

Lebanon Township News

Fall 2012



September, October,
November

School is back in
session.

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

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

Bunnvale Library

News from the Library ...

This year, due to budget constraints, the Hunterdon County Library system made the decision to cut off funding for its seven affiliate libraries. What this represents for Bunnvale Library, as well as the High Bridge, Three Bridges, Holland/Alexandria, Readington, Frenchtown and Tewksbury Libraries, is a significant loss of income that translates into reduced purchases of books, DVDs, audio-books, periodicals, etc., and possibly a longer wait to receive these items as requests.

In light of this situation, your continued patronage and support for the community libraries is especially appreciated as we maintain our commitment to providing the best possible service for you at all times. As such, we ask that if you have unwanted copies of current best sellers or other items you know are popular, please consider donating them to supplement our inventory. As always, we cannot accept textbooks or academic materials, encyclopedias, toys/games, VHS tapes, cassettes, or any items that are moldy, mildewed or in poor condition. ***Please do not leave anything in book drops or in the doorway; it is best to check with a staff member before drop-off.***

We send many thanks to Frank Ranallo and Bob Tabor from the board of the Bourbon Street Blues Fest, who each generously donated funds representing their volunteer work for the 2012 event. We are also grateful for the donations of time and effort from our dedicated library volunteers: Patty and Charlotte Wentz, Melissa Mayberry and Sarah Newgarde.

Kudos also to Greg Slomczewski, a Lebanon Township resident based at the county library, who again ran the successful Summer Story Time and Crafts for preschool and school-age children in July. In September, Eileen Lebida will resume Fall Story Time for preschoolers. Minimum age is two years old; preregistration is required. Ask for a schedule at Bunnvale Library or check the county library website.

Our Anne Rambo display cabinet features new exhibits every month of the year, highlighting collectibles and crafts from community members. Don't miss the exquisite artwork of Doris Terris in September. October will feature Kara Martin's *X-Files* collection. November's display will be a timely compilation of historical election memorabilia: campaign buttons, banners, etc.

Your library card opens doors to new worlds. Look for special discounts during the month of September when you present your library card at certain local businesses. Details are available at all Hunterdon County libraries.

Thank you for patronizing Bunnvale Library and making us your library of choice! Please let us know how we can continue to improve and serve your needs.

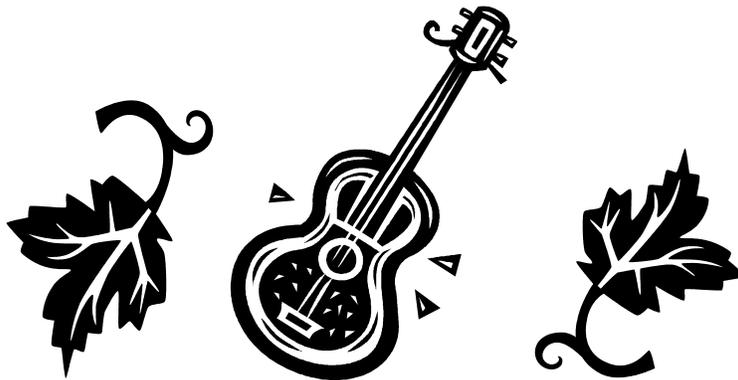
Hours: Wednesday 1:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Telephone: (908) 638-8884

Memorial Park

Friends of Memorial Park Present...

11th Annual Day in the Park



Saturday, September 8, 2012 (Rain date Sept. 9)
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FREE Admission

Don't miss out on a minute of the fun! This great fall day in the park includes:

- **MUSIC**-Great local bands all day
- **FOOD**-Purchase delicious fare from local restaurants
- **FUN**-**Kids' events and activities, crafters and vendors, pie bake-off and tasting, cake walk, silent auction, basket raffle, and more!**

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
 67 BUNNVALE ROAD
 CALIFON, NJ 07830

Dates
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012
 RAINDATE:
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012
 Times
 9 am - 3 pm

Trophies Awarded for All Classes:

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| A. Corvettes | H. Stock GM (1950 & up) | O. Special Interest |
| B. Antiques ('49 & earlier) | I. Stock Mopar (1950 & up) | P. Mustang |
| C. Ford Muscle | J. Stock Trucks | Q. Camaro/Firebird |
| D. GM Muscle | K. Custom Trucks | R. Motorcycles |
| E. Mopar Muscle | L. Street Rods | S. Shelby |
| F. Stock Chevy | M. Custom Cars | T. Tractor |
| G. Stock Ford (1950 & up) | N. Foreign/European | |

Entry Form:

PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT. 16TH- \$12.00
 DAY OF SHOW - \$15.00 SPECTATORS \$2

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| YEAR: | MAKE: |
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| SPECS: | OPTIONS: |



Make checks payable to:
 Lebanon Township Memorial Park Committee
 to be received by 9/16/12: 193 Musconetcong
 River Rd, Washington, NJ 07882

For more Info contact:
 Wayne Maurer - 908-638-4661
 or email us: info@sundayinthepark.net

 ★ The Park Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize the Car Show, as well as
 ★ volunteers to help out during the show. **This event is a major fundraiser for the park.**
 ★ Please consider helping!
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 ★ If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Wayne Maurer at (908) 638-4661.
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Listed, Sold & Sales by Sharon Groben January 2012 to Present*

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| <p>Lebanon Township Offered at \$349,900 SOLD for \$352,262</p> | <p>Lebanon Township Offered at \$290,000 SOLD for \$307,000</p> | <p>Lebanon Township Offered at \$299,900 SOLD for \$285,000</p> | <p>Lebanon Township Offered at \$179,900 SOLD for \$168,000</p> |

Featured Lebanon Township Listing by Sharon Groben

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| | | | <p>LAND at 23 Dewey Lane. Offered at \$129,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 3.01 acre building lot all cleared and ready for you to build your dream home! ♦ Septic (2002), well, electric & circular drive all in place ♦ Open, cleared space bordered by babbling stream, a pond & mature trees for privacy ♦ Great seasonal views of the distant mountains ♦ Bring your horses to this peaceful lot |
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Active, Under Contract & Sold in 2012 by Sharon Groben

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| Clinton Twp: Listed at \$379,900 | Tewksbury Twp: Listed at \$859,900 | High Bridge Boro: Listed at \$339,900 | Branchburg Twp: Listed at \$199,900 |
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| Clinton Township ~ SOLD \$275,000 | Readington Twp. ~ SOLD \$467,500 | Readington Twp. ~ SOLD \$499,000 | Tewksbury Twp. ~ SOLD \$480,000 |
| | | | <p>Weichert, Realtors®</p> <p>Oldwick Office, 126 Oldwick Road, Oldwick, NJ, 08858</p> |
| Franklin Township ~ SOLD \$330,000 | Allamuchy Twp. ~ SOLD \$340,000 | White Township ~ SOLD \$325,000 | |



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Historians

Point Mountain

*Excerpts from the Hunterdon County
Department of Parks and Recreation Website
Compiled by Nina Savoia*

Formerly known as Squire's Point, Point Mountain is part of the Musconetcong Mountain Range and is located in Lebanon Township at the northernmost tip of Hunterdon County. The name *Point Mountain* refers to the prominent crest the property displays. The County Parks Division acquired tracts of land between 1995 and 2003. Today, the park contains over 1082 acres of prime forest, fields, streams and geological wonders.

Point Mountain North

The top of Point Mountain North Section, at 1006 feet above sea level, is the second highest point managed by the Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation Department. The park consists of 220 acres of forest and fields. The area was once logged, and old logging roads are incorporated into some of the current trails.

Stone walls in the park show former divisions of property lines, or the edges of animal pastures, indicating that the forest was once cleared for farming. The trail system was established with the aid of volunteers during Trails Day in May 2009. An additional trail was created in the summer of that year by a group of volunteer high school students from the Student Conservation Association. In the summer of 2010, the trails of the North section were connected to the main trails of the Central and South sections of Point Mountain Reservation. Hermits Lane was once a farm road that connected to Old Turnpike Road, and two stone walls that bordered the road are

visible near the parking area. Today, Hermits Lane simply dead-ends.

