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SUMMER 2024

4th of July 2024: A Good Time Was Had By All!

By the time the firefighters of Lebanon Boro had the big truck ready for the spray down, everyone, from kids to adults, was ready for cool mist.

It was a hot and (mostly) sunny day and when the firefighters turned on the hose, a breeze blew through Hojles-Sheppard Park, cooling off most folks who had stuck around. It made for a fitting end to a day of fun, friendship, food and festivities.

Congratulations to **Dan and Laura Elwell** of 9 Maple St. and **Alex (Lex) and Hazel Saharic** of 58 Main St., who won first and second place, respectively, in our annual home decorating contest.

This year's parade and picnic marked the 77th anniversary of this enduring celebration of America that began here in Lebanon in 1947.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this day happen and make it a memorable event for all who joined us.

From the committee members who work from January right thought July 4 to plan and execute this event, to the many volunteers and businesses who donate their time, resources and material — and all the residents and visitors who donate so generously to enable Lebanon to host this celebration.

We can't say thank-you enough!

Please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). We would love to hear from you. You can also share your photos of this special day in the life of our town.

See pages 10-11 for a sampling of photos courtesy of George Kopp Photography.

See you next year!

Sam Berger & Ben Valliere,
Co-Chairs



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REC COMMITTEE HAS A BUSY SUMMER PLANNED!

The Recreation Committee hopes everyone enjoyed our last few events and we look forward to seeing you at future events such as **Music in the Park** on Sept. 28, the **Townwide Yard Sale** on Oct. 5, and a **Halloween Movie Night** on Oct. 26.

Back by popular demand is a new recreation-sponsored puzzle. This time, the puzzle (on page 3) is a Songs of Summer Word Scramble. The puzzle consists of 10 popular summer song titles that you need to unscramble.

Return your completed puzzle to Borough Hall and we will randomly pick three completed puzzles for a prize. Be sure to put your name and address on the puzzle. The deadline is **Aug. 31**.

Reading is FUNdamental!

Did you know that we have three Little Libraries in the borough? One is located at 96 Main St., one at 99 Brunswick Ave. and the third on Nitzer, right around the corner from Main St. The first two are sponsored by the borough. All three are fully stocked with books for all ages, from young children to adults. Check them out for vacation reading options or school summer reading requirements.

If you have any questions or ideas for future recreation events or wish to volunteer at future events, please contact Lisa Porcello at lporcello@Lebanonboro.com.



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WORD SCRAMBLE FUN!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Songs of Summer

Unscramble the phrases to reveal the titles of summertime songs. Return to Lebanon Town Hall by August 1st for a chance at a prize!

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Glikawn no ssnuhein _____

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A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT AT LBS!

This year has been one of tremendous growth and achievement for **Lebanon Borough School**. Our students have excelled academically and thrived socially and emotionally. We are proud of their progress and confident that they are well-prepared for the next stage in their educational journey.

We deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff. They have created a positive and supportive learning environment where all students can flourish. We are also thankful for the support of our parents and guardians. Your involvement has made a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Looking ahead to the next school year, we are excited to continue working with you to provide the best possible education for our students. Together, we can achieve great things.

I would like to wish our 6th-grade students well as they embark on their journey at Clinton Public School or wherever their studies take them.

May and June are always a busy time in an elementary school and here are some photos (on page 5) from our spring performance of **Beauty and the Beast Jr.** and **Field Day**.

Thank you once again for your support. We wish you a happy and healthy summer.

Budget Update

As you may know, the **Board of Education** approved our 2% increase in the budget during our May Board Meeting. Budget information can be found on our website at www.lebanonschool.org. The LBS school budget reflects a minimal increase in local taxes.

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END OF THE YEAR FUN AT LBS



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Our budget supports our strong academic program, which consists of our general and special education programs. We are able to offer a comprehensive curriculum with both traditional (text-based) materials and modern (technology-based) resources. For example, teachers and students have access to Promethean Boards in their classrooms and each child is assigned a Chromebook. Our “specials” instruction provides our children with experiences to broaden their view of learning and develop their talents and skills.

We also use our school budget to maintain a school building that serves as the centerpiece of the Lebanon Borough community. We continually work to maintain and improve the building to ensure that it is a wonderful place to learn, work, and gather as a community. We will continue to monitor and address any needs or improvements to the building moving forward.

Registration - 2024-2025

If you or your neighbors have children who will be attending **Lebanon Borough School** in September please be sure to go online and register at www.lebanonschool.org. The earlier this is done the better idea we have of our enrollment, which allows us to plan accordingly. Please note that our preschool program is currently full with a waiting list.

