

Lebanon Township News

Winter 2013/2014



December, January,
February

Best wishes
to all for a very
happy holiday
season and a
healthy and
happy New
Year!

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

Recreation Commission

*Lebanon Township Recreation Commission
presents our annual ...*



A Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 7th

Valley View School
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Be sure to bring your cameras and wish lists for Santa!

**This event is being held in conjunction with
Lebanon Township PTA's *Make It & Take It* and *Pasta Dinner***

(see page 7 for details)

All Lebanon Township residents are invited to attend!

Environmental & Open Space Commission

The Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC) is seeking residents, students and local business owners and their employees who are interested in becoming part of the Lebanon Township **Green Team** and who wish to help in the planning of our community's participation in the **Sustainable Jersey** program! **Sustainable Jersey**, a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, control costs and save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term, encompasses issues such as pollution, biodiversity, land use, air and water quality, equity, buying local, local living economies, and sustainable agriculture. Municipalities involved in the certification program can gain access to grants to fund municipal sustainability projects. In fact, Lebanon Township is now eligible to apply for a \$2,000 Capacity Building Grant through the **2014 Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program**. The Township Committee recently passed a resolution supporting and authorizing the **Green Team** to proceed with the grant application. The grant application submittal is due in mid-January 2014 and the grant process is competitive, so it's important that the **Green Team** receive your thoughts and ideas as soon as possible!

Our next meeting is on December 16 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. If you have any questions or would like to share an idea, email Drew DePalma at ddepalma17@gmail.com or call Warren Newman at (908) 638-4332. To learn more, visit www.SustainableJersey.com.

Fire Department

Home Fire Safety

Home fire safety means keeping your family and home safe from the devastations of fire and should always be a top priority. 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 all bedroom areas have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with fresh batteries. Replace carbon monoxide detectors that are more than six years old!
- Keep valuables in a fire-proof safe and flammable and dangerous items out of the reach of children. Never leave candles burning unattended.
- Create a fire evacuation plan and practice it with the entire family, including children.
- 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 exits are easily accessible. Debris, garbage and other obstacles can prevent people from getting out and prevent rescue workers and firefighters from getting in.
- Make sure your chimneys are cleaned, wood stoves are properly installed and space heaters are away from flammables.
- Can we find you? Post house numbers next to your driveway.
- Keep driveways clear and wide enough for emergency vehicles: at least 12 feet wide with 12 feet top clearance.

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

Members Needed

We are looking for new Fire and EMT Members ages 16 and older! To learn more about joining the Fire Department, please stop by any Monday night you see the doors open at Station 2 on Hill Road, contact Fire Chief Ed Schaffer at (908) 638-4550 or email firechief@ltdfnj.org.

2013 Fund Drive

You should have received our 2013 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.

Old Cars Wanted

We use old cars for training. Please donate your old car or truck.

Pancake Breakfast – Second Sunday of Every Month from October to May

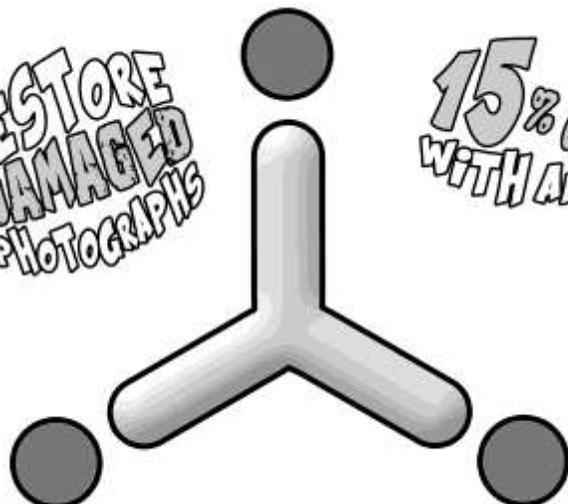
The Lebanon Township Fire Department has been holding Pancake Breakfasts for over thirty years. This great tradition is

held from 8:00 to 11:30 AM every second Sunday from October until May, 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.

