



The Lebanon Lantern

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Craftsman House on Main Street

(read article inside)

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE COMMENTS, AND ARTICLES
Councilwoman Bonnie Schmidt and Councilman W. Faust Coyle

Shade Tree Committee

Trees for the renovated Borough Hall

The committee was able to secure a grant to pay 100% of the cost for new trees on the lawn of the Borough Hall. The planting arrangement and selection of trees was approved by the State and planting was completed last December. The State Office of Forestry inspected the trees this February, and they were pleased with what they found. The Borough should be receiving a full re-imbusement soon. I would like to thank Sue Markey for her invaluable help on this project.

Seedlings available – We have a quantity of tree seedlings that should be planted this Spring. The varieties available are ash, white oak, and American elm. All of these trees get tall so they are not appropriate for underneath wires. They were provided by the Arbor Day Foundation and can be planted anywhere on your property. Watching and helping a small tree grow can be a rewarding experience for a youngster or beginning gardener. Contact Joe Hauck for further information.

Planting and pruning – The committee will be continuing to work on our five year plan, which requires pruning, planting and removals where appropriate along the municipal street rights of way. We are planting larger trees as part of our ongoing street tree program. If you are interested in having a street tree planted in front of your home, please formalize your request by filling out a form that can be obtained from Lisa Sella, the Secretary of our Shade Tree Committee. Last year Lebanon was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City, and we hope to keep that award this year.

Environmental Commission

I am currently reading Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East from Rutgers Press by Carolyn Summers. The author approaches landscape design from an ecological perspective, encouraging professional horticulturalists and backyard enthusiasts alike to intensify their use of indigenous or native plants. These plants, ones that grow naturally in the same place in which they evolved, form the basis of the food web. Wildlife simply cannot continue to survive without them. As an example, the beautiful butterfly bush is an invasive import from China that certainly attracts and feeds butterflies, but it has a large drawback. Butterflies only live a few weeks, and if they only feed on this plant (which propagates easily), they do not locate other varieties of plants. If the butterfly lays her eggs on the butterfly bush, the emerging caterpillars starve as they cannot eat this plant. Similarly, Norway maples, whose leaves are not eaten by any insects or caterpillars, deprive song birds of a food source. The Norway maple is creating serious problems in the forests of the Northeast and the sale of this tree, and its varieties, has been banned in some states. Fortunately, there are substitutes and this book identifies and describes them. The substitutes for the butterfly bush are Golden St. John's wort, sweet pepper bush, sweetspire and elderberry. These plants, placed near the butterfly bush, will give the butterfly a safe host plant for placing the eggs that will produce next year's butterflies.

The author emphasizes the importance of indigenous plant gardening and landscape design, and highlights :

- The best ways to use exotic and non-indigenous plants responsibly
- Easy-to-follow strategies for hosting wildlife in fields, forests, and gardens
- Designs for traditional gardens using native trees, shrubs, groundcovers as substitutes for exotic plants
- Examples of flourishing plant communities from freshwater streams to open meadows.

Water conservation – This year the committee hopes to provide information about how to better capture and use rainwater for our gardens. Every year it seems we have water restrictions and the State is moving forward with rules that will require us all to reduce storm water runoff, which is a major factor in stream pollution and flooding.

Did You Know? Alvah Augustus Clark, born in Lebanon in 1840 was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1876 and 1878.

Historical Committee

Craftsman Homes in the Borough

Lebanon residents know that visitors to the borough are often seen checking out the wonderful homes lining Main Street and the surrounding lanes. Among the beautiful Victorians are several distinctive bungalows, most of which were constructed between about 1910 and 1935. As residents, we probably take their unique styling for granted, but fans of architectural design know the style well. These tidy, well designed, efficient dwellings are the result of a major shift in the way the world began to think about architecture.

The American Arts and Crafts Movement began in the late 19th century and its origins can be found in the British Arts and Crafts Movement, where many sought a return to traditional craftsmanship near the end of the Victorian era. Designers, such as Morris & Co., Charles Voysey, Gustav Stickley and Greene & Greene influenced the styling of everything from wallpaper and clothing to photography, jewelry and (of course) home design.

Craftsman homes became quite popular and material suppliers capitalized on that trend by offering "kits" with everything needed to build the home shipped to its destination by rail car. A popular supplier from 1916 to 1933 was Sears Roebuck & Co., whose "Modern Homes" department marketed their home kits under such names as "Honor-Built". It's possible that some of the homes in Lebanon Borough were purchased in kit form and assembled on-site, using the carefully labeled materials and detailed instructions provided. In recent years there has been significant interest in "mail order" houses, yet many have not been identified as such, despite the fact that Sears alone sold over 100,000 of their completely prefabricated units.

