

Lebanon Township News

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Sunday, December 6th

Save the date for the annual tree lighting and visit with Santa!
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and Historians Committee.

Recreation Commission

Halloween Madness 2020

Many organizations and individuals helped orchestrate Halloween Madness 2020 and we couldn't have done it without their support. Thank you Patrolman Adrian LaRowe and Fire Official Gary Apgar for directing traffic, Police Chief Erik Rautenberg, Kathy Goracy and Sergeant Jason Cronce for judging our costume parade and car decorating contests,

Lebanon Township DPW and the Lebanon Township Fire Department and EMS crews for assisting with parking cars and keeping our children safe.

Gratefully,
The Lebanon Township Recreation Commission Volunteers ~
Jill Davis, Donna Guzzino, Laurie Hoffman, Darin McDowell, Maria Naccarato and Meredith Tyers



Recreation Commission

Halloween Madness 2020

*Every year, traditions usher in a trick or a treat
Dressed up in costumes and looking to scare,
Memorial Park was the place to meet.*

*2020 is a little different, the world slowed its roll,
things stopped for a bit, the virus has taken its toll.
But Lebanon Township neighbors, resilient are we,
COVID-19 wasn't going to stop our party!*

*Staying safe by following the guidelines,
We donned our masks and stayed apart.
We still had our fun,
While making good choices and being smart.*

*Happy, sugar loaded children surrounded,
Laughter and spirit abounded!
Creative costumes, carved pumpkins, decorated cars
How lucky to live in this community of ours!*

*For the food pantry you brought extra snacks,
Thank you for your donations,
Many are grateful for your thoughtful acts.*

*We know this mess is such a bummer,
But one day it will come to an end.
Thank you Lebanon Township families,
Despite it all, we're happy you decided to attend.
One day we'll look back and cherish the memories
made,
And the extraordinary community spirit displayed.*

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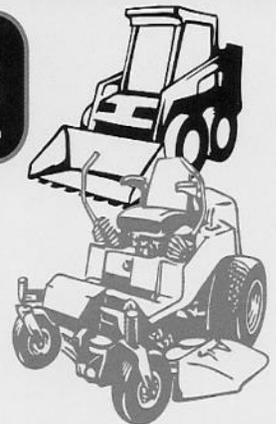
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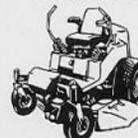
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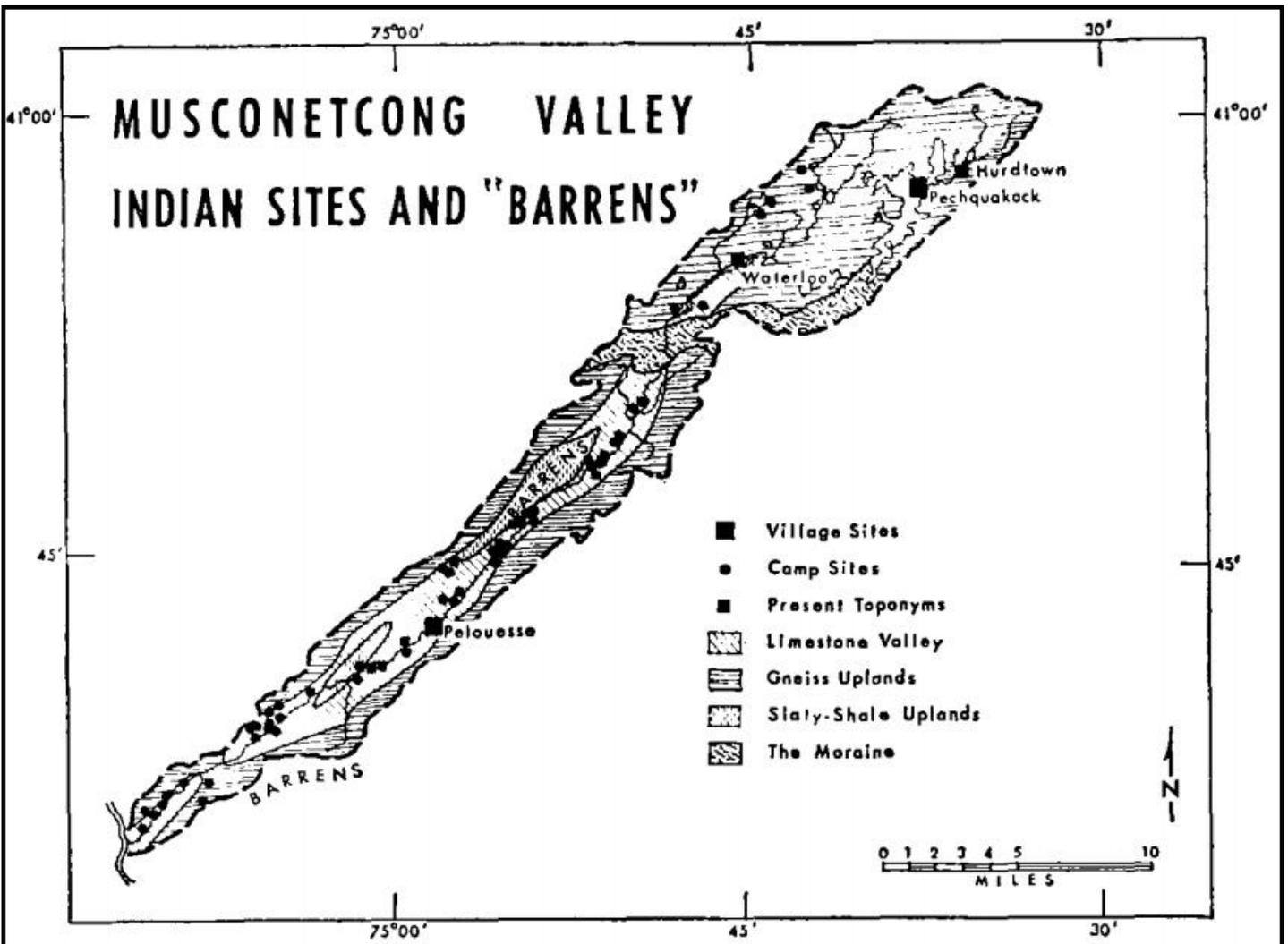
A Look Back at the Past

