

Lebanon Township News

Fall 2014



September, October,
November

August 28 -
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session.

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530 West Hill Road
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Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Lebanon Township Memorial Park
Bunnvale Road
across from Woodglen Middle School

Rain Date: Sunday, October 12

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

Date:
Sunday, September 28, 2104
Rain date:
Sunday, October 5, 2014
Time:
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trophies Awarded for All Classes:

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
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_____ E-MAIL: _____

YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____

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SPECS: _____ OPTIONS: _____

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Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

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or email us: info@sundayinthepark.net



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From the Tax Office ...

Tax Bills - The 2014 Final/2015 Preliminary Lebanon Township tax bills have been mailed as of July 16, 2014. Third Quarter taxes were due August 1.

Homestead Rebate - This is a state program which credits eligible homeowners' property taxes directly through the tax office. The filing deadline for 2012 Homestead Benefit Applications was January 31, 2014. Homestead benefits for 2012 are expected to be applied to May 2015 property tax bills. Additional information on the 2012 homestead benefit may be available at 1-888-283-1233.

Senior Freeze - PTR - The Division of Taxation has begun mailing 2013 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) checks to applicants who filed by the original deadline of June 2,

2014. Keep in mind that the deadline has been extended until Sept. 15, 2014.

Only applicants whose 2013 income did not exceed \$70,000 are eligible to receive a reimbursement payment, provided they met all the other requirements. Residents whose income is between \$71,001 and \$84,289 will not receive checks for 2013. The Division of Taxation will notify those applicants that they are not eligible. However, by filing an application by the due date, those residents can establish their "base year" for future reimbursements for which they may be eligible and ensure they will be mailed an application for 2014.

Environmental & Open Space Commission

Deer-Tongue Grass: A Sustainable Alternative by Doug Diehl, EOSC

Ornamental grasses are often part of a landscaped lawn. Some species may “escape” lawn areas by seed production and become invasive in more natural areas. Deer-tongue grass (*Dichanthelium clandestinum*; pictured below) naturally occurs in our area, and can be purchased at certain nurseries either as seeds or young plants. It prefers moist areas but can often adapt to drier, low nutrient soils along forest or lawn edges.

Can it be an ornamental grass? It certainly has a unique appearance. The leaves are 2-10 inches long and ½ to 2 inches wide with a lance shape resembling a deer tongue. During the summer, the flowers emerge in attractive spikelets. The grass can grow from 1½ to 4½ feet tall as a low maintenance perennial grass.

Deer-tongue grass may be a sustainable alternative for several reasons. The benefits of this native grass are reduced fertilizer and pesticide use and tolerance of low rainfall, especially during the late summer months. Hard frost causes the stems and leaves to die off. These will be replaced with rosettes for new growth during the early spring. Spreading of the grass is often produced by rhizomes.



Historians

William Franklin, Last Royal Governor of New Jersey From Library of New Jersey Archives, Larry R. Gerlach Compiled by Nina Savoia, Historian

William Franklin (ca.1730/31-1813) was the thirteenth, and last, of New Jersey's colonial royal governors. He was the natural son of Philadelphia printer and diplomat Benjamin Franklin, through whose influence William was appointed by the King of England to the New Jersey governorship in September 1762. He remained governor until 1776.

Born in Philadelphia in 1730 or 1731 to Benjamin Franklin and an unidentified Pennsylvania woman, William was raised by Benjamin and his common-law wife, Deborah Read Rogers. The cloud of an illegitimate birth and the shadow of a living-legend father threatened to eclipse William all his life. He spent his childhood years constantly confronted by his bastard status and the open hostility of Deborah, who favored her natural born children over him.

He and his father were close and “Billy” worked alongside Benjamin in the print shop and with various experiments. William and Benjamin Franklin became partners and confidantes, working together to pursue land grants in western New York, Ohio and Indiana. Through Benjamin's influence, William became clerk of the Pennsylvania assembly (1751), postmaster of Philadelphia (1753) and comptroller of the postal system in the northern colonies (1754). William accompanied Benjamin to England in 1757 and stayed for six years where he received most of his education and studied law at the Middle Temple. Through Benjamin's influence in London, William was appointed Governor of New Jersey and returned in 1763.

Why Benjamin Franklin's son remained a Loyalist to the crown, while his father argued for independence, is a matter of debate. Perhaps it was due to the early years spent in England, or perhaps it was related to the fact that he knew he was a rising star in English politics. Whatever his reason for loyalty to King George III, William Franklin was not swayed by his father's intense desire to see America break away from the monarchy.

