



The Lebanon Lantern

Autumn 2017

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TRICK OR TREAT



**Turn your clocks back and change your smoke detector batteries on
Sunday November 5th @ 2 AM.**

Fellow Residents,

I want to take a few moments to communicate a few facts and some of my own personal opinions. As you may be aware, I do not usually write articles for The Lebanon Lantern. All of us, the Mayor and the Borough Council, are volunteers, who spend many hours trying to care for our town in the best way possible.

At recent Council meetings and other communications this past year, there have been statements made requesting more communication between Council and the residents. My first thought is that all Council meetings are open to the public. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. All are welcome, and we have two open public sessions, where anyone can comment and ask any questions they might have. Our meetings are attended by a very few residents. Even fewer questions arise. In addition to our public meetings, the Borough Hall is open weekdays and our office staff is available to answer any, and all, questions. Our website has our individual email addresses, and all are welcome to communicate with us directly at any time.

I also wanted to address some specific questions that have been circulating, particularly with respect to our police coverage. Lebanon Borough is covered 365/24/7 by The N.J. State Police, which is one of the most well-trained and staffed law enforcement agencies on the planet. For about half of the municipalities in Hunterdon County, this is the only police presence they have. In Lebanon Borough, we also have a service agreement with NJSP to provide additional manpower by the hour. This agreement is unique to Lebanon Borough, and I am personally very proud to have been responsible for initiating this contract as a Councilman over 10 years ago. In short, we buy coverage as needed and where needed. The budget amount each year is around \$50,000.00. This is less than the average starting salary for a municipal police officer including benefits. I believe our governing body has done a fine job of providing law enforcement at the lowest cost possible, while providing the highest level of professional police coverage. Lebanon Borough has Trooper Walsh as our Community Police Representative, and he has been incredibly responsive to the needs and issues that arise. I am completely confident Lebanon has the best possible law enforcement coverage for the best price.

Many municipalities in Hunterdon have their own police departments. Most are staffed with part-time employees, and after hours, the NJSP provides coverage. The cost for a small part-time department begins at least in the \$300,000.00 range, and goes up from there. Manpower, equipment, training, pension and benefits add up very quickly.

Another issue that comes up relates to Streets and Roads. Potholes and roadside weeds are a problem. Because we do not have a road department, we use private contractors for most of these services. We cannot run out and fill a pothole or trim some weeds on short notice. Despite this, I believe Lebanon's roads are in better shape than much of the roads I drive on regularly including state highways and Interstate 78.

We have a great staff at Borough Hall, who work effectively to keep our town functioning in the best way possible at the best price possible. Our governing body has been dedicated to keeping taxes low and maintaining Lebanon as a beautiful example of the Small Town America, we all love. Every aspect of local government has been operated as efficiently as humanly possible for decades. If something is not working, it will be changed. Every contract, every employee, every purchase is handled with the best interest of The Borough at heart, and I personally guarantee that every day year after year. Every member of Council has been a volunteer since day one. Each one taking their turn at the controls with no agenda other than to preserve and protect our quality of life at the highest standard possible for our neighbors.

Lebanon is engaged in shared services where it makes sense. For example, our CFO, and our Municipal Court are shared with other municipalities. Our Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Zoning Officer are all part-time positions saving Lebanon on pension and benefit costs. Our Administrator/Clerk and Deputy Clerk are full-time positions. However, in most municipalities, the Administrator and the Clerk are two positions with two salaries, pensions and benefit packages. Our Administrator/Clerk also holds the following titles and responsibilities - Planning Board Secretary, Board of Adjustment Secretary, Assessment Search Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Park Events Director, Recycling Coordinator, Housing Administrator, as well as licensing for dogs, limos, and food and liquor. The Deputy Clerk holds the additional titles of Deputy Registrar, Dog Licenses, and Secretary of the Recreation, Historical, Environmental and Shade Tree Committees, and Senior Club. A very impressive volume of responsibility for two employees. All of these jobs are required positions in municipal government in N.J., and, I believe, we are fortunate to have two very dedicated people, who love our town and residents, and do everything possible to keep things working smoothly.

