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FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Lebanon!

Welcome to our new Lantern! A lot of effort went into researching various options and choosing the current format. The cost efficiency to the town is considerable, with significant savings in both cost and time for printing and collating. We are looking for feedback on how to make the newsletter as beneficial and informative as possible so please send me your comments and suggestions. In

addition and most importantly, we are establishing a Lantern Team,! If you can volunteer for the Lantern to improve the content and/or the overall look and layout, please reach out. We only publish four editions per year, so it is certainly not a huge commitment!

I hope everyone is doing well and continuing to adapt as we all adjust to a constantly evolving “new normal”. A huge thanks to all of our EMTs, Firefighters, Police Officers, medical workers and essential workers. All are truly HEROES and have been on the front lines of this epic battle, dealing with the brunt of this pandemic for close to 8 months with seemingly no end in sight.



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Also a HUGE congratulations to all of our town graduates who had to finish their final year in a strange new environment. Thanks to Jim Farmer for his efforts in designing our banner hanging on Main Street. And a shout out to Lebanon's finest for hanging it!



We have been busy in town with several of projects completed, and several more on the way. We had the lights restored at the Recreation Building at 96 Main Street next to the Fire House. We had them repaired and converted to LED-an energy saving solution. We are looking to replace the electronic sign in front of that building as it is about 15 years old and too costly to repair. It will continue to be a key source for town communications. We are looking to put **Welcome to Lebanon** signs at the East, West and South approaches to town – if a business would like to sponsor a sign and have their business advertised on it please reach out to me. Our town clock project at the corner of Cokesbury and Main has been delayed with the pandemic, but we are looking to move forward with that in the near future.

I am also looking to start a Mayors Wellness Campaign. The state sponsors this program for towns and has various resources available to us. I would like to start a committee to see what we can do to promote both fitness and well-being in town. If you have an interest please reach out to me.

As always do not hesitate to reach out to me with comments and suggestions!

Best Regards,

Jim

Jim Pittinger
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Lebanon Lantern is looking for volunteers!
 Please reach out to the Mayor or email
lantern@lebanonboro.com if you would like
 to help with our quarterly news letter.

HEALTH NEWS

THE SMART PATIENT Questions to ask at your next doctor visit

Did you know that studies show patients have ~11 seconds to tell doctors their complaints before they are "interrupted?" In response, medical schools are teaching their students how to talk to patients, because they know the importance of doctor-patient communication. Asking your doctor questions builds trust and leads to better outcomes, quality, safety and satisfaction.

It is especially important in the time of COVID-19 to be vigilant, and request that members of the health care team that come in contact with you in the doctor's office wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. One of the primary ways pathogens or germs are transmitted throughout the health care environment is from unclean hands. This risk of spreading bacteria makes hand hygiene a pivotal patient safety practice. Be sure you wash your own hands several times a day too!

Quality health care is a team effort, and you play an especially important role. One of the best ways to communicate with your doctor and health care team is by asking questions. Time is limited during medical appointments, so you will feel less rushed if you prepare your questions before your appointment. Bring any medications you are taking to the office visit. By the way, your

pharmacist is the least expensive and most accessible health resource you have. Pharmacists can also address your questions on how medications work, side effects and drug interactions with other prescriptions or supplements.

While asking questions is important, so is making sure you hear and understand the answers you receive. Take notes or bring someone to your appointment to help you understand and remember what you hear. If the responses are not clear, ask your doctor to explain them again. It is very important to know the plan that your doctor recommends. The questions you may want to ask will depend on whether your doctor gives you a diagnosis, a prescription, or recommends a treatment, medical test, or surgery.

Questions could include:

- What is my diagnosis?
- What are my treatment alternatives? What are the benefits of each option? What are the side effects?
- Will I need a test? What is the test for? What will the results tell me?
- What will the medicine you are prescribing do? How do I take it? Are there any side effects?
- Why do I need surgery? Are there other ways to treat my condition? How often do you perform this surgery? What is the hospital's infection rate for

the procedure? What are the possible complications?

- Do I need to change my daily routine?

Find out what you are to do next and request written instructions, brochures, videos, or websites that may help you learn more. Your doctor may have you fill a prescription or make another appointment for tests, lab work, or a follow-up visit. It is important to follow your doctor's instructions. Call your doctor if you are unclear about any instructions or have new concerns, such as those listed below:

- If you experience any side effects or other problems with your medicines.
- If your symptoms get worse after seeing the doctor.
- If you receive any new prescriptions or start taking any over-the-counter medicines.
- When awaiting test results; **do not assume that no news is good news.** Ask about test results you do not understand.

