



# The Lebanon Lantern

Spring 2012

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**The Girl Scouts are celebrating the organization's 100th anniversary.**



**At a meeting at the Round Valley United Methodist Church, girl scouts of service unit 81 decorated panels with a girl scout theme to be sewn together to create a Girl Scout 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Unit banner.**

# **TOWN HALL MEETING**

**CONCERNING THE TOPIC OF**

## **How the Fair School Funding Plan Can Lower Your Property Taxes**

**Presented by**

**SENATOR MICHAEL J. DOHERTY**

**Learn about:**

- **The inequities of the current state school funding formula**
- **The history and unconstitutional nature of recent Supreme Court decisions on school funding**
- **Senator Doherty's plan for "Fair School Funding"**
- **How adopting the Fair School Funding Plan could translate into real property tax relief in your town**

**A "Question and Answer" period will follow.**

**Learn more at: [www.fairschoolfunding.com](http://www.fairschoolfunding.com)**

**Thursday, March 22**

**7:30 PM at**

**Lebanon Borough Hall**

**6 High Street**

**Lebanon, NJ 08833**

**For more information please contact:**

**The Office of Senator Michael J. Doherty**

**Phone – (908) 835-0552**

## **Economic Development**

Hunterdon Hills Plaza  
1386 - 1392 Route 22 West  
Lebanon, New Jersey

Hunterdon Hills Plaza is the premier mixed use commercial complex located on the West Bound Lane of Route 22 in Lebanon Borough. An appealing four building development with ample onsite parking, it contains a wide range of retail, office, medical and daycare services.

Hunterdon Hills Plaza is home to the following list of diverse businesses serving our community:

Kirsten's Italian Grille	Center for Natural Health & Rehabilitation
Hertz Rent a Car	Dr. Howard Tzorfias DPM Podiatrist
Hair, Heart and Soul Salon	Lori Serra, ND Divine Health
Hunterdon Hills Nail Salon	Hunterdon Family Dental Care
Weight Watchers	New Jersey Worker's Compensation Court
Bright Horizons Child Care Center	Transformation Associates Consultants
Somerset Pediatric Group	Patrick Baldoni, AIA Architect
Advanced Obstetrics and Gynecology	Coming Soon - Etiquette School for Young Adults

Please pay us a visit and see how these businesses can be of service to you.

## **Historical Committee**

The picture hanging system for our older photos and images has been installed in the council room. There are approximately 25 images and each one conveys information about Lebanon - primarily from 1885 to 1950. They are displayed on the large west wall of the council room. The committee is also actively looking at purchasing a display case that can be used to display artifacts related to the history of Lebanon. The case will be used for temporary or permanent exhibits. Please let us know if you have something of interest that you would like to display temporarily. We continue to find new photos of Lebanon and are always interested in acquiring a digital image of a photo or postcard that you may have.



## **Lebanon Reformed Church**

We offer a Sunday morning class (9:45AM), which focuses on beliefs, actions, attitudes, values, and life goals. We try to find answers that apply in our own life and to help others find answers that apply to their life. The class meets in the Skunk House (an old tanners building), which is between the Lebanon Reformed Church and the park.

We want to be a positive caring presence in the Lebanon community, and so we want to know what you think are the needs in your life, or in the community, that might benefit from a caring group of people. Perhaps you are ill or grieving over someone. Perhaps you know of someone else in need and you'd like to request us to be part of the solution.

If you know of a need, you could ideally visit our class, and let us know what you are concerned about, or if you have a time conflict with coming to one of our meetings, you could email the church, or call the church and leave a message. You can check out our website at [www.lebanonreformedchurch.org](http://www.lebanonreformedchurch.org), and you can email us at [lebanonrefchurch@aol.com](mailto:lebanonrefchurch@aol.com). Our number is 908-236-6176. You could also come to our worship service at 11:00 and talk with someone about a need that you think we could help.

Maybe you'd like to be part of a small group of people who are reaching out to others. We hope to meet you, and see you Sunday morning at 9:45.



**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 assistance

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 11 am.

Easter is April 8<sup>th</sup>, join us at 11:00 am to praise God.