The preserve is located on the southern slope of the Musconetcong Ridge within the Highlands Region of New Jersey, and is part of the Delaware River drainage basin. Much of the park is forested, but there are four fields near the parking lot. The fields are planted and harvested by a local farmer. In the forest, beech trees dominate in many areas, but other species include maples, oaks, hickories, and black birches. An Eastern red cedar grove is located near the bottom of the mountain. The forest has a sparse understory, but there are several blueberry plants and Jack-in-the-pulpits in the park. Closer to the base of the mountain are a number of invasive species, including multi-flora rose, oriental bittersweet, and Japanese stilt grass. White-tailed Deer are prevalent in the park, and the stone walls create excellent habitat for Eastern Chipmunks. Bird species include several types of woodpeckers, breeding songbirds and migrating warblers.

Point Mountain South and Central

Point Mountain South and Central consists of over 700 acres. It rises 935 feet above sea level, and is the third highest point in the county. Penwell Mill, which once stood on the property, was named after Judge David P. Shrope's mother, a descendant of the Penns of Pennsylvania. Judge Shrope constructed a stone house and barn in the 1830s. The barn was constructed with fine rubble and masonry. The structure incorporated brick "loop" ventilators that permitted air flow for drying hay and other products. Both the barn and the house can be seen from the parking area. The barn is located on park property. The house is a private residence.



A late autumn view of surrounding farmland from atop Point Mountain.

Museum

Joan Lucas
Curator

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON MUSEUM
57 MUSCONETCONG RIVER ROAD
HAMPTON, NJ 08827
(908) 537-6464

Deanna Kinney
Assistant Curator

SCHOOL BOOKS & LEDGERS

August 4 - September 27

Local school books from early 1900s and store ledgers from Woodglen General Store. These ledgers are our day to day history. Stop in and browse.

POTTERY SALE

September 8

Meet us at a Day in the Park on Saturday, September 8, and see our beautiful Lebanon Township pottery. We will have crocks, mugs, plates, etc. for sale along with our Lebanon Township History Book. Enjoy our display and meet our Historians.

OLDE TOOLS

October 6 - November 27

An assortment of old carpenter tools will be on display. So many items we take for granted were not so easy to use back then.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

October 20

A workshop will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Our neighbor, artist Sandy Watts, will instruct us and we will make some nice holiday decorations from natural findings - pods, cones, nuts, etc. Call us and sign up for this fun class.

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

December - January

Our glass cases will hold nice old Christmas ornaments with birds, tinsel, garland and more. And our windows will be decorated also.

HOLIDAY WINDOWS

December - January

We are looking forward to decorating our wonderful deep windowsills with holiday decorations. (If you would like to help, call us.) Stop by over the holidays and enjoy!

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 15

Our annual holiday party will be on Saturday, December 15, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Our window displays will be ready and we hope you will enjoy them as you partake of our soup and bread reception. Please bring a jar of peanut butter to supplement the Lebanon Township food distributions or something for the Hunterdon Food Pantry.

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

The museum is supported by the Township of Lebanon under the guidance of the Township Historians

LTAA



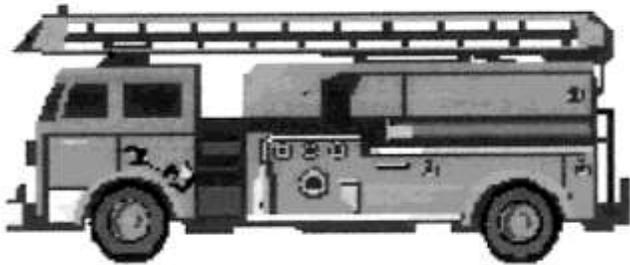
Registration for Fall Soccer is now open. Visit <http://ltaa.sportsoffice.com/> for further information and to register. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Lako at (908) 310-3865 (cell), or send an email to lakofamily120@gmail.com.

gregbabeineau@gmail.com for more information. This is a volunteer position and would render a board position as well.

In addition, we are always looking for coaches and volunteers. It is an incredibly rewarding experience to share with your children!

The LTAA is looking for a Field Maintenance Coordinator for the Spring Baseball season. Please contact Greg Babeineau at

Fire Department



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 are working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in all bedroom areas
- 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
- Make sure all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries
- If your carbon monoxide detectors are more than six years old, REPLACE THEM!
- Can we Find You? Post house numbers next to your driveway
- Keep driveways clear and wide enough for emergency vehicles

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

Members Needed

We are looking for new members! To learn more about joining the Fire Department, please stop by any Monday you see the fire house doors open, contact Fire Chief Ed Schaffer at (908) 638-4550 or email firechief@ltdnj.org.