Clean, strong, and efficient design was characterized by simple lines, which lacked the ornate scrollwork of Victorian homes and often featured space-saving "built-ins." With the widespread proliferation of electric power, modern conveniences, such as electric vacuum cleaners, started to pop up and a newfound desire to rid homes of dust and dirt affected all aspects of interior design. This is one reason why heavily upholstered furniture and flounces, valences and the like became less popular.

The Craftsman bungalow design had many advantages. Its layout was flexible, with additions or the inclusion of a second story being easier than many other designs. Access was easy, with more than one entrance as a common feature. Plenty of windows let in lots of natural light and provided ease of ventilation, and the squarish shape was easy to heat. The low profile helped reduce clutter in the world outside of the home, which played a significant part of the Arts & Crafts movement in general.

The Lebanon Borough Historic Committee regards the Craftsman homes in town with particular interest. They contributed in no small part to the Borough's recent inclusion into the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places, and have widely recognized historical value. To learn more about these homes, and to gather more information and possibly identify any kit homes which may have been built here, Jim Ruffi, committee member, borough resident and owner of one of these homes will be sending a letter to the owners of Craftsman homes in town, requesting more information about the homes or possibly to arrange a visit.

Photo and Artifacts Displays - This should be the year when put in place a system to display our old images, and hopefully a display cabinet, for artifacts related to the Borough's history. A number of residents have been generous enough to donate old photographs and postcards, or loan them to us so that they can be copied, but we always are looking for more. The council has funded the enhanced reproduction of some of these images, and they can be seen in the council meeting room. We plan to install a gallery type system so that these images can adorn the large wall on the west side of the council room.

Lebanon Reformed Church

At Lebanon Reformed Church, every worship service is our family's celebration of God's great goodness. Together we praise God in a weekly service rich with prayer, song, and relevant Biblical sermons.



*Lebanon Reformed Church
Lebanon, New Jersey*

We celebrate the Lord's Supper ten times during the year. Special services are held during the seasons of Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

We invite you to come and visit and learn more about us. Worship service is Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Childcare is offered in the Nursery. Christian Education is offered every Sunday morning for children from pre-school through high school beginning at 9:45.

Upcoming Community Events: For more information on LRC events call the church at 236-6176

Every Tuesday Evening at 7:30-9:30 - Yoga - \$18 drop-ins, \$90 for 6 weeks

Saturday, March 26th - Corned Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner

Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30–8:00 Mother/Daughter Dove Self-Esteem Workshop for girls ages 8-13

April 30th - 10:00 am–3:00 pm - Car Wash Fundraiser on Church Property \$5.00

Sunday, May 1 - 11:00 – Guest Speaker “The Changing Role of the Church in the Community” - Open to the public

May 7th - Cat Adoption Day and Bake Sale

May 11th – Wednesday Night Volleyball on the Green starts for the summer

June 18th–Community Dinner–Fish & Chips, Chicken & Chips–Metropolitan Seafood sponsoring event

June 25th – Kid’s Carnival on the Green and Craft Show

Did You Know?

In 1888 Dr. Miller charged 30 cents to extract a tooth. A house visit was a dollar during the day and a dollar, fifty at night.

In 1891 Dr. Miller moved to Lebanon from Mountainville, his new home was on High St. a house built for him by Oscar Apgar. Office visits at Lebanon were fifty cents.

As was the practice at that time Dr. Miller took payment in various commodities, butter, chickens, corn, hay, cherries, raspberries, sausages and oysters. Several patients received sixty-five cent credits for washing his laundry.

Spring Recreation Events:

April 2 – 8:00 AM Park Cleanup

April 16 – 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

May 7 – 9:00 AM Fishing Derby



Round Valley United Methodist Church

30 Main St., Lebanon, www.roundvalleyumc.org

Rev. Andrew Peak (908) 236-2332, (908) 642-0531 for emergency assistant

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 11 a.m., Mid-week bible study Wednesday 10 a.m.

Upcoming events

Ecumenical Lenten service: April 6th - 6:30 p.m. Soup and Fellowship, 7:15 p.m. Worship

Spring Concert: April 16th - 7 p.m. with reception to follow. Soloist: Rachel Coburn, Pianist: Jeanne Peak

Maundy Thursday Service: April 21st - 7p.m.

