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HOLJES-SHEPPARD PARK RENOVATION UPDATE

Construction is progressing steadily after a winter pause.

For the safety of the public and to allow construction crews to complete their work efficiently, the park will remain closed until the project is fully completed. **While we understand this may be an inconvenience, the temporary closure is necessary to ensure that the improvements are completed properly and safely.**

We are excited about the final result and look forward to reopening a revitalized space that everyone can enjoy. Additional updates, including a projected reopening date, will be shared as the project nears completion.

Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



Ben Valliere

What do you love most about Lebanon?

What I love most about Lebanon is how much of a community there is. I love sitting on my front porch and interacting with neighbors as they walk by on a sunny day. I am also reminded of when my wife and I brought our older daughter home from the hospital in the spring of 2020. Our neighbors organized a meal train for the first couple of weeks we were home with the baby. It was such a thoughtful and kind gesture by our neighbors and quintessentially Lebanon.

What kind of experience do you bring to the role of council member?

I bring my experience as a Borough volunteer on the Lebanon Borough Sewer Authority, and July 4th Celebration Committee; as a former Lebanon Borough School Board member and Rec Committee member; as a father of two young girls; and professionally as a litigating attorney. Working with Mayor Pittinger, and my fellow Council members, I feel I can contribute a unique perspective, given my personal and professional experience, to continue to improve and streamline the Borough's government and infrastructure. I intend to advocate that the Borough always make decisions in a transparent and inclusive manner while respecting the Borough's rich history and traditions.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish during your term?

I walk my older daughter to school in the morning, and I pick her up from school in the afternoon, as do many other parents. We also bike and scooter around the neighborhood in warmer weather along with other Borough children and their parents. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a community where children play outside, ride their bikes, and are given autonomy to roam the neighborhood at a relatively young age. We can do this because we live in a safe and well-designed community. These freedoms allow residents to live healthy lives and allow our children to develop a healthy independence, however, there are some lingering infrastructure issues which I would like to address to improve Borough safety.

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Mary Ann Durange

What do you love most about Lebanon?

I love the sense of community and all the activities. My first event 30 years ago was Santa Claus (on a fire truck!) then singing carols around the tree. I called my mom and told her I'd moved to Who-ville and couldn't be happier.

What kind of experience do you bring to the role of council member?

I still hear my husband Mike saying "for God's sake, put your hand down" when it came to volunteering. Through the years, I held several positions on school board, recreation, PTA and led a Girl Scout Troop. With every position my priority was considering the needs of those I served.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish during your term?

I chose to run for office because I care about our community and I wanted to continue to serve the residents. Unfortunately, circumstances have changed and I am no longer able to continue on that path. I am truly disappointed as I was looking forward to working on behalf of the residents in a new role.

That being said, the success of this small community relies on volunteerism. Many hands make light work. I regret that I didn't take on the role of Councilperson earlier and I urge members of the community to get involved wherever you can, even if it's just a small contribution. The reward to the community — and your own self-esteem and happiness — is wonderful.

RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AND PLANS

The Lebanon Borough Recreation Committee plays a vital role in enhancing the community spirit and quality of life for residents in Lebanon Borough. Committed to providing recreational opportunities, the committee organizes a variety of events throughout the year that cater to all ages and interests.

Our last sponsored **Snack Attack** bingo event in March was full of laughs and snacks.

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** was held at the Lebanon Reformed Church. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Reformed Church for graciously hosting. We hope everyone had fun and were able to say hi to the Easter Bunny.

The recreation committee has some fun and exciting events coming up. For the Lebanon Centennial, we are holding a town poetry contest. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more information. There will also be an informative history talk in May where you will have the opportunity to submit questions. In addition, we will be hosting a Lebanon night at a **Somerset Patriots** game. More details are coming soon.

The committee relies on community involvement and volunteers to bring these events to life. If you are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for possible events, please feel free to email Recreation Chair Lisa Porcello at lporcello@Lebanonboro.com. We look forward to hearing from you.



CELEBRATE LEBANON'S 79TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE & PICNIC!

We need you! The Lebanon 4th of July Parade runs on the spirit of pride and community thanks to the commitment of volunteers like YOU. With your input and energy, we can continue to share the joy of our hometown parade and picnic for years to come.