Lebanon Township was settled mainly by the Germans in the first half of the 18th century along with the English, Scots and Irish. However, it was the Lenni Lenape who inhabited Hunterdon County along with the rest of New Jersey, Delaware, southern New York and eastern Pennsylvania long before the arrival of the Europeans.

We are fortunate to have a great deal of historical documentation that provides insight into Lebanon Township's early beginnings. Written records, photographs, first hand accounts from personal diaries, letters and postcards, meeting minutes and general store ledgers all tell a story about the creation of this community and the people who called it home. On the other hand, the Lenape Indians who lived here well before our time had no written history, aside from petroglyphs and pictographs. Petroglyphs were carved and scraped into stone surfaces. The Jennings Petroglyph, discovered in 1965 along the Delaware River in



The Jennings Petroglyph housed in the Walsh Library at Seton Hall University.



Native American village sites found in the Musconetcong Valley.

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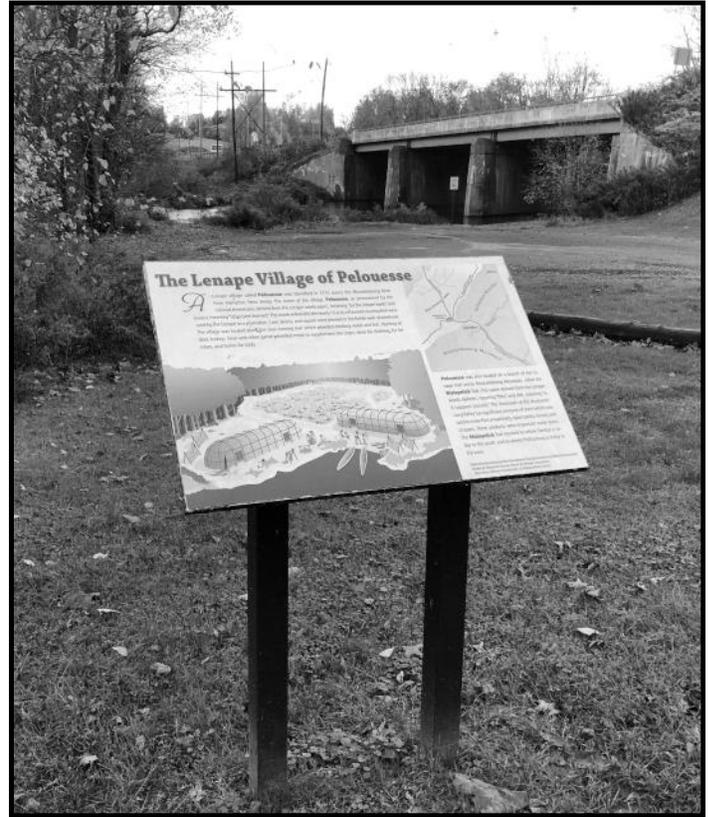
Sussex County, is a great example of an important local prehistoric rock carving. Pictographs were painted on natural surfaces such as wood, fabric, bark and other organic materials that unfortunately decayed from exposure or use. Since the European colonists did not understand their language or appreciate their culture, very little written documentation on the Lenape remains today.

Fortunately, through investigation and extensive research, archeologists, historians and anthropologists have been able to learn about the aboriginal occupation of this area. The Musconetcong Valley, which is defined as the area flanked by the Musconetcong and Schooley's Mountain ridges to the southeast, and the Pohatcong and Allamuchy Mountain ridges to the northwest, was inhabited by the Munsee band of the Lenape. They were known as the "People of the Stony Country". It's a sure bet that to this day, Lebanon Township farmers, gardeners or anyone who's tried to put a shovel in the ground, can relate to this reference to our rugged soil.