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Office of Emergency Management

Have you started your generator lately? It has been slightly more than a year since Hurricane Sandy created havoc within our community. We all remember the downed trees and the loss of power for almost two weeks. Now that the winter storm season is approaching, please take a few minutes to review storm preparedness:

- Always assume power may be out for more than a day and sometimes weeks.
- Household members will require at least one gallon of drinking water per day. Try to purchase bottles of water before the stores run out.
- When there is notice of a storm approaching, fill your bathtub with water. This can be used for personal consumption or toilet flushing.
- Keep a supply of non-perishable food on hand which can be easily prepared. No power means a loss of both refrigeration and freezer.
- If you have a grill, be sure you have filled propane tanks or adequate charcoal.
- Be sure you have a flashlight and a battery powered radio with extra batteries available.
- Check that you have all necessary medications in case you must leave your home or deliveries of additional medications are delayed.
- Charge cell phones and laptops.
- If you have a family member for whom an emergency could be immediately life threatening, please notify the Emergency Management Office in advance. In case of extended power outages, please try to make emergency arrangements for family members in advance.
- In the event of a storm, consider staying with a relative or friend who lives in an unaffected area or who has an alternative heat and power source. If you have an elderly neighbor or friend, extend an invitation to have them stay with your family.

During periods of extreme cold or power outages, the Municipal Building will be made available as a warming station as well as a place to charge computers and cell phones. The hours will be determined by the need at the time and will be posted on the township website at www.lebanontownship.net.

During extended emergency periods, such as weather emergencies, longer term shelters may be opened. The American Red Cross recently conducted a survey to determine which facilities within our township may qualify. The requirements for a longer term shelter include a supply of food, water, heat, showers, and sleeping areas. The Red Cross has the ability to supply or supplement a number of these items upon demand. Last year, during Hurricane Sandy, the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management operated a longer term shelter just outside of Flemington.

Information during periods of extreme emergency will be issued through our township website as well as radio station WRNJ

1510 am. We will also attempt to post signs outside of our Municipal Building as well as the schools.

If you feel you would like to volunteer to help your neighbors during periods of emergency, please contact Office of Emergency Management coordinator Alan Goracy at (610) 442-2141, email alangoracy@gmail.com, or leave a message at the Municipal Building at (908) 638-8523.



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Bunnvale Library

News from Bunnvale Library

What can you get with a library card? Free, downloadable books and audio books to your PC, Mac, mobile device, or eReader! Just go to the Hunterdon County Library home page and click on **eHCL: eBooks at HCL** for details. Another new program, funded through the generosity of the *Friends of the Hunterdon County Library*, offers free passes to popular area museums and art installations. Check the library's home page for information, and make plans to visit such icons as The American Museum of Natural History, The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, The Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and Gardens for Sculpture. Create an unforgettable holiday experience for family and friends, courtesy of your library card!

Stop by Bunnvale Library to view new winter collections in the Anne Rambo Display Cabinet. During the month of December, the **Common Threads Quilt Guild** displays its members' handmade quilts. In January, **Bill Martin**, illustrator, shows his original pen-and-ink drawings from the newly-published *Bentonville before Wal-Mart*. February features fiber art by **Alison Mikulski**.

Story Time for preschoolers ages 2-5 continues through the winter, and will be held most Fridays from 1:15-2:00 PM. Registration is required. Details and schedules are available at

the library and on our township webpage.

Celebrations are underway throughout Hunterdon County in 2014 to mark the 300th anniversary of its founding. Please refer to the library's webpage for a schedule of events. Join us on **Saturday, March 22** for an Open House, including refreshments and entertainment, commemorating the actual date of the county's incorporation.

Bunnvale Library is here for you. We are your community full-service library providing a wide range of fiction and nonfiction books, audio books, adult and juvenile DVDs, periodicals, books for sale, a free paperback exchange, free internet and WiFi access, and copy and fax machines. If you don't see what you want, we can order items from within the county system or conduct a wider search. Let us know if and how we can better serve you, the public.

Happy, Healthy Holiday Season to All!

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

Recycling News

Not only is recycling the right thing to do, it is also the law in New Jersey. Hunterdon County and Lebanon Township work together to try to make recycling convenient. Please check the recycling page of the Hunterdon County website, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.htm, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events. Lebanon Township generally has an electronics recycling event each spring.