This year's theme is "100 Years of Community - 250 Years of Freedom," in celebration of the founding of Lebanon Borough 100 years ago and the birth of the United States of America 250 years ago. Please join us at our monthly parade planning meetings on the last Wednesday of each month through June as we work out the details of this year's parade and picnic. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the council room at Borough Hall. We also have a Zoom link for those who are unable to attend in person. We welcome your ideas, your questions, and your enthusiasm – and we have tasks for all talents and time constraints.

T-Shirts! Beginning in mid-June, a limited number of 2026 4th of July Parade T-shirts, in a variety of adult and children's sizes, will be available for purchase at Borough Hall. Stop in early for the best selection of sizes. The shirts will be white with this year's parade logo in color on the front.

Watch your mail! Please keep an eye out for this year's Appeal Letter, asking once again for your generous support of the 2026 parade and picnic. And please check the [website](#) and the Lebanon Borough 4th of July Parade [Facebook page](#) for parade day times and details.

Does your group want to join the line of march this year? Click [here](#) for details.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEBANON REFORMED CHURCH

We're excited to share a lineup of upcoming family-friendly events at Lebanon Reformed Church and would love for the community to join us!

- **Friday, April 17 – Parents' Night Out**
Enjoy a well-deserved evening to yourself while your children have fun in a safe, supervised environment filled with games, activities, and more.
- **Saturday, May 16 – Escape Room Night**
Put your problem-solving skills to the test! Families and friends can work together to solve clues and complete our interactive escape room challenge.
- **Friday, June 5 – Family Movie Night**
Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for a relaxing evening under the stars with a family-friendly movie and light refreshments.
- **Monday, July 20 – Family Craft Night**
Get creative together! We'll provide materials for a variety of fun, hands-on crafts for all ages.

All events are open to the community, and we welcome families, friends, and neighbors to attend. More details, including times and registration information, will be shared soon. Check our Facebook Page for updates.





LBS: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE, MANAGING THE PRESENT

At Lebanon Borough School, we often say that we are “**Better Together!**” As we transition into spring, that spirit is more visible than ever. Our students are working incredibly hard in their classrooms, tackling rigorous math problems, diving deep into reading, and developing critical thinking skills. Alongside this strong academic focus, our young artists are exploring the vibrant styles of Kandinsky and Keith Haring, while our Character Building and outdoor initiatives teach essential life skills and healthy habits.

Our school is the heart of this community. It is a place where every child is known by name, and where we provide a top-tier education in a safe, inclusive environment.

You can see this vibrant school culture in action very soon! Our students are currently busy practicing for our upcoming musical, *Seussical Kids*. We warmly invite the entire Lebanon Borough community to join us for the performance on **Thursday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m.**

As your superintendent, my mission is to protect this high standard of education while remaining a responsible steward of your tax dollars. To that end, I want to share the details of our proposed 2026/2027 school budget, which includes a **3.9% local tax levy increase**.

A Balancing Act: Rising Pressures and Strategic Savings

On the surface, our total school budget is remarkably stable, with an overall increase of just **0.23%** over last year. However, this “flat” topline number masks significant, unavoidable cost pressures that we must navigate to keep our school running at its best:

- **Health benefit costs:** We are facing a staggering **31.9% jump** in health benefit premiums.
- **Modern curriculum:** Our English, math, and social studies materials have reached the end of their natural cycle and must be updated over the next three years to ensure our students have the modern resources they need to thrive.
- **Inflation:** Energy costs are climbing by approximately **6%**, alongside rising shipping and operational costs.

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THE GARDEN CLUB IS GETTING LEBANON READY FOR SPRING!

At our March Garden Club meeting, all gardeners had their hands in the soil as we learned how to create Milk Jug Greenhouses. We each planted our own selection of seeds and finished with a thin layer of vermiculite. Now we wait for sprouts! The plant/bulb/seed exchange was a home-run as well. Great turnout for the meeting and **Christine Burton** gave a super demonstration on how to make the greenhouses!

The Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Boro Hall. All are welcome to attend! At our next meeting, we look forward to welcoming the **Master Gardeners of Hunterdon**, who will give a presentation on "Demystifying Orchids." In addition, we will discuss some of the club's upcoming projects and activities, and any new ideas from members and residents to further beautify our town.

The Garden Club of Lebanon Boro would like to acknowledge all those who donated their time, effort, talent and generosity to support our Garden Club, including:

- **Deb and Jeff Spencer, Maple Crest Farm**
- **Shanti and Dave Smith**
- **David Ruben and Melanie Gray**
- **Mike Curia**
- **Jorn Therkildsen**
- **Tony Restivo, Assistant Store Manager, Flemington Lowe's**

Thank you all very much!

