



# The Lebanon Lantern

Summer 2011

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**IT'S SUMMER!!!**

**Park School starts on June 27<sup>th</sup>**

June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Lebanon Borough Hall, 6 High Street

### **Beautification Committee**

The Sabol Family, Myrtle Avenue, is honoring their Mother, Loretta Milligan, by purchasing a banner, which will be mounted on High Street. Sponsorship of a municipal banner can be used to remember a family member, recognize a Borough business, etc. If you are interested to sponsor a "Welcome to Lebanon" Banner, please contact Borough Hall, the cost is \$200.00.

We are also looking for sponsors for U.S. Flags, which will be mounted along Main Street; the cost of this project is \$350.00. If your business or family is interested to share in this project, please contact Borough Hall.

In honor of Grandparents Day (September 11, 2011), the Borough will be hosting horse and carriage rides taking passengers through the Borough; a commemorative framed photo is included. The cost for participants is \$25.00 per family. Pre-ordered tickets will be available in August at Borough Hall and select business locations throughout the Borough. A minimum of 25 tickets must be sold to host the event – proceeds benefit the ongoing Beautification projects.

Beautification Lawn Signs continue to recognize resident contributions to the community. The small token of appreciation has brought smiles of surprise to many residents. The homeowners and businesses, who have been recognized thus far include: The Kristoff Family, The Carruthers Family, Home Solutions, The Saharic Family (Chestnut Place), The Rowland Family and the Warwick Family. These homeowners were recommended by their neighbors/friends for the construction/landscape work they have done to their property. Congratulations to all of the recipients to date! If you would like to recommend a homeowner or business owner, please contact Borough Hall.

If you are interested in serving on the Beautification Committee, please contact Mary Logan at 236-0589. Upcoming projects are the 2011 Luminary Project – a winter walk through the Borough, December 17, 2011 (pre-order forms will be available in October), 2011 Chili and Soup Cook-off (October 8, 2011) – awards will be presented to the finalists with all proceeds to benefit area Fire/Rescue and OEM services, ongoing planter and banner projects.

**Did You Know?** The Lebanon Vigilant Society was formed on January 1, 1852 to insure the capture of horse and mule thieves. Andrew Vansyckle was the first president. Their bylaws were unchanged until 1908 when stolen automobiles were added as insurable.

### **Economic Development**

The group is off to an excellent start. Our first project will be a canvas tote bag bearing the Lebanon Borough Seal, which will be loaded with coupons from Lebanon businesses. The canvas bags are perfect for grocery shopping, taking to the beach, etc. They will be available for purchase at Recreation events, local merchants and Borough Hall at a cost of \$10.00 per bag. All proceeds benefit the Economic Development Committee and related projects.

We are in the process of formulating our Mission Statement and seeking input from *all* merchant-business owners within the Borough. In these economically challenging times, we are most appreciative to residents who support buying local. As a direct result of buying local, our businesses will continue to flourish – sustaining an excellent balance in the aesthetics of the Borough as well as our shared municipal taxes. Did you know that Lebanon local businesses employ an average of seven people, most are residents who live within a twenty mile radius of the business location – another reason to support local businesses?

We celebrate the opening of several new businesses including:

The Yellow House Antiques – Cokesbury Road, open Sat/Sun and by appointment

Hair, Heart and Soul Salon – Hunterdon Hills Plaza, Route 22

Adristy (Grand Reopening) – Grist Mill Plaza, Main Street

Metropolitan Seafood – Cokesbury Road (Ribbon Cutting to be announced)

**Did You Know?** Prior to the railroad being extended to Lebanon, travelers would take the train to Somerville and then a stage that went as far west as Easton. Stage schedules were regularly published in the newspaper.