Your questions help your doctor and health care team learn more about you. Your doctor's answers can help you make better decisions, avoid medical harm and feel in control about your health and the care you are receiving.

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Calling 2020 a challenging year would be an understatement. In addition to the massive wave of nationwide protests, the appearance of murder hornets, and the spread of spotted lanternflies across the

country, people have been struggling to make sense of the global pandemic that has turned everything upside down.

The coronavirus outbreak brought the world to a standstill, testing the resilience of organizations both big and small and serving as a humbling reminder that we are forever at the mercy of forces outside our control.

The early days of the pandemic were marked by widespread panic and uncertainty. While this response has settled down over the past few months, no one can forget the panic buying sprees, banana bread making, and hand-sanitizer rationing that characterized early 2020.

Businesses were thrust into these unprecedented circumstances with no blueprint to follow. However, it was crucial for them to adapt their operations in order to make it through these challenging months.

“Our phone lines went from ringing thirty times a day down to just five times a day,” said Anne Thornton, President of Lebanon’s MSI Plumbing, Heating, and AC Remodeling.

Thornton emphasizes that the challenges for MSI were not only financial, but also emotional.

“Our immediate focus during those times was on looking after employee

needs and keeping the lights on,” said Thornton, “We re-adjusted our insurance spending, and reached out to banks for car loans. We contacted our vendors for possible payment plans, all with the intention of keeping the business open.”

It took many weeks of re-evaluating their procedures and finances before MSI finally reached a better place, according to Thornton. Some of the new changes implemented in their business included the addition of touchless faucets in bathrooms and germicidal UV lights in our forced HVAC systems.

“As a businessperson, it is important to always view challenges as experiences that offer a chance to learn and grow,” said Thornton.

Despite the early challenges that the pandemic thrust onto MSI, Thornton said that all of their employees have now been called back to work. In fact, with new procedures in place and cases in New Jersey on the decline, MSI’s operations have been busier than ever.

“As harrowing as the experience has been, we have been focusing on the situation’s silver lining,” said Thornton. “Having our mettle tested to such a great degree prompted us to reinvent ourselves and become more efficient and effective than before.”

Another Lebanon business that has adapted to these trying times is Mary Ann Bauer Law on Main Street.

“For us, maintaining stability and providing services for our family law clients were the most demanding tasks,” said Mary Ann Bauer. “Many of our clients were in the midst of their divorce and were uncertain about their future.”

Mary Ann said that in order to maintain crucial communication with her clients, her law firm relied on technology.

“We checked in on [our clients] via

Zoom and assured them that we were there for their needs,” said Mary Ann.

Not only was Zoom useful for external purposes, but it was also a way for her team to keep morale up with frequent staff meetings that often boasted different themes such as “Woman Crush Wednesday”.

Outside of work, Mary Ann said that she has appreciated the slower pace of life as it has allowed her to savor the few activities that are still permitted amidst the number of restrictions on businesses. One of these cherished activities is exploring local businesses and supporting the merchants that run them.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to give a special shout out to Ashley at Lebanon Cheese who delivers cheese to my car every Friday without fail,” said Mary Ann.

Looking into the future, one thing Mary Ann is uncertain about is the lasting impact that this pandemic will have on the concept of “work hours”.

“It seems the average workday is no longer confined between 9 and 5. I receive plenty of emails during non-traditional hours during the week and also on weekends,” said Mary Ann.

As we adapt to this “new normal”, many still do not know what the future holds. However, we do know that we can rely on one another during troubling times, and that our technological innovations have made us more resilient with time.

The pandemic may (hopefully!) be coming to a close, but the lessons we learned along the way will last us a lifetime.

“All that we learned has made us more efficient and productive,” said Anne Thornton. “Certainly, we learned to never take anything for granted and that is a lesson that will last a lifetime.”

