

Lebanon Township News

Spring 2015



Environmental & Open Space Commission



March, April, May

The Environmental & Open Space Commission and Green Team are planning identification tree walks in the spring.



If you are interested in attending a tree walk, please email us at ltenv@lebtwp.net or LTGreenTeam@gmail.com for more information, or attend our next meeting at the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm on March 16, 2015.

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

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

THE MAGESTIC ASH TREES: A NATURAL TREASURE IS THREATENED

By Doug Diehl, EOSC

Ashes are important and common trees in Lebanon Township. They provide food, cover and nesting places for a variety of wildlife and the wood has commercial value. As we enter spring, if we can identify these trees, we will be able to look for evidence of a potentially destructive enemy...and help stop it!

The **Emerald Ash Borer**, also known as EAB, is an invasive beetle from Asia. This ½” long metallic-green pest was first discovered in Michigan in 2002, and as with many invasive species, probably migrated with shipping materials. Because ash wood is transported for lumber and firewood, the beetle was able to move quickly over long distances. Once the beetle attacks a tree, it usually destroys it within three to five years. In our state, four locations of EAB have recently been confirmed, and we are surrounded by states with much more serious established problems, so it is only a matter of time before we detect EAB here.

We can help protect our forest-rich township by learning to identify healthy ash trees, as well as the symptom of EAB infestation. **The beetles attack the crown of the tree first; if you see yellowing bark or new, unusual woodpecker activity in the top section of an ash tree, this may be a sign of EAB infestation. Report the damage to the NJ State Department of Agriculture at (609) 406-6939 right away so the tree can be treated.** Treatment products are available at local retail establishments and state-certified pesticide applicators can treat for EAB. To help prevent spread of the beetle, do not transport firewood away from its source. Use locally-sourced firewood when burning it at home and when travelling, burn firewood where you buy it.

How to Identify Ash Trees

Ashes have opposite branching and compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets. The bark of older trees has deep diamond shaped furrows but the bark of young trees can be smooth and gray.



Opposite Branching



Alternate Branching



Black Ash



Green Ash

Compound Leaves

For more information on EAB visit:
www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.

The EAB is not the only challenge facing our local forest and woodland. The Gypsy Moth, commonly recognized in the larva stage as the caterpillar covered with spiky hair and rows of blue and red warts, is one of the most notorious pests of hardwood trees in the Eastern United States. Since 1980, the gypsy moth has defoliated close to a million forested acres each year.

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Gypsy moth larvae prefer hardwoods, but may feed on several hundred different species of trees and shrubs. In the East, it prefers oaks, apple, sweetgum, speckled alder, basswood, gray and white birch, poplar, and willow, but may also target cottonwood, hemlock, southern white cedar, and native pines and spruces.

Homeowners can consider one or more tactics to help reduce gypsy moth infestation on their property:

- Remove objects around the outside of the home that provide shelter for gypsy moth larvae and pupae, such as flaps of bark, dead tree branches, dead trees, boxes, cans, or old tires.
- Destroy egg masses found on outbuildings, on fencing, and in woodpiles. Egg masses can also be destroyed by painting them with commercially available products, such as liquid detergents.
- Place burlap wraps around trees to serve as a shade trap for older larvae when they seek out protected resting places during the day. The larvae can be manually collected and destroyed.
- Use barrier bands, such as double-sided sticky tapes, or sticky material such as Tanglefoot, petroleum jelly, or grease, to prevent larvae from crawling up the trunks of susceptible trees.

Several useful links for further information on the Gypsy Moth and what homeowners can do to safely suppress the spread of this pest are available at the U.S. and N.J. Departments of Agriculture:

www.fs.fed.us/ne/morgantown/4557/gmoth/
www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/fidls/gypsymoth/gypsy.htm
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These links can also be found on the Environmental & Open Space Commission webpage of the Lebanon Township website at www.lebanontownship.net.

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Local Food: Don't Buy From Strangers, Buy From Neighbors!

By Maria Naccarato, LT Green Team Volunteer

Did you know Lebanon Township is home to more than a dozen farm stands? These stands include seasonal fruits and vegetables, herbs, eggs, honey and more. There are many reasons to support locally grown food throughout our community.

