind these vintage photos of life in our community.

## Museum

Christian Sharps (pictured below) was born in Washington, New Jersey in 1810. He became an inventor best known for the Sharps Rifle, the first commercially successful breech-loading rifle, and the four-barrel Sharps Derringer. The Sharps Rifle became the Cavalry Carbine most widely used by the Union Army and later gained fame in the West.



Christian's grandson, Godfrey Sharps, married a woman named Charlotta Petty. Together they had three children: William, Isaac and Mary. Isaac and Mary lived together on Musconetcong River Road and were both employed by the Lebanon Township Board of Education.

Isaac, or Ike as he was known, was an artist and musician who also worked as a janitor at the New Hampton schoolhouse. When the school reopened as a Museum in 1982, a reunion of former students was held. Many of them recalled that Ike used to play the organ and violin for "all the affairs." One of the students, Mr. Harry Rymon, shared that he took

fiddle lessons from Ike and still owned his old fiddle. Two of Ike's paintings are now on display on the second floor of the Museum.

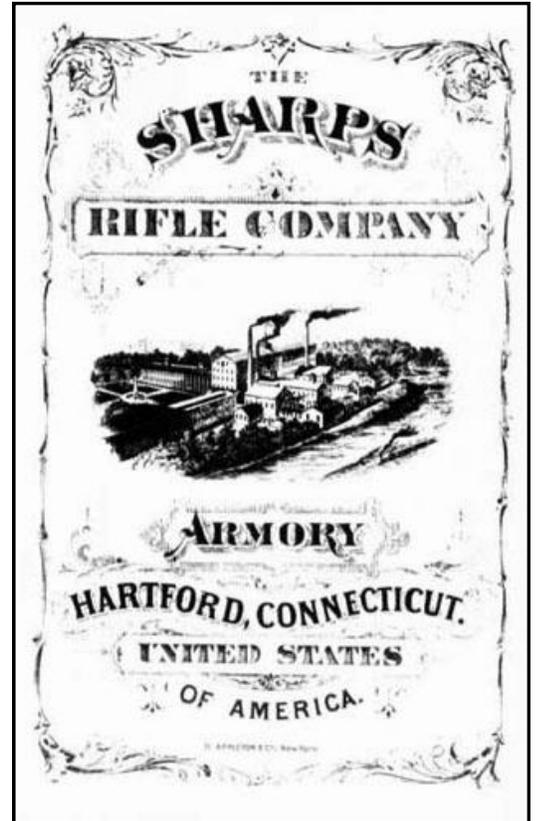
Miss Mary Sharps was beloved as a teacher. It was said that the little children would follow her down the road. One of them, Nellie Raub (*nee Mayberry*) said that she would stay after school and complete small tasks for Miss Sharps, such as sweeping and cleaning erasers. Miss Sharps paid her in pennies which Nellie would take to the General Store for candy.

In a 1981 newspaper interview with the Museum's first Curator Dorothea Connolly, it is noted that one of the cabinets found in the Museum looked suspiciously like it belonged in a kitchen. Mrs. Connolly explained that the cabinet *was* from a kitchen - Mary Sharps' kitchen. Mary had it brought into the schoolhouse because she needed more space for books.

That cabinet is still in the Museum today, and currently being used to display kitchen artifacts.



Not much more is known about Ike and Mary. One photograph in the Museum's collection (pictured left) may have Mary in it, but this has not yet been confirmed. If you have any photographs, artifacts or stories to tell about Ike or Mary Sharps, or any other Lebanon Township residents, please contact the Museum at (908) 638-8523 x405 or by email at [museum@lebtwp.net](mailto:museum@lebtwp.net).



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## Bunnvale Library



### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Bunnvale Library is open to the public at 25% capacity and we are **STILL DOING CURBSIDE PICKUP!**

- Masks are mandatory when entering the library.
- Social distancing of 6 feet is required.
- Bunnvale Library has safety protocols in place; book drop, doorknobs, computer keyboards and copiers are disinfected daily and after each use.
- Please put **ALL** items in the book drop before entering the library. This will be our protocol until further notice.

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 and there are slots open for 2021.

March will feature Kristian Kowalewski's Baseball Cards Collection. Barbara Combates will display her Seashell Collection for April. Compliments of Michael Thomas, Star Wars will showcase the cabinet for May.

**The Knitting and Crocheting Club will suspended until further notice!**

Due to Covid-19, the **Book Club** is temporarily meeting at the Lebanon Township Memorial Park Pavilion. Our March Book Club will meet on Saturday the 27th at 1:00 pm. In April and May, we will meet on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Books for discussion haven't been selected yet. Please call the Library for updates.

At this time the Library is not accepting any donations.