For residential recycling, materials are accepted at each of the following locations:

1. The township recycling depot on the third Saturday of each month between 8:30 and 11:30 AM behind the Municipal Building.
2. The county residential recycling program at the Transfer Station in Annandale. The hours at the transfer station are 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

- **Aluminum cans:** Only empty beverage cans will be accepted. Other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags:** Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box). Cardboard with food or food residue WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Glass bottles and jars:** Food and beverage container glass with rings and caps removed will be accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed. Cups, drinking glasses, dishes, ovenware, window glass, lead crystal TV tubes, light bulbs, mirrors or any other type of glass product WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Hard covered books**
- **Junk mail & office paper:** Un-shredded junk mail and office paper will be accepted. Junk mail and office paper should be tied or placed in a cardboard container (box). Shredded or bagged junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Newspaper:** Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Paperback books**
- **Plastics bottles # 1-7:** Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.
- **Telephone books**
- **Tin and bi-metal cans:** Are accepted if all food and other residue have been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

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512 COUNTY RD. 513 ~ List Price \$375,000
 Set very far back from the road. 4 BR, 3 BTH, custom house on a private, picture perfect 4.6 acres. Many original details, wood floors, beam ceilings, built-ins, moldings & stained glass. Spacious rooms. Large living room w/fireplace, decorative moldings, built-in cabinets & oversized windows. Formal dining rm w/beam ceiling & wood floors. Huge 4-Season room overlooks the wrap-around deck, stone patio & gardens. Gorgeous in-ground pool w/mountain views. Master bedroom retreat w/full bath & balcony. Convenient 1st floor bedroom & full bath. Office. Outbuilding w/3 stalls & storage shed. Bring your business. Home Warranty included!



JUST LISTED

43 SHARRER ROAD ~ List Price \$325,000
 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH, convenient neighborhood home has a beautiful 1.77 acres bordered by trees for privacy. Open floor plan, large living room w/wood floor, custom built-in divider w/shelving, ceiling fan & oversized windows. Wood flooring in the dining room w/sliders to the rear deck overlooking the private yard. Eat-in kitchen w/wood cabinetry & pantry. All 1st level bedrooms have wood floors, ample closet space, lighted ceiling fans & the master bedroom has a full bath. Family room has a warm & cozy wood burning stove and sliders out to rear patio & yard. Convenient laundry/utility room. Walking distance to scenic Mountain Farm Park.



JUST LISTED

33 RED MILL ROAD ~ List Price \$325,000
 Enchanting gardens & private 5.65 acres with pond surround this charming 3 BR, 1 BTH, custom log home/cottage filled with character & special features. White picket fence encloses your lush perennial gardens. Spacious screened-in porch increases your living space. Great room w/vaulted, beamed ceiling, warm wood floors & paneling, cozy fieldstone fireplace w/wood stove & oversized windows. Large family room loft w/views of the pond opens to the great room. All bedrooms have large windows & ceiling fans. Updated kitchen w/maple cabinetry, tile floor & pantry. Storage sheds. Walkout basement w/wood burning stove. Home Warranty!



6 LEBANON FARM LANE ~ Offered at \$775,000
 Custom built 5 BR 3 Full, 2 Half Baths Colonial. Private 5+ acres in cul-de-sac. Spacious formal living room & dining room with wood flooring, dentil moldings & bay windows. Gourmet kitchen has granite breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry & breakfast area. Cathedral ceiling family room with double bay windows, fireplace & wet bar. Private office with access to screened porch. Master bedroom retreat with bay window, 2 walk in closets & master bath with jetted tub & skylights. Incredible loft area. One bedroom has custom built ins & window seat. A huge bedroom with walk in closet & full bath makes a perfect suite. Lushly landscaped with perennial gardens. Private deck & paver patio. Energy saving solar panels. Visual Tour: SeeTheProperty.com/115152

3 HARBER DRIVE ~ Offered at \$765,000
 Original owners designed & updated this Stone Manor 5 BR 4 1/2 Bath Dream Home. Spectacular 5+ acres with incredible mountain views all the way to the Delaware Water Gap! Formal living room & dining room with tray ceilings. Spacious eat in gourmet kitchen with granite breakfast bar. Cathedral ceiling family room with gorgeous fieldstone fireplace. 4 season room & library/office. Master bedroom suite with fireplace & gorgeous master bath. Bonus Mountain View Room with porches & fireplace. In-law suite(s), generous room sizes, wood flooring, new neutral carpeting, 2 staircases, patio with pond. Full finished basement with Victorian Village theme- billiard room, recreation room, tavern room, media/theater room & full bath. Visual Tour: SeeTheProperty.com/117775