Day before Mothers Day Breakfast: May 7th - 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

A BBQ is being planned for a beautiful summer Saturday- date TBD - Delicious food and a fun time...

Have you visited our Thrift store? Now open with a great winter sale!!

Open Mondays and Fridays 10.am.-1p.m., Mondays 6:30.pm.- 8:30 p.m., Sundays 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

Food pantry - Loaves of Love: open every month on the first and last Tuesday of the month

9 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Committee

With the completion of the two bridges, the next phase is to work toward the completion of the trails that eventually will tie the bridges together. When completed, one will be able to walk from behind the old Borough Hall to the Post Office, Exxon Tiger Mart or eventually end up back on Main Street just West of Clark Road.

The committee also is looking to plant new trees adjacent to the path while cutting the fallen trees that occurred this winter.

Along with these objectives, five (5) benches will be fabrication and placed at various locations throughout the community. Anyone interested in working with the committee is welcome and should offer same at the Borough Hall.

Also as a reminder, be advised that all garbage cans, refuse containers and re-cycling containers must be covered to prevent leaking, and eventually leaching into the catch basins and making its way to the Rockaway Brook. Raining conditions hasten this unwanted condition and special caution should be exercised during these times.

Office of Emergency Management

Louisiana Governor Blanco told those refusing to evacuate ahead of Hurricane Rita in 2005 that, "Perhaps they should write their social security numbers on their arms in indelible ink." But most didn't get the hint.

It's a fact: Many people ignore public warnings or some take issue with warnings that they consider intrusive. WHY?

Emergency alert and warning is part of the varied list of programs that emergency managers use to communicate with the public and first responders. But that communication can be tricky: it is a two-way process of mutual understanding. The best known social media technology is still the back fence (or the water cooler or the local coffee shop), and social science research demystifies the process by explaining why it works. Effective Emergency Managers, i.e. O.E.M. Coordinators, Rescue Squad Officers and fire Chiefs take advantage of media such as *The Lebanon Lantern* publication to alert the public of effective emergency notification, warnings and alerting plans. Such a plan is dependent on the fire whistle to immediately warn both that first responders and the affected public. You see that alert is not only for fire or associated calls, but one that is for resident evacuation.

The Office of Emergency Management, located next to the firehouse, maintains a series of plans, and there is one that comes to mind where time and nature of response knowledge is extremely critical - a "Round Valley" Dam rupture. Should this unexpected event occur, the fire whistle now shall sound continually for a period rather than its usual intermittent cycle. Under this alert, the responders understand the need for a coordinated evacuation of residents with respective precautions that must be practiced with a time objective in mind.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) along with the New Jersey Water Supply authority and their actions plans depend on the local fire whistle as both an alert and warning system for the public and responders.

As the OEM coordinator, I ask those who find the whistle intrusive at times to understand its importance to the entire community, and I ask for their indulgence.

Planning Board / Board Of Adjustment

As required by the State of New Jersey, the Planning Board must re-examine the Borough's Master Plan every six years. Since our last re-examination report was prepared during a period of indecision and direction, i.e. the builders remedy suit and The Highlands Act, much is to be accomplished this year (2011).

With the resolution of the builders remedy suit and the borough opting in to the Highlands Act, the board will be working with the town planner toward our 2011 compliance. This endeavor is especially important since it assures our land use ordinances cannot be challenged due to non-compliance.

In the past, the re-examination reports were based on previous Master Plan documents. The first was originally approved in 1973, and followed intended goals and objectives of the previous documents as the Borough grew and times changed with necessary controls. Now, however, there are many more elements that must be included into a more formal document. The Board with the planner will now prepare a plan that will include in-pact the following new sections;

- An Environmental Resource Inventory
- Scenic By-Way
- Historical District part
- The Highlands Act element
- An expanded Housing Element

just to name a few...

Also it is projected that this new document shall be in binder form with much more support materials. This project has long been the objective of your Planning Board / Board of Adjustment and we are looking forward to the completion of a project in which we can be proud.

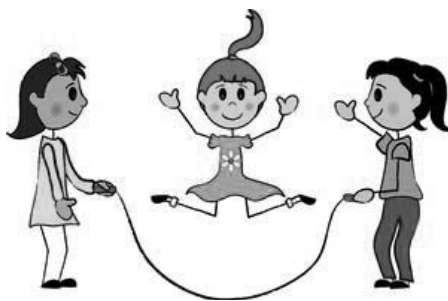
Incidentally, the cost will be borne by the conditions of the Highlands Act of which we are now a part of.