2012 Fund Drive

You should have received our 2012 fund drive mailing. As always, the fire 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.

Pancake Breakfast - October 14th 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.

*Check out our website at
www.ltdnj.org*



Education

Lebanon Township School District Inter-district Public School Choice Program

The Lebanon Township School District is pleased to announce that we have been approved by the New Jersey Department of Education as a "Choice School" effective with the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. The designation as a "Choice School" allows students from neighboring districts to apply for entrance into our K-8 programs. If a student is accepted into one of our programs, he or she is able to attend that program for the duration of their elementary and middle school years.

This New Jersey Department of Education sponsored and funded program is designed to allow students access to exemplary programs in public school districts outside of their home district. As a choice district, we will maintain our ability to offer a wide range of quality programs while ensuring a more diverse array of funding sources. **Because this program is funded through changes in state aid, the choice district does not incur additional costs for accepting students and parents are not required to pay tuition in order to have their children participate.**

Look for more specific information regarding the program and the application process in the coming weeks. Information will also be posted on the district website at www.lebtwpk8.org. Any other questions or concerns may be directed to: Jason R. Kornegay, Superintendent, Lebanon Township School District; (908) 638-4521; jkornegay@lebtwpk8.org

Lebanon Township Education Foundation News

Community Service Scholarship Awarded to Voorhees Graduate Rowan Baluta

The Lebanon Township Education Foundation (LTEF) would like to extend our congratulations to Rowan Baluta, the inaugural winner of the LTEF community service scholarship.

Rowan graduated from Voorhees High School this past June and plans to attend New York University. She was involved in a variety of volunteering positions for all four years of high school. The LTEF Scholarship recognizes high school students for their accomplishments in community service and academics. The \$1,000 award was presented at the awards ceremony immediately before graduation. Best wishes to all of our qualified applicants in their higher education pursuits. For information about the 2013 scholarship please visit www.ltefuture.org.

Education Committee Offers Fall Courses

The LTEF Education Committee will be offering several new

courses this fall, including a series titled "Women's Health". This series will include "Ovarian Cancer: Understanding the Signs" which will be held in September. We will also be offering a course on Breast Cancer and another on Nutrition.

For more information or to be put on our email mailing list once the dates are set, please contact either Kristen Barkman at klsbarkman@embarqmail.com or Evelin Alvarez-Flores at alvarezevelin3@gmail.com. If you interested in offering a course or helping to plan them, please feel free to contact Kristen or Evelin.

Environmental & Open Space Commission

Green Team Members Wanted

Interested in helping the township reduce its carbon footprint, save energy, protect wildlife and natural resources, promote locally grown food, *and* obtain grants? Join Lebanon Township's "Green Team"!

Now that Lebanon Township is participating in the Sustainable Jersey program, the Environmental Open Space Commission is looking for township residents, township and school employees, and/or local business owners who are interested in helping us become a more sustainable community. The team will determine what the township and schools are already doing as well as future initiatives to be more sustainable, and guide what we can do next to become eligible for the grants.

Think you can help? Email the Environmental & Open Space Commission at ltenv@lebtwp.net or stop by our table at Lebanon Township's Day in the Park on Saturday, September 8, where we will have more information on Sustainable Jersey!

Sustainable Jersey is a highly flexible certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go "green", save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. For more information go to <http://sustainablejersey.com/index.php>.

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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 depots 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.

Computer and Electronics Collection Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a Computer & Electronics Collection day on **Saturday, October 13** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, rain or shine, at the Hunterdon County Library Complex, 314 State Route 12, Flemington.

Up to ten items containing electronic circuit boards, including computers, monitors and televisions, WILL BE accepted. Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, propane tanks, or hazardous wastes WILL NOT BE accepted. Hazardous wastes will be accepted on Saturday, November 10. For larger quantities or commercial disposal of other items, contact Newtech Recycling, Inc. at (732) 564-3110.

For more information, contact the Utilities Authority at (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, November 10** 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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Community News

Jonathan Slusher Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The inaugural Jonathan Slusher Memorial 5K Run/Walk will be held **Sunday, October 7**, in Califon (rain or shine), in conjunction with the town's annual Harvest Festival. The date will mark the day Slusher, a former editor at the Hunterdon Review and a graduate of Voorhees High School, succumbed to brain cancer in 2010 after a yearlong battle with the disease.