### **Spencer-Schneider Farmers Market**

Many inquiries have been made as to the return of the Lebanon Farmers Market, named after two agricultural historic residents. While no date has yet been determined, we would like to thank you for your inquiry and desire to support local growers – certified organic and pesticide free. The Market operated for three seasons offering a variety of produce, baked goods, meats and specialized crafts. In the interim of reopening, please visit the Dvoor Market, Route 12, Raritan Township on Sundays from 9:00 – 1:00; the Sergantsville Market on the Village Green on Saturdays from 8:30 – 12:00, and the West Amwell Farmers Market on Rocktown-Lambertville Road on Saturdays from 9:00 – 12:00.

We would also like to take this time to recognize the contributions of Mark Bernick, owner of Green Gourmet Gardens, who passed on after a long battle with cancer in 2010. Many visitors to the Market will fondly recall Mark's knowledge of organic growing, quick wit and unending smile. He will be fondly remembered by everyone who found themselves in his company.

### **Shade Tree Committee/Environmental Commission**

The two largest goals in the Lebanon Borough Shade Tree Committee's State approved Five Year Plan are the replanting of Main St., and the improvement of the trees in the 5 plus acre tract that the town owns along the creek just North of Main St. The goal is to plant trees now so that as the older trees decline and are removed, these newer trees will be far enough along to take their place. Main St. is a challenge since there are numerous wires on both sides, however, the Borough's right of way is 50 feet wide on this road (25 feet from the center in each direction) so there is more area to work than the other streets. We expect to be planting more trees this month to add to the ranks of those already added over the last two years.

The DEP website <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/benefits.html> provides tabs that discuss in detail the financial, environmental, energy saving and social benefits of trees.

Our open space with the pathway to the Lebanon Plaza (referred to by some as the "swamp") is in fact an important resource with a variety of trees and plants as well as a trout breeding stream. The forester, who prepared our plan, noted a number of "specimen" trees that should be recorded, and cleared of competing vines and vegetation. A specimen tree is a tree of particular note due to its rarity or size and shape. This would appear to present a suitable challenge project for a scout or a public service project. Interested parties should contact the secretary of the LBSTC.

While on the subject of specimen trees, a good example is the copper beech on the front lawn of the current Borough Hall. Not only is this a specimen tree, but it is historic. It was donated to the town by former mayor Bill Young, and planted in 1977 at 96 Main St. to commemorate the purchase and renovation of the first Borough Hall. When the borough offices were moved to the current location on High St., the old location, 96 Main St., was modified for use as a police station. This called for an additional driveway, and the beech tree was right in the middle of the planned driveway. The Borough Council approved funds to move the tree, which was at that time eleven inches in diameter. Thanks to frequent summertime watering by our Fire Company over the course of several years, the tree is now thriving.

As a final thought, pay attention to recently planted trees and shrubs during the hot summer months. Typically they will need one good soaking every week when the weather is hot and rainfall is limited.

In fall 2011, we will be offering an educational open house on Rain Barrels – residents will have the opportunity to pre-order retired oak rain barrels (\$100.00) for homeowner use. Rain Barrels provide an excellent opportunity to capture runoff from your roof/gutter systems and recycle it for garden use, saving hundred of gallons of water from the tap during the growing season. The barrels are prepared with a faucet, contaminate screening (including mosquito screening) and overflow valve. As this will be an RSVP event to allow for pre-purchase, please look for the announcement about the Open House on the municipal marquee on Main Street.

## **Historical Committee**

We continue to obtain new photos and information about our town's history. The most recent images can be viewed in the council meeting room. They are as follows:

- The first phase of the Dutch Reformed Church on Brunswick Avenue as it was originally constructed in 1854. The previous building was off Cherry St.
- The Victorian style house at the South end of Central St. near the railroad station.
- The Lebanon Hotel with patrons and employees circa 1890.
- The home of Josiah C. Stryker which once stood between Rts. 22 and 78 on property that is now part of the Bellemeade tract. This structure was destroyed by fire over 20 years ago.

I would also like to thank Will Kimmel a railroad enthusiast who also supervises the election workers at our polling place. Will hunted down the entire history of locomotive 533, a Central Jersey locomotive that we have an excellent 1900 image of. The associated write up will be expanded soon using Will's information.