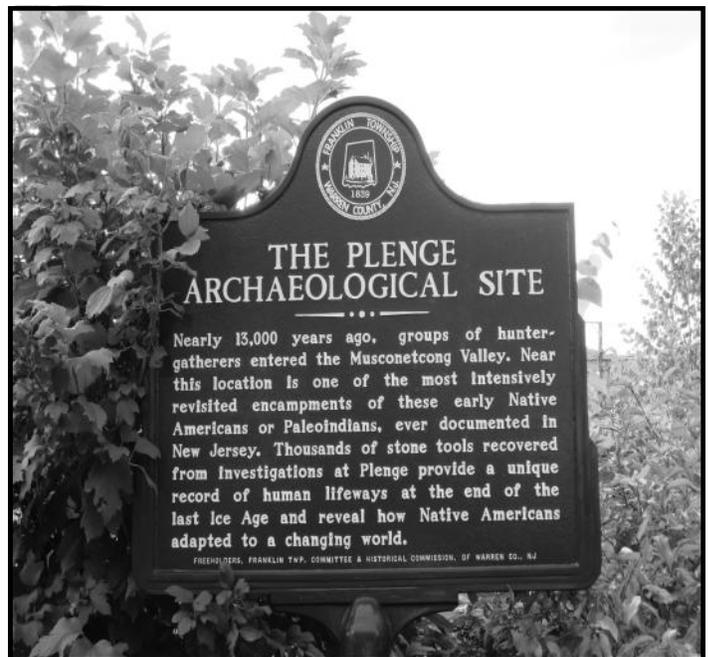
The Lenni Lenape, who inhabited this area as late as the early 1700s, created trails which were used for traversing the mountainous terrain of Hunterdon County. Later, many of these paths were used by colonists settling in the area and eventually evolved into some of the same roads we use today. One of the trails that crossed nearby was the Malayelick path. It was near the village of Pelouesse, which was located in present day Hampton and across Route 31 on the Warren County side along the banks of the Musconetcong River. A series of semi-permanent agricultural villages existed up and down the river where the indigenous people made their home for a number of years, before exhausting the land and moving on. Access to water and fertile soil were primary factors in the locations they favored.

Not far from Lebanon Township, the largest known Paleo-Indian site in New Jersey (22 acres) was discovered in the early 1950s along the banks of the Musconetcong River in Asbury. The Paleo-Indian period in the Northeast lasted from about 12,000 BC to 10,000 BC. According to local archaeologist Herbert Kraft, indigenous people may have been attracted to the site for a number of factors: raw material availability, strategic point of animal migration, proximity to water and plant resources, and warmer seasonal temperatures. Kraft wrote numerous books about the Lenni Lenape and Paleo-Indians of New Jersey. In 1982, he donated a significant number of local Native American artifacts to the Lebanon Township Museum, which are on display on the second floor.

For Native Americans, the land held spiritual and practical significance and was shared by all living creatures. Like air, sun and water, it was an essential ingredient in life. In contrast, the Europeans viewed land as property to be owned, to be bought, sold, divided and inherited. In their homeland, Europeans didn't have the right to fish, hunt, farm, to take firewood or use land



The Village of Pelouesse plaque at Hampton Borough Park was dedicated in 2011.



The Plenge Archaeological Site marker located in Asbury.

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for recreational purposes without permission from the landowner. As it does for us today, the law protected property owner's rights. But here in the New World, this idea of land ownership was foreign to the Lenape, and as a result, it led to a tenuous co-existence. While the colonists understood their gifts to be a means to trade for land, the Lenape saw them as an offering with the intention to share the land and co-exist. With the language barrier, it must have been impossible for the Lenni-Lenape to understand that they were signing away their land for trinkets.

In the end, the reality is, a lot of land was taken without permission. Over 150,000 acres were traded with metal knives and pots, clothing, blankets, barrels of rum or hard cider, guns, powder, and shot. This allowed for European settlers to enter into Hunterdon County in the early 18th century. By 1760, nearly all the Lenape had left New Jersey, forced to leave their native lands, never again living as they had before the arrival of the Europeans.

Hunters of the Past

Hunting season is underway here in New Jersey and that's got us thinking about the hunting memorabilia in our archive. Do you recognize the barn and hilly roadway in the image below? That's Waldy Bagat's farm on Hickory Run Road. These folks didn't have much help in regards to clothing, gear, and electronics back then. No big cozy blind to keep the cold wind off of you. No scent killers. No scopes. No camo!

And those cars! We just can't help but swoon over images like this, beautiful scenes of another era in Lebanon Township. Two decades after these photos were taken, Waldy's generosity was instrumental in the development of the Hickory Run Family Practice on Route 513.

Every hunt has something about it that makes it special to the people who experienced it. Photographs like these that preserve a memory, a place and time, give us a glimpse of what our community was once like. Have a hunting story or photo to share? The historians would love to hear from you. Send an email to Historians@lebtwp.net.





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Let us reflect on why we love this season. Waking to a snowy morning, no school for the kids, and playing in the snow. Let's savor the taste of our cup of hot chocolate and watch the snow glisten on the trees. Find the beauty in all this and all of the seasons, as we find the beauty in all of human kind.

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."
Anton Chekhov

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Museum



From the Museum ...