1. Fruits and vegetables produced locally are fresher and taste better than those shipped from long distances. Produce found at a local farm stand was probably picked within the last day or two, therefore having a better flavor. Produce shipped to grocery stores was grown to withstand long distance travel and a longer shelf life, not necessarily for taste.

2. Buying local helps safeguard your health. Knowing where your food comes from and how it was grown is a wonderful benefit of buying from a local farmer you trust.

3. Buying from a local farmer not only benefits the farmer financially but the community as well. The middleman is cut out so the farmer receives a higher profit. The farmer then circulates his profits locally, thus benefiting the entire community.

4. Buying local helps our environment. It minimizes packing material and cuts down on emissions because the produce doesn't have to travel very far.

5. Local food benefits the environment and wildlife. Well-managed farms provide ecosystems; they protect water sources, conserve fertile soil and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The farm environment is a patchwork of fields, meadows, ponds, and buildings that provide habitat for wildlife in our community.

Be sure to stop by and meet your local farmers this Spring! Visit our community Green Map at www.opengreenmap.org/greenmap/lebanon-township-nj to locate farm stands near you. If you have questions or for more information, contact the Lebanon Township Green Team at LTGreenTeam@gmail.com.

Opportunities Abound for Local Sustainability

By Adam Duckworth, LT EOSC & Green Team Volunteer

Are you an artist or artisan? Do you frequent our local farms during the summer for fresh produce? Or perhaps you hike the many miles of trails our local parks and preserves have to offer? Whatever your passion, there is a role you can play to help make Lebanon Township a model of community sustainability.

Join the Lebanon Township Community Green Team, where the

focus is on Prosperity, Planet, and People.

- **Prosperity** – supporting our local economy and utilizing community resources
- **Planet** – practicing responsible environmental management and conservation
- **People** – embracing social equity and fairness in our community

Volunteering can provide many benefits, including developing new skills, gaining work experience, meeting new people, or simply making a meaningful, positive impact on the world.

We have many opportunities both great and small and across a broad range of topics. Contact LTGreenTeam@gmail.com for more information on available opportunities or to suggest a project.



Share your voice on our Facebook page:
[LTNJCommunityGreenTeam](https://www.facebook.com/LTNJCommunityGreenTeam)

County Parks Adopt-a-Trail

By Adam Duckworth, LT EOSC & Green Team Volunteer

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation has an immediate need for volunteers to adopt park trails within Point Mountain Reservation and Teetertown Preserve. Volunteers are responsible for general trail maintenance during the 2015 season. Contact County Recreation Leader, Patrick Eckard, at peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us or visit the County Parks & Recreation page at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us for more information.

Many thanks to Sandra and Stanley Christian for trail adoption at Miquin Wood Preserve and to Chris Compton for trail adoption at Crystal Springs Preserve. An additional shout-out goes to Girl Scout Troop 80198 for adopting the Blue Trail at Point Mountain Reservation. Find more information about all of our Township parks and Open Space on the Lebanon Township Green Map at www.opengreenmap.org/greenmap/lebanon-township-nj maintained by the Lebanon Township Green Team (LTGreenTeam@gmail.com).

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Community Well Testing Day - May 2

Keep your family healthy by getting your water tested once a year. The Lebanon Township Green Team and the Raritan Headwaters Association are sponsoring Community Well Testing Day on **Saturday, May 2, 2015**.

Well testing kits will be on sale at the municipal building on May 2 from **8:00 am - 12 NOON** sharp. You collect your own sample according to the instructions provided with the kits and drop off your samples at the Municipal Building on **Monday, May 4, 2015** from **7:00 am -10:00 am**.

Basic kits (bacteria and nitrate tests) will cost \$60; other tests will be on sale as well for additional charges which vary by test. The following chart lists the available tests, their fees, and additional information regarding each test. Personal checks and cash will be accepted - sorry no credit cards.

For more information about tests or reporting, call Margaret at the Raritan Headwaters Association at (908) 234-1852 ext 401 or email her at Welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org. For other information about Well Testing Day, email the Green Team at LTGreenteam@gmail.com.