The Valentine's Celebration Breakfast on Feb 11th was very successful, as well as our ongoing service to the community by collecting food labels for the Lebanon School, aluminum can pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, toiletries for the Girl Scouts for our Service men/women and many other projects. Profits from our Thrift Store are donated to the Food Pantry to keep the shelves full for the many people who need that service. Our Thrift Store is opened on Mondays and Fridays 10 am-1 pm, Saturday 9 am-12pm, and (by chance) Sunday 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Currently we have a 5 week Bible Study moderated by our minister, Andrew Paek, on Monday evenings @ 7pm discussing Adam Hamilton's book, "When Christians Get it Wrong". Also we are participating in the Lenten/Ecumenical Series on Wed evenings - 6:30 pm soup supper followed by a Learning discussion at 7:15 pm at various local churches (March 7 @ Church of the Holy Spirit, March 14 @ Stanton Reformed Church, March 21 @ Round Valley United Methodist Church, and the last on March 28 @ Zion Lutheran Church). Join us.

May 12th we will have a delicious breakfast beginning 8 am until 11 am to celebrate our Moms! Watch for posters and ads in the Democrat for other events. For more information, see our website, <http://www.roundvalleyumc.org/news.html>

**Did You Know?** Brunswick Avenue has had more names than any other street in Lebanon. The earliest was the "high road" part of the great road from Easton to New Brunswick, then the road to Mrs. Shannon's, next it was called Church St. and then finally Brunswick Avenue.

Cherry Street was previously known as South Street. In a 1796 deed, it was called the Round Valley Road.

In 1796, the corner of Brunswick Avenue and Cherry Street was referred to as Huffman's Corner. This would indicate that William Huffman lived there probably as a tenant farmer prior to acquiring the property in 1796.

The 1759 House in Annandale has carved plaster ceilings that are unique in America. Not only are there fancy decorative moldings but the entrance foyer has a snake that runs the length of the room with its head facing the front door! Historians speculate that there were also murals depicting Adam and Eve.

**The Shade Tree Committee and the Environmental Commission** are in need of volunteers. Please contact Karen Romano in the municipal office if you are interested - [clerk@Lebanonboro.com](mailto:clerk@Lebanonboro.com) or (908) 236-2425.



## **PRESS RELEASE - New Web Page Offers Hunterdon Bicycle Tourism Info**

Hunterdon County is a premier destination for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Those looking for great rides have to look no farther than [www.bikehunterdon.org](http://www.bikehunterdon.org), a comprehensive webpage developed by HART Commuter Information Services.

Visitors to the webpage will find a full description of rides including the popular "Delaware & Raritan Tow Path", "Last Covered Bridge", and "Round Valley Roundabout" routes as well as the Columbia Trail, and most recently added, the "Landsdown Trail" ride.

A quick click on any of the route descriptions opens a full color photo gallery of what cyclists may see along the ride. An interactive "Google" map feature allows potential riders to view amenities along the routes including restaurants, bed and breakfast and other lodging, as well as points of interest.

A full list of all local bicycle shops as well as where to rent a bicycle is also included. There is even a section to allow cyclists to leave feedback of their experience bicycling in Hunterdon.

"Bike Hunterdon.org is an opportunity for us to offer prospective visitors to Hunterdon County the information they may need to choose Hunterdon for their next bicycle destination", says Tara Shepherd, HART executive director.

HART Commuter Information Services is a private non profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation such as bicycling. All HART programs and services are offered free of charge.

Visit [www.bikehunterdon.org](http://www.bikehunterdon.org) today.