SHADE TREE NEWS



Shade Tree Committee was formed, and much has been accomplished. We have planted nearly one hundred trees and removed around twenty five. During this same time, much has changed. The first several years we were spending 20% to 30 % of our budget on planting two to three inch diameter trees, while keeping up with annual pruning and removals. That was before the emerald ash borer began killing all the ash trees, and before consecutive wet Falls began to cause our massive maple trees to succumb to disease. Larger trees can cost \$2,000 to remove. Over the last few years we have shifted to planting much smaller trees at a large reduction in cost. Small trees actually adapt

deftly, and grow quite quickly with a little care. We are currently treating two large ash trees for the borer and several smaller ones now dead are scheduled for removal. Dead limbs on maples are being trimmed back, but once infected they will be near death in three to five years. As we remove and replace trees, we are careful to plant trees that will not interfere with our overhead utility wires. New pruning standards from the Board of Public Utilities require more clearance from electrical wires. This has deformed some trees and will possibly shorten their lives. However, we have greatly improved the reliability of our power supply. In summary, over 90% of our budget is directed at pruning and removals. Even very healthy trees need occasional pruning, otherwise the crowns of these trees become so dense and heavy that a strong storm or heavy snowfall will snap them. Thinning is required to allow some of the wind pressure to pass through. The

trees we planted twelve years ago in the park all need crown pruning. Some larger trees in the park need some corrective pruning, and there are still numerous weed trees to be removed. We have a full list of work to do and expect it to be done by year end.

Joe Hauck
Chair, Shade Tree Committee

TOWN YARD SALE

SEPT 26 (rain date Sept 27)

8 AM - 3 PM

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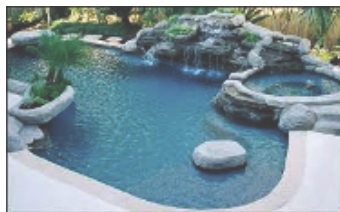
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This is an unusual school year, and we are all learning as we go along. A theme that will run through this year is, “Be kind to yourself.” I encourage all families, children, and staff members to approach these times with patience. None of us have training in parenting during the current circumstances.

We are figuring it out as we go. Remember that you don’t need to have all the answers. Try not to beat yourself up over the things you may think you didn’t do correctly. Rather, focus on the things that you know are solid and true: you love your child, you want the best for him or her, and there is no handbook for these times. I am encouraging the staff to do the same. As we always stress: we are “Better Together”. In these difficult times, this phrase proves this time and time again. The 2020-21 school year will be further proof that Lebanon Borough is a great place to live and learn. As always, we thank you for your support.

LBS Staff Changes

Mrs. Lawn has moved into Mrs. Turner’s position, due to her retirement, and will be responsible for Basic Skills, Enrichment, Technology, and AT.

Ms. Barkel is serving as our leave replacement teacher in 2nd grade. She was an aide at the school last year and is familiar with the students. She is a wonderful addition to our teaching staff!

Mrs. Horak is our new 4th-grade teacher. She comes to us dually certified in elementary education and special education. She attended Monmouth University and Centenary College. She has ex-

perience teaching students from 1st through 8th grade in several Warren County School Districts. We are fortunate to add her to our school community. Please take the opportunity to welcome her when you have a chance. For those new to our district, please check out our staff and administration page on the district website at <http://www.lebanonschool.org/Administration-and-Staff>.

2020-21 1st Trimester Enrollment Options

This year our families had two options for enrollment during the 1st trimester. We had almost 30% of families choose fully virtual.

Option A: In-person/Virtual Option

Monday-Friday (8:40 AM – 12:45 PM) with some virtual components from 1:40 PM – 3:00 PM

Option B: Full Virtual Option

Virtual viewing (and participation when possible) from 8:40 AM – 12:45 PM with targeted teacher interaction between 1:40 PM – 3:00 PM

Hunterdon Healthcare Donation

We would also like to thank Hunterdon Healthcare for their generous donation of masks to our entire staff. Hunterdon County schools, including LBS, donated much-needed PPE in the early weeks of the pandemic and subsequently made cards and posters for the healthcare workers. As a way of saying thank you, Hunterdon Healthcare donated adjustable masks to all school staff members in Hunterdon County for the start of the school year. Above is a picture of LBS staff members when the masks were delivered on August 27, 2020.

