



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



# The Lebanon Lantern

**WINTER 2020**

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**In their quest to spread joy and perform a service, the Girl Scouts of Service Unit 81 endured cold wintry weather while Christmas caroling and collecting food for the Food Pantry.**

*Many thanks to our neighbors on Nitzer Avenue,  
who were very generous with their donations.*

# *A Letter from the Mayor*



Hello Lebanon!

Happy Holidays to all! As 2019 is quickly coming to a close, I have been reflecting on some of the moments that made my first year as Lebanon's mayor both exciting and enjoyable. I learned of the savvy talents of our students in Lebanon Borough School by participating in the school's entrepreneurship fair. I also joined the 4th of July Parade Committee, and even got a chance to take a turn in the dunk tank at the festivities in the park, to name a few! Above all, the most meaningful aspect of my role as mayor has been the opportunity to meet many more of the people who make our town so special. I look forward to what next year will bring as we continue to maintain the community of our wonderful Lebanon!

I am excited to announce a new project that I am spearheading with the help of both the Recreation Committee and the newly formed Clock Committee. Our plan is to put a small seating area and town clock at the corner of Cokesbury and Main, across from the Fox & Hound. There will be more to follow in the future, but, as always, I welcome any feedback or suggestions that you may have on the project, or anything else in town.

I would like to note the recent passing of one of Lebanon's former mayors, Mayor J. Knox Felter Jr. Mayor Knox served as the 5th and 8th Mayor of Lebanon over two periods for a total of 18 years, in addition to serving on the town council. He was also a member of the Fire Department. I initially became more involved with the town by volunteering; Mayor Knox appointed me to the Recreation Commission in the mid 90's, which enhanced my love of our town and led to my role as mayor today.

On the topic of volunteering, please consider assisting with one of our many town volunteer organizations including:

Recreation Committee  
Shade Tree Commission  
Fire Department  
Clock Committee  
Various Town Boards

Please reach out to me or to Town Hall to learn more information regarding any of the above.

Many thanks for the work of our town employees, professionals, volunteers, council members, and all of the other folks that make our town wonderful. Also, congratulations to Marlene Baldinger for her reelection to council, and to Denise Harris for her new election to council. Additionally, a special thanks goes to Jeff Schneider for his time on council.

Best wishes to one and all for a happy, healthy holiday season and an awesome New Year!

Mayor Jim Pittinger  
Cell 646-729-6242  
[Mayor@lebanonboro.com](mailto:Mayor@lebanonboro.com)

## **Historical Committee**

submitted by Joe Hauck

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Lebanon Borough Historic District being included on the State and National Historic Registers. This was achieved through years of effort by community members and financial support from the Borough Council. The 100 plus page application as approved by the NJ State Historic Preservation Office on May 1, 2009. The period of significance is from 1813 when the Easton to New Brunswick Turnpike was commissioned until 1942 when the town was bypassed by the new highway.

## National Register of Historic Places

The Lebanon Historic District possesses significance under Criteria A (community development) and C (architecture). The district is representative of the small agglomerate settlements that developed throughout the region in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries to serve the dispersed local agricultural population and, where favored by location, private travelers and commercial traffic moving over the early New Jersey highways. A distinctive historical element is the linear nature of the earliest agglomerate settlement along the old turnpike and the grid pattern developed for its later residential neighborhoods. Growth in some of these villages, including Lebanon, become thwarted when they became isolated as a result of being bypassed by transportation innovations elsewhere. The district has architectural significance as an assemblage of mostly 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings, whose construction, form detailing, and spatial organizations are representative of the rural region's vernacular architecture in that era. In addition, archeological resources relating to the area's 19<sup>th</sup> century material culture may be present in the environs of district buildings and sites. The period of significance extends from 1813, when the final route of the New Jersey Turnpike Road was surveyed, to c. 1942, by which time a new highway bypass around the village that would stifle future growth was nearly complete.

Notwithstanding the presence of modern infill development as well as the loss of early fabric to modern alterations, the Lebanon Historic District possesses the architectural significance and integrity necessary for listing on the New Jersey and National registers of historic places. Significant for the period 1813 to c. 1942, and retaining its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, the property clearly meets Criterion C of the National Register of eligibility criteria, which references those properties "that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction." Additionally, evolution of the village during the period reflects a significant pattern of rural community development meeting Criterion A of the National Register eligibility criteria.

### *Community Development*

While European settlement in the area around what would become Lebanon began during the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, a village did not begin to coalesce there until some years later. A German Reformed Church was in existence in Lebanon, probably by around 1747, a number of farmsteads in the vicinity were depicted on a 1765 survey; and the site of a mill, about a half mile distance from the church, was marked on the Revolutionary War map. Depicted in the same Revolutionary War-era map are the two east-west roads through the future village, which was along an important early route between New Brunswick, the head of navigation on the Raritan River, and Easton, Pennsylvania, at the forks of the Delaware River, and Brunswick Avenue. Also depicted is a road leading south toward the hamlet at Round Valley. A merchant was conducting business in Lebanon prior to 1792.