Owing to his father's role as a Founding Father and William's loyalty to Britain, the relationship between father and son became strained past the breaking point. When Benjamin finally decided to take up the patriot cause, he tried to convince William to join him, but the son stayed loyal to the Crown. His father urged William to reconsider his position, but to no avail. The differences in politics led to a rift that never healed in the Franklin family.

William was taken into custody by the Provincial Congress of

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Historians (continued)

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New Jersey shortly after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. He was held for nearly three years, working the entire time to convert those he came into contact with to the Loyalist cause.

In 1782, William Franklin departed for Britain, never to return. In London, he became a leading spokesman for the Loyalist community.

William Franklin sent a letter to his father, dated 22 July 1784, in an attempt at reconciliation. His father never accepted his position, but responded in a letter dated 16 August 1784, in which he states "[We] will endeavor, as you propose mutually to forget what has happened relating to it, as well we can." William saw his father one last time in 1785, when Benjamin stopped in Britain on his return journey to the United States after his time in France. The meeting was brief and involved tying up

outstanding legal matters. Benjamin had taken custody of Temple Franklin, William's son, after Temple's mother died and took the boy to France. Benjamin had been more than a grandfather to the child; he cherished him as a son and wanted to be sure that any property William had acquired while in America would revert to Temple upon William's death. In his 1788 will, Benjamin Franklin left William virtually none of his wealth.

The only bright light in William's waning years was his granddaughter, Ellen Franklin (Temple's child) who cared for him until his death.

William Franklin was an able servant of both the colony and crown during the tumultuous years of 1763-1776. He ranks as the best of New Jersey's colonial governors and one of the finest chief executives in the history of the state.

Joan Lucas
Curator

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

Deanna Kinney
Assistant Curator

MOM & ME MAKE A MEDALLION

August

Any Tuesday or Thursday in August - Visit us at the museum and make a beautiful paper medallion for a gift or to hang on the wall. Lebanon Township residents only. No charge and with refreshments. Call for a space.

FALL FROLIC

September

Saturday, September 20 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. See applesauce being made on an outdoor woodstove - airing of quilts, things for sale, penny candy, and more.

CRAFTY SATURDAY

Saturday, October 18

Our adult friends meet to make a holiday decoration - Saturday, October 18. Call to sign up and for more information.

ON DISPLAY

October

Olde school books and original slates.

ART SHOW

November 1 - 25

Art Show by Lewis Steele of Washington, NJ. **Reception will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.** Please stop by and say hello to this talented artist.

HOLIDAY WINDOWS

December

Holiday windows on display through January 2015. Eleven wonderful 1825 deep windows just right for a great seasonal arrangement. Call and sign up for your window. We get lots of visitors who enjoy your creativity.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 13

Our annual holiday party - Saturday, December 13 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. All are welcome to enjoy hot soup, bread and punch, etc. Meet our families, friends, visitors, exhibitors, artists, and more. Please bring something for the 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 and the general operating grants of the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Bunnvale Library

News from the Library

Just as autumn brings changes in weather to our region, we adjust to life changes as well. Congratulations to recent high school graduates, including some of our library volunteers, who will be beginning/returning to colleges and universities, entering military service or embarking on careers in the work world. Best wishes to transferred, relocated and/or retired patrons who are leaving the area: don't forget to sign up for library cards in your new communities!

Summer 2014 at Bunnvale included Stories and Crafts every Thursday in July for preschoolers and children in grades 1-6, led by **Greg Slomczewski** from the Hunterdon County Library. In August, **Diana and Mike Dove**, environmental educators, presented "**Eco-Detectives!**" featuring songs, stories and life-like animal models. This program, enjoyed by all age groups, was sponsored by Lebanon Township Clean Communities.

In September, **Eileen Lebida** will resume our regular 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.

The Anne Rambo display cabinet has new exhibits every month of the year. Perennial favorite **Doris Terris** returns in September to exhibit her original *water, oil and acrylic paintings*. October will feature **Kara Martin's** collection of *The Simpsons*. For November, **Ruth Trujillo** will provide an array of **handmade items**.

Patrons of the Hunterdon County Library system can continue to enjoy a variety of services without leaving home: sign up through eHCL to receive digital books, and the newest feature, magazines through Zinio. Additionally, audio books that are not currently in the county system can now be procured through interlibrary loans. Check the library's home page for information, or call the main library's reference department at (908) 788-1444.