Regards, Bruce Arcurio, Chief School Administrator

Visit our district website

www.lebanonschool.org

and follow us on Twitter at

[@LBSWildcats](https://twitter.com/LBSWildcats)



NO Parking December 1 to April 1: No overnight parking on any public street or road in the Boro between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 AM. (ord # 2018-04)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

GET INVOLVED

Town Council 7:30 PM

3rd Wed of Month
Town Hall
Oct 21 Nov 18 Dec 16

Planning Board 7:00 PM

2nd Tue of Month
Town Hall
Oct 13 Nov 10 Dec 8

Historical Committee 5:00 PM

1st Tue of Month
Town Hall
Oct 6 Nov 3 Dec 1

Environmental Committee /

Shade Tree Committee 7:00 PM

1st Thur of Month

Town Hall
Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3

Recreation Committee 7:30 PM

4th Wed of Month
Rec Building
Oct 28 Nov 25 Dec 23

Sewage Authority 7:30 PM

1st Thur of Month
Town Hall
Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3

All are welcome! Please check Boro website www.lebanonboro.com for any changes to meeting schedule or call Boro Hall at 908-235-2425

Wishing Mrs. Turner Well!



Dear Lebanon Borough Families,
When I moved to Lebanon with my two sons in 1988, I watched the 'new school' being built, and began to substitute when it was finished in 1989. Through the years, I've also been an aide, first grade teacher, and my current position of teaching 'everything else!' For thirty plus years, I've watched the children in our town learn, grow, and become adults! I've always thought of, and treated, them as my own big family. I've also worked with many amazing teachers, staff, and administrators, and have forged many special friendships through the years. This school and community are truly special, and have been my 'family' and support through the years. While I am still healthy, energetic, and young-at-heart, and still love teaching after 47 years, it's with mixed feelings that I'm retiring from LBS this year. I could not imagine a more perfect place to live and teach. Although I'll plan to be elsewhere (Florida, California) during the dreaded winter months, and do more traveling (eventually), I'll still have my 'home base' in Lebanon, and will enjoy seeing everyone as I take my daily walks...I love finding out what's new with the students and families I've known so long!

I have more wonderful memories than I can count, but I think my favorite was our Senior Friends Reading Program and the culminating Tea Party with Senior Friends and Parents. Nothing made me happier than seeing first graders read to their Senior Friends each week. I still often hear how well-loved that program was!

I've so enjoyed looking through my many mementos from students and families, and photos through the years. Every single one brings a smile to my face! I thought I'd share a few of them with you.

Although I will no longer be a teacher, I'm looking forward to staying connected with you all as a friend and neighbor.

Fondly, Sue Ellen Turner





Lebanon Seniors,

Thinking of you all! I hope you and your families are holding up during these crazy times. Remember the good times we have had at our club get togethers. I hope it won't be long before we are all together again. We will create a new normal and have just as much fun.

Stay safe,

Your Senior Club President Maddie



Borough of Lebanon Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.)

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in the Borough of Lebanon is a municipal response service that works with local, county and state regulatory agencies. As emergencies develop, the office coordinates activities within the

municipality with directives received from Hunterdon County OEM pertinent to the emergency. Those directives may be developed nationally, by the State, and/or the County for our implementation.

Working for the Borough's Mayor and Council, which is also the Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC), the local OEM carries out the various plans and directives as received for implementation by the regulating agencies. That implementation is through coordination with State Police, Fire Company, Rescue Squad, Utilities etc.; or any other response services needed to meet the needs of that respective emergency.

When emergencies are projected, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is opened at 96 Main Street and coordinates activities within the Borough while communicating with the County and the various response teams. Based on the emergency at hand, additional resources or local directives may be needed due to circumstances. The local OEM Coordinator works with the LEPC toward that objective. For example, as part of New Jersey's protective preparedness and response efforts for COVID-19, a State of Emergency Executive Order was issued. That order instructed all to implement safety elements to reduce and/or eliminate person to person contact. Meetings were cancelled and public buildings locked down for Borough employee's safety. Incidentally that order still stands,

although required public meetings can be held with applicable cautions.

We, in Lebanon Borough, fared very well during our recent IASIAS event. However, with COVID-19 upon us and hurricane season here we face a double-edged sword regarding possible emergencies, and I ask all to prepare accordingly by:

- **Maintaining COVID-19 Precautions**
- **Update and post emergency telephone numbers / family**
- **Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local medical service numbers for help**
- **Stock emergency supplies and assemble a kit**
- **Do not use candles, utilize LED lamps during outages**
- **Listen to news broadcasts and if no electricity use battery powered radios**
- **Stock up on drinking water and canned goods**
- **Containers of water in your refrigerator and freezer can help if power is lost**
- **Keep cell phone charged and use sparingly during power outages**

Remember, your OEM will be in service should needs arise, however families can and do cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Follow the steps in your disaster plan. Knowing what to do is you best protection and your responsibility.