Then we have our Fire Department, one of the best departments in the county. These dedicated people perform all the duties typical of a fire department, risking life and limb keeping people safe on a daily basis in and around our community. However, they also perform countless services that have absolutely nothing to do with what they volunteered for - clearing fallen trees, posting one-way signs during the town-wide sale, and assisting in the 4th of July, Halloween and Christmas events.

So I will finish with this. Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers. Thanks to all the residents for the support the municipal team receives from so many of you throughout the year. If any questions arise, or if anyone is suggesting there is a problem in any way, please call, email, or come to the next Council meeting, and receive the true and honest answers to anything that concerns you. Every one of the people I mentioned here are your friends and neighbors, working tirelessly to keep our town one of the best places to live. I know it is their pleasure to serve their community.

Mike Reino, Mayor, Borough of Lebanon



SCARECROW CONTEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PLACE YOUR HOMEMADE SCARECROW IN YOUR FRONT YARD
BY SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH AT NOON
THE LEBANON RECREATION COMMISSION WILL JUDGE ALL SCARECROWS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH CATEGORIES ARE
PRETTIEST, SCARIEST AND MOST CREATIVE



Shall We Dance?
Lebanon Borough Recreation Presents
The Phantom Ball

Our fund-raising project is one with a twist. It's a Phantom Ball Gala, That is hard to resist!
No need for a sitter. Wear comfy blue jeans. Stay home and support us.
This gala is special, No tux or new shoes. And all that it costs is Whatever you choose.
The money you send for The Stay at Home Ball, will support all recreation events
and the playground for all!
Thank you for your support!

Name _____ Address _____

\$ _____ checks payable to Lebanon Borough Recreation Commission
6 High St Lebanon, NJ 08833



Lebanon Reformed Church

Reverend Thomas E. Jones

100 Brunswick Ave, Lebanon, NJ 08833

(908) 236-6167

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Pastor is IN - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday @ 3:30 – 6 pm

Please mark your calendars with these upcoming events:

- Senior Dinner - October 14th @ 3 pm
- CROP Walk - October 23rd @ 1 pm

by Robin Giordano

Environmental Commission *by Joe Hauck, Environmental Commission*

This year we were able to get the pathway cleared from behind the OEM building (96 Main St.) to the Lebanon Plaza. A second route from the Grist Mill Village was also cleared for those who enjoy a nature walk or a trip to the post office without getting in their car. There are some spectacular specimen trees in this undeveloped Borough-owned parcel.

The Lebanon Borough Shade Tree Committee *by Joe Hauck, Shade Tree Committee*

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. Tree City is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. The Borough has now participated for 12 years.

This year started well with the five maples we planted last Spring doing very well through the Summer and into the Fall. We planted several trees this Spring - three columnar oaks in the park and a Japanese red maple were donated and planted in memory of the late councilman Faust Coyle.

During the late Spring and early Summer, we contracted to have 14 large trees pruned and one removed. This work expended most of our budget for the year, but was required for the health of the trees and the safety of our residents.

In late Fall, we will be planting about six additional street trees and trees in the park. While they will be smaller, the expense is much less and they adapt and start growing sooner than large transplants.

We will also have a tree-pruning workshop in the Fall or early Winter when most leaves are down and the branches can be easily seen. Tree pruning can be a rewarding activity and the committee prunes all the smaller trees to keep expenses down. The date(s) for the workshop will be posted on the Borough sign and on the website. No registration and no fee, but please do come and learn.

Historical Committee *by Joe Hauck, Historical Committee*

Things have been quiet, but that does not mean nothing is happening. We continue to get donations of photos and artifacts from folks who lived here many years ago. Carol Kinnaird, who is the great-grand daughter of Oscar Apgar, sent us a terrific photo of the Lebanon Coronet Band. Next year may be the year for a whole new photo exhibit in the council room.

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

by Maren Smagala, District Communications Coordinator

1. Community Health and Wellness Education Series:

- October 17th at 7:00pm in Voorhees High School Cafeteria – Mental Health Panel: Practical Information for Parents. A special panel of experts will speak on different aspects of depression-related issues affecting children and their families.
- November 15th at 7:00pm in North Hunterdon High School Theater – When Cancer is in the Family: Supporting the Children. This program will provide information and guidance around how to address the needs of children/teens in the family when affected by cancer.