For those interested in the Revolutionary War, I can recommend that you obtain a copy of the January 2011 Clinton Township newsletter. The issue contains a full page detailed account by Spencer Peck of Gen. Sullivan's march to Trenton in December of 1776. After camping out at the site of the current Spinning Wheel Diner, the army marched through Lebanon, Annandale, and Clinton along what is now Rt. 173 to Easton. Sullivan's army included John Glover's Gloucester Regiment of Fisherman, whose important role in the Battle of Trenton, I will leave for you to discover.

Lastly, if you haven't explored this already, I recommend a visit to the 1759 House website. The site is sponsored by a non-profit entity devoted to the acquisition and preservation of the very historic Vought House, which is on Greyrock Road on the site of the new Clinton Township Middle School. The non-profit group was formed by former Lebanon resident Don Sherblom, who recently gave a talk about the building's history and the importance of its architecture as well as the events that took place there. The building is linked to Capt. Thomas Jones, a militia captain, who after the Revolutionary War, purchased a farm that included much of what is Lebanon today. The address is [www.1759house.org](http://www.1759house.org)

**Did You Know?** In 1852, the Lebanon Hotel was already considered an old and established enterprise. Below is an advertisement from that year seeking a buyer.

### **TAVERN STAND AT PRIVATE SALE!**

In consequence of ill health in the family of the Subscriber, he offers at Private Sale that old and well established TAVERN STAND AT LEBANON, in the township, of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, now in the Subscribers Occupancy. The above property is but a few hundred yards from the Lebanon Depot on the Central Railroad, and is situated on the Easton and New Brunswick Turnpike Road. The building has recently been thoroughly repaired, and considerably enlarged, is two and a half stories high, has a large Cellar underneath in complete repair, on the first floor is a bar-room and kitchen, and on the second, seventeen bed-rooms. There is a hydrant of excellent and never failing water at the door. There are also on the premises large and commodious Stabling, Ice House, Wood House, Coal House, &c. Also a large garden in good condition. The above stand is so well and so favorably known to the public generally, that a lengthy description is deemed superfluous. Persons wishing to view said property will be shown the same by the subscriber residing thereon.

JOHN R. KLINE.

N. B.—If not sold by the 1st of January next, it will then be for rent. Nov. 17.-7tp.

### **The Recreation Commission would like to thank the following people for participating in Lebanon Borough's Park cleanup day on April 2, 2011:**

Alex & Jim Pittinger, Steven, Brian, Andrew and David Wells, Rachel and Cindy Lucenius, Mike, Denise, Max and Will Backman, Stephanie Tjalma, Joe Hauck, Vicky Zilli, Brandon Borzelli, Valerie Stern & family, Kerry Kaiser, Madeline Kaiser, Alexander Uryniak, Bright Horizons, Marlaina Saharic, Joyce Coyle, ShopRite of Clinton

### **Lebanon Reformed Church**



*Lebanon Reformed Church  
Lebanon, New Jersey*

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.

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 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



### **Round Valley United Methodist Church**

30 Main St., Lebanon, [www.roundvalleyumc.org](http://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**

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

Have you visited our Thrift store? Open Mondays and Fridays 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-12p.m., and (by chance) Sunday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 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.

### **The Lebanon Borough Seniors Club**

The Lebanon Borough Seniors Club currently has 74 members, and all those 55 years and over, who live in or near the borough, are welcome. Dues are \$10 per year, and anyone wishing to join should contact the treasurer, Leona Burton, at 236-0310.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at borough hall. The Magic Mirror players will perform. We hope that all who are eligible will consider coming that day. They will be welcome.

On June 29th, there will be a trip to the Lobster Shanty where lunch will include salad, appetizer, a choice of entrée (fish, chicken, or pork), roasted potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. After lunch there will be an hour and a half cruise on the River Belle sailing on the calm waters of the Manasquan River and Point Pleasant Canal. Then the bus will take visitors to Delicious Orchards, where some home-baked goods can be purchased. The bus leaves Lebanon Plaza at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$71 for non-members and \$59 for members. For information and reservations call Mary Ann at 236-8291.