*"The library is like a candy store where everything is free."*  
**JAMIE FORD**

**Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Thursday & Friday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM**  
**Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
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## News from the Tax Collector

### Online Property Tax Payment Now Available

Lebanon Township is happy to announce a new convenient way to pay your property taxes online. It's fast, free and easy; give it a try!

You may pay your property tax bill online anytime using your checking account. This is a new FREE service offered to the residents of Lebanon Township.

Visit the Lebanon Township website at [www.lebanontownship.net](http://www.lebanontownship.net) and click on the blue button (pictured below). Please have your checking account information, block and lot numbers ready.

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# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## *Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water*

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

**P**ollution 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 un-wrapped 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](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

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



[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)



# 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. Hunterdon County and Lebanon Township work together to try to make recycling convenient.

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. Please check their website for COVID-19 related closures.



## 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](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html), for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events.

# From the Deputy Clerk

## Dog License Renewal

Just a Reminder: Time for your dog's license renewal - due to COVID and the closure of the Municipal Building, the late fee for dog licenses has been waived for the month of February.



Renewal fees are \$12 for an altered dog and \$15 for unaltered. Please make sure the rabies shots are current and good through the first 10 months of the licensing year. If you have any questions, please call Kim at the Municipal Building, (908) 638-8523 x102 or send an email to [deputyclerk@lebtwtp.net](mailto:deputyclerk@lebtwtp.net).

Lebanon Township offers a FREE RABIES CLINIC every year. The clinic is scheduled for November 6, 2021 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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## Education



### Lebanon Township PTA Membership

The Lebanon Township PTA (LTPTA) serves both Valley View (preK-4) and Woodglen (5-8) Schools. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. **By supporting the LTPTA, you are supporting your school, your children, and your community.**

We have 158 LTPTA members and counting. THANK YOU! Your membership is the strength and foundation of our PTA. When you become a member, you are joining parents and teachers to help our schools provide a quality education and positive learning environment for our children. We invite you to attend our (virtual) meetings and to get involved. The LTPTA depends on volunteer participation and input to be successful. We want to hear from you!

Dues are \$10 annually and you can register and pay online through the link on our website at <https://www.lebtwppta.org>. 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

Please visit our NEW website at <https://www.lebtwppta.org> for all things LTPTA. It's a great resource for membership, fundraising, meeting information, events and activities, and more. There's even a "contact us" option if you have questions or want to leave feedback. We also invite you to like and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LTPTA/>.

### Got Box Tops? Scan and Clip to Support our Schools

HUGE Thanks to everyone who is faithfully clipping Box Tops and/or scanning shopping receipts with the Box Tops mobile app. So far this year, we've earned \$292.90 for our schools! Box Tops for Education are a great way to help support the LTPTA with products you are already buying. Learn more and create a free account at [BTFE.com](https://www.bttf.com).



Search zip code 07830 and choose Valley View School to credit your box tops earnings to the LTPTA. Then download the app and start earning! There are multiple ways to participate:

- **Clip traditional Box Tops** and drop them off at four convenient locations: the Lebanon Township Municipal Building, Bunnvale Library, Valley View School, or Woodglen School.
- **Download the new app today!** The app scans your store receipt, automatically finds participating products, and instantly adds Box Tops to our schools earnings online.
- **Register your Shop Rite Price Plus card** at <https://www.shopriformyschool.com/> for even more earnings! There is no fee to join or participate. The Bonus Box Tops earned from your purchases are automatically credited to our schools. ShopRite for My School is a year-round program and your earnings never expire.
- **Submit digital receipts:** Forward your email receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com) using the same email that's associated with your BTFE account.

### Executive Board Members Wanted!

The LTPTA Executive Board needs some fresh faces and more representation from Valley View School. **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, visit our website at <https://www.lebtwppta.org/board-members>.

### Upcoming LTPTA-sponsored events

We are working hard to find ways to support our students, staff, and families both in and out of the classroom. LTPTA Committee Chairs are developing creative solutions and modifying events to adhere to state social distancing guidelines. Please stay tuned for more information about future plans.

- STEM at home kits
- Booster Virtual Dance Fit -- We'll kick-off the fundraiser with a virtual Pep Rally on March 19 and students will participate in this fun, fitness-based dance-a-thon on March 31. They'll also learn about teamwork, care, courage, grit, and celebration through a series of sports-themed character videos.
- Cultural Arts
- Scholastic Virtual Spring Book Fair (April dates TBD)
- Virtual Talent Show (May dates TBD)
- Theater Program
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade farewell
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner dance

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Traditionally, Spring and Summer are considered one of the best times of year to sell a home. There are many reasons why Spring is ideal for selling, whether it's taking advantage of growing families, time to downsize, or simply due to nicer weather encouraging people to be outside. Here are a few reasons you should sell this Spring.

- THERE ARE MORE BUYERS IN THE MARKET
- YOU MAY GET BETTER OFFERS
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## Community News

### Do Vaccines Save Lives?

By Nick Avallone, M.D.