TEST	FEE	REASON TO TEST	POSSIBLE SOURCE
* Basic: Total Coliform & Fecal Confirmation, Nitrates	\$60	Cloudy water and/or recurrent gastrointestinal complaints from people drinking water. High levels of nitrates are harmful to infants and pregnant women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cracks in well casing, faulty seal or seepage near well • Septic system problems, stormwater runoff • Seepage from fertilized land
Iron	\$15	Discoloration of laundry or plumbing fixtures, rust stains and/or bitter or metallic taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturally occurring deposits underground • Industrial wastes
Manganese	\$15	Discoloration of laundry or plumbing fixtures, rust stains and/or bitter or metallic taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturally occurring deposits • Industrial wastes
Lead	\$25	Harmful to pregnant women and children. Can cause physical or mental development problems in infants or children and kidney problems or high blood pressure in adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrosion of household pipes, fittings and/or solder (soft water may be more corrosive than hard water)
Arsenic	\$35	Can cause increased risk of cancers, gastrointestinal ailments, diabetes and cardiovascular impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturally occurring deposits • Wood preservatives
Volatile Organics (tests for 62 chemicals)	\$95	High levels can cause liver, nervous system disorders, irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, anemia and cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground storage tanks • Gas stations • Landfills • Hazardous waste sites • Septic systems
Pesticides (tests for 18 chemicals)	\$135	High levels can cause birth defects, cancer and damage to the nervous system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runoff from farms, golf courses and/or residential areas
Radon	\$75	Can be ingested or inhaled as gases are released from the water into the air. Exposure to radon in drinking water can lead to lung cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturally occurring, produced by the breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. Can enter the home through well water
Gross Alpha	\$75	Can be ingested, or inhaled as gases that are released from the water into the air. Exposure to gross alpha emitters in drinking water can lead to lung cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits of minerals that are radioactive — may emit alpha radiation, which can enter the home through well water

*This test should be done once per year

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.



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Fire & Rescue Department

2015 Line Officers

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce their 2015 Line and Administrative Officers: Chief, Tom Carlucci; Deputy Chief, Jim Crampton; Captain Rob Pek; Lieutenant, Sue Schlesinger; EMS Deputy Chief, Bill Cutri-French; EMS Lieutenant, Mark Rothfeld; President, Paul Ibsen; Vice President, John Kneafsey; Secretary, Samantha Bush; Treasurer, Sue Patriarca.

Fire Safety Tips

1. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should all have fresh batteries. Carbon Monoxide Detectors older than 6 years old should be replaced because they could give false readings. The detectors may be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Do you have a fireplace? If yes, anytime is the perfect time to clean your fireplace and chimney.
3. Can we get to your house? Is your house number visible next to your driveway? Is the driveway wide enough for our emergency vehicles? Please make sure we can respond to a call to your house, even when it is snowing or there is ice on the roads. Please clear ice and snow off your walkways and driveways. Please trim low branches away from your driveway so our vehicles don't hit them.

Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

In collaboration with The American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign we will install a Smoke Alarm in your home if you need one. Contact us at (908) 638-4550 or email sue@ltdfnj.org

The Fire Department Members also Respond to Emergency Medical Calls!

Firefighters and EMTs are Needed! No experience necessary. We will train you! The department is always looking for new members. If you would like to join, please stop by our fire houses any Monday you see the doors open or call (908) 638-4550. Last year we had 280 Fire Calls and 406 Medical Calls. See what we do by checking out our website at www.ltdfnj.org. Stop by Fire Station #2 on Hill Road on Monday Nights; members are usually there between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.

Junior Fire Fighters Needed

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 16 and 18 who might be interested in becoming a Junior Fire Fighter, we'd like to hear from you. We can explain more about the Lebanon Township Fire Department and the responsibilities of a Junior Fire Fighter. Perhaps this could become a career path for your child. For more information, please email Jrfirefighter@ltdfnj.org.

Pancake Breakfast

The Lebanon Township Fire Department has been holding Pancake Breakfasts for over thirty years. This great tradition is held from 8:00 to 11:30 AM every second Sunday from October

until June, at Station One on Anthony Road. The cost is \$7.00 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.