(These programs are open to the public and free of charge)

2. 42nd Annual Milk Can Football Game (North Hunterdon vs. Voorhees) will be on Friday, November 3 at 7:00pm at Voorhees High School. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, senior citizens are free.
3. Winter concerts will be held at North Hunterdon High School on December 7th and 14th in the theater beginning at 7:00 pm, and at Voorhees High School on December 13th and 19th in the theater at 7:00 pm. Concerts are free of charge and open to public.

SHREDDING DAY

Shredding Day is being provided by the borough and residents can participate by purchasing a registration at the borough hall. The fee is \$5 per household. Registrations and drop off will start on October 23, 2017 through November 9, 2017 at Borough Hall.



Lebanon Borough School
“Where great things are happening”

Lebanon Borough School kicked off the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, September 5th. Everyone was thrilled with the new building improvements made over the summer, including bright new, energy efficient lighting in all classrooms, and a redesigned lobby and office configuration, which increases security as recommended by the State Police safety survey.

Students, parents, and teachers mingled in the all-purpose room, reconnecting with old friends, making new friends, and listening to a welcome from the new Chief School Administrator, Mr. Bruce Arcurio.

Prior to school opening, teachers attended an in-service workshop on the use of Google Suite for Education, which is a group of technology tools designed for classroom use. Classes at all grade levels are using these new tools with great success. All classes participated in the first Character Education program of the year, celebrating the character trait of “Citizenship.” The 3rd grade presented a mural they had created and a video depicting citizenship in action in their classroom. Our next trait for the month of October is “Respect” when 6th grade will be presenting.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grades are all adjusting to the new Next Generation Science Standards by implementing hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. Fifth and sixth graders are also continuing their study of ancient civilizations, including Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. Fourth Grade is working on a literature study on *Matilda*, fifth is working on *Bunnicula*, while sixth is finishing a study on *Old Yeller*. In math, all three grades are reviewing and extending our knowledge of number sense and place value.

by Bruce Arcurio, Chief School Administrator

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Service Unit 81 serves Lebanon Borough and Clinton Township. Our events are opened to the entire community. On October 20th, we are hosting a Halloween Dance "Monster Mash" at Round Valley School. All girls in grades K-12 are invited. If you want to learn more about Girl Scouts, you can email us on gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://su81website.wixsite.com/girlscouts>. We are currently forming new Daisy Troops (K-1) and registering in all grades.

by Esther Ferguson, SUM Service Unit 81



HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Come join us in costume.

Where: Lebanon Fire House

When: Tuesday, October 31st

Time: 7:30 pm

Prizes and Treats!

**Trick or Treating will take place in Lebanon
from 4 pm until 7:30 pm.**

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **ADULT-15** ___ **10-14** ___ **UNDER 10** ___

EMAIL _____

**BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN WITH CANDLE AND THIS FORM TO
THE FIRE HOUSE ON 88 MAIN STREET LEBANON, NJ 08833 BY 6 PM
THE LEBANON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
WILL LIGHT AND JUDGE THE PUMPKINS AT 8 PM.
PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR
SCARIEST, FUNNIEST AND MOST CREATIVE IN EACH CATEGORY**

Fact Q&A:

Why is Lebanon Borough collecting fees for Branch Pick Up, Electronics Day, and Shredding Day?

The cost of the disposal has exceeded the Recycling Grant monies Lebanon Borough receives from the State of New Jersey. The Recycling Grant money is based on the recycling weight that the town produces three years prior to the current year. Thus, the 2014 weight is credited in 2017. In years past, the Grant monies were almost equal to the disposal fees. For the past two years, the disposal fees have exceeded the Grant monies 3:1. The Lebanon Borough Council decided to charge a nominal fee to the residents using the services to offset the disposal fees rather than raising taxes or discontinuing the services.

Why is Lebanon Borough stopping weekly Bulk Garbage Pick Up and replacing it with two Clean-Up Days a Year?