No, *vaccines* do not save lives. Vaccines are a tremendous accomplishment of scientific discovery packaged into less than 1/8 of a teaspoon, stored below freezing, in a glass vial. *Vaccinations*, or shots in arms, *save lives*.

Every person that gets a vaccination helps us as a society get one step closer to preventing illness and ending the COVID-19 pandemic. You might think, "I'm healthy, I don't need a shot", but you never know if you do get sick, if you will have a mild case, little worse than the common cold, or a case that sends you into the hospital, onto a ventilator or worse. And if you have an asymptomatic case, you could unknowingly pass the deadly illness on to a friend, a parent, an elderly neighbor, or even a child with a pre-existing condition.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has caused a terrible toll of death and suffering with over 400,000 people succumbing to COVID-19 in the US in just one year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has caused about 7 times the number of deaths of a normal flu season (56,000) and was the third leading cause of death in the US in 2020, behind heart disease and cancer.

While our understanding of how to treat those infected with the virus has improved, it is even better to prevent infection. We are all doing our part by wearing masks in public spaces, sanitizing our hands regularly, and social distancing. However, getting a safe and effective vaccination is the best way to emerge from these challenging times and start returning to a sense of normalcy.

The global scientific community partnered with leading pharmaceutical companies to create a vaccine against COVID-19 in record time. While the speed of vaccine development has caused concern about safety for some, tens of millions of people have safely been vaccinated. An article from Massachusetts General Hospital in December 2020, highlights that the FDA followed the same stringent safety standards as they would with any other medication review, but due to the high investment level, "some development steps were run simultaneously rather than sequentially".

The vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and AstraZeneca were tested in a diverse group of people spanning young and old, as well as racial and ethnic groups, and those with comorbidities. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were found to be approximately 95% effective in "preventing symptomatic and confirmed COVID-19." The New England Journal of Medicine article that reported the results of the Pfizer vaccine phase 2 and 3 trials touted that vaccinations were well tolerated by most with only mild side-effects such as injection site pain, muscle aches, headache, fatigue and chills. Public data

from the Moderna phase 3 trials holds similar findings, and serious adverse events from either vaccine have been extraordinarily rare.

With these safety and efficacy points in mind, we should all consider signing up for a vaccination against this deadly virus. While I am personally not in favor of a vaccine mandate, the decision each person makes should be based not only on oneself, but also on the ability to help others. When I received my two doses, I thought not only about being able to treat my patients, but also about helping my children get back to school and sports full time and being able to hug my elderly parents.

The recent death of a family practice colleague of mine due to COVID-19 underscored the sentiment in the medical community that we all need to do our part to help end this pandemic. Achieving herd immunity through infection of the population would cause immense pain, suffering and death. However, getting vaccinations into arms can achieve herd immunity in a much safer fashion and will help us get back to more normal and full lives. As Helen Keller said, "alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." To learn more about getting a vaccination in New Jersey and to find out when it's your turn, visit [covid19.nj.gov](https://covid19.nj.gov) and register today.



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### North Hunterdon Food Pantry

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

The pantry will be distributing food on March 11, April 15 and May 13, from 9:00 am to Noon.

There will be a Special Easter Distribution on March 31 from 10:00 am to Noon.

We would like to thank all the groups, teams, clubs, businesses, organizations, churches, individuals, friends, neighbors, and volunteers who supported the pantry in 2020. Your contributions made a huge difference in assisting our neighbors. Thank you!

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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.



### Lower Valley Presbyterian Church 445 County Road 513 Califon, NJ

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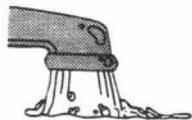
Do you love to garden? Would you like to have a sunny spot with a nice, tall fence and all the tools you need to grow fresh, healthy food for your family during the spring, summer and fall? Would you love to also help feed those less fortunate right here in our community? If your answers were "yes" to 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 hundreds of pounds of onions, potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, 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](http://www.lowervalley.org/mission/mission.aspx), call Claudia Gilbert at the church office at (908) 832-2933 or email [lowervalleychurch@gmail.com](mailto:lowervalleychurch@gmail.com).



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Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed		Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 638-8523	
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues		Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350	
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed		<b>Office of Emergency Management</b>	(908) 735-3730	
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 1st Mon		Coordinator, Joseph Maurizio	(908) 310-8122	
Park Committee	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		<b>Lebanon Township Municipal Court</b>	(908) 735-3730	
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon		<b>Hunterdon County Board of Health</b>	(908) 788-1351	
Recreation Commission	7:30 PM 1st Thurs		<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library		Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175
Historians	7:00 PM 2nd Thurs at the Museum		Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111
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	24 - Swing into Spring Virtual Fun Run through May 8	22 - Well Water Testing

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