The extended museum closure has provided ample opportunity for researching not only the many fascinating artifacts here but also the many exceptional people who have called Lebanon Township home, from common factory workers and janitor-artists (yes, we've had more than one!) to medical pioneers and Hollywood starlets. Here are some of their stories:

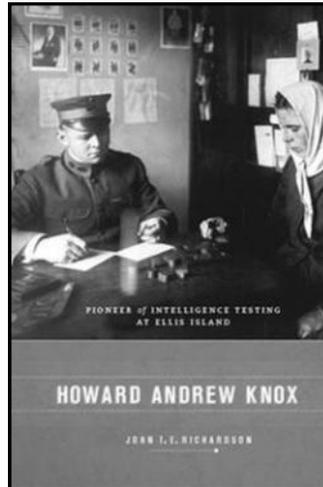
A 1913 photograph of laborers of the Hopatcong Worsted Mill in Changewater came our way with just one person identified: 15-year-old **Mabel Weyant**, pictured below on the left. We have learned that she was born in New Hampton to William and Mabel "Fanny" Hoffman Weyant. She and her siblings Nellie, Maggie, William and Elmer all attended the New Hampton School (now the museum). Aside from working at the Mill, Mabel also cleaned for Dr. Knox.

Mabel Weyant's younger sister, Maggie Weyant Mattison, attended a reunion for former New Hampton School students held at the museum in 1982.



Dr. Howard Andrew Knox received his medical doctorate from Dartmouth College in 1908 and then accepted a position as a First Lieutenant in the US Army's newly formed Medical Reserve Corps. He retired from the military and began a private practice while studying and publishing articles on psychology and intelligence testing. In 1912, he was rehired by the Army and took a position administering intelligence tests at Ellis Island. Dr. Knox's groundbreaking work took language and cultural differences into consideration when administering intelligence tests to immigrants. His research, including the development of his Knox Cube Imitation Test, has served as an important link to present-day intelligence testing.

In 1922, he moved to New Hampton and opened a private practice in his home on Musconetcong River Road. He died in 1949 and was buried at the Musconetcong Valley Cemetery in Hampton.



A wooden door from Dr. Knox's office had an idyllic country scene painted on it by local artist **Isaac Sharps**. Ike, as he was known, was not only a talented visual artist but an accomplished musician as well, who was said to have played for all the local affairs. Harry Rymon, whose family still owns and operates Rymon & Sons on Route 31 in Washington, was a New Hampton School student who recollected taking fiddle lessons from Mr. Sharps. Ike's sister, Mary, was a beloved teacher and, for a time, Ike also worked at the school as the custodian.

H. Donald Ross was born in a house on Musconetcong River Road and then built a house next door to live in with his wife Rosalie.

A self-taught artist who never pursued his art professionally, Don worked for several years as a carpenter before health problems forced him to take up a job as a janitor at Woodglen School. After a student showed the principal a Christmas card that Mr. Ross had made, he was also hired as the school's part-

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Museum

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time art teacher, a position he maintained along with being a custodian for 13 years.

Over 48 years, he made nearly 500 commissioned paintings, mainly of historical places in Hunterdon county. He won numerous awards for his pastels over the years and founded the Kittatinny Art Association. When he and his wife retired to Florida in 1986, the community rallied to have a going away art show in his honor.

Martha Lorber was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 11, 1900, and began her Broadway career when she was still in her teens. She played in the Ziegfeld Follies with Will Rogers in the 1920s and was able to show off her comedic talent when she played opposite W.C. Fields for some of the Ziegfeld sketches.

In the 1930s, she broke away from musicals for a string of more dramatic roles. In 1941, she toured in a one-woman show called Songs in Action and in 1951 she was hired by the US State Department for a cultural relations position. She was also a model, posing for works by pin-up artist Alberto Vargas, sculptor Harriet Whitney Frishmuth and several world-famous photographers.

In 1965, she retired to a home on Musconetcong River Road and dedicated herself to transforming her backyard into a lush oasis inspired by Monet's gardens. She became an active member of the Hunterdon Hills Garden Club. She died at home at the age of 83.



REGARDED AS "BEST BET" AMONG AMERICAN DANCERS

To be the premier dancer, at the age of nineteen, in a big spectacle like "Mecca," which comes to the Lyric theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 and in addition, to be the special protégée of no less a genius than Michel Fokine, the famous creator of the Russian Ballet, is exactly what has happened to Miss Martha Lorber, a Brooklyn girl who, until she graduated from the Brooklyn High school, four years ago and made her stage debut in "The Wanderer," had never entertained any thought of winning distinction as a dancer. Yet on the night of the premier of "Mecca" at the Century theatre, New York, in Miss Lorber the first-nighters found something to rave over. It was her metropolitan debut, and while her name had been unheard of, to say that her performance in the Bacchanale number created a sensation is to put it mildly. She took one big curtain call all by herself.