Finally, please be advised that your OEM service will be active under whatever the situation and you can be assured that the Local Emergency Planning Council will support that objective.

Alex Saharic
Lebanon Borough OEM Coordinator

LEBANON HISTORY

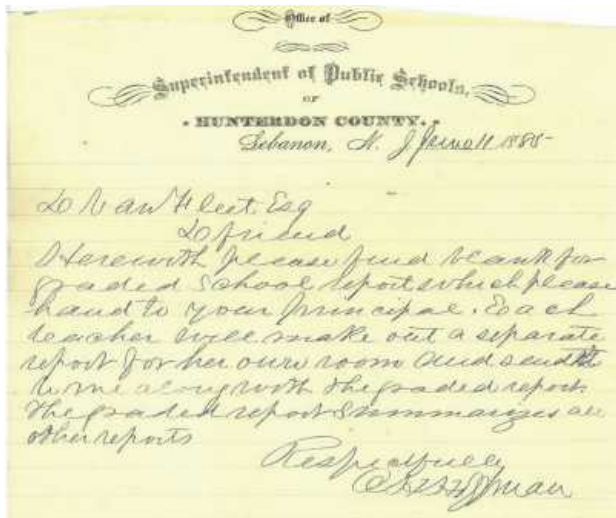
Another Lebanon education leader has come to light. Some time ago, we reported the accomplishments of A.E. Sanderson, a gentleman from Massachusetts who came here in 1854 to teach and quickly became local superintendent. He was critical of the lack of standards in the NJ school system. He eventually addressed these issues. First, by studying law and sitting for the bar, and then he was elected as a member of the state legislature in 1870-1. He was a co-author of the bill that introduced the free school system in NJ and established the State Department of Education. Based on newly obtained information, specifically an 1875 letter from a John Blane to an Hon. B. Williamson, we learned of another hometown hero. The

letter recommends the appointment of an O.H. Hoffman to Hunterdon County superintendent; "he graduated from Rutgers in 1851 and for 15 years has been principal of the Lebanon School". A search for more info did not determine if Blane's letter was successful, however in 1882 Hoffman was nominated by the State Board of Education for the position of Superintendent of Public Schools for Hunterdon County. State statistics show that in 1885 Hunterdon had 10,328 children of which 8,353 were enrolled. A recent Ebay acquisition of an 1885 letter from Hoffman to a Van Fleet esq. in Flemington conveyed some interesting instructions and enclosures. The letter outlines a procedure for monthly reports to be submitted to Hoffman and

census shows Oliver H. Hoffman as a teacher living with John and Sarah Lowe, the owners of the Lebanon Hotel, now known as the Fox and Hound. It appears that Hoffman succeeded Sanderson as local superintendent as the latter moved into full time law. Hoffman's pursuit of standards and improvement came from his Rutgers education or Sanderson, most probably from both.

**Joe Hauck
Chair, Historical Committee**

encloses a sample of the report card. Also enclosed is an 1883 copyrighted "The Excelsior Spelling Blank" which shows how each letter is to be formed for writing in script. The 1880



SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

You may be unaware of another Hunterdon County quarantine that is in effect. It relates to a beautiful but destructive insect with the innocuous name of the spotted lanternfly. It is another "foreign import" like the emerald ash borer (which is currently killing many such trees in the country) however, whereas the ash borer only attacks ash trees, the lanternfly attacks 60 to 70 varieties of trees and shrubs. It has no natural enemies and therefore is a threat to billions of dollars of agriculture. The state wants residents to kill these insects wherever they are found and to make sure that you are not transporting them on your car or trailer,

as they are excellent hitch-hikers. They can be squished, though they are quick to jump, so a spray insecticide or insecticidal soap should be used. Their current food of choice is the "tree of heaven" a very fast growing invasive tree from China, also called Chinese sumac and stinking tree. This tree's best attribute is that it will grow in soil that no other tree can. It is frequently found along the railroad tracks across America. Since the bug has several life stages, it is important to familiarize yourself with the images of each. They are active now and will be laying eggs soon, so destroying adults and eliminating egg masses should be a priority.