Organized by Slusher's parents, Richard and Shirley Slusher of Tewksbury, the event will raise funds for the newly-formed Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation. This spring, using funds donated in Slusher's name, the foundation awarded two journalism and communications scholarships of \$1,000 each to Voorhees High School students Amanda Ocello and Sarah Martineau. In the future, proceeds from the run/walk and kids race will go towards funding the scholarships for students at Slusher's alma mater. A talented runner, Slusher was a member of the Voorhees High School championship cross country team in the early 1980s and continued to compete in races throughout his life.

Race Details

Pre-registration for the 5K race is \$20 per person prior to September 15 and \$25 after September 15. Registration for

children 10 and under (5K) is \$10; registration for a family of four is \$40. Registration forms can be found at www.jonhslusher.org.

The 5K Run/Walk will start promptly at 1:00 PM. The course, which has been sanctioned by USA Track and Field, will begin at the Califon Bridge, continue down River Road in Califon and Lebanon Townships, up Hoffmann's Crossing Road to the Columbia Trail, and will end at the Califon Train Station. The Kids Fun Run will then follow at 2:00 PM at Califon Island Park. The Fun Run is a 100 yard dash for children 12 and under. Registration of \$5 per child will be on site prior to the race. The event will conclude with an awards ceremony at 2:30 PM, with awards in the following age categories: age 14 and under, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, and 50 plus. Ribbons will be awarded to all participating children.

Checks can be made payable to The Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation and mailed to The Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 79 Guinea Hollow Road, Lebanon, N.J. 08833. The foundation is a 501-C-3 charity and all contributions are tax-exempt.

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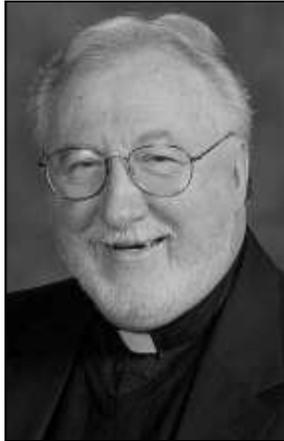
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Community News (continued)

Father Bill Retiring After 30 Years at St. John Neumann; 50 Years in Priesthood



After 30 years as pastor, the Very Rev. J. William Mickiewicz is retiring from the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann, the parish he founded in 1982 in Califon. "Father Bill," as he is locally known, also is marking his golden jubilee in the priesthood, having been ordained on May 26, 1962, just before the start of Pope John XXIII's modernization of Vatican II.

More than 600 parishioners, former parishioners and friends gathered Saturday, June 23, at the church center on Route 513 in Lebanon Township for a gala celebrating both milestones. Mass was followed by dinner and presentations under tents on the grounds.

Father Bill said he will remember most "the people whom he loves -- both good and bad. They helped establish a parish from nothing."

Born Jan. 12, 1937 in New Brunswick, Father Bill grew up in Sayreville with his parents, Leo and Margaret Mickiewicz, and one sister, Suzanne; attended St. Mary's High School, South Amboy; and graduated from St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. Following his ordination at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton, he served as parochial vicar for churches in the Trenton Diocese, then in Catholic campus ministry for eight years at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He also earned a master's degree in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, certification in pastoral counseling from Trinity Counseling Center there, and a second master's degree in pastoral counseling from New York Theological Seminary.

In October 1982, then Bishop Theodore McCarrick of the newly formed Diocese of Metuchen (which includes Hunterdon County) named him pastor of St. Ann's Church in Hampton with the added mission of founding a new parish in neighboring Califon. Property for the new church later was purchased a bit down the road in Lebanon Township.

With his engaging personality, Father Bill started this mission church by leading services (supplies out of a suitcase) in borrowed local host churches: Lower Valley Presbyterian Church and Califon United Methodist Church. He became known for his memorable, although long, sermons about the "mystery, not the history," his fine singing voice and his theme of "All are welcome" in the spirit of Vatican II.