Bingo is played on the second Monday of the month in the Senior Room in borough hall at 1:00 p.m. At that time members may also borrow or donate books to the Senior Lending Library, which is located in the Senior Room.

#### **Upcoming Events – Save the Dates**

September 13, 2011 Circle Line-SPQR Restaurant-Guided Tour of NY

October 13, 2011 Platzal Brauhaus – Oktoberfest

**Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon**

Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided "comfort food" to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us. If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer depending on individual needs. Delicious meals delivered by warm and caring volunteers – what could be better? If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home delivered meals, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call (908) 284-0735 for more information.

**Did You Know?** Augustus E. Sanderson who came to Lebanon as a school teacher in 1854 was advertising his services as an attorney at law in September of 1858. Obviously a quick study.

**The Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission**

**Lebanon Borough Annual Fishing Derby**

Fifteen Lebanon children and their parents enjoyed a morning of fishing on Saturday, May 14th, at the annual Lebanon Borough Fishing Derby held at the lake of the Lebanon Baptist Camp. Cloudy skies made for excellent fishing as over 90 fish were caught during the 2 hour derby.

Prizes were awarded in a number of categories, as well as raffles for those holding a lucky ticket.

First Caught - Paul Mosko – less than 5 minutes into the event!


Smallest Caught – Kayla Dragan – 4-1/2" long Sunfish!

Largest Caught – Brian Wells – 12-1/8" long Large Mouth Bass!

Most Caught – Liam Cohen - a total of 27 fish caught!

Raffle Winners - Brandon Carnevali, Henry Stern, Richard Chen, and Andrew Wells

A special thanks to the Lebanon Baptist Camp for the use of their lake and lovely setting! All those attending had a wonderful time enjoying the "great outdoors", even if they didn't win a prize!



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On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, our community lost a member of our Lebanon Borough family that saddens our hearts and surrounds us all with a sense of grief. Even though William “Hoppy” Freeman reaped the rewards of a long life, his passing nevertheless leaves us all with that feeling of emptiness that accompanies the eventual loss of life.



But grieve not for the death of Hoppy for he has passed for greater rewards in his new home of eternity; grieve only for the loss of a friend, neighbor and an exceptional volunteer who will be missed.

Knowing Hoppy and his sense of volunteerism only assures us all that his service to our community and fellow man will weigh heavily in his favor in the eyes of the Lord. Yes, those many alarms answered without regard to time of day, weather, physical feelings no matter where, the alarm was answered. In Hoppy's mind and heart, the satisfaction of a job well done for his community and neighbors was reward enough.

We will all miss Hoppy, however having known him is a gift for us even as we grieve for his loss and pray for his heavenly just rewards.

Goodbye to a fine man, father, neighbor and volunteer from a grateful community.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP DAY

For Hunterdon County Residents and Small Businesses

Saturday July 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine), (908) 788-1110

Hunterdon County Utilities Authority, Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

Directions: Route 31 South to 202/31 circle in Flemington bearing right on to State Route 12 West. Proceed on State Route 12 West approximately 1 ½ miles and the County Complex is on your left.

#### Acceptable up to 10 gallons or 80 pounds of the following:

Latex paints*	Oil based paint*	Paint thinner	Asbestos pipe wrap
Varnish/stains	Insecticides	Pesticides	Gasoline
Herbicides	Pool chemicals	Aerosol cans	Kerosene
Gas/oil mix	Photographic chemicals	Battery acid	Drain cleaner
Mercury	Fuel oil/sludge	Diesel fuel	Fluorescent tubes**
	Fire extinguishers	Thermostats	

\* Consolidate latex paints and oil based paints, keeping them type separated, to make full cans.

\*\* Wrap fluorescent tubes in newspaper or put back in original sleeve.