When Morris Gest was putting on "The Wanderer" at the Manhattan Opera House, New York, back in 1917 he advertised for dancing girls. Martha was just out of high school, applied, and was engaged. The principal dancer of the ballet was Ekaterina Galanta, the beautiful Russian girl. She took a fancy to Martha and adopted her as a pupil, with the result that when Galanta suddenly departed for South America, Mr. Gest placed this sixteen-year-old toratchorean artiste in the role of the principal dancer, and as such she went on tour, returning to New York last



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Building Strong Bones

By Nick Avallone, M.D.

Building and maintaining healthy bone structure are critical to preventing the challenging disease called osteoporosis. This brittle bone disease most commonly occurs in Caucasian females over 60 years old, and it can have devastating consequences. Fragility of the bones of the hip, spine and wrist can cause fractures in these regions that can greatly affect the function and overall health of an individual. Modifications in diet and exercise one can make as a child can significantly decrease the chances of suffering from osteoporosis later in life.

The development of healthy bones starts in early childhood. Golden and colleagues found that children attain 90% of their peak bone density by age 18. Moreover, 40-60% of bone mass is achieved during the years of adolescence with the 2 years surrounding the peak height velocity or growth spurt accounting for 25% of peak bone mass. Thus, the risk for suffering an osteoporosis-related fracture later in life is largely determined by the time a child reaches adulthood.

There are a number of factors that contribute to a person's risk for developing osteoporosis. Gender and race cannot be altered, however nutrition, activity level and hormonal influences can be modified. Calcium is an essential building block for strong bones. At no other time in life is calcium more necessary than the teenage years when 1,300 mg per day are required to achieve peak bone mass. However, vitamin D is an essential partner for calcium to be absorbed by the body. Without vitamin D, only 10-15% of calcium can be absorbed. Thus, teenagers are also recommended to have a daily intake of 800 international units of vitamin D. A list from the National Osteoporosis Foundation of high calcium foods includes: ricotta 4 oz - 335 mg, sardines 3 oz - 325 mg, plain yogurt 6 oz - 310 mg, milk 8 oz - 300 mg, cooked collard greens 1 cup - 266 mg, canned salmon 3 oz - 180 mg, cooked soybeans 1 cup - 175 mg, 1 whole orange - 55 mg. Dietary guidelines published by the Department of Health and Human Services identifies many forms of fish as excellent sources of vitamin D including salmon, rainbow trout, swordfish, whitefish, mackerel, tuna, halibut and herring. Other dietary sources of vitamin D include mushrooms, milk, yogurt, pork, egg yolks, fortified cereals and fortified orange juice. However, the human body can also produce its own vitamin D through exposure to sunlight. Harvard Health discusses balancing the risk of skin cancer with the need for vitamin D and suggests that dietary sources of vitamin D are a better option. There are also calcium and vitamin D pills and gummies that can be added to a person's diet to supplement daily intake.

Activity level has a significant effect on bone density. Walking, jogging, weight lifting and jumping all increase demand on the skeletal structure and promote increased bone strength. Astronauts who spend a significant amount of time orbiting Earth in a microgravity environment suffer from decreased bone

density and must exercise regularly to limit that negative effect. New evidence from studies out of Spain and Portugal in pre-school and teenage children found that the most physically fit children also had the best bone strength. Therefore, encourage your children to play outside, and set a good example for them by finding time to exercise every day.

Men and women rely upon different hormones to increase bone mass. Testosterone largely drives bone deposition in males, particularly during puberty. Estrogen levels affect bone mineral density in females. During the years immediately following menopause, women see the greatest decrease in bone density. Similarly, if a female goes through a time when they are not having menstrual cycles (amenorrhea), this can have negative effects on bone density that can cause stress fractures in some individuals and may cause a higher risk for osteoporosis later in life. It is recommended to talk with one's primary care physician about amenorrhea to determine its cause and potential treatment interventions.

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Squiers Point Historians



SQUIERS POINT HISTORIANS UPDATE

The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc. is pleased to announce the construction of a new outbuilding on the grounds of the Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton.

In 2019, the Squiers Point Historians accepted a donation of an antique bobsled from the Polt family who, for years, transported children to school in Lebanon Township. They then employed Dennis Dillon of Point Mountain Carpentry, a local historic preservation advocate, to stabilize it and donated it to the Lebanon Township Historians to be placed at the Lebanon Township Museum. This horse drawn bobsled was used to transport children to the Changewater district school in Lebanon Township in the 1920s. As the museum itself is a former schoolhouse, an early school omnibus helps tell the story of our local educational system more completely.

The antique bobsled had been subjected to outside weather conditions for many years, and as stabilization work began on the sled, it quickly became apparent that appropriate space for safe storage and display would be needed. Thanks to the joint effort by the Squiers Point Historians and the Township's Historians Committee, a new outbuilding on the museum grounds was proposed to house the bobsled along with other items which may be acquired by the museum. Thanks to our shed builder, Lancaster County Barns, the annex building is now complete.

The new Carriage Shed Museum Annex lives up to its name; expanding the amount of space available to the museum staff to create interactive, visually appealing and interesting exhibits for the enjoyment and education of the public. The main room features the restored bobsled as the focal point in providing a glimpse of historic life in our agricultural community.