Thank you for patronizing Bunnvale Library, your community library. Let us know how we can continue to improve our service and meet your needs. **Reminder:** please call ahead before dropping off donations. Items left unattended in the doorway often have to be discarded due to weather conditions. See hours and phone number below.

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From The Richard Cudina Memorial Committee ...



VETERANS MEMORIAL

Since our fight for independence, more than a million American soldiers have lost their lives to give us all the opportunity to choose our way of life. The Richard Cudina Memorial Committee felt that our soldiers also needed to be represented in Memorial Park. Our ideas became a reality with the help of a local citizen; we completed and dedicated the Veterans Memorial on May 30, 2010 with many Veterans and dignitaries in attendance.

The Memorial includes a walkway, the Veterans/Heroes Walk, that leads to a quiet oasis within the woodland where a bronze memorial plaque honors our Veterans. A stone bench holds a WWII helmet and boots representing the missing soldier.

The Richard Cudina Memorial Foundation maintains the 9/11 Memorial and the Veterans Memorial. To offset our maintenance costs, the pavers surrounding the memorial are available for purchase as a personalized tribute to a family member, friend or loved one who has served in the U.S. Armed Services. As a birthday gift, a father's or mother's day gift, or just to show your appreciation of your favorite veteran, a paver would be a wonderful and permanent memory in the Memorial.

If you wish to dedicate a paver for a veteran, please complete the form on the back of this page and send to: Richard Cudina Memorial, P.O. Box 565, Califon, New Jersey 07830. Additional forms are available at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building. The cost of each paver is \$85.00 and may be tax deductible. If you wish to instead make a much needed donation to help maintain these Memorials, please forward a check made payable to the Richard Cudina Memorial Foundation to the above mentioned address.

As Veterans Day approaches, please consider dedicating a Memorial paver for a veteran or a member of the Armed Services.

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Make checks payable to **Richard Cudina Memorial** and send to above address with the order form.

Choose ALL CAPITALS or Capital and lower case letters (Please circle one)

Note: Pavers will be ordered only after payment is received.
Pavers will be sent out for engraving in groups of 25.

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.html, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events.



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

Free Town-wide Shredding Event for Township Residents

A safe and secure way to destroy confidential documents.

September 20, 2014
9:00 am to 12:00 noon
530 West Hill Road

(Front parking lot of the Municipal Building)

- Papers should be loose and dry – no rubber bands, binders, metal fasteners, hanging folders, metal book rings, or binder clips
- Staples, paper clips and manila file folders are acceptable
- Shredding will be done on site by Absolute Shredding from Hackettstown, NJ.
- If you have more than 2 boxes of materials to be shredded, please call JoAnn on Fridays at (908) 638-6964

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON FREE COMPUTER / ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
530 WEST HILL ROAD
GLEN GARDNER, NJ 08826

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(908) 638-6964 OR treasurer@lebtwp.net

ITEMS ACCEPTED (anything with a plug)

Computers, fax machines, stereo equipment, radios, TV's, humidifiers, monitors, scanners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, terminals, VCR's, VHS players, copiers, air conditioners, space heaters, fans, telephones, laptops, typewriters, MP3 players, servers, equipment, large appliances.

WILL NOT ACCEPT

Light bulbs, smoke detectors, or carbon monoxide detectors.

NOTE: Hard drives will be destroyed by Newtech Recycling, Somerset, NJ.



Recycling (continued)

County Computer and Electronics Collection Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a Computer and Electronics Collection day on **Saturday, October 11** 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.

For more information, contact the Utilities Authority at (908) 788-1110, email swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us or check their website at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/electronics.html>.

County Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

The next Hunterdon County Utilities Authority Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held **Saturday, November 8** 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://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/cleanup.html>.

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Education

From the Superintendent Jason Kornegay

The start of every school year brings a renewed excitement and dedication to helping students achieve their best. It is my honor to again welcome all of our students and staff back for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. As we finish our summer preparations, there are a few items we would like to share with the community. Specifically, this summer we had two important building maintenance projects happening. We will also welcome a new member of our administrative team this year.

Please allow me to start by introducing our new Valley View principal. Mr. Ernest Batha joined our district on July 14 and has been working hard to get the building ready for the start of school. Mr. Batha comes to us with 10 years of experience as an elementary principal. After conducting a very thorough search involving parents and staff members, Mr. Batha emerged as the clear top choice for our district. He brings a renewed dedication to helping all of our children achieve success and a strong focus on working with parents as partners. Mr. Batha has already become a positive member of our district and we look forward to his leadership at Valley View School. We encourage all parents and community members to stop by Valley View, call or email Mr. Batha over the beginning weeks of school.