## News from the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

- Voorhees High School's Drama Club will perform its spring musical, ***How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying***, on March 29, 30 and 31 at 7:00pm and April 1 at 2:00pm. Ticket information can be found here: <http://www.nhvweb.net/VHS/theatre/>.
- From auditions that took place on December 10, 2011, 12 students from the high school district were chosen for the Central New Jersey Region II Choir and 8 students were chosen for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. This is a great achievement for these 20 students!
- The Board of Education has approved a preliminary budget for the 2012-2013 school year that will not raise the local tax levy. The budget has been submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval. Budget information can be found at: <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/boe-district-services/budget/>.
- The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education will have open seats to be on the ballot in November (the high school district voted to move its school elections to coincide with the November general election). If you are interested in being a member of the Board of Education, there are two open seats representing Clinton Township/Lebanon Borough, one 3-year term and one 2-year unexpired term. For a nominating petition, please visit our website: <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/boe-district-services/budget/>. Nominating petitions are due to the county clerk by 4pm on June 5, 2012.
- The district has completed Strategic Planning. A new five-year Strategic Plan was accepted by the Board of Education on February 28. New goals for the district were in the areas of improving educational excellence, increasing resources, improving communication, and developing partnerships. The final strategic plan has been posted at: <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/community-resources/strategic-planning-2011/>.

To view the latest district news, please visit <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/news-of-the-month/>.

For upcoming school events, please visit the high schools' individual websites:

North Hunterdon: [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs)

Voorhees: [www.nhvweb.net/vhs](http://www.nhvweb.net/vhs)

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

Our next meeting will be March 28th, at 10:00 a.m. at borough hall. A social worker from Rolling Hills Care Center will be our guest speaker.

Bingo will take place on the second Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

**Did You Know?** No one has ever located a photograph of Andrew B. Rittenhouse, Lebanon's first mayor. He was also the president of the Knox Fence Company.



# **Solutions to Stormwater Pollution**

## **Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water**

### **A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water**

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, and grass clippings - You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful, and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies, including colleges and military bases, must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

#### **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides**

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

#### **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products**

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly.

Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities. Clean up after your pet
- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply.
- Don't litter
- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups. Dispose of yard waste properly.
- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain. Keep pollution out of storm drains
- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.
- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

**To Advertise** in The Lebanon Lantern and reach almost 700 addresses within the community for the four publications, the annual charge will remain the same in 2012:

\$ 50 business card size

\$ 75 quarter page

\$150 half page

\$300 full page

Please contact the municipal office at 236-2425.

# Easter Egg Hunt

Presented by The Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission



**Saturday March 31st**

**Holjes-Sheppard Memorial  
Park**

**10:30 AM**

(rain date Sunday, April 1st 12pm)



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## LEBANON BOROUGH ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY



**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Drop off Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park**

**8am – 12 pm**

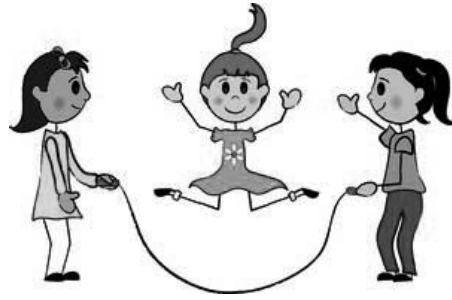
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**Computers Speakers DVD players Monitors Televisions**

**Toasters Printers Keyboards Irons Fax machines**

**Cell phones Telephones VCR's Stereos Microwaves**

**For more information call 908-236-2425**



## Lebanon Borough Park School

Sponsored by the Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission

**When: June 25<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Closed Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to children who will finish 6<sup>th</sup> grade by June 2012. 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

**Fees:**

**In Town Residents: \$150.00**

**In Town Family Fee: \$150.00 (1<sup>st</sup> Child) Any additional children \$125.00 per child**

**In town Resident Early Bird Registration: \$125.00 (1<sup>st</sup> child only)**

**Out of Town Residents \$200.00 (No discounts apply)**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR IN TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY**  
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Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 30, 2012  
Registration Deadline: June 4, 2012

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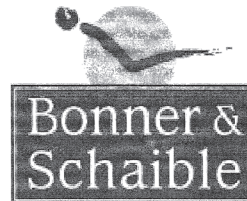
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### **GETTING MARRIED**

Download your Marriage Application at [lebanonboro.com](http://lebanonboro.com)  
Present the completed application 30 days before your event at  
the Borough Hall with your partner and witness.

**THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES COMMENTS AND ARTICLES.**

Submission deadline for the Summer Edition is Friday, June 8, 2012.

You can email your submission to: [bschmidt@lebanonboro.com](mailto:bschmidt@lebanonboro.com)

Please check the tab titled Announcements on our website [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com) for any updates or changes.