#### Acceptable with no quantity limit:

Used motor oil	Anti-freeze	Automotive batteries
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#### Not acceptable:

Empty containers	Radioactive materials	Explosives	Air conditioners
Pentachlorophenol	PCB's	Silvex	Solid waste
Tires	Electronics	Propane tanks	Helium tanks

## **Lebanon Borough School District**

lbsd.schoolwires.com

### **Everyone Loves a Parade!**

On Tuesday, September 6th, students and teachers of Lebanon Borough School will celebrate the opening day of school with a parade through town. Come out and cheer on the children as they carry banners each class made to showcase the school's "Kindness Connects Us All" theme for the year.

This theme will connect with and support the existing *Six Pillars of Character Education* program and anti-bullying initiative. Students will parade along the *Walking School Bus* Route beginning at 11:15 A.M.

Your presence and support will encourage them to start the school year in an exciting and positive way! Please help spread the word so that the entire community can show its support for our young people!

### **Teacher of the Year Award 2010-2011**

Congratulations to Mrs. Donna Gamberzky, fifth grade teacher, for being selected as the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition /Educational Services Professional Award for Lebanon Borough School.

The *Governor's Teacher Recognition Program* was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance. The *Governor's Annual Educational Services Professionals Recognition Act* was enacted on January 9, 2004 for the purpose of acknowledging those who hold educational services professional certificates and who exhibit outstanding performance. Mrs. Gamberzky has met and exceeded the criterion for this award helping each student become successful at reaching their greatest potential.

Mrs. Gamberzky is an enthusiastic and energetic teacher. Her personality affords her the ability to motivate students and staff members. Her love of children and the teaching profession is evident as she constantly seeks new ideas, strategies, and techniques to implement in the classroom. Mrs. Gamberzky's initiative to use a variety of technological tools in classroom lessons and sharing her strategies with colleagues is a testament to her love of learning.

When asked how she views the role of a teacher, Mrs. Gamberzky replied, "As a teacher I consider it my mission to not only teach, but to continue to learn. I strive to be a role model for my students, showing them that once they've acquired the skills needed to seek information and understand it, the world provides an infinite source of opportunities to grow, experience, and achieve. My goal is to transform my students from dependent and passive learners to independent and active thinkers."

Mrs. Gamberzky is a nurturing, progressive teacher who strives to challenge her students with a multitude of educational experiences. Her teaching strategies apply various technological tools that motivate students. Her use of Wiki's to permit students to add, edit, and develop their writing skills took learning beyond the classroom as students were able to access their writing at home and school. The writing workshop also provided opportunity for classmates to offer helpful suggestions and post positive comments on their peers' work.

Our committee nominated Mrs. Gamberzky for this prestigious award as a result of her love of children, passion for learning, and devotion to academic excellence. She is an excellent role model for her students, truly loves teaching, and is a dedicated member of the school community.

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*Mr. Dominic S. Costanzo*  
*Superintendent*

May 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Lebanon Borough Board of Education has reviewed the topics which were mentioned at our "Conversation with the Community" and would like to communicate to parents and the community members what has transpired prior to and since the meeting, what is in progress, and what is planned for the future.

The responses regarding "What Would You Improve?" basically could be divided in to three parts; communication, curriculum, and instruction. Additionally, addressing the question, "What Do You Value Most About Lebanon Borough School?" could be divided in to three parts; students, staff, and school.

The Board is aware of the number of attendees at the "Conversation with the Community" event and although well attended, it is not representative of all parents of the school community. That being said, the Board encourages all parents to attend our next event which will be held in the near future.

Here are the developments that have transpired prior to and since the meeting:

- Much of curriculum development is mandated by the state. Lebanon Borough School District has aligned a great deal of the existing curriculum with Clinton Township since our seventh and eighth graders attend Clinton Township Middle School. This is an ongoing task as new developments arise in the state, at Lebanon Borough, and with Clinton Township.
- Additionally Lebanon Borough School teachers and instructional aides have been communicating and meeting with Clinton Township teachers to collaborate on curriculum and instruction. The process is to aid in the transition of our students attending seventh and eighth grade at Clinton Township Middle School and the articulation of instruction.
- All students receive enrichment through a school-wide program. Through regular classroom instruction students receive lessons that address their needs and build upon their strengths. Curriculum revision along with differentiated instruction will aim to challenge students at higher levels. Parents might wish to assign reading time at home to reinforce life skills.
- Our Professional Development Plan is assessed by the state and county along with all districts in Hunterdon County. Staff development and training is planned depending on relevancy, need, and state mandates. The Professional Development Committee has a responsibility to assess the needs of staff and address those identified needs with quality best practices. Professional development is an ongoing process.
- Lebanon Borough School District is credited by the New Jersey Department of Education as a "high performing district". Lebanon Borough School teachers routinely meet with teachers in the county at scheduled articulation meetings. The meetings involve all the disciplines and are another example of professional development. Teachers collaborate on topics such as, classroom lessons, curriculum, and teaching strategies.
- Students in Lebanon Borough School enjoy a technology program that offers nearly every student a laptop. Through available grants, new equipment has been purchased for students and teachers. Teachers are required to attend training and keep current and advance in educational technology. Teaching styles and methods are changing to address student needs.
- Our teaching staff infuses writing into the mathematics, science, and social studies curriculum.

**(PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE)**

- Graduates of Lebanon Borough School excel in the middle and high school as noted in the local papers commending honor roll and high honor rolls.
- Parents interested in how Lebanon Borough School students on a whole compare with surrounding districts can access the information on the New Jersey Department of Education State website at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/>. Information on all school districts and individual school can be found on that site. It is also important to note that the statistical information presented may not be a true representation of school district and school achievement.
- Each parent of a student who has taken the NJASK receives a report from the New Jersey Department of Education indicating to parents their child's score and how their child performed in comparison to classmates across the state. The report is generated from the district and school where the child attends school. The information contained on the reverse side of the report helps is provided to help parents understand the sections of the assessment and the results.
- Prior to the "Conversation with the Community" event the District linked the Clinton Township website to the Lebanon Borough Website in order for parents of sixth grade students to obtain the access information for their child.
- Preparing our sixth graders for the middle school experience has always been a priority. Currently our students have several orientations to acquaint them with the Clinton Township Middle School staff and students in an effort to make the transition a smooth one. Clinton Township counselors and students visit the Lebanon School sixth graders two to three times a year. Lebanon Borough School students are invited to the "Move-Up Dance" held at the Middle School and a "Move Up Day" to visit the middle school. This year, Mr. John Grebeck, Principal of the Clinton Township School visited with our sixth graders to introduce himself and welcome our students.
- The Board of Education approved a pre-school program to be held at Lebanon Borough School in September 2011. The program will be held in the afternoon following the kindergarten dismissal.
- The Board of Education also approved *Work Family Connection* to begin a "Before and After Care" program at Lebanon Borough School. The program is for the 2011-2012 school year and information will be available on the Lebanon Borough School District website.

Developments that are in progress:

- The Lebanon Borough teachers and administration is currently working toward development of a more challenging curriculum. Many changes have occurred this year. Lebanon Borough School has seen an increase of clubs and activities for our students, i.e. Debate Club, Environmental Club, and School News Magazine. We will continue to offer valuable learning experiences for our students.
- Events occurring at the school are communicated to the community by the way of postings on the district website and email to parents. The *Honeywell Instant Alert* will be utilized more often to remind parents of scheduled events. A Board of Education Newsletter and "email blasts" to parents are in progress and will continue.

Developments that are planned for the future:

- The teaching staff is researching various instruments from surrounding towns to revise the student report card. Providing more information to parents on student progress and achievement is a priority.
- Lebanon Borough School District is also in the process of revising the district website to include more information for parents from the teaching staff and also for general information about the school and district, i.e. District Policies, curriculum, and forms for parents. We will continually work toward this goal.

Again the Board of Education would like to thank all those that participated in our first "Conversation with the Community" and look forward to the next event. Your suggestions are always welcomed and we will continue to strive to connect the school with the community.