We are in the process of completing a boiler replacement project at Woodglen and anticipate that the new boiler will be in place by the end of August. We have also been working on the project to replace the bridge at the entrance to Valley View School. As many of you are aware, we had temporary repairs made in early spring. These repairs were designed to allow us to continue to use the bridge as long as needed until a full replacement can be completed. We have hired an engineering company who is in the process of completing both the permit process and the design of the new bridge. Although we are not changing the structure or scope of the bridge, we are required to obtain both building and environmental permits. Because the permit process can take some time, we do not anticipate that the bridge replacement will be completed this summer. It is important to note again that the existing repairs are more than adequate to sustain the daily traffic on the bridge and can be left in place as long as needed. Please also know that we will continue to work diligently with the architect and engineers to get the project completed as soon as possible and with minimal disruption to Valley View.

As we start the new school year, it is important to remember that we are here to help all of our families and community members. Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns. No question is too small to reach out to the district. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and I look forward to a productive school year.



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73 Old Readingsburg Rd. - \$524,900
 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths

- Secluded 18 acres backing to Ken Lockwood Gorge preserve
- 1860 Farmhouse renovated using the finest materials
- Gourmet kitchen w/custom cabinetry, SS appliances
- Spa-like bathrooms, Kohler & Restoration Hardware fixtures
- Oak floor, Andersen windows, exposed beams, LED recessed lighting
- Hardiplank siding, Azek trim, standing seam metal roof, spray foam insulation
- Low farm assessed taxes, detached 2 car garage, stone outbuilding, paver patio



SeeTheProperty.com/143326

432 W. Hill Road - \$495,000
 4 Bedrooms 3 Full Baths

- Custom designed, amazing 1.72 acre view lot with 2 sets of 2-story Palladium windows, sliding glass doors to front deck
- Cathedral ceiling family room off the kitchen with stunning stone fireplace & wet bar. Formal living room with a gas fireplace opens to the elegant dining room
- Center island kitchen with abundant 42" maple cabinetry & large pantry
- 1st floor master w/luxurious master bath & walk-in closet
- Finished basement, 3 car garage, paver patio, large rear yard, unfinished bonus room



SeeTheProperty.com/117775

3 Harber Drive - \$694,900
 5 Bedrooms 4 1/2 Baths

- Private 5+ acre lot. Spectacular mountain views
- Expansive eat-in kitchen. New granite counters
- Family room with stunning fieldstone fireplace
- 4 Season Rooms, Library/Office, In-law suite(s)
- Bonus Mountain View room with vaulted ceiling, porches, gas fireplace & wet bar
- Master Bedroom Suite with a gas fireplace, walk-in closet & lovely master bath
- Finished basement with entertaining/play areas, theater/media room & full bath



SeeTheProperty.com/137797

912 Ravine Road - \$729,900
 4 Bedrooms 3 1/2 Baths

- Custom home with 4 finished levels on 5+ private acres
- Carriage house studio apartment w/kitchen & full bath
- Decorative detailing, 4 fireplaces, wrap-around paver patios
- Walls of windows/French doors designed to take advantage of the scenic valley views
- Gourmet kitchen with granite breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances & big breakfast room
- Master suite w/master bath, fireplace & private deck
- Finished daylight walkout basement rec room w/built-ins & gym, 3rd level great room



SeeTheProperty.com/133947

759 Backus Estate Road - \$485,000
 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths

- Lushly landscaped 1.62 acres in Backus Estates neighborhood
- Renovated kitchen w/granite island, decorative tile, stainless steel appliances
- Spacious family room w/wood-burning fireplace
- Master retreat w/sitting room/office/gym w/skylite
- Expanded, luxurious master bath w/jetted tub & custom cabinetry
- Whole house generator. Finished basement
- Outdoor resort with in-ground pool, deck, gazebo & gardens



Charming Stream!