His fledging congregation of some 150 families broke ground in 1988 on 25 farm acres off Route 513 and he offered the first Mass in the St. John Neumann Church Center on Dec. 1, 1990. Outdoor Stations of the Cross, an office center, a parish house, gazebo, prayer and earth gardens and labyrinth walk followed in later years. Father Bill's leadership also more than doubled the congregation, brought bell and voice choirs, deacons, a pastoral council and many unique worship features such as the Easter vigil bonfire, sometimes engaging the local fire department.

Religious education classes started in 1983 and myriad social concerns projects began the following year. The church became known also for its annual craft fair, featuring quilts hand-sewn by church women of the Sacristy Stitchers, as well as social and fund-raising parties. The church, in fact, adopted a quilt logo.

Father Bill most recently was honored by Metuchen Bishop Paul Bootkowski with the title episcopal vicar which means he can serve in the bishop's stead. He also for many years was dean of the Round Valley Deanery of priests which covers most of Hunterdon County.

His parishioners feted him with a grand party on his 70th birthday in 2007. They celebrated the parish's silver anniversary in 2008.

When the new pastor arrives in September, Father Bill, with the title St. John Neumann pastor emeritus, will move to a retired priests' home: Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset. He is not sure what he will do in retirement "because I'm not there yet" but hopes to get some well deserved sleep after battling health issues the past few years.

Township residents are invited to join the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann in welcoming their new pastor, the Rev. Abraham Orapankal, at the parish's annual picnic the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 30, on church grounds off Route 513 in Lebanon Township. There will be food and fun for all ages.

Father Abraham, 56, now in India visiting his aging parents, is coming to Hunterdon County from St. Bartholomew Church in East Brunswick where he was parochial vicar for the past two years. His ministry has included serving as a high school principal, church pastor and adjunct professor of theology in India. He came to the United States in 1994 and became an associate pastor at St. Catharine's Church, Blauvelt, N.Y., while earning his Ph.D. in church leadership from the School of Education at Fordham University.

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| Tom McKee - Liaison to Standing Committees, COAH; Open Space Coordinator | (908) 638-5020 |
| Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor - Liaison to Public Works, Highlands | (908) 537-4132 |
| Frank Morrison - Liaison to Police, Fire and Rescue | (908) 832-5263 |
| Patricia Schriver - Liaison to Administration and Finance, Grants | (908) 832-7066 |
| Brian Wunder, Mayor - Relocation Assistance Officer; Liaison to the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon, Legal Matters, Local School District | (908) 832-2042 |

| MEETINGS | |
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| 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 | 7:30 PM 2nd Mon |
| Agricultural Advisory Board | 7:00 PM 2nd Mon |
| Recreation Commission | 7:00 PM 1st Thurs |
| Library Committee | 7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library |
| Historians | 7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum |

| FIRE - POLICE - EMS | |
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| Police Emergency | 911 |
| Police Dispatch | (908) 638-8515 |
| Chief, Chris Mattson | (908) 638-8516 |
| Office Manager, Kathy Goracy | (908) 638-8516 |
| 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, Warren Gabriel | (732) 921-0764 |
| Municipal Court of North Hunterdon | (908) 735-7775 |
| Hunterdon County Board of Health | (908) 788-1351 |

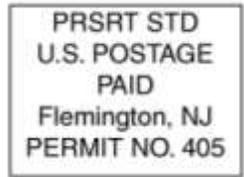
| SCHOOLS | | |
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| Valley View School | Grades K – 4 | (908) 832-2175 |
| Woodglen School | Grades 5 – 8 | (908) 638-4111 |
| Voorhees High School | Grades 9 –12 | (908) 638-6116 |

| TOWNSHIP CONTACTS | | | |
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| 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> | | |
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| <u>September</u> | <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> |
| 8 - Day in the Park | 13 - Computer and Electronics Collection | 1 - Deadline for Winter Newsletter |
| 9 - Day in the Park (rain date) | 14 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast | 10 - Hazardous Waste Collection |
| 15 - Recycling | 20 - Recycling | 11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast |
| 23 - Sunday in the Park Car Show | | 17 - Recycling |
| 30 - Sunday in the Park Car Show (rain date) | | |

| <i>Newsletter Notes</i> | | |
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| Publishing Schedule | | Advertising Costs |
| Winter | Dec, Jan, Feb | Deadline for input Nov 1 |
| Spring | Mar, Apr, May | Deadline for input Feb 1 |
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