Weekly Bulk Pick Up caused Lebanon Borough's weekly tipping fees to increase. Tipping fees are an additional charge by the recycling collector and is charged by weight. Premier Disposal offered us a flat pick up fee twice a year. Estimated saving to Lebanon Borough residents \$5,500.

Lebanon Volunteer Fire Company

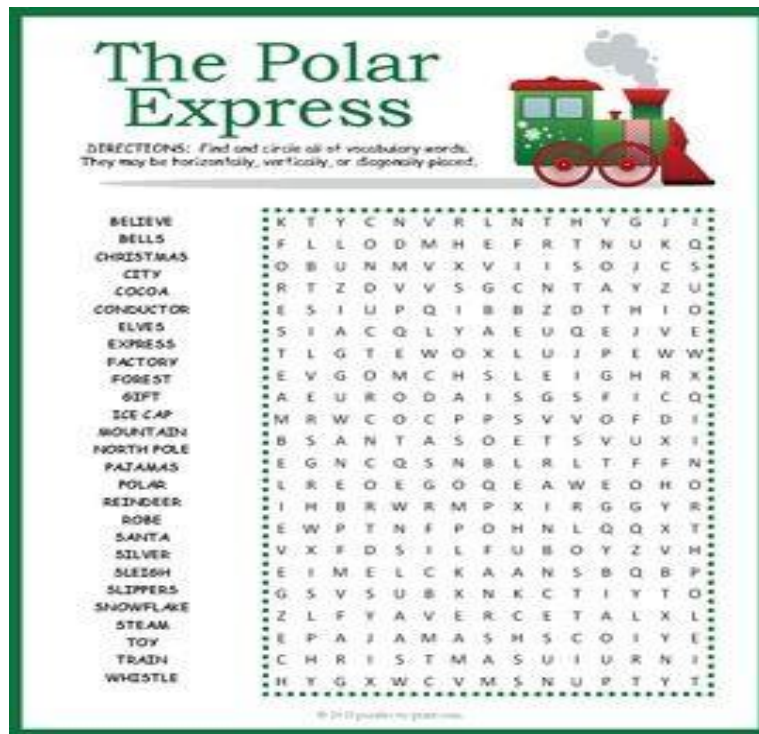
P.O. Box 145, 88 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Phone – 908-236-2792 Fax – 908-236-6377

Email – sta18fire@yahoo.com



MOVIE NIGHT



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH BORO HALL 6:30 PM

**FREE ADMISSION FREE POPCORN
DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED
CALL 236-2425 FOR INFORMATION**



Leaf Pick up Schedule

1st pick up: October 23, 2017

2nd pick up: November 20, 2017

3rd pick up: December 11, 2017

Please have all leaves curbside the night before!



Tree Lighting and Visit from Santa
Sunday, December 3, 2017
Parade starts 6:30 pm at the Fire House
on Main Street
Followed by Santa and Refreshments at
Lebanon Borough School



Burning of the Greens –12th Night
Saturday, January 6, 2018
Bonfire starts at 6:30 pm
in the Park behind the School
Followed by Refreshments and the
Crowning of the King and Queen

Food Drive



FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF NOW AVAILABLE AT BORO HALL

Please do not leave food past its marked expiration date.

2015 Homestead Benefit **Income Requirements**

To receive a 2015 Homestead Benefit, your 2015 New Jersey Gross Income cannot be more than the amounts below, and you must meet all of the other eligibility requirements.

- \$150,000 for homeowners 65 or older or blind or disabled on December 31, 2015; and
- \$75,000 for homeowners under 65 and not blind or disabled on December 31, 2015.

These income amounts apply to a single individual, a married/civil union couple living in the same residence, and married/civil union partners maintaining separate residences.

Do not include **nontaxable income** such as Social Security, Railroad Retirement benefits, or unemployment compensation when calculating your income.

The amount appropriated in the State Budget for Property Tax relief programs affected Homestead Benefits for 2015. Only homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements, including the income requirements, can receive Homestead Benefits for 2015. You can file an application regardless of your income, but if it exceeds the amounts above, we will deny your application.