Now Answering the Call: South Branch Emergency Services

When someone in our community needs urgent medical treatment, emergency rescue, or rapid and safe hospital transit, South Branch Emergency Services now answers the call.

South Branch Emergency Services was created by the merger of two long-serving emergency service organizations: Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad and High Bridge Emergency Squad. Research convinced leaders of both founding organizations and a Steering Committee of residents, business owners, and elected officials from both communities that a merger would yield quicker response times and other efficiencies. The Committee provided planning and guidance that resulted in the new South Branch Emergency Services (SBES), which launched July 1. SBES serves the same northern areas of Hunterdon County that the two former organizations did: Lebanon Borough, the

Town of Clinton, Clinton Township, High Bridge, and parts of Franklin Township and Union Township.

Both Clinton and High Bridge ambulances and other apparatus remain in service – now sporting new decals bearing the South Branch name. A single administrative team can serve what was two organizations and use resources more efficiently. Most importantly, SBES brings together the skills, experience, and dedication of High Bridge's 20 volunteers, Clinton's 90 volunteers, and Clinton's 40 paid full- and part-time EMTs.

New Volunteers are Needed NOW!

The need for emergency medical care has never been greater. South Branch Chief Frank Setnicky and Battalion Chief John "JT" Silliman agree the key to continuously improving service, as call volumes keep rising is simple: More volunteers.

"Simple doesn't mean easy," Silliman said. Setnicky agrees. "There is a nationwide shortage of volunteer first responders, and we have felt the impact here in Hunterdon

County, too."

Both men have lived in and served the community for many years, and they have faith in their neighbors. "Once people realize we are a predominantly volunteer organization, we need volunteers now, and that no experience is necessary to join, they will want to help," Silliman said.

"Training, equipment and gear are free," added Setnicky. "You will learn how to save lives – there is no more meaningful way to give back. And you will quickly start making a difference."

Mask wearing and other COVID-19 prevention protocols are strictly followed during training and calls.

There are many different and vital ways to volunteer with SBES, including the Cadet program for teens ages 14 through 18 and non-emergency support roles. Those interested should visit www.SBES365.org to learn more or fill out a volunteer inquiry form.



The New Jersey State Police Perryville Station would like to extend some helpful reminders to residents as summer ends. Whether kids are going to school in-person or virtually, expect traffic patterns to increase during the fall months. Please respect your fellow residents while operating on the streets of Lebanon Borough, especially with

regard to speed.

There has been an increase in car burglaries in the area lately, including Lebanon Borough. The actors who perpetrate these crimes are opportunistic and not from this area. They look for areas with low crime rates and quick access to highways. The best way to prevent becoming a victim of these crimes is to lock the doors of your vehicle when it is not in use, day or night. Do not leave

valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. As always, if you see something out of the ordinary, or require non-emergency assistance, please call NJSP Perryville at (908)730-7042.

Tpr. Timothy Sanderson #7685

New Jersey State Police - Perryville Station

Office: (908) 730-7042 x5

E-Mail: LPP7685@NJSP.ORG



The world as we know it is forever changing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the world changes, you can still count on us to protect you like we have since 1923. We may

have to take special precautions to ensure the health of you and ourselves, but we will always be here to answer your call. We would like to thank Borough residents Rebecca Maso and Janice Park for making face masks for us in the beginning of the outbreak. We have added extra sanitizing steps and upgraded personal PPE procedures to protect the health of our community and ourselves.

FIRE PIT SAFETY TIPS

As the weather gets cooler, please remember these important safety tips while starting your fire pit.

- Place fire pits at least 10' away from your



house and anything else that can burn. Never leave your fire pit unattended.

- Closely watch children when fire pits are in use.

- Place a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from drifting away.

- Keep a fire extinguisher close by.

- Extinguish fire before leaving the yard.

- Store fire pit materials like matches and lighters out of reach of children.

- Never use gasoline or any other accelerant to start your fire.

- Be mindful of your neighbors, especially those with respiratory conditions.

**Lebanon Borough Fire Company
sta18fire@yahoo.com**

908-236-2792

IMPORTANT

LEBANON BOROUGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY: SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES: Resolution 14-2020

The number of sewer line blockages has steadily increased; and those blockages are attributable to individual homeowners and commercial users. As a result of such blockages, specialized services must be secured on an emergency basis to relieve blockages and permit the free flow of effluent in the system. It has been determined that blockages are being caused by improper disposal of various types of paper towels, cleaning materials, feminine hygiene products, diapers, flushable wipes, and the like.