Lisa DeRoze 🌸

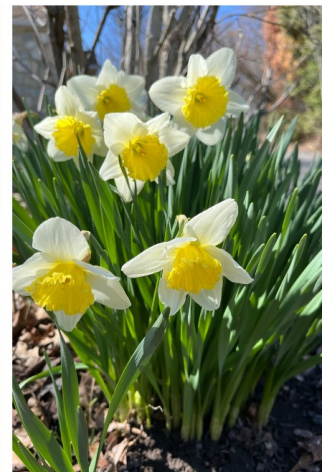


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LEBANON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION POETRY CONTEST

This year the Recreation Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for aspiring writers in our community.

We are seeking poems about Lebanon Borough to celebrate the centennial.



RULES FOR ENTRY:

1
Poems can be done in any style and must be at least 5 lines but no more than 50.

2
All poems must be centered around the topic of Lebanon. Participants are encouraged to explore various aspects of town life.

3
Participants must be ages 5 and up. There will be four age group winners: 5-8, 9-13, 14-18 and 18+.

POEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2026 AT LEBANON BOROUGH HALL

The winners will be announced on June 15, 2026 and prizes will be awarded at a later date.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: BEN VALLIERE

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Speeding in town, the interaction between cars and pedestrians, and a lack of a complete sidewalk network are a few issues that negatively impact our ability to safely move around the Borough, and I hope we can address the infrastructure needs that will make our community even safer.

We are in the process of a grand renovation and eventual reopening of Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park. This is a historic undertaking that will leave us with an inclusive, ADA compliant, playground. We will be paving part of a gravel road which used to wash out with heavy rainstorms, which will help with school drop-off and pick-up. This project should be complete (fingers crossed) later this spring, if the weather cooperates. What I would like to focus on in the years ahead is a long-term plan to ensure residents can safely bike, scooter, or walk from their homes to our newly renovated park to make full use of it and do so without needing to hop in their car and drive.

In particular, I think the Borough should come up with a long-term infrastructure plan including maintenance of streets and roads, as we do now, but also seeking to finish our sidewalk network in town, further tying our community together and providing a safer way for all of us to travel. This will not be finished in one term, but I hope to use my position as co-chair of the infrastructure committee to push the Council to adopt a more inclusive and transparent approach to future projects – we can always do better. I hope that we as a Council and as a community can renew our approach to these types of projects and proposals, viewing them not as short-term individual piecemeal projects, but as generational wholistic investments in quality of life in the Borough that will benefit the community for many years to come, and well beyond any one term in office.

LBS: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE, MANAGING THE PRESENT

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To counteract these pressures, our district has been incredibly proactive. Our most significant win is our **10-year send/receive agreement for our middle school students**. This strategic partnership is projected to save the district over **\$1.8 million** over the next decade, with nearly **\$131,000** in savings realized in this upcoming 2026/2027 budget year alone.

Why the 3.9% Increase is Necessary

While we have worked hard to find savings, a gap remains if we want to maintain the quality of our academic and extracurricular programs. By law, due to various waivers, the district could have legally raised the tax levy by up to 11.74% without voter approval. Instead, we are proposing a much more restrained **3.9% increase to \$3,170,752**.

For the average Lebanon Borough home valued at \$500,000, this 3.9% increase amounts to an additional **\$168 per year** — or approximately **\$0.46 per day**. To put this in perspective, it is less than the cost of a single cup of coffee a week.

Planning for the Long Term

History has shown us that small, incremental increases are necessary to prevent much larger, more painful budget deficits down the road. This planned investment ensures we don't have to make drastic cuts to the teachers, materials, and programs that make Lebanon Borough School so special.

When parents, teachers, and residents work together, we create the best possible environment for our children. I encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our budget and explore the wonderful things happening in our classrooms every day. We hope to see you on May 28!

**Better Together,
Bruce Arcurio, Ed.D.**
Superintendent, Lebanon Borough School District

BEFORE LEBANON WAS...LEBANON

As we approach the celebration of our borough's founding 100 years ago, one should understand that our area was populated long before that. Where did they come from and why did they eventually rise up?