2014 Fund Drive

The Fund Drive Committee would like to thank you for your donations and let you know that every bit helps. If you forgot to send in the return envelope, you can still send it now. The department has a lot of expenses this year. We are purchasing new radios required by the county and now have the additional expense of renovating the old Rescue Squad building. If you would like to contact our Fund Raising Chairperson, please send an email to donation@ltdfnj.org or mail a check to 532 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826. Thank you for your support.

Donate your Old Vehicle

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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

Pollution 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 unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't litter

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

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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Historians

SLAVERY IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

By **Nina Savoia, Historian; Excerpts from slavenorth.com and nj.gov**

African slavery is so much the outstanding feature of the South, that people often forget there had been slaves in all the colonies. Slaves were auctioned openly in the Market House of Philadelphia; in the shadow of Congregational churches in Rhode Island; in Boston taverns and warehouses; and weekly, sometimes daily, in Merchant's Coffee House of New York. Such Northern heroes of the American Revolution as John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin bought, sold, and owned black people. William Henry Seward, Lincoln's anti-slavery Secretary of State during the Civil War, born in 1801, grew up in Orange County, New York, in a slave-owning family and amid neighbors who owned slaves if they could afford them. The family of Abraham Lincoln himself, when they lived in Pennsylvania in colonial times, owned slaves.

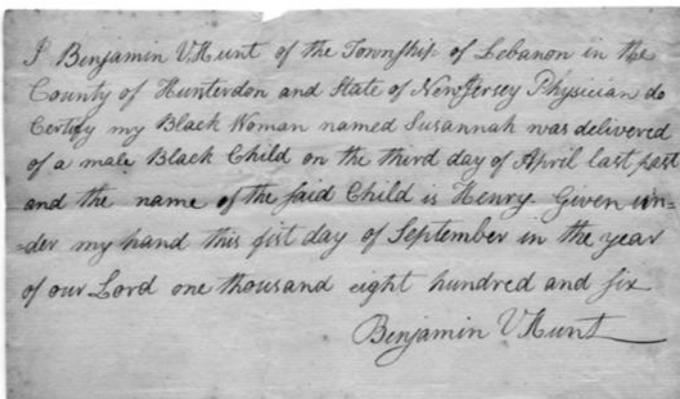
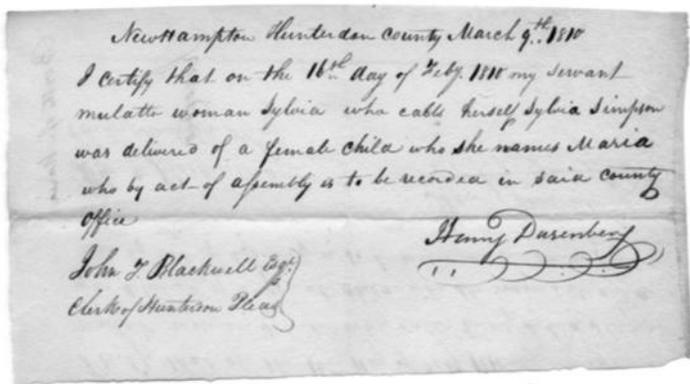
Slavery in the North never approached the numbers of the South. It was, numerically, a drop in the bucket compared to the South. But the South, comparatively, was itself a drop in the bucket of New World slavery. Some 500,000 slaves were brought to the United States (or the colonies) in the history of the slave trade, which is a mere fraction of the estimated 10 million Africans forced to the Americas during that period.

As can be seen in this table, New Jersey had an impressive slave population from the early 1600s to mid-1800s. On February 15, 1804, an Act for the Gradual Abolition of Slavery was passed by the New Jersey Legislature (P.L. 1804, chap. CIV, p. 251).