Once the interior exhibit is complete and Covid-19 social distancing restrictions are lifted, the Carriage Shed Museum Annex will be open to the public from April through October or by request on days the museum is open. Please check the museum's website for information on a future dedication ceremony.

The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc. is proud to introduce this year's Keepsake Ornament.

This elegant 3" porcelain disk features an original William Martin watercolor painting of the picturesque Woodglen schoolhouse, an historic building that was recently restored by its owners.



Lebanon Township acquired the land for the school from the Apgar family in 1848 and originally built a stone building for "education, religious worship and singing school purposes." This was replaced by a frame structure in the early 1900s that was used into the 1950s, at which time it was decommissioned as a schoolhouse. After falling into disrepair, the property was reacquired in 2019 by the Rich family, descendants of the original landowners.

The "Old Woodglen School" has been lovingly restored and features the original Meneely Bell in the cupola. The schoolhouse's remarkable transformation has been noticed by all who have seen it but might be admired the most by the many former students who still reside in the township.

Artist William Martin, of Lebanon Township, can often be found competing in plein air painting events throughout the region. He is a professional artist whose illustration work has been featured in numerous publications and mediums. He frequently shares his paintings on social media and his personal website <http://billdrawseverything.com>.

Each of these exquisite ornaments comes with a gold cord and elegant box for gift giving. They are being offered at \$10 each or 3 for \$25; all proceeds support the historic preservation initiatives of the 501c non-profit Squiers Point Historians. Also available for purchase are canvas tote bags, stoneware pottery featuring the Lebanon Township Museum, and 2016-2019 ball ornaments highlighting historic township buildings. The 2020 Old Woodglen School Keepsake Ornaments will be available to purchase in person at the Woodglen General Store and at Solstice Floral Shop. If you would like to purchase any of the above listed merchandise electronically, please send an email to squierspoint@gmail.com to request a link to our new online shop.

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The Squiers Point Historians of Lebanon Township, Inc.

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Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Any renewed or new membership in November and December this year will continue through December 31, 2021.

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All renewal and new memberships will receive a hand-fashioned Membership Pin and the opportunity to purchase, at a discount, our beautiful porcelain "Old Woodglen School" commemorative keepsake; the first in a series, along with discounts on all items sold by Squiers Point Historians.

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Recycling

Recycling has Changed

Lebanon Township will no longer be holding the monthly Recycling Depot in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building. Instead, a recycling dumpster has been placed in the parking lot and is available for residents to drop off their recyclable materials at any time. The dumpster will be emptied on a weekly basis.

Please understand that it is **extremely important** that materials placed in the dumpster, are actually recyclable. The service provider scrutinizes the contents of the dumpster; if there are too many non-recyclable materials, none of the material will be recycled and will instead be sent to a landfill.

Please refer to the information below to determine whether or not something can be placed in the recycling dumpster. Detailed information is also available at <https://recyclingsimplified.com/recycling-basics/>.

DO Recycle these Items:

- Glass bottles or jars with lids attached
- Plastic bottles or jugs with lids attached
- Metal cans
- Flattened cardboard
- Non-mixed paper – remove bubble wrap from padded envelopes and plastic windows from paper envelopes

DON'T Recycle these Items:

- Plastic bags of any kind
- Items which are wet
- Items which contain food or food residue, including pizza boxes with grease residue
- Bubble wrap or Styrofoam
- Unattached lids – they are too small – instead, attach them to the bottle or jug they came from



Recycling News

Not only is recycling the right thing to do, it is also the law in New Jersey. Hunterdon County and Lebanon Township work together to try to make recycling convenient.



The Hunterdon County Residential Recycling Program is held at the Hunterdon County Transfer Station/Recycling Depot, 10 Petticoat Lane, Annandale. The Transfer Station is open Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Saturday, 7:00 AM to 12:45 PM. Please check their website for COVID-19 related closures.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION:

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

Please check the recycling page of the Hunterdon County website, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events.

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You can read all her reviews at www.Zillow.com/profile/Sharon-Groben/Reviews.

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

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299 Rocky Run Road - \$550,000



UNDER CONTRACT

38 Bunnvale Road - \$359,900



SOLD 2020

6 Lance Drive - \$1,070,000



SOLD 2020

808 Highland Drive - \$575,000



SOLD 2020

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SOLD 2020

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Bunnvale Library



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

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

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

The **Anne Rambo Curio Cabinet** has been a staple at the library since the late 1980s. Patrons have been displaying their crafts, collectibles, talents and hobbies for over 30 years. If anyone has anything they would like to display in the cabinet, please call or stop by the library. The display changes monthly and there are slots open for 2021.

December will feature Jill Brown's crocheted snowflakes. Patty Wentz will display a Pokemon collection for January. A Porcelain Doll collection will be presented by Klaudia Kowalewski for February.

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

Due to Covid-19, the **Book Club** is temporarily meeting at the Lebanon Township Memorial Park pavilion the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Tentatively, *The Color of Water* by James McBright will be discussed in January. *Educated* by Tara Westover is February's pick.

At this time the library is not accepting donations.

"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." RAY BRADBURY

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Thursday & Friday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Telephone: (908) 638-8523 x401**

Education



FROM THE LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ...