In 18th Century England, Queen Anne took pity on the plight of poor German farmers whose lands and property had been ravaged by continuous war and a brutal winter that left birds frozen on tree branches. In 1708 and 1709, she funded the Palatine Project to move thousands of starving Germans to America. They would work in New York forests to produce pine tar and pitch for the Royal Navy. A third wave arrived from Scotland in 1715 when a rising against the British crown was crushed. Scots with skill or education were advised that they no longer had a future in England. These groups were many of the early settlers that came to New York and New Jersey.

In 1711, a real estate consortium called the West Jersey Proprietors was created and purchased the rights to 100,000 acres in Hunterdon and Morris counties. The large tract was divided into "plantations" that were sold outright or rented to tenant farmers. Shortly thereafter, the Palatine Project collapsed and Parliament withdrew funding. The Germans who expected to work for seven years and then be given land were instead turned loose to fend for themselves. A number of them in New York City crossed into New Jersey on the Raritan along Five Mile Run. The better land in this area was controlled by Dutch settlers and around 1725 they moved west into the wilderness of Hunterdon.

In 1733, the land agent for the Society found 98 families squatting on their land. They were invited to sign a lease or leave. Eleven years later, James Alexander, a 1715 immigrant from Scotland, purchased 10,000 acres and two of the 15 shares in the West Jersey Proprietors. This included seven plantations totaling 3,150 acres that started at what is now Cherry St. and extended to Potterstown. His will left the "Potterstown Lots" to his only son William (aka Lord Stirling) and a large parcel in Basking Ridge to his daughter Catherine.

There were important people and activities here during the Revolution. Governor William Livingston, in spite of a price on his head, visited John Stevens the vice president of the Committee of Safety at his residence in Lebanon Valley (now known as

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THE SMART PATIENT STOP PAYING TOO MUCH FOR PRESCRIPTIONS!

When a Lebanon Borough mom went to pick up her child's asthma inhaler, she expected to pay the usual \$35 copay. Instead, she was told it would be \$287. Her insurance had changed its formulary. The pharmacist suggested she try a discount program. After comparing prices online and switching pharmacies, she ultimately paid \$62, saving more than \$200. Stories like this are becoming increasingly common across New Jersey. Whether it's insulin, heart medications, inhalers, or specialty drugs, prescription costs are rising, forcing many families and seniors to make difficult financial decisions. However, there is some good news. New Jersey offers some of the strongest prescription assistance programs in the country.

Here are some state programs that can save you hundreds of dollars:

PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled)

- Generics often cost just \$5
- Brand medications often cost just \$7

A monthly insulin prescription that costs \$420 retail could cost \$7 through PAAD, saving more than \$4,900 per year

Senior Gold: For Residents Who Do Not Qualify for PAAD

- Pay \$15 + 50% of the remaining cost

After \$2,000 in annual out-of-pocket spending, cost drops to \$15 per prescription

Residents can apply for both programs through NJSave.org, a simple online screening tool.

Many pharmaceutical companies offer free or reduced-cost medications to qualifying patients. The website Rx4NJ.org helps residents search for these programs. These can be especially valuable for expensive specialty medications used to treat autoimmune disease, cancer, or chronic conditions.

Most people don't realize the same medication can have very different prices depending on where you fill it. Local pharmacy options include:

- CVS Pharmacy
- Walgreens
- Walmart Pharmacy

Using tools like **GoodRx** can help identify lower cash prices. For example, one cholesterol medication priced at \$128 at CVS was available for \$89 at Walmart and \$104 at Walgreens.

All residents, regardless of age or income can enroll in the **free NJ Drug Card**, which provides average savings of about 30%. Sometimes paying cash with the card can even be cheaper than an insurance copay.

- Website: www.rxresource.org/free-plans/new-jersey-drug-card.html

Phone: **1-800-222-2818**

If you believe you've been unfairly charged by a pharmacy or denied insurance coverage for a medication you need, there are resources in New Jersey that can help. Residents can file complaints or request assistance through the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, which investigates pharmacy pricing concerns, billing disputes, and consumer protection issues.

For problems related to insurance coverage, formulary changes, or denied medication claims, residents can also contact the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This agency oversees health insurers and can help explain appeal rights and coverage rules. Always save pharmacy receipts, screenshots of quoted prices, and insurance explanation-of-benefits statements. Documentation can help regulators resolve complaints faster.

Pharmacists are often one of the best-kept secrets in healthcare. They have a wealth of knowledge about medication alternatives, discount programs, and pricing differences between pharmacies. Taking a few minutes to ask your pharmacist questions can sometimes lead to significant savings and safer medication use.