The Lebanon Borough Seniors Club

The Lebanon Borough Seniors Club is celebrating its sixth anniversary on Tuesday, April 26th, with a luncheon at borough hall. The meeting will take place at 11:00 and the luncheon will follow at noon. Most meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but because of the Board of Education elections, the April meeting is an exception and will be held on Wednesday, April 27th.

There will be a trip to Mt. Airy Lodge on Wednesday, April 20th. The bus departs from Lebanon Plaza at 8:30 a.m. and returns about 5:00 p.m. The package includes round trip transportation, a \$25 slot play and a \$10 food voucher. The cost for non-members is \$27 and for members is \$15.

Membership dues are \$10 per year and are due in April. Most trips and meetings are open to members and guests. However, the anniversary party is open to members only. For information about joining, please contact our treasurer Leona Burton at 236-0310.



Lebanon Borough Park School

Sponsored by the Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission

When: June 27th -August 5th 2011

Closed Monday, July 4th and Tuesday, July 5th 2011

We have extended our normal 4 week program to 6 weeks!

Times: Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: Lebanon Borough Hall
6 High Street

Eligibility: The Lebanon Borough Park School is open to all children who are 3.5 years old by June 27th, 2011 to children who will finish 6th grade by June 2011. 3.5 year olds must be completely potty trained.

Registration: Please complete the following registration form and return it to:
Lebanon Borough School 6 Maple Street Lebanon NJ 08833
or
Lebanon Borough Hall 6 High Street Lebanon, NJ 08833

If you have any questions, please contact Park School Director Marlaina Saharic at 908-399-6065 or mmsaharic@yahoo.com

Fees:

In Town Residents: \$150.00

In Town Family Fee: \$150 (1st Child) Any additional children \$125.00 per child

In Town Resident Early Bird Registration: \$125.00-(1st child only)

Out of Town Residents: \$200.00 per child-(No discounts apply)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR IN TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY.
NO ADDITIONAL SIBLING DISCOUNT

Early Bird Registration: April 29th, 2011

Registration Deadline: June 6th, 2011

- Please make all checks payable to “**Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission**”
- The registration form can be found at Lebanonboro.com in the Forms tab, or in the municipal office.

Lebanon Volunteer Fire Company
P.O. Box 145, 88 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ 08833
Phone – 908-236-2792 Fax – 908-236-6377
Email – sta18fire@yahoo.com

Dear Resident,

The Lebanon Fire Company has installed state-of-the-art software to assist us, and the community, in case of an emergency in your home/business. This new computer program will allow us to access important information regarding your building. We have attached a short survey for you to complete.

If you have any questions, or need any assistance in filling out your survey, please feel free to contact our community information officer, Michele Saharic, at your convenience. All contact information is listed in the heading of this correspondence. Your inquiry will receive a response within 72 hours of your request.

Once your survey is completed, please return to it us via regular mail, email, or fax. All information received will be kept in a confidential file of our computer to be used only by the fire company officers in the event of an emergency.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kevin Saharic
Chief, Lebanon Fire Company

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 ___ MOP-TAR
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 ___ WOOD SHAKE - SHINGLE
 ___ OTHER _____
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ARE THERE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE RESIDENCE? ___ YES ___ NO

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WHAT TYPE OF HEATING FUEL IS USED? ___ NATURAL GAS
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 ___ ELECTRIC
 ___ OTHER

WHERE ARE THE SHUT-OFFS LOCATED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
GAS _____
WATER _____
ELECTRIC _____

ARE THERE ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORED IN THE BUILDING? ___ YES ___ NO
WHERE ARE THEY STORED? _____

MAY WE TAKE A PICTURE OF THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR RESIDENCE TO ENTER INTO THE
DATABASE? ___ YES ___ NO

Thank you.
The Lebanon Volunteer Fire Company

Lebanon Borough School District

For a 5th year, the Lebanon Borough School Student Council received the Honor School Award, which is given to schools that follow certain NJASC guidelines, during the New Jersey Association of Student Council Winter Conference.

The students showed their support of the American Heart Month by wearing red on February 4th and raising money for the American Heart Association by selling hearts during the month.

Lebanon Borough School Student Council participated in Math-a-thon, which is a volunteer-based fundraising program for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Students are helping St. Jude continue its mission of finding cures and saving children with cancer and other serious childhood diseases. Math-a-thon participants completed Math-a-thon Funbooks at home and collected donations and pledges from their sponsors. Our students surpassed our \$900.00 goal by raising \$1,190.00 this year!