Substitutes Needed

The Lebanon Township School District is looking for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and nurses for Valley View and Woodglen Schools. Substitutes are paid at \$100 per day. If you are interested, please contact the Lebanon Township Board of Education at (908) 638-4521.

Kindergarten

If you have a child eligible for 2021-2022 kindergarten at Valley View School, please fill out all **New Student Registration** documents located on our website at www.lebtwpk8.org under District Forms. Valley View kindergarten is a full day program. Children must be five years old by October 1, 2021. If you have any questions, call our office at (908) 832-2175 or email sunkel@lebtwpk8.org. New Student Registration is **due by March 1, 2021.**

Preschool

The Lebanon Township School District offers a preschool program for children ages 3 and 4. There are a limited number of spaces given out by a lottery drawing. The lottery drawing for the 2021-2022 preschool will be held at the February 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Please fill out all **New Student Registration** as well as the **Preschool Application/Agreement** located on our website at www.lebtwpk8.org under District Forms. If you have any questions call our office at (908) 832-2175 or email sunkel@lebtwpk8.org. **The deadline for Preschool enrollment is February 1, 2021.**

Education



Lebanon Township PTA Membership

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

We have 134 LTPTA members and counting. THANK YOU! Your membership is the strength and foundation of our PTA. When you become a member, you are joining parents and teachers to help our schools provide a quality education and positive learning environment for our children. We invite you to attend our (virtual) meetings and to get involved. The LTPTA depends on volunteer participation and input to be successful. We want to hear from you!

Dues are \$10 annually and you can register and pay online at our new MemberHub site <https://lebtwppta.new.memberhub.store/store>. A portion of your membership dues also supports the National PTA and the New Jersey State PTA, which create policies that support the educational needs of children and promote family engagement and strong partnerships between schools and the communities they serve.



Invest in Your Child

The LTPTA raises money through membership, fundraising and donations. Funding is necessary to provide a safe and effective learning experience for our school community. Therefore, the

LTPTA is launching an *Invest in Your Child* fundraising campaign. This campaign will help replace lost revenue from canceled events and allow the LTPTA to implement new strategies to support distance learning, social/emotional health and family engagement throughout the year.

The best part...

- 100% of your *Invest in Your Child* donation will benefit the LTPTA community
- You don't have to buy anything you don't want or need
- Donations are tax-deductible

With each suggested \$25 donation to the *Invest in Your Child* campaign, the LTPTA will be in a stronger position to positively impact our children's school experience during an especially challenging year. We understand families may be experiencing financial hardship and this is not intended to be a burden. We welcome any and all contributions.

To support our fundraiser, please visit <https://lebtwppta.new.memberhub.store/store>. We also invite you to like and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LTPTA/>. For more information, please contact us at info@lebtwppta.org.

Got Box Tops? Scan and clip to support our schools!

THANK YOU for supporting our schools 10 cents at a time! Box Tops for Education are a great way to help support the LTPTA with products you are already buying. Learn more and create a free account at [BTFE.com](https://www.btfec.com). Search zip code 07830 and choose Valley View School to credit your box tops earnings to the LTPTA. Then download the app and start earning! There are multiple ways to participate:

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

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From the Deputy Clerk's Office

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS - NEW FEES



2021 dog license renewals are due by **January 31, 2021**. State Statute requires owners of all dogs seven months of age or older to annually apply to the licensing clerk of the municipality in which he or she resides for a dog license. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the dog against rabies and that the duration of immunity from that vaccination extends through at least ten months of the twelve-month licensing period. An exemption to the rabies inoculation requirement shall be granted if the owner presents written certification from a licensed veterinarian that the dog cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition or course of therapy.

Please renew your dog's 2021 license in January to avoid the late fee!

NEW LICENSE FEES: unaltered dog - \$15, altered dog - \$12.
LATE REGISTRATION FEE: beginning February 1, an additional \$25 late fee per dog.

From February 1, 2021 on, the fee for renewal is \$40 for an unaltered dog or \$37 for an altered dog. Make checks payable to Lebanon Township Dog Account or LTDA.

If you have recently moved to the township or have adopted a new dog, an application for licensing your new addition can be found on the township website at www.lebanontownship.net/departments/clerk.aspx or you may come to the Municipal Building, Monday - Friday, 8:00 - 11:00 am or 1:00 - 4:30 pm to register your dog. Please bring a current rabies certificate, the certificate if spayed or neutered and payment by cash or check. Sorry we do not accept credit or debit cards.

If you need more information or have any questions, please call Kim at (908) 638-8523 x102 or email deputyclerk@lebtwp.net.

Community News



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

**18th Annual Giving Fair
December 1 - 21**

Do you have someone on your holiday shopping list who is difficult to shop for? Someone who doesn't need or want anything? We've got a solution for you. Get a start on your holiday shopping and purchase symbolic gifts through donations to numerous local, regional and international organizations.

In keeping with the ever-changing way of doing things in 2020, this year's Annual Giving Fair has become our first ever Virtual Giving Fair. The event will be held entirely on-line and run from Giving Tuesday, December 1 until December 21. Please join us at givingFair.lowervalley.org to participate.