State	Mass.	N.H.	N.Y.	Conn.	R.I.	Pa.	N.J.	Vt.
European settlement	1620	1623	1624	1633	1636	1638	1620	1666
First record of slavery	1629?	1645	1626	1639	1652	1639	1626?	c.1760?
Official end of slavery	1783	1783	1799	1784	1784	1780	1804	1777
Actual end of slavery	1783	c.1845?	1827	1848	1842	c.1845?	1865	1777?
Percent black 1790	1.4%	0.6%	7.6%	2.3%	6.3%	2.4%	7.7%	0.3%
Percent black 1860	0.78%	0.15%	1.26%	1.87%	2.26%	1.95%	3.76%	0.22%

The law pronounced every child born to a slave mother after July 4, 1804 "free" at birth, but bound as a servant to the owner of the mother until the age of twenty-five for males and twenty-one for females. Any person entitled by the law to such bound service was required to file with the county clerk, within nine months of the birth of the child, a written certificate containing the name of the slave owner and the name, age and sex of the child. The clerk in turn was directed to record the information in a special book for this purpose. The penalty for neglecting to deliver such a certificate was \$5 plus an additional \$1 for each month of delinquency. The law also allowed for the abandonment of such children by the owners of their mothers at the age of one year. In this case, the child would become a ward of the local overseers of the poor; the slave owner was required to file a notification of abandonment with the county clerk.

Included in the inventory are original (usually signed) birth certificates submitted to the Hunterdon County Clerk during the period 1804-1835. While the 1804 law did not require that the mother's name be included on the certificate, it almost always was. The father's name was included only in a few cases. The certificates were filed by the slave owners. Here are a few actual copies of slave owners' record of slave births from Lebanon Township and New Hampton. These records are the direct result of the Gradual Abolition of Slavery act. The list of slave owners and slave names is available at www.nj.gov.



Museum

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Assistant Curator

2015 Spring Slate

WHAT IS IT?

Try to guess the items on display. Various items of olde will be in our display cabinet. Can you guess what they were used for? Stop by and try! Also, Butler Park and store ledgers always on display.

February & March

ADULT SCHOOLHOUSE CRAFTS 2015

A cold winter and an "almost storm of the century", but mother nature knows best. Spring will arrive with a fun gathering of crafty folks eager to learn a new craft with our great instructors - Sandy, Dot, Denise, and Bonnie. Watch for our brochure and more information. Call us or leave a message at (908) 537-6464.

April & May

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

ART SHOW

Sue Ann Robinson

The art of paper crafting, featuring paper rosettes and other creative handmade articles. Colorful, unique, nostalgic, and decorative. You will enjoy this wonderful exhibit. Meet Sue Ann of Annandale, NJ at a reception on Saturday, May 9, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

May

Reception: May 9, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

POTTERY FOR SALE

Lebanon Township pottery is for sale: \$10.00 to \$30.00 each. Stop by the Municipal Building and/or the museum to order. Call us at (908) 537-6464. Also, Lebanon Township books (history) for sale. Pottery is microwave, oven, freezer, and dishwasher safe.

CRAFTY TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday morning, you can join us at the museum and finish those projects you gave up on. You can learn or start a new craft project, meet old friends and make new ones. We share lunch, too!! Always free and fun.

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

STORYTELLING

Continuing storytelling "in the museum" on **March 22, April 26 and May 17**. These are Sunday afternoons. Please attend these most informative and casual afternoons. If you don't have a story to tell, you can listen and enjoy others' stories. Growing up in or moving into our township is memorable. We are changing and we need to remember how it was! Let us know if you can come. Refreshments served.

Sunday Afternoons 3:00 - 5:00 pm

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



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Community News

Help The Fresh Air Fund Make a Difference in the Life of a Child this Summer

The Fresh Air Fund needs your help next summer to give more inner-city children the opportunity of new experiences and lasting friendships in Hunterdon County. Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund has provided free summer experiences for more than 1.8 million New York City children. Sign up to become a volunteer host and discover what many families in the area have already learned – a Fresh Air summer is one that makes a difference.

On first time visits to host families, Fresh Air children stay for one to two weeks. The children are six to twelve years old. They experience simple pleasures like running barefoot through the grass or gazing at star-filled skies.

For more information, please contact Susan Prisco at (908) 418-7267 or by email at susmarpri@embarqmail.com, or Jody Berkowitz at (908) 803-2902 or by email at jodyberkowitz@gmail.com, or visit www.freshair.org.