Registration can be completed online, printed and returned to the school, picked up at the main office, or sent to you by contacting the office at 908-236-2448. We plan to have preschool and kindergarten camps in late August. If you have questions, please contact **Mrs. Muia** at rmuia@lebanonschool.org, me at barcurio@lebanonschool.org, or **Mrs. Duell** at tduell@lebanonschool.org.

Once again, I would like to thank the entire Lebanon community for supporting our school. Finally, I would like to thank the amazing staff at Lebanon Borough School who maintain a strong educational program.

We look forward to a 2024-2025 school year that continues to build upon our already strong program for students, families, and staff. Enjoy your summer!

Better Together,
Bruce Arcurio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE GARDEN CLUB!



Garden Club Members (l-r) Judy Watts, Vicki Zilli, Ben Valliere, Wil Clark, Lisa De Roze, Melanie Gray and Carol Ford. (Not pictured: Dave Gray, Mary Junge, Christine Burton and Sandy Davenport.)



We have received so many compliments at Borough Hall! The group's activities mostly include weeding, planting, mulching, conversation, and laughter! If you enjoy gardening and are looking for a fun and a friendly group of new friends, please consider joining or donating to the **Garden Club** by contacting **Karen** at Borough Hall clerk@lebanonboro.com (908) 236-2425. Look for the bulb/perennial exchange in the fall! Thank you!

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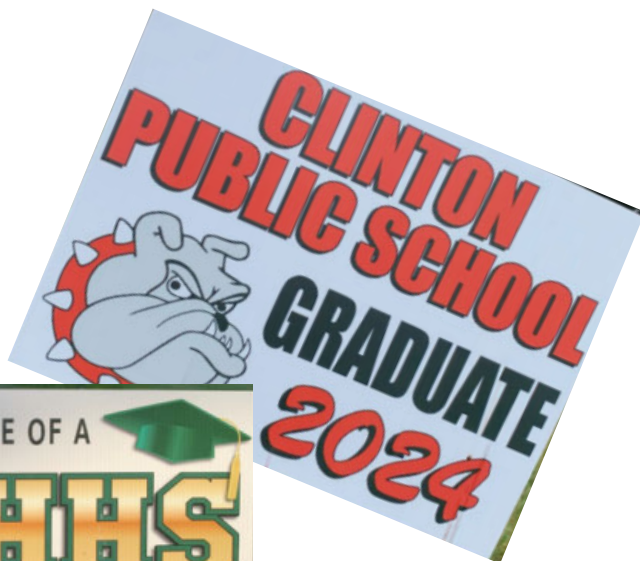


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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LEBANON'S GRADUATES!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Summer's here and that means we'll be pulling out our boats, RVs and trailers. Here's a gentle reminder about **Ordinance 2018-04** that governs the parking of those vehicles in the borough.

The ordinance reads: No person shall park, stand, wait or leave, upon any public road, street or right of way in the Borough of Lebanon, any boat, trailer (whether or not attached to a licensed motor vehicle), recreational vehicle (including motor homes, campers), tractors and/or tractor/trailer or tandem trucks or construction equipment with or without trailers and towing motor vehicles, or trucks over 4 tons, (except for the pickup and delivery of materials).

There shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, any landscaping truck or trailer, temporarily parked only during the period of time when the landscaper is providing specific services to a property, and during which time period the operator is immediately available to move the truck/trailer for emergency vehicles.



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THE SMART PATIENT: SUMMER FIRST AID KIT ESSENTIALS

According to the **Centers for Disease Control**, unintentional injuries, especially during the busy summer season, can result in millions of visits to the doctor, urgent care center or emergency room each year. A well-stocked first-aid kit can help you respond effectively to common injuries, illnesses and emergencies.

To help you get started, here's a list of some key items you may want to consider for your Summer First Aid Kit Essentials:

- **Pre-made First Aid Kit:** It's cheapest and easiest to start by buying a pre-made kit as it can be difficult to find small packages of all the different kinds of gauze, tape and antibiotic ointment you will need.
- **Water bottle:** The first step in treating a wound is to clean it out, so a bottle of water will come in handy when there's no other water source nearby. It's also essential for treating dehydration.
- **Sanitizing Wipes/Alcohol Wipes, Tweezers, Bandages, Splints, Small Scissors, Saline Solution, Antiseptic Cream and Ziploc Bags:** "Go to" supplies to treat minor scrapes, cuts, splinters, burns. Ziplocs are handy for sample collection or waste disposal.
- **Sunscreen and Aloe Vera Gel:** Make sure you have products that have an SPF of at least 30. Sunscreen expires, so check the dates often. In case you didn't pack sunscreen and get overexposed to the sun, aloe vera gel will help soothe a minor sunburn.
- **Instant ice packs:** Essential for treating sprains, strains and muscle pulls, instant ice packs are available at any pharmacy and require no refrigeration. Also, pack a cloth to put between the pack and your skin to avoid ice burns.
- **ACE Bandages:** ACE bandages are a great first-line treatment for minor sprains, keeping splints and ice packs in place and holding bandages on large wounds.
- **EpiPen:** Ask your physician about a prescription for an EpiPen if you or your family members suffer from severe allergic reactions (Anaphylaxis). A fast-acting response can save lives.
- **Bug spray:** Consumer Reports says that products with 15 to 30 percent DEET can provide long-lasting protection against mosquitoes and ticks.
- **Over-the-counter meds:** Pack an assortment of OTC meds (in childproof containers). For example, Advil and Tylenol to treat pain, Dramamine for nausea and Benadryl for insect bites, hives and other allergic reactions.
- **Clean Towel:** A medium-sized towel will come in handy as a clean surface to provide first-aid care, a wet, cold compress for overheating or to stem bleeding on larger wounds.
- **Emergency health and safety phone numbers:** Having contact information for your family doctor, emergency road service providers and the Poison Control Hotline are essential. Here are a few important numbers:
 - Poison Control Hotline 800-222-1222
 - Mental Health Crisis Hotline – 988
- **First-Aid Manual** What good is the kit, if you don't know how to use it? Find a good printable first-aid guide and slip it into your kit or download the [Red Cross First Aid app](#) to have expert advice for everyday emergencies right on your phone.
- **Pets can have emergencies too**, so check out this link for recommended contents for a Pet First Aid Kit. <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/dog-first-aid-kit-essentials/>
- **Here are some important safety numbers for your pet:**
 - Poison Helpline - 1-855-764-7661
 - ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center - 1-888-426-4435

Councilwoman Marlene G. Baldinger, RN, ARM, CPHQ, CPHRM

If you have suggestions for future articles, please contact me at mbaldinger@lebanonboro.com.

THE PARADE



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THE PICNIC



Home Decoration First Place: The Elwells, 9 Maple. (Photo: Rich Burton)



Second Place: The Saharics, 58 Main. (Photo: Karen Romano)

UNION CEMETERY, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Lebanon's Union Cemetery, on Main St. next to the Round Valley United Methodist Church, is rich in history — and a group of volunteers has been working to honor its legacy and care for it today.

The cemetery is no longer part of the Methodist Church, and over time, former members of the cemetery association that had cared for it moved or passed away.

The volunteer cemetery association is working on overseeing maintenance, scheduling regular cleanup days, working to ensure veterans and emergency responders are properly recognized, and digitizing paper records.

If you have questions, would like to be part of the effort, or want to know more about plot availability, please check out their website:

<https://www.unioncemeteryoflebanon.org>, or email unioncemetery100@gmail.com.



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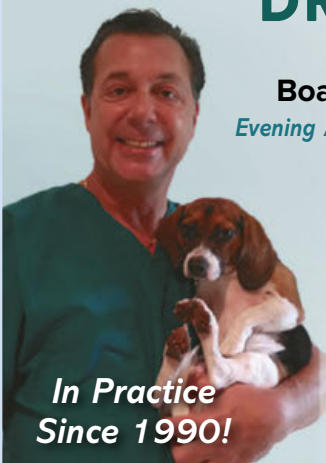
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NEW DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

An ordinance was passed recently that addresses the construction, repair, and modification of residential driveways. The objective is to promote safety, convenience and the preservation of municipal road structures.

A permit is now required before a new driveway can be constructed, or an existing driveway altered along a borough street. Specification for the location of driveways and the materials to be used are described in detail in the ordinance. Contact Borough Hall for more information.

HOW TO HELP YOUR NEW TREES OVER THE HOT SUMMER

People and pets aren't the only things that need special attention during the hot summer months. Here are some tips to help your trees survive the dry heat of the season.

- New trees should get a good soaking every 5-7 days. Direct most of the water at the outer edge of the root ball, where the fine roots are.
- Pay attention to the weather. A string of hot days with no rain can hurt a newly planted tree. Don't be fooled by a light rain or shower, the water needs to go deep.
- Mulch around trees, especially the outer reaches, which can greatly slow down the evaporation of water from the soil.
- The larger the new tree, the longer you will need to do follow these tips. A tree with a two-inch trunk will need this help for two summers; a larger one for three summers.

LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY UPDATE

You can now pay your quarterly sewer service bill online. You will find a link on the [Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority webpage](https://www.lebanonboro.com/Departments/lebanon-borough-sewer-authority) (<https://www.lebanonboro.com/Departments/lebanon-borough-sewer-authority>).

Please be sure to include your property address, block/lot or account number with your payment to the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority to ensure accurate posting.


For any questions or for more information, please call 908-236-2704.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2024

Note: All meetings are held at Borough Hall unless otherwise noted.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Senior Bingo 1 p.m.	2 Senior Exercise	3 Senior Game Day 1 p.m.	4 	5	6
7	8	9 Land Use Board, 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15 Senior Bingo	16 Senior Exercise	17 Boro Council	18 LBSA 7:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24 Rec 6 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Enviro/ Shade Tree 5 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Senior Bingo 1 p.m.	6 Senior Exercise 1 p.m.	7 Senior Game Day 1 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13 Land Use Board, 7 p.m.	14	15 LBSA 7:30 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Senior Bingo 1 p.m.	20 Senior Exercise	21 Boro Council	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Rec 6 p.m.	29	30	31

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September

Note: All meetings are held at Borough Hall unless otherwise noted.

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



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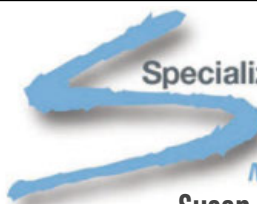


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EARTHQUAKE UPDATE & SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

With July Fourth passed, we are well into the summer. But there is an important issue to remember from earlier this year: the earthquake that shook us all up and its continued rumblings.

After the earthquake hit, we quickly reached out to the New Jersey Water Authority, which assured me of the integrity of the Round Valley dams and dike water restrengths. After the recent maintenance of the units along with the continued monitoring, the authority is confident that the dams and dike were not affected by the earthquake. That said, the authority continues to watch and monitor the dams and dike.

Summer Safety

Here are some summer safety tips you can use to combat situations that could result in accidents and losses.

- Portable grills need to be at least 10 feet away from any structure when used.
- The charging of lithium-ion batteries can lead to fire. We recommend that all charging be conducted at a remote location away from the home.
- To allow air conditioners to operate at full efficiency, we recommend that filters be replaced or cleaned, and condenser fans be blown clear of dust and debris.
- For areas where mulch is used for flower beds next to or around the home, be careful of lighted cigarettes or the like. The discarded lit waste can cause ignition of dry mulch long after the party is over, setting the house afire.
- Pool safety: Remember to close gates and remove all ladders where youngsters may wander to prevent accidental drownings. It's the law!

I wish you all a pleasant safe summer and a happy Fourth of July. Happy Birthday USA!

O.E.M Coordinator,
Lex Saharic

SCHOOL'S OUT BUT THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING AT NHHS!

Summer is busy in the high school district, with sports and academic camps as well as maintenance projects taking place. Lots to do to prepare for the next school year! **North Hunterdon High School** is hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Camp for incoming freshmen at either North or Voorhees. Teachers and upper-level students will coordinate labs and activities related to STEM over four half days in early August. In addition, a Spanish Immersion Camp, open to any incoming freshmen at either high school, will be held in early August at North Hunterdon. Sign-up information was sent to all incoming freshmen parents.

Back to school information from the high school district will start going out in early July.

We look forward to welcoming the incoming Class of 2028 at Freshman Orientation on **Wednesday, Aug. 21**, beginning at 9:45 a.m. The first day for all students is **Aug. 22**. Fall sports practices for most sports will begin on **Aug. 26**, with competitions beginning **Sept. 12**. Back to School Night for all NHHS parents will be on **Aug. 29** at 6:30 p.m.

If you have passed North Hunterdon High School recently, you can see the new construction along Regional Road by the tennis courts. That building is being constructed by the Hunterdon County Vocational School District and will be a new building for Polytech, housing six different full-time programs: HVAC/Plumbing Technology; Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Advanced Manufacturing & Aeronautical Sciences; Welding Technology; Diesel Technology; and Electrical Technology program. The building is anticipated to be completed next spring with it fully open for the 2025-2026 school year.

Wishing all of our students, families and staff members a wonderful and relaxing summer! See you soon for the 2024-2025 school year!

LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



By Avery Coyne

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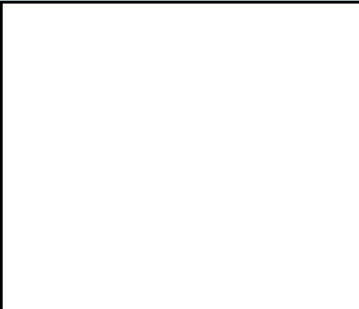


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July							August							September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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October							November							December						
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