One of the best ways to avoid prescription sticker shock is to check medication prices before filling your prescription. New Jersey residents can use the state's Prescription Drug Retail Price Registry through the Division of Consumer Affairs to compare prices at different pharmacies.

In addition, tools like GoodRx allow consumers to see estimated cash prices ahead of time. This transparency helps families make informed decisions, sometimes saving \$50 to \$200 or more per prescription simply by choosing a different pharmacy or using a coupon. Finally, ask your doctor to send the prescription electronically, but wait to fill it until you compare prices. You are not required to fill it at the first pharmacy that receives it.

Prescription affordability affects all of us. By sharing information and working together, we can make sure our neighbors get the medications they need at prices they can afford. If you or someone you know is struggling with prescription costs, please explore available programs, or feel free to contact me at mbaldinger@lebanonboro.com for additional resources.



CONGRATS TO LEBANON'S 100TH EAGLE SCOUT BO PARDO!

What does becoming Lebanon Borough's 100th Eagle Scout mean to you?

It is an honor to be Lebanon Borough's 100th Eagle Scout. I would not be in this position without the support of the people of Lebanon Borough, and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed donations, time, or help in any way along my journey. However, being an Eagle Scout means much more to me than simply completing requirements and earning badges.

In my troop, there was a group of older Scouts whom I always looked up to. They were funny, kind, and responsible, and from the very beginning, I knew I wanted to grow into someone like them. Over time, I became friends with those Scouts, and I still keep in touch with them today.

Becoming an Eagle Scout allowed me to prove to myself that I could push far beyond my comfort zone and develop the same qualities I admired in those Scouts when I was just starting out.

Another aspect of scouting that helped me transition to college was the emphasis on responsibility. One of the most important qualities I gained from scouting was learning to be responsible for myself. Many of the activities at meetings and camps are not guided by adults, and the boy-led structure encourages Scouts to take initiative and solve problems on their own. That experience taught me how to manage responsibility, a skill that has helped me immensely during my time in college.

What inspired you to create the Gather & Game Garden?

The Gather & Game Garden was a project inspired by my childhood memories of the Lebanon community. Every week, a large group of people—including my family—would come together to play volleyball. Seeing that sense of connection made me want to create a project that would provide a similar space for the community to gather.

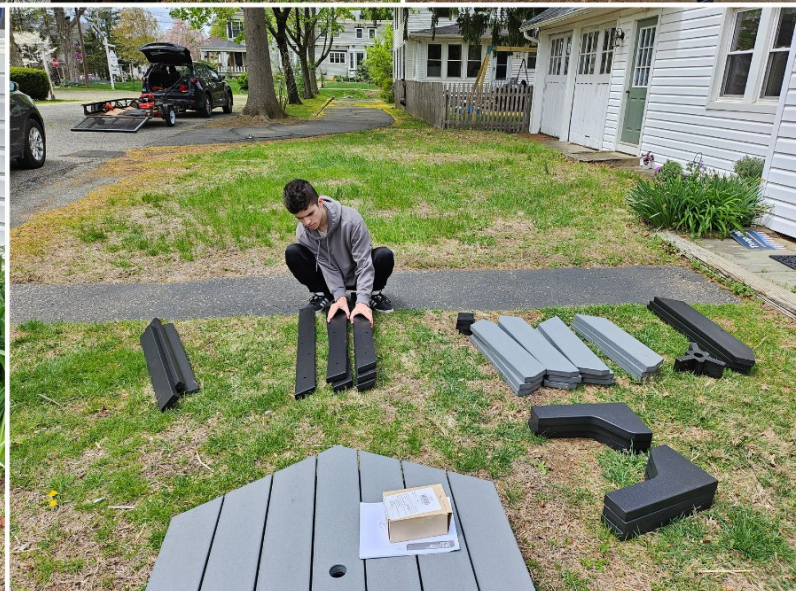
What is the Gather & Game Garden?

The Gather & Game Garden is a small community space located outside the Lebanon Reformed Church. It features a picnic table, surrounding foliage, and a Little Free Library box stocked with board games. The space is designed to be welcoming—a place where people can sit down, play a game together, or simply relax and enjoy the surroundings.

What was the most rewarding part of the project?