Listed, Under Contract, Sales & SOLD in 2013 by Sharon Groben

Land 3.01 Acres	Under Contract	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD
Listed \$120,000 23 Dewey Lane Lebanon Township	Listed \$569,000 808 Highland Drive Lebanon Township	SOLD \$265,000 1 Spring Mountain Rd. Lebanon Township	SOLD \$258,250 135 Mount Grove Rd. Lebanon Township	SOLD \$350,000 182 Musconetcong Rd. Lebanon Township	SOLD \$220,000 4 Deerpath Road Lebanon Township	SOLD \$459,900 313 Old Farm Road Lebanon Township

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Education

News from Voorhees High School

- The National Merit Scholarship Program has named three students from Voorhees High School as Semi-Finalists and four as Commended Students. Students were selected based on scores from their PSAT exam. Semi-Finalists include Brian Bigdelle, Samuel DeFabrizio and Christina Dornbusch. Commended students include Josephine Gallagher, Andrea Jindrcek (of Lebanon Twp.), Valerie Noonan (of Lebanon Twp.) and Ryan Park. Semi-Finalists may advance to become Finalists and receive a \$2,500 scholarship.
- The College Board has identified 77 Voorhees students who earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement Exams this past spring. Out of those 77 students, 11 qualified for the National AP Scholar Awards, which means they earned an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and score of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Students from Lebanon Township that earned the National AP Scholar Award include: Clare Cutri-French, Cory Nunn, and Teresa Pecina.
- Voorhees High School held its Homecoming Football Game on Friday, October 18, 2013 and earned a victory against Hillside High School. At the game, Hayley Pellis was crowned Homecoming Queen. At the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 19, J. Merritt Francis was crowned

Homecoming King.

- The Winter Concerts at Voorhees High School will be held on December 11 and 18, beginning at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.
- Orientation for current eighth graders will be held the week of January 5, 2014. Each middle school will be assigned a different day to visit. The presentation for parents/guardians of current eighth graders will be held on January 8, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Lebanon Township PTA Hosts Make It & Take It and the Pasta Dinner

This year, the Lebanon Township PTA will once again be hosting their annual *Make It & Take It* fundraiser for the winter holidays, on **Saturday, December 7, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM** at Valley View Elementary School. For \$5, children will be able to create and take home six quality crafts. A donation to the Toys for Tots mitten and scarf tree will reduce the fee to \$4.

In addition, the PTA's annual *Pasta Dinner* fundraiser will be held in the cafeteria, at a cost of \$5 per family. The *Pasta Dinner* will begin at 5:00 PM.

For information or to volunteer to assist with these events, please contact Michele Worster at mworster79@gmail.com or Kelly Cross at kelleo22@hotmail.com.

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Historians

Murder on the Musconetcong

Installment #3

by Nina Savoia, Historian

Based on *Murder along the Musconetcong: A tale of Jersey justice*

by Ruth Trask Farrow, 1973

Recap: John B. Parke along with his sister Maria Parke Castner, his niece Maria Matilda Castner and his right hand man, John Castner, were bludgeoned to death on May 1, 1843. Joseph Carter, Jr. and Peter W. Parke were accused, tried and sentenced for the murders.

On August 22, 1845, Joseph Carter, Jr. and Peter W. Parke were taken from the Belvidere jail to the gallows in the courtyard which had been built for this first hanging in Warren County. The roads all the way from Belvidere to New Hampton were lined with horses, wagons, carriages, and people wanting to be witnesses to the executions. The men were taken at 12 noon and escorted by two attendants each for support. Reverend Clark offered an appropriate prayer to Joe and Peter. After the prayer, Joe embraced Peter and shook hands with about a dozen men present on the scaffold, mostly clergy and legal advisors. Peter shook hands with a few. Both still protested their innocence and the innocence of their family members. They were placed facing each other and the nooses were placed around their necks and caps drawn over their eyes. Sheriff Winters of Warren, with a single blow, severed the cord which held them to earth. They only fell about a foot. Their necks were not broken! The sad fact is that Joe Carter lived 11 minutes and Peter Parke 17 minutes after the 15 inch drop. Both struggled in their death throes. Their bodies were brought back to their families. Peter's father would not allow anyone to help carry his son into the house. He said they did not help when he was alive; there was no need for help now. It is believed both men were buried at the Crossroads of Changewater and Andersonstown in William Carter's field. It became known as "Murderers Crossroads" by the people involved. There are no stones to mark their graves...they are now lost to history.