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

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

The United Way tax program is completely free of charge – no hidden fees – and refunds can even be e-filed with the IRS in order to receive a rapid refund without any fees. Appointments are necessary but scheduling one is easy. For a complete list of sites and to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 or (877) 652-1148, or visit uwhunterdon.org.

UWHC's VITA program has no income limit, but there is a complexity limit. Common complexities that preparers are unable to assist with include rental income and businesses with inventory. Call if you have questions about your return.

Spanish-speaking preparers also are available upon request. If you prefer to do your taxes on your own, FREE online tax preparation is once again available. Go to myfreetaxes.com/uwhunterdon and you will have access to assistance through a helpline provided by myfreetaxes.com in filing your return. A nominal fee may apply for household incomes of more than \$58,000. This income limit is only associated with

myfreetaxes.com.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. The goals of this program are to provide savings on tax preparation fees as well as assist individuals and families in the claiming of tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), and to encourage putting some of your tax refunds into savings accounts. By claiming these credits and splitting refunds, individuals and families have more money to pay bills, pay down debt and achieve or maintain financial stability. Last year, more than \$1.25 million in refunds benefited local families and the local economy!

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on income, health and education. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Change is happening! To become part of the change, visit www.uwhunterdon.org, LIKE United Way of Hunterdon County on Facebook or call (908) 782-3414.

Thanks from the North Hunterdon Community Food Pantry

The North Hunterdon Community Food Pantry thanks all who have helped to keep our pantry in operation since 1991. We are thankful for so many things: for the support of the township and being able to continue to use a township building for storage and distribution; for the food drives conducted by local schools, boy scout and girl scout troops; for the Halloween Madness food drive; for the 80+ loaves of pumpkin bread baked by a girl scout troop and the 40 mason jars filled with ingredients to make bean soup; for the food collected at the YMCA facility at Bunnvale; for the support of our local churches and individuals; and of course, we are thankful for our volunteers. Most of all, we are thankful to be able to help those who need a little help putting food on their table. No one should go hungry. If you need to reach us, please contact Ruth Ruediger, Coordinator at (908) 638-6661 or email ruthruediger@yahoo.com



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Community News

2015 HUNTERDON HUSKIES FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION

Interested in your son or daughter joining a National Championship caliber football and cheer program? Would your child like to become a better athlete in general? The nationally recognized Hunterdon Huskies football and cheerleading program is now accepting registrations from area athletes for the upcoming 2015 season.

- **Football** -- For athletes ages 5 to 15 years old (as of 7/31/15), who weigh less than 160 pounds and have the desire and motivation to learn and play football at a high level of competition. Huskies Football earned National Championship titles in 2007 and 2006, 3rd in Nation in 2014, and was a National Finalist in 2005.
- **Cheerleading** -- For athletes ages 3 to 15 (as of 7/31/15) with interest in learning high-energy, tightly choreographed routines that incorporate cheer, dance, stunts, and tumbling. Huskies Cheer earned National Championship titles in 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2010, 2nd in Nation in 2014 and 2005, and 3rd in Nation in 2013 and 2012.

- **Contender/Inspiration Programs** -- We are proud to offer our community Huskies Inspiration Football & Cheer teams. These awesome programs are open to all children with special needs of all abilities!

Huskies Meet the Coaches Day - March 21, 2015

Attend our annual **Meet the Coaches Day**
Meet the coaches, ask questions, and register in person!
Saturday, March 21
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Huskies Field - Union Forge Field
1 Washington Avenue, High Bridge

Rain location - Custom Alloy
3 Washington Avenue, High Bridge

Register Today!

Registration Opens in February for the 2015 season! Team sizes are limited – register early! Visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com for more information and to register online for the 2015 season. Join today and start your child on a winning path. If you have any questions about the Huskies, please call our Head Football Commissioner, Jeff Mehl at (908) 399-9407, or our Head Cheer Commissioner, Sue Lavigne at (908) 304-4571.

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Community News

St. John Neumann's "Project Earth" Volunteer Garden Yields Crops for Charity

Last year a record crop of fresh, organically-grown produce was donated to charity, thanks to the Project Earth Garden, a community gardening initiative nourished by volunteers from The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann in Califon, NJ and other local residents.