The most rewarding part of the project wasn't the completion itself, but what I realized afterward. While reviewing the attendance records from the day I finished the project, I noticed all the names on the list—current Scouts in the troop, former Scouts, friends from school, and more

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WHAT LEBANON SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL CELL PHONE LAW

A new statewide law limiting student use of cell phones during the school day is now moving toward implementation across New Jersey. Signed by former Governor Phil Murphy, the legislation will now be carried forward by the administration of Governor Mikie Sherrill, which will work with educators and communities to shape how the policy is applied locally.



For parents, students, and residents who may not follow education policy closely, this change could affect daily school routines, communication, safety practices, and classroom expectations.

The policy is described as a “bell-to-bell” restriction, meaning phones could be limited from the first bell until dismissal. However, the law does not set exact rules but instead creates a framework for local decision making.

The process will unfold in stages. The New Jersey Department of Education will issue recommendations on phone use policies, then, local boards of education and administrators will create district-specific rules based on the needs of the community. This means families and students may see different approaches. The policies could begin taking effect during the 2026–2027 school year.

For many students, cell phones are used not only socially but also for tracking assignments and schedules, coordinating transportation and after-school activities, accessing learning platforms and calendars and communicating during emergencies. How districts balance these practical uses with concerns about distraction will shape the real impact of the law.

As a student officer, I have been working to help my peers understand the legislation and encourage constructive dialogue. Student leadership groups can play an important role by sharing student perspectives respectfully, helping schools understand how phones are used day-to-day, and supporting policies that strengthen both learning and safety.

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: DON & MARITZA TRACEY

When did you move to Lebanon?

2023

What attracted you to the town?

We chose it for the peace and quality of life.

What's your favorite thing about living here?

The calm environment and good people.

What's the most exciting event or occurrence you've experienced here in town?

Local events—great energy and community.

How do you describe Lebanon to your friends?

Strong culture, great food, and resilient people.



TROOP 200 HAS BEEN BUSY!

Troop 200 has had an active and exciting winter. The Scouts enjoyed a visit to Lost River Caverns and spent a fun overnight camping at the Skunk House. The Scouts also attended and participated in Scout Sunday at Lebanon Reformed Church.

Congratulations to our 100th Eagle Scout, **Bo Pardo**, on this incredible achievement! We would also like to recognize Teddy **Abeles** for earning the New Scout Rank.

Looking ahead to the summer, **Sean Verlin**, **Oliver Sudol**, **Gavin Martorana**, **Rylen Seelig** and **Nirvan Dinesh** are preparing for an unforgettable adventure at Philmont Scout Ranch, Scouting America's premier high-adventure camp in New Mexico. In addition, many Scouts will attend summer camp at Rodney Scout Reservation in Maryland.

- Troop 200 welcomes new members! The troop is open to any boy in 5th through 12th grade.
- Meetings: Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Skunk House, Lebanon Reformed Church

CONGRATULATIONS, BO PARDO!

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all there to help me bring the project to life. In that moment, I realized that I had already created a sense of community even before the project was finished, thanks to everyone who took the time to contribute.

What did this experience teach you about community service?

The biggest lesson I learned about community service is that the size of a project doesn't matter. What matters is the intention behind it. Many Eagle Scout projects I've heard of require far more time and effort than mine, but I believe that as long as a project is carried out with genuine purpose and good intentions, its impact is meaningful, no matter how big or small.

What advice would you give to the next Lebanon Borough Scout aiming for Eagle?

I would tell anyone aiming to become an Eagle Scout not to focus solely on the requirements completed or the number of merit badges earned, but to reflect on the person they have become through scouting. While it's rewarding to see your accomplishments, it's the life skills you've learned, the qualities you've developed, and the more mature version of yourself that truly define your journey—and these are what will help you become an Eagle Scout and navigate life beyond scouting.

Article and photos by Marlene Baldinger

BEFORE LEBANON WAS...LEBANON

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Round Valley) in 1779. By 1820, the two large tracts had been subdivided and a town center had developed along what was then the New Jersey Turnpike. The earliest view of Lebanon is an 1823 sketch made by Napoleon's niece Charlotte. A copy is in our council room. This sketch along with several others was published in France and a copy of this litho is in the possession of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