Food for thought:

- Scant evidence, all circumstantial, and a willingness to convict someone of the Warren Tragedy fueled the trials.
- Joe Carter had money to pay his creditors a few days after the murders and prior to receiving his wife's inheritance. However, it was estimated that \$5000 was stolen from Mr. Parke's house and Joe only paid approximately \$100 to creditors. There was no mention of what happened to the rest of the money by the prosecution and it was never recovered.
- A horseshoe track from a defective hoof found May 5 but not measured until July 17 at Rounsavell's footbridge, fully two and one-half months after the murders and with rain storms in between, was entered into evidence to be those of

Joe Carter's horse. Joe owned a few horses, but would he have been so careless as to use a horse with an identifiable defect? Can a track be identified after rainstorms and usage of the footbridge by various people during those months?

- There was no mention by the prosecution of a conspiracy. If two men plotted to commit these murders, their plot was not mentioned. When, where and how was it plotted?
- Peter W. Parke was found guilty by a Mercer County jury on two counts. The jury announced "guilty of murder in the first degree". They did not state "guilty of the murders" or "guilty of the murders of John Castner and John B. Parke".
- Folks referred to the trials as "The trial of Carter and Parke". However, they were not tried at the same time but at different times, different venues and separately.
- Both Joseph Carter, Jr. and Peter W. Parke protested their innocence until the very end, even upon the gallows. Both wrote their protests which were published in the newspapers.

A few notes of interest:

- Joseph Carter Jr.'s trial judge, Judge Nevius, consistently suppressed the defense's objections, sustained the prosecutions and let evidence be introduced in succeeding trials that prejudiced the jury.
- In early September, a month after the hangings, a "fever" descended upon the players. John's brother, Abe Castner, died. John Strader, the constable who played a part in assembling the horseshoe track evidence, also died, as did Sheriff Daniel Winters who had bungled the executions by not providing a long enough gallows drop and allowing public viewing. New Jersey law forbade public executions, yet Warren County allowed many to witness the executions by climbing trees and standing on wagons and other objects.
- A few years after the executions, the townspeople began to have doubts about the guilt of the two men.
- One reporter stated, "in no state in the union is criminal justice administered with more promptness and vigor than in New Jersey."

It has been 170 years since the murders of four and hangings of two of these simple country folk who lived along the peaceful Musconetcong River. The incident tore the townspeople apart; whole families left the area. No one along the river was untouched by these events. There are still so many unanswered questions. The truth may never be known.



Graves of the Parke/Castner murder victims; Washington, NJ Cemetery

Community News (continued)

Eight Lebanon Township Girl Scouts Earn the Prestigious Gold Award

It is said that only 4% of Girl Scouts ever reach the pinnacle of Girl Scouting achievement, the Gold Award. It is also assumed by some that most girls end their girl scouting experience when they graduate from middle school. But in Lebanon Township, 16 of the 18 young women who were scouts in 8th grade and who recently graduated from Voorhees High School were still actively involved in Girl Scouting at the end of high school, and an impressive 50% of them earned the Gold Award.

The path to the Gold Award culminates in a project in which the girls take action on an issue they are passionate about, demonstrating leadership, perseverance and organizational skills. The project must meet a community need and also be sustainable. Following is a list of the projects the Lebanon Township girls completed:

Clare Cutri-French: “Promoting Health and Public Safety in Northern Hunterdon County” - Clare partnered with the Califon First Aid Squad to run a series of CPR/First Aid trainings in a community where these lifesaving trainings are often unavailable. She also organized two blood drives to minimize blood shortages in the area. Booklets giving detailed instructions on how to run successful trainings and blood drives were created and distributed at the completion of her project, so that others can carry on this work.

Sara Diacik: “Family Fun Center” - Sara worked with the Flemington Food Pantry to create a Family Fun Center. She collected DVDs, games, crafts and snacks, which surprised the children and enabled families to spend quality time together. Sarah also provided a “Free Events” flyer listing free events families utilizing the center could attend in Hunterdon County. Another Girl Scout troop is continuing to collect donations for the Food Pantry.

Mary Kozlowski: “Replaying Sports Equipment” - Mary worked with the Lebanon Township Athletic Association to hold a free sports equipment exchange two weekends before the soccer and baseball/softball/T-ball season began. At the exchange, families with children involved in sports brought their old equipment to exchange for other equipment they would need for the upcoming season. Mary’s project was created to address the issue of children quickly outgrowing their sports equipment and to eliminate consumer waste by finding new homes for gently used equipment. A local Girl Scout troop has taken over this project.