Over the years the garden has produced thousands of pounds of vegetables that have been donated to various soup kitchens. Last year's crop of vegetables included beans, carrots, purple potatoes, butternut squash, eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini, and peas. The prolific amount of crops from the 5000 square-foot garden enabled St. John's Social Ministry volunteers to make bi-weekly trips to Elijah's Promise (www.elijahspromise.org) in New Brunswick. Elijah's Promise is a "fresh food" soup kitchen which strives to serve as much as they can from fresh, whole foods with the goal of helping people eat healthy to be healthy. They even have a culinary school that trains people to work in the food industry and access to fresh food gives the students the opportunity to work with foods normally used in restaurants. In addition, some of the crop was donated to SHIP's (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program) Galley Soup Kitchen (www.ship908.com) in Somerville in casseroles that St. John's parishioners made for the soup kitchen monthly.

Spring is coming! Come join us in the garden to share fellowship while helping feed people. Contact the parish office by email at socialministry@ccsjn.org or call (908) 832-2513.

More News from St. John's ...

Thank goodness we are near the end of this winter. Wait ... didn't we say the same thing last year? As you start to thaw out come see what you can be a part of at St. Johns.

Thanks to an Eagle Scout project, our **Project Earth Garden** has a greenhouse to get a jump on our plantings. If you like gardens, come help grow fresh vegetable for local soup kitchens.

Our **Holiday Food Pack Up** for families in need will take place on Friday March 27 at 7:00 pm. We pack up donations to our food pantry for delivery on Saturday morning.

Enjoy an entertaining night on April 17 with the **Willie Lynch Band**. Contact the church office for ticket information at (908) 832-2513.

Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 7:00 pm during Lent. On Good Friday, April 3, we hold **Living Stations** outside on the Church Grounds at 1:00 pm.

We will have a **Community Reconciliation Service** on Wednesday March 25 at 7:00 pm followed by Individual

Reconciliation for any who wish.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week – This year Palm Sunday is March 29 and Easter Sunday is April 5. Palm Sunday Masses are at our regular weekend Mass times at 5:30 pm Saturday and at 8:00 and 10:30 am on Sunday. Holy Week Services are at 8:00 pm on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Saturday Vigil. Easter morning Masses are at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We welcome you to celebrate Easter joy with us.

On Saturday, June 6, St. John's holds its annual **Grand Auction Dinner Dance**. If you are an area business that would like to donate, or someone who enjoys dancing, dining and winning, contact us to join the fun.

Founded in 1982, The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann (CCSJN) is a Roman Catholic parish located at 398 CR 513 Califon, NJ. For more information, visit www.ccsjn.org or visit our Facebook page: St-John-Neumann-RC-Church-Califon-NJ. Our Parish phone number is (908) 832-2513.

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Marc Laul	(908) 752-1738	Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515
Tom McKee, Mayor	(908) 638-5020	Chief, Chris Mattson	(908) 638-8516
Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor	(908) 537-4132	Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8516
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042	Emergency Medical Services	911
MEETINGS		Fire Department Emergency	911
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified			
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed	Chief, Tom Carlucci	(908) 537-2838
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed	Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 537-6670
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	Office of Emergency Management	
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon	Coordinator, Alan Goracy	(908) 832-7158
Park Committee	7:00 PM 2nd Mon	Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon	Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351
Recreation Commission	7:30 PM 1st Thurs	SCHOOLS	
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library	Valley View School	Grades K – 4 (908) 832-2175
Historians	7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum	Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8 (908) 638-4111
TOWNSHIP CONTACTS		Voorhees High School	Grades 9 –12 (908) 638-6116
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 Pets	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850	
Library Committee	Art Gerlich	(908) 638-4331	
Recreation Commission	Andrew Li		
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424	
Environmental & Open Space Commission	Warren Newman	(908) 638-4332	
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.com
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00-8:00, Thurs & Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-2:00
Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton		(908) 537-6464	Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat 1:00-5:00 PM
Hunterdon County Transfer Station		(908) 236-9088	
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
For scheduling use of the Municipal Building Meeting Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.			

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<i>Calendar</i>		
<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter
21 - Recycling	18 - Recycling	2 - Community Well Testing Day
		10 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
		16 - Recycling

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