RESOLUTION No. 14-2020: PROHIBITS 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. Any and 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 \$250.00 to \$1,000.00, based upon 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 due from the user. 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/Search Officer, 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.

This Resolution became effective on February 6, 2020 as noted in the published minutes of 2/6/2020 on the Lebanon Borough website.



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Girl Scout Service Unit 81, serving Lebanon Borough and Clinton Township, remained active this past year with several troops earning high awards. Two local troops earned their Bronze Award, which is open to Junior level Girl Scouts in 5th and 6th grades. Troop 80923

created and delivered animal adoption kits to a pet shelter and Troop 80952 initiated a magic marker recycling program at their school. Cadette Troop 80790 earned their Silver Award for their work on service dog etiquette. Lebanon resident Mairi Ferguson received approval on her Gold Award topic, which will focus on the rich history of Hunterdon County. Congratulations to these troops for the recognition of their hard work and best wishes to Mairi for the project she is beginning!

This summer, Troop 80584 painted rocks with inspirational sayings for each other as part of their Sisterhood Journey. Girl Scout Journeys focus on a particular topic and culminate in a Take Action project to

make the world a better place. In "Mission: Sisterhood," Senior level Girl Scouts in the 9th and 10th grades expand their networks and strengthen the bonds of friendship to create change. The activities are designed to boost confidence and develop leadership skills. We are proud of these girls for lifting each other up with this activity.

Girl Scouts is open to girls from grades K-12. Please email us at gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com if you're interested in becoming a leader or to request that your daughter be added to the waiting list. We are always looking for new members and parent volunteers. Information about our service unit is also available at our website www.gshnj81.com.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Troop 200 has been very active so far in 2020, even during the pandemic, with virtual meetings, volunteer ser-

vice hours, hiking in preparation for the troop's planned trip to Philmont Scout Reservation next summer, and a troop planning meeting for the upcoming school year.

Troop 200 will be hosting a "Manhunt Monday" outside Immaculate Conception Church September 28th at 7:30 PM. The troop will also host a Fall Movie/Hobo campout in October. These are great events for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to come and meet our troop and complete some of their Cub Scout requirements. The campout is taking place from Saturday October 17th through Sunday October 18th at the

Round Valley Youth Center. Scouts will have the opportunity to build cardboard box shelters to sleep in, make their own short movies, and work on cub scout requirements, including:

- Arrow of Light – Outdoor Adventurer Requirement (Saturday 3-5PM)
- Webelos – CastIron Chef Requirement (Saturday 3-5 PM)

Troop 200 is a boy-run, high adventure troop chartered by Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, New Jersey. If you are interested in

Answer to Sudoku

2	3	8	5	9	6	1	7	4
7	5	9	2	4	1	3	6	8
4	1	6	7	8	3	5	9	2
8	6	5	9	3	7	4	2	1
1	2	7	6	5	4	8	3	9
9	4	3	8	1	2	6	5	7
6	7	1	4	2	5	9	8	3
5	9	4	3	7	8	2	1	6
3	8	2	1	6	9	7	4	5



Lebanon Lantern is looking for volunteers! Please reach out to the Mayor or email lantern@lebanonboro.com if you would like to help with our quarterly news letter.



Movie Night in the Park

Sat Sept 26 at 6:30

We are planning a movie night in the park! FREE KONA ICE!
Please bring lawn chair or blanket and please be socially distant!
Please check town website and message board for updates



Halloween Scavenger Hunt and House Decorating

Oct 17-31

We will be hiding a golden spider, broom, hat, pumpkin and skeleton around town and having a house decorating contest—prizes for all winners! Please see town website for details.



Santa and Tree Lighting and House Decorating

Sun Dec 6

We are planning our annual tree lighting at 96 Main St and visit with Santa with socially distant picture opportunities and presents subject to any state restrictions, please check our town website and message board for updates and times. We are also having a house decorating contest—prizes for all winners!



Burning of the Greens / The Twelfth Night

Wed Jan 6

In the park, rain date Friday Jan 8th. Please place your tree curbside by Jan 3rd. Please check town website and message board for updates and times

GARBAGE BULK PICK UP

Wednesday OCT 7

See town website for items allowed and not allowed



LEAF PICK UP

STARTING END OF
OCTOBER

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message board and
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