23 Dewey Lane - \$115,000
 LAND - Approximately 3.01 Acres

- Ready to build your dream home
- Septic, well & electricity in place
- Bring your horses!
- Cleared, mostly level property
- Located on a quiet country road
- Bordered by trees & hedgerows
- Seasonal mountain views
- Circular gravel driveway in place

Under Contract & SOLD Listings by Sharon Groben in 2014



16 Whiteoak Ridge Road
 List Price \$445,000



65 Red Mill Road
 SOLD Price \$372,500



512 Route 513
 SOLD Price \$350,000



33 Red Mill Road
 SOLD Price \$315,000

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Community News

Raritan Headwaters Association

Attention Fisherman, Kayakers, Boaters & Other Stream Recreationalists:

Didymo: A Cautionary Tale

Prior to the spring of 2013, it was widely believed that people using the stream for fishing, kayaking, boating and other water sports were unintentionally spreading a nuisance alga, *Didymosphenia geminata*, as they traveled from stream to stream. This alga is commonly known as “rock snof” or didymo for short. However, new studies and publications indicate that didymo is actually native to our streams and the recent blooms are the result of wide scale environmental changes.

Why is didymo considered a nuisance?

When didymo blooms, it grows stalks that create thick mats that smother the bottom of the stream. The mats are yellowish or brown and appear slimy; however, the actual texture feels like wet wool. The mats trap fine sediment and may negatively impact the fish, plants, and bugs that live in the stream.

When didymo blooms were observed in the Delaware River and other streams across the country in the 2000s, clean water advocates were alarmed. The blooms appeared to be a recent phenomenon, since didymo was not known to be present in these streams.

New Findings

In the past, the didymo was believed to be found only in pristine streams characterized by clean, cold, low nutrient water. Its range was thought to be limited to mountainous, northern regions. Hence, people were believed to be introducing this alga to streams where it was previously absent. New research indicates that didymo can tolerate a wide range of temperatures, nutrient levels and pollution. In fact, didymo is found on all continents except for Africa, Australia and Antarctica. When there are elevated levels of phosphorus in the stream, this alga exists as a single cell and often escapes detection because of its microscopic size and relatively low abundance.

According to new research, when phosphorus levels drop below 2 parts per billion in the stream, didymo attaches to rocks on the streambed and grows stalks that create clumps on rocks or thick mats on the bottom of streams. These growths are called nuisance blooms. The blooms are the results of changes in stream nutrient levels rather than the introduction of new didymo cells by people. These findings are validated by historical and fossil records of didymo in the United States. For example, lake sediment cores from the Delaware River region contained fossils of didymo specimens. Researchers noted that didymo was present in the early 1800s in streams that were only recently observed to be experiencing blooms. Hence, didymo is

native and is not being introduced by human activity.

Lingering questions

Once didymo is present in the stream, can we get rid of it? Currently, there is no solution to eradicating this nuisance alga.

Another question is whether global environmental changes are occurring that are causing phosphorus levels to drop, triggering didymo growth in streams. Climate change is thought to be a possible culprit. In one scenario, snow melts earlier in the year washing nutrients into the stream. Plants take up those nutrients sooner causing a drop in phosphorus levels later in the growing season. Research is underway to explore different hypotheses.

Now what?

Now that we know didymo to be native, should we drop it from our water quality concerns? The answer is NO! Now we need to train stream users to recognize this alga when it is blooming and be vigilant about reporting it. Once we are aware of the blooms we can study them and determine the best way to manage didymo. Additionally, if New Jersey’s new fertilizer laws, intended to curb phosphorus levels in streams, are effective, will blooms of didymo be observed more frequently? Only time will tell. However, didymo is the lesser evil, as having too much phosphorus in our streams can lead to algal blooms and fish kills. Furthermore, while research has shown didymo to be native in other parts of the country, no research has been conducted in the Raritan River watershed to prove that it is present and native.

Leave No Trace

Although didymo turned out to be a red herring, equipment is still vulnerable to transferring other known aquatic invasives like whirling disease, zebra mussels, water chestnut, New Zealand mud snail and future unknown threats. Aquatic invasive species are not native to an ecosystem and when introduced can cause economic and/or environmental harm or threaten human health. Therefore, Raritan Headwaters advocates being cautious and continuing to clean gear after visiting a stream or lake.

Please strive to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by cleaning your gear. First INSPECT your gear and remove any rocks, mud, plants, moss or other materials from your gear. Then CLEAN your equipment with water and a brush to remove any attached materials. Finally, DRY your gear completely in the sun.

Take Action!