The Lebanon Borough School Student Council is continuing to collect the following items at the school for recycling purposes: inkjet cartridges, Campbell's soup labels, soda pop tops, Capri juice pouches, and cell phones. Please help support the students recycling efforts.

Community involvement is an important part of the educational process. With this in mind, Lebanon Borough School hosts the following health and safety presentations:

- Dental Health – A hygienist from the NJ Maternal Child Health Consortium will educate students and staff on proper dental care.
- Nutrition – Students and staff will attend a "My Food Pyramid" nutritional program presented by a health educator from the Hunterdon County Department of Health.
- Tar Wars (Anti-smoking campaign) – A physician from Hunterdon Medical Center will speak to students and staff about the risks of smoking and the benefits of choosing not to smoke.
- Poison Prevention- Students and staff will attend a Poison Prevention Program presented by a representative from New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES).

Did You Know? John Stevens, the illustrious resident of Round Valley, was buried at the "Frame Meeting House Cemetery, Hunterdon County" in 1792. Could that be our historic cemetery off Cherry St., where a frame church replaced the original log church in 1780?

The Borough of Lebanon Governing Body

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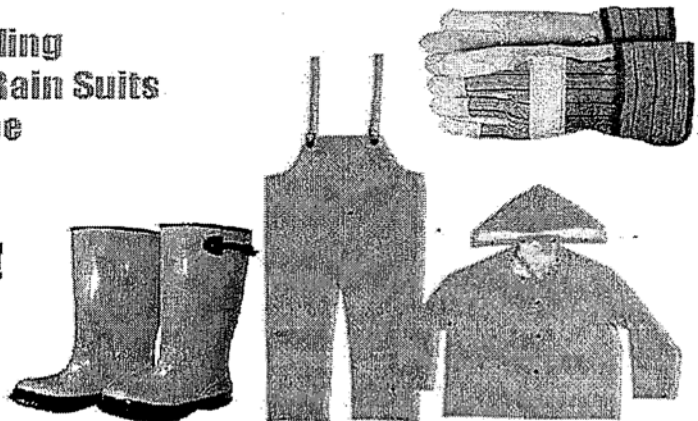
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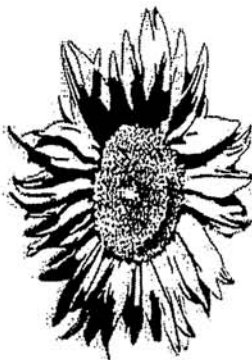
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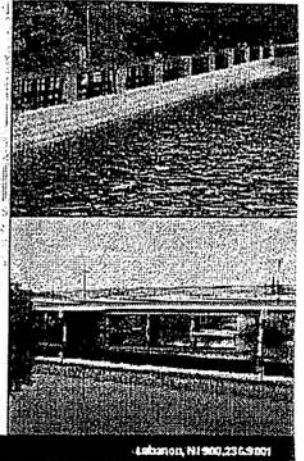
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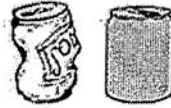
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Recycling Quicklist



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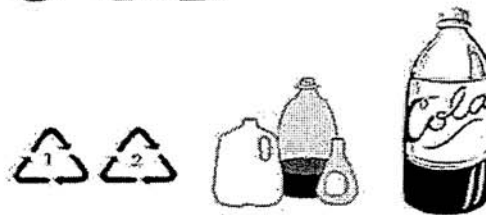
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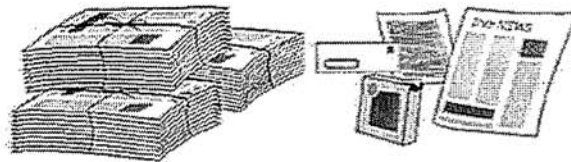
Glass Bottles



Plastic Bottles



Newspaper and
Mixed Paper



New Jersey's new Electronic Waste Management Act went into effect on January 1, 2011 requiring all TVs, computers, monitors and other items known as e-waste to be recycled. The new law means residents can no longer put these devices out on the curb for pickup with the regular solid waste because e-waste contains lead, mercury, cadmium, and other toxins. The Act does not cover cell phones, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, or other electronic devices although some retailers and service organizations provide opportunities for recycling these items.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DAY FOR ELECTRONICS

DATES: Saturday, March 26, 2011 RAIN OR SHINE

TIME: 9:00am to 1:00pm

LOCATION: Route 12 County Complex, Flemington, NJ (directions)

CONTACT: Alan Johnson at (908) 788-1110

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