Sincerely,

The Lebanon Borough Board of Education

**Office of Emergency Management**  
**The Borough of Lebanon**  
**BASIC PLAN**

The purpose of The Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.) and the Emergency Operations Plan is to protect life and property in emergencies by coordinating response activities of municipal and volunteer entities to ensure their optimum use. It provides for actions to be taken to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of an emergency.

This plan is an all hazards approach to emergency management and covers natural disaster, technological disasters, and national security crises.

The Borough of Lebanon is approximately one (1) square mile and is mostly rural in nature.

The Borough of Lebanon is located in Western Hunterdon County. It is completely surrounded by Clinton Township.

Topographical characteristics of the Borough of Lebanon include small hills, and being bordered by an earthen dam at Round Valley Reservoir.

The population of the Borough of Lebanon is one thousand seven hundred (1,700), and increases by about 5% during the workday. The population is not affected by seasonal changes.

The primary transportation route in the Borough of Lebanon is State Highway 22, a Conrail track and Route 78.

Identified hazards include transportation accidents on Highway 22 and Route 78, and the possibility of a dam breach at Round Valley Reservoir.

**Relevant planning assumptions used to refine the planning process include the following:**

1. There will most likely be some warning of an attack or nuclear detonation.
2. There may not be any warning prior to a tornado or earthquake, but there should be some warning prior to most other natural disasters (i.e. long lasts of the fire company siren).
3. Major transportation disasters are likely to happen in this jurisdiction.
4. Local industry does not present the possibility of major industrial disaster.
5. The jurisdiction is not vulnerable to damage by a hurricane.
6. Mutual aid will be available from the contiguous municipalities.

**Operations and Control:**

The Borough of Lebanon Office of Emergency Management is directed by the Coordinator. There are two (2) Deputy Coordinators.

**Actions to be taken during heightened risk:**

Direction and control will emanate from the Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.).

The Borough of Lebanon Office of Emergency Management shall provide adequate staffing of the Emergency Operations Center depending on prevailing conditions. When such conditions provide a pre-emergency and/or warning phase, appropriate staff shall be notified, and may be required to report to the Emergency Operations Center. These conditions will allow for the timely notification and direction of the community. Plans shall be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours during times of severe emergencies.

The Borough of Lebanon is trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

During times of emergency, the daily operating routines of various municipal departments will be prioritized by the respective Department Heads. Preference will be given to the handling of various emergency conditions in order to protect lives and property. Such prioritization may require the curtailing or elimination of specific routine activities.

During the time of a declared state of emergency, the Coordinator or his designee shall, upon assessment of existing conditions, notify the Mayor or other available member of the Borough council of the situation(s). He shall conduct all necessary support services based on the priority of the various situation(s) affecting the population and its potential hazard(s). He shall notify the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management, and keep them abreast of developing circumstances on a timely basis. When necessary, an emergency proclamation will be issued. Termination of the event will be at the discretion of the Coordinator, and the County O.E.M. shall be notified.

#### **Phases of Emergency Management:**

**Mitigation** activities are those that eliminate or reduce the probability of a disaster occurrence. Also included are those long-term activities that lessen the undesirable effects of unavoidable hazards. Some examples include the establishment of building codes, flood plain management, insurance, elevating buildings, and public education programs.

**Preparedness** activities serve to develop the response capabilities needed in the event of an emergency. Planning, exercising, training, and developing public information programs and warning systems are among the activities conducted under this phase.

**Response** activities include direction and control, warning, evacuation and emergency services, and are designed to address immediate and short-term effects of the onset of an emergency or disaster. They help to reduce casualties and damage, and to speed recovery.

**Recovery** includes both short-term and long-term activities. Short-term operations seek to restore critical services to the community and provide for the basic needs of the public. Long term recovery focuses on restoring the community to its normal or improved state of affairs. The recovery period is also an opportune time to institute mitigation measures, particularly those related to the recent emergency. Examples of recovery actions would be temporary housing and food, restoration of non-vital government services, and reconstruction of damaged areas.

**The Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for implementing this plan and directing the emergency response at the direction of the Mayor and Council.**

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