By Joe Hauck


COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2026

All meetings are held at Borough Hall unless otherwise noted.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Snr Game Day 1 p.m.	2 Enviro/Shade Tree 5 p.m.	3	4
5	6 Snr Bingo 1 p.m.	7 Historical Cmte 5 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Garden Club 6 p.m. Land Use 7 p.m.	15 Snr Game Day 1 p.m. Council 7:30	16 LBSA 7:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20 Snr Bingo 1 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Senior Mtg 1 p.m. Rec. 6 p.m. July 4 7:30	30		

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Snr Bingo 1 p.m.	5 Historical Cmte 5 p.m.	6 Snr Game Day 1 p.m.	7 Enviro/Shade Tree 5 p.m.	8	9 Townwide Yard Sale
10	11	12 Garden Club 6 p.m. Land Use 7 p.m.	13 Bulk Pick-up	14	15	16
17	18 Snr Bingo 1 p.m.	19	20 Snr Game Day 1 p.m. Council 7:30	21 LBSA 7:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25 	26	27 Senior Mtg 1 p.m. Rec. 6 p.m. July 4 7:30	28	29	30
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2026

All meetings are held at Borough Hall unless otherwise noted.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Snr Bingo 1 p.m.	2 Historical Cmte 5 p.m.	3 Snr Game Day 1 p.m.	4 Enviro/Shade Tree 5 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9 Garden Club 6 p.m. Land Use 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30				

Indoor Yard Sale

Round Valley United Methodist Church
30 Main St.
Same day as the Townwide Yard Sale



Saturday, May 9
8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Call (908) 797-0066 to rent a table!

N.J.'S NEW CELLPHONE LAW

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Even residents without children in school may notice broader effects, including changes in dismissal communication and transportation coordination, adjustments in extracurricular scheduling and new expectations around student independence and responsibility.

Over the next year, families and community members can expect public discussion of draft guidelines, school board policy development and opportunities for feedback at local meetings.

Please share your thoughts at our local school boards including the Lebanon Borough School, Clinton Public School and the North Hunterdon-Voorhees District. Staying informed and engaged will help ensure policies reflect both the realities of modern student life and the shared goal of supporting strong learning environments.

By Ava Joy Baldinger, Student Officer, NHHS Class of 2028

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM THE LBSA

The Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority has new contacts in the case of emergency. Our primary sewer emergency contact is **Ralph Carchia**, from RGC Associates. He can be reached at 973.978.5044. If he can't be reached, our secondary sewer emergency contact is **Kyle Skurchak** from Boswell Engineering. He can be reached at 908.285.4212.

Every year, the LBSA reminds borough residents that flushing anything other than, well, you know what, can lead to blockages that can cost you money. Each year, the authority passes a resolution on that issue. Here is a snapshot. The full resolution is on file at the LBSA office in Borough Hall if you want to read it.

Prohibited Materials - Blockage Cleanout

1. All types of paper towels and cleaning materials, feminine hygiene products, diapers, flushable wipes, and like type materials are prohibited from being disposed of in toilets and drains within the sewer service area of the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority.
2. All back-ups of individual premise sewer lines and the main sewer trunk shall be traced to their source and the sewer system user and/or property owner shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred to clear and/or relieve the blockage.
3. A fee of \$250 plus the actual cost of clearing the line blockage shall be assessed to the property owner/user and must be paid with the next quarterly sewer installment. Such fee if unpaid, shall become a lien upon the property, and failure to make payment of the lien shall result in the immediate filing of a Lien Notice with the Lebanon Borough Clerk's Office/ Assessor's Offices, and a separate Notice of Lien shall be recorded against the property in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office, and the property will be subject to the annual, public lien sale conducted for tax and sewer delinquencies.



HELP US CARE FOR UNION CEMETERY: VOLUNTEER

Do you have loved ones buried at Union Cemetery in Lebanon? Are you interested in local history, or do you want to see this peaceful resting place well maintained for many years to come? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, you're invited to make a difference by volunteering with the Union Cemetery Association.

Association volunteers have completed the foundational work of creating bylaws and ensuring the cemetery is in compliance with rules and regulations.



Moving forward, becoming a member will involve attending quarterly meetings and helping with cemetery cleanup twice per year. For more information, email unioncemetery100@gmail.com or visit our website at www.unioncemeteryoflebanon.org.

Spring Cleanup Completed

On March 7, association volunteers cleaned up the cemetery to get it ready for Easter and springtime. Mowing will begin in April.

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency - 911
State Police - 908.730.6100

Lebanon Borough Volunteer Fire Co. - 908.236.2792
Lebanon Borough Municipal Building - 908.236.2425

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