Lauren Lynn: “Beaver Dam Diverges” - Lauren partnered with Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation to help address the overpopulation of beavers in Hunterdon County’s Hoffman Park. One of the main ponds at Hoffman Park was flooding due to the work of the beavers. With the help of her family and friends, Lauren was able to build and insert a Clemson Pond

Leveler, which regulates the level of water below beaver dams. The leveler serves as a prototype in her area and should maintain constant water levels in the pond for quite a long time.

Jessica Snellen: “Fortunes for Foster Care” - Jessica collected donations for the foster children at the Dorothy B. Hersch Regional Child Protection Center, which serves the children from Lebanon Township. Donations included toys, books and school supplies from local stores, her high school community, and people throughout New Jersey. Jessica also worked to educate her community on the foster care system, the Child Protection Center and child abuse. Her project will be sustained by a local younger troop.

Tess Pecina: “Salad Garden” - Tess raised a vegetable garden, modeled on the “Grow-A-Row” program, and donated the produce to local food pantries. A local farmer donated land, and Tess solicited donations of seedlings and gardening supplies. Tess received volunteer support from Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Key Club, and Sunday Schools to plant, water, weed, and pick the vegetables. She gave a presentation to the younger volunteers of local communities on hunger and malnutrition in the area. Approximately 175 pounds of food was grown and donated.

Samantha Suchovic: “Treasure Box for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon County” - Sam collected gently used and new toys from the local community to donate to the local agency supporting homeless families in Hunterdon County. These toys were placed in a communal bin for all the children to play with while staying in shelters. Sam also educated the community about the Interfaith Hospitality Network and Homelessness in Hunterdon County

Erin Tack: “Animal Abandonment Awareness and Education” - Erin hosted an awareness weekend for dogs and their owners, which was attended by over 850 people. She combined fun activities for dogs and their owners with free educational seminars in training, grooming, handling, and veterinary care, along with educating people about the growing problem of animal abandonment. Erin was able to donate 10 heated dog shelters to the Russell Refuge, along with a truck full of needed items. A junior troop is taking over her project.



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Bernie Cryan	(908) 537-2203
Tom McKee, Mayor	(908) 638-5020
Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor	(908) 537-4132
Frank Morrison	(908) 832-5263
Patricia Schriver	(908) 832-7066

<u>MEETINGS</u>	
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified	
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon
Park Committee	7:00 PM 2nd Mon
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon
Recreation Commission	7:30 PM 1st Thurs
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library
Historians	7:30 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum

<u>FIRE - POLICE - EMS</u>	
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, Alan Goracy	(908) 832-7158
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351

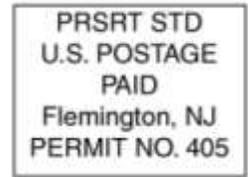
<u>SCHOOLS</u>		
Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175
Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111
Voorhees High School	Grades 9 –12	(908) 638-6116

<u>TOWNSHIP CONTACTS</u>			
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x11	
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10	
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Assessor	Mary Mastro	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Tues & Wed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM and by appointment
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22	
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x19	
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x20	Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Lost Dogs	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678	
Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter		(908) 996-2525	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850	
Library Committee	Art Gerlich, Chair	(908) 638-4331	
Recreation Commission	Kristin Petrik	(908) 638-3590	
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424	
Environmental & Open Space Commission	Warren Newman	(908) 638-4332	
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.com
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00-8:00, Thurs & Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-2:00
Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton		(908) 537-6464	Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat 1:00-5:00 PM
Hunterdon County Transfer Station		(908) 236-9088	
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

For scheduling use of the Municipal Building Meeting Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.

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<i>Calendar</i>		
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
7 - Visit with Santa, Make It & Take It, Pasta Dinner	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	1 - Deadline for Spring Newsletter
8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	18 - Recycling	9 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
21 - Recycling		15 - Recycling

<i>Newsletter Notes</i>			
Publishing Schedule		Advertising Costs	
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Business Card: \$25.00	Half Page: \$80.00
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Quarter Page: \$40.00	Full Page: \$150.00
Summer	Jun, Jul, Aug	All advertisements should include a check made payable to Lebanon Township.	
Fall	Sep, Oct, Nov		
Deadline for input Nov 1			
Deadline for input Feb 1			
Deadline for input May 1			
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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