Here's how it works ... You make a donation to a non-profit organization in honor of someone you wish to give a gift to; you receive a gift card to present to the person you are honoring; you both get to experience the joy of helping someone in need; and, the organization receives much needed funds to continue its work.

We have gifts available for any budget and your gifts will go a long way in helping people who desperately need them!

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the church office at (908) 832-2933 or email lowervalleychurch@gmail.com.



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Community News

The Task Masters, A Group of Lebanon Township Teens Work To Raise Money In Support Of The Outreach Connection

Voorhees High School Sophomore 16-year-old Liam McGreevy, decided he wanted to work this summer and help people due to the coronavirus pandemic. He offered to work to help people with tasks they couldn't complete. There was such a large demand that he recruited four of his friends to join in - John Hanlon, Becket Thomas, Chris Saam and Nick Burinsky. They all agreed that working to help the community and a local charity was a great initiative. They call themselves the Task Masters. They began their quest in June just after the school year and plan to continue for years to come.



“It was right at the beginning of COVID. I wanted to get into the working world and realized it was a good time – people needed stuff done,” Liam said in an interview on WCBS Radio 880.

“After I worked for my first few clients and got some excellent reviews it snowballed,” McGreevy said.

The demand was so high he felt he could earn more than he or his friends needed for themselves.

“I started thinking that I, as a child, don't need that much money. I figured I could donate part of the earnings to charity. I asked my friends, and they agreed.” said the 16-year-old.

Working together they raised \$1,000 to donate to the local food bank and clothing outlet, The Outreach Connection run by Shannon Laul.

“At that age, to choose not to keep all the money for themselves, especially working physically hard, is pretty amazing,” she said in an interview on WCBS Radio 880.

The teens are happy to give back during these difficult times and hope it can help not only those in need but also help the community check off their task lists.

“It makes me and my friends feel proud to be a part of

something that helps people,” McGreevy said.

They are balancing classes at home and in school and they will continue to do what they can throughout the school year while also looking ahead to continually make a difference.

Local resident and homeowner Venetia Weeks said, “Although they are young, they work really hard. They show up on time, take direction, hardly take breaks, and they're just a great group.”

North Hunterdon Food Pantry

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

The pantry distributes food the second Thursday of
each month, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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**24 Skinner Road
Glen Gardner**

Upcoming Distribution Date:
December 10

December 18
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Everything for a Christmas Dinner

** Clients remain in their cars and volunteers
deliver food selections.

For additional information,
please call (908) 537-4824, option #2.

Leave a message or visit us the second Thursday of
each month at the pantry.

Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE		
Beverly Koehler	(908) 638-8523 x504	koehler@lebtwp.net
Marc Laul, Deputy Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x503	laul@lebtwp.net
Tom McKee	(908) 638-8523 x502	mckee@lebtwp.net
Mike Schmidt, Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x501	schmidt@lebtwp.net
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042	wunder@lebtwp.net

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 1st 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	7:00 PM 2nd Thurs at the Museum

FIRE - POLICE - EMS	
Police Emergency	911
Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515
Chief, Erik Rautenberg	(908) 638-8523 x201
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8523 x203
Emergency Medical Services	911
Fire Department Emergency	911
Chief, Robert Pek	(908) 638-4550
Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 638-8523
Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350
Office of Emergency Management	
Coordinator, Joseph Maurizio	(908) 310-8122
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351

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

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS			
Business Administrator	James Barberio	(908) 638-8523 x112	Email: administrator@lebtwp.net
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Scheduling of Municipal Building Meeting Rooms	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x101	Email: clerk@lebtwp.net
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar, Reserving the Memorial Park Pavilion or Fields	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x102	Email: deputyclerk@lebtwp.net
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x103	Email: Planning@lebtwp.net
Tax Collector	Ann Marie Silvia	(908) 638-8523 x104	Hours: Thursday 8:00 AM to 12 Noon and Thursday 5:15 – 7:15 PM
Assessor	Erica Brandmaier	(908) 638-8523 x105	Email: assessor@lebtwp.net Hours: Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 8:00 PM or by appointment
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x106	
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x107	Hours: Wednesday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 638-8523 x301	Email: dpw@lebtwp.net
Animal Control	Police	(908) 638-8515	
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8523 x401	Hours: Wed 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thurs & Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Township of Lebanon Museum		(908) 638-8523 x405	Hours: Tues 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Thurs 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Sat 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Recreation Commission	Maria Naccarato		Email: recreation@lebtwp.net
EOS Commission / Green Team	Adam Duckworth		Email: ltenv@lebtwp.net / LTGreenTeam@gmail.com
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman		Email: kjnewman115@gmail.com
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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<i>Calendar</i>		
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
6 - Annual Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa		1 - Deadline for Spring Newsletter

<i>Newsletter Notes</i>				
Publishing Schedule			Advertising Costs	
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Deadline for input Nov 1	Business Card: \$25.00	Half Page: \$80.00
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1	Quarter Page: \$40.00	Full Page: \$150.00
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 kjnewman115@gmail.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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