Raritan Headwaters is currently training volunteers to become

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River Ambassadors to serve as a positive presence at parks and community events, inspiring and educating visitors to take personal responsibility for keeping the Raritan River healthy, clean and safe. In part, we are launching this program to help spread awareness about the importance of leaving no trace at the streams and rivers enjoyed by fisherman, kayakers and boaters. Stream users will be encouraged to go beyond the basic leave no trace principles and adopt a practice of inspecting, cleaning, and drying their gear to prevent the unintentional spread of aquatic invasive species.

About Raritan Headwaters

Raritan Headwaters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, member-supported conservation organization working to protect, preserve and improve water quality and other natural resources of the Raritan River headwaters region through science, education, advocacy, land preservation and stewardship. The 470 square-mile headwaters region is comprised of the North and South Branch watersheds and lies within Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset Counties. It is home to approximately 400,000 people, contains large areas of undeveloped, environmentally significant land and is a vital component of New Jersey's water supply system. To learn more about the Raritan Headwaters, please visit www.raritanheadwaters.org or call (908) 234-1852.

Greetings from St. John Neumanns

Schools are open, sports are back ... everyone's busy! So are we at St. John's. Many interesting and fun-filled events await you: our tag and book sale, annual picnic, small group faith discussions, and more.

Look for the tents on Route 513 for our Tag and Book Sale on the weekend of September 20-21. This is the same weekend as our Golf Outing. If you are not into bargain shopping but into spiritual delving instead, try one of our small faith groups where we share our thoughts, failings and struggles of everyday life and get recharged. Come have fun at the picnic on September 28 and win big at the Tricky Tray on November 7. We have fun activities for high school youth monthly, and a Wine & Chocolate Tasting on November 22. Find out more at www.ccsjn.org or call (908) 832-2513.

2014-2015 St. John Neumann Religious Education Registration

St. John Neumann Parish is now accepting registrations for Religious Education (K-8) for 2014-2015. There will be classes offered on Sunday mornings 9:00 am (K-6) and Sunday evenings 6:00 pm (Jr. High); both sessions meet twice a month. There is also a monthly Saturday family program. A few program highlights include Advent and Easter activities, Class Masses, Children's Liturgy of the Word, May crowning, and an overnight Confirmation retreat. Registration forms are available on St. John's website, www.ccsjn.org. Please note, First Eucharist requires a two year preparation beginning in First Grade. Any questions or new parishioner inquiries, please contact the Religious Education Office at (908) 832-2162 or email renee@ccsjn.org.

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Sat: Sept. 20th, 2014
Save the Date!
Vasa Park
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info@LocalAndLegend.com

noon - 9pm
All Ages
 (rain OR shine!!!)

Our Sixth Annual "Local & Legend Music Festival" will be a fun-filled family day with great food, local vendors, and fantastic musical talent!
 Proceeds from this event will go to providing scholarships for students pursuing a career in Music and the Performing Arts.

Bernie Worrell to Perform at Local & Legend Music Festival

Township resident, Rock n' Roll Hall of Famer and Grammy nominated artist, Bernie Worrell, will be performing for the sixth year at the Local & Legend Music Festival in Budd Lake on Saturday, September 20.

A musical prodigy, Worrell began studying piano at the age of three and gave his first public performance at the age of four. He wrote his first concerto at the age of eight and performed with the Washington Symphony Orchestra at age ten. A former student of classical piano at Juilliard and the New England Conservatory of Music, Worrell is perhaps best known as a founding member of Parliament-Funkadelic and for his work with Talking Heads. Learn more about Bernie and his music at bernieworrell.com.

The Local & Legend Music Festival showcases local, original talent from New Jersey and the Easton, PA area. All musicians perform for free as the festival raises money for the "Bernie

Worrell Scholarship in Music/Performing Arts". Students from Voorhees, North, Central, and Warren High Schools are among some of the recipients of the scholarship.

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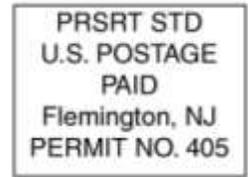
MEETINGS	
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified	
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon
Park Committee	7:00 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

SCHOOLS		
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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
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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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Calendar

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
6 - Computer/Electronics Recycling	5 - Sunday in the Park Car Show Rain Date	1 - Deadline for Winter Newsletter
20 - Recycling	11 - Day in the Park	8 - County Hazardous Waste Clean-Up
20 - Town-wide Shredding Event	11 - County Computer and Electronics Collection	9 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
28 - Sunday in the Park Car Show	12 - Day in the Park Rain Date	15 - Recycling
	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	
	18 - Recycling	

Newsletter Notes

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

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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