Permits required for Existing Residential Dwellings

B = Building P= Plumbing E = Electrical F = Fire

	B	P	E	F
All Fuels- Metal Fireplace/Stoves Electric req. if blower is provided and/or electric is installed or relocated Chimney Cert. needed if existing chimney or vent is being used.		Gas or Propane Unit		X
Masonry Fireplace Chimney Cert. needed if existing chimney or vent is being used.	X			
Wood Burning Insert Chimney Cert. needed if existing chimney or vent is being used.				X
Gas Log Insert Electric req. if blower is provided and/or electric is installed or relocated Chimney Cert. needed if existing chimney or vent is being used.		X		
New/Replacement/Conversions- Furnace and Boiler		X	X	
Outside Wood burning Furnace		X	X	X
Gas/Propane Water Heater Electric req. if blower is provided and/or electric is installed or relocated		X		
Electric Water Heater		X	X	
Gas/Propane Oven, Range		X	X	
Electric Oven, Range			X	
Clothes Dryer, Kitchen Hood			X	X
Air Conditioning Building if duct work is installed or relocated		X	X	
Propane Tanks		X		
Oil Tank Installation		X		
Oil Tank Removal or Abandonment				X
Irrigation System Electric if timing device is installed		X		
Radon Mitigation	X		X	
Burglar Alarm Licensed electrical or if low voltage a NJ permitted alarm company			X	
Fire Alarm Licensed electrical or if low voltage a NJ permitted alarm company			X	X
Basement Renovation Plumbing if any piping, gas, propane, water or sewer	X		X	X
Generator Portable			X	
Generator Permanent Zoning	X	X	X	
Solar panels Zoning	X		X	
Pools/Hot tubs			X	
	Pools fence Hot tub cover	If connected to water		

CHIMNEY LINERS AND VENTS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE SUBCODE FOR THAT APPLIANCE.

03/21/14



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOVEL
YOUR SIDEWALK!**

ORDINANCE 88-18: REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

SECTION ONE:

A. The owner, occupant or tenant of premises abutting or bordering on any street in the Borough where sidewalks exist shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks of the street, or in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand or suitable material within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the snow falls or the ice forms thereon.

B. The owner, occupant or tenant of premises used by the public or business invitees shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way and parking areas by the public in the transaction of business thereat, and in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, shall cause the ice to be thoroughly covered with sand or other suitable material within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the snow falls or the ice forms thereon.

SECTION TWO:

No owner, tenant or occupant of premises abutting on a street shall deposit snow or ice on any street, sidewalk or right-of-way, it being the intent and purpose of this provision to prohibit all persons from depositing snow and ice which accumulates within the private property belonging to that person on the sidewalks, streets or right-of-ways of the Borough.

SECTION THREE:

In case the snow or ice is not removed from the sidewalks or as set forth in Section One B-, or is deposited upon the sidewalk, street or right-of-way by the owner, tenant or occupant of any premises, it may be removed by the Borough, and the cost of removal as nearly as can be ascertained shall be charged against the real estate abutting or bordering, and the amount so charged shall become a tax lien in the same manner as the taxes next to be levied upon the premises and shall bear interest and be collected by the same officers and in the same manner as other taxes. The imposition or collection of a penalty for violation of any provisions of this Ordinance shall not constitute any bar to the right of the Borough to collect the cost, as certified, for the removal of snow or ice.

SECTION FOUR:

Any person violating the provision of this Ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day that snow or ice shall remain shall be considered a separate offence.

The Borough of Lebanon Governing Body

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GETTING MARRIED

**Download your Marriage Application at www.lebanonboro.com
Present the completed application 30 days before your event at
Borough Hall with your partner and a witness.**

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES COMMENTS AND ARTICLES.

Submission deadline for the Winter Edition is Friday, December 8, 2017.

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immediate updates.**

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PRSRT STD
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Local
Postal Customer

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY **911**
Lebanon Borough Volunteer Fire Department
(908) 236-2792
State Police
(908) 730-6100
Lebanon Borough Municipal Building
(908) 236-2425

Please Keep
Lebanon Borough
CLEAN



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Go to www.lebanonboro.com