The organization of the New Jersey Turnpike Company and its initial 1807 survey of the route between New Brunswick and Easton acted as a stimulus for economic activity at the crossroad. A new store and several artisans were soon conducting business near the proposed turnpike route. The final survey of the turnpike route in 1813 used a more northerly route, a modification that undoubtedly created economic problems for those businesses that established near the original proposed route. Those businesses soon reestablished themselves on the relocated turnpike, which developed into a distinctively linear commercial district. By 1844 Lebanon contained a tavern, a store, several mechanic shops, a church and about a dozen dwellings.

The village received a new economic boost in 1852 with the opening of the Jersey Central Railroad. Its depot was less than a quarter of a mile south of the turnpike and Main Street businesses did not bother to relocate to the railroad vicinity. However, the railroad provided improved access to resources and markets, and within a couple of decades, several new commercial and industrial enterprises located along the tracks. The village thrived, and by 1880, there were "many pleasant-looking homes" in addition to a growing number of businesses. Prosperity continued into the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the village continued to grow and modernize. Numerous new houses were built, most in the modern styles popular at the time. Garages appeared behind most houses. Several new auto repair businesses and a tourist cabin facility along Main Street served to symbolize the central role of the highway to the local economy.

## The Lebanon Borough Seniors Club

Submitted by Kathy Reid

Our first meeting in 2020 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bingo is held on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the senior room at borough hall. The next Bingo will be on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

There is an Exercise Program designed for seniors every Wednesday (except our meeting days) from 11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., at the meeting room in Lebanon borough hall led by certified instructor Susan Jones. The cost is \$3.00 per session and it's fun! Come and try it!



Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Senior Services, a division of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services - Health and Wellness Monthly Seminars, Senior Walking Club, Dine 'n Chat, volunteers that assist with taxes and Medicare, Ballroom Dancing class, Senior chorus etc.:

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging/seniorcenter.htm>



The Lebanon  
Borough Senior Club  
enjoyed their Holiday  
Party at The  
Mountainview Chalet  
with a special surprise  
guest!



# 2020 Lebanon Borough Dog License Form



Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lebanon, NJ 08833

**Circle:** Male or Female

**Does your dog have a chip:** Yes or No

**Circle Hair:** Short / Medium / Long

**Circle Spayed / Neutered:** Yes or No

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color/ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Lebanon Borough**

Please enclose a copy of the current Rabies Certificate (Certificate must be good through October 31, 2020) and a self-addressed stamped envelope (.88 cents) labeled

**Lebanon Borough  
6 High Street Lebanon, NJ 08833  
ATTN: PET LICENSE**

**DOG: License Fees: Spayed/ Neutered \$20.00**

**Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered \$23.00**

**All new registrations must be accompanied with proof of Neutering and Rabies Vaccination.**

**Late Fees: \$10.00 per month and per dog on and after February 1, 2020 for each dog that is not registered and licensed within the month of January 2020.**

**Beyond six months delinquency in licensing, in addition to the above late fee a summons for non-compliance may be issued for each dog not licensed.**

Upon receipt of this application, a copy of the Lebanon Borough pet waste disposal ordinance, pet tags and copy of license(s) will be returned to you.  
Please call 908-236-2425 with any questions.

## Upcoming Free Rabies Clinics in Hunterdon County

### SCHEDULED CLINICS

DATE	MUNICIPALITY/LOCATION	TIME	PHONE NUMBER
01/04/2020	Frenchtown Boro 29 Second Street Frenchtown NJ 08825	1:00pm to 3:00pm	908-996-4524
01/04/2020	Holland Township Elementary School Garage 714 Milford Warren Glen Rd. Milford NJ 08846	1:00pm to 4:00pm	908-995-8810
01/04/2020	Readington Township Recycling Garage 287 Mountain Rd. Whitehouse Station NJ 08889	10:00am to 12:00pm	908-534-4051
01/11/2020	Califon Boro 39 Academy St. Califon NJ 07830	1:00pm to 3:00pm	908-832-7850, x204
01/11/2020	Glen Gardner Borough Fire House 2168 Route 31 North Glen Gardner NJ 08826	1:00pm to 3:00pm	908-537-2110
01/11/2020	Hampton Borough DPW Garage 99 Main St., Hampton 08827	8:30am to 10:00am	908-537-2329
01/11/2020	Kingwood Township 599 Oak Grove Rd. Frenchtown NJ 08825	1:00pm to 3:00pm	908-996-4276, x222
01/18/2020	East Amwell Township Municipal Garage 1070 Route 202/31 Ringoes NJ 08851	1:00pm to 4:00pm	908-782-8536
01/18/2020	Milford Borough Spruce Run Vet Hospital 1730 Route 31 North Clinton NJ 08801	8:00am to 9:00am	908-995-4323
01/25/2020	Alexandria Township DPW Garage 255 Hickory Corner Rd. Milford, NJ 08848	1:00pm to 3:00pm	908-996-7071, x210
01/25/2020	Town of Clinton and Clinton Township (Joint Clinic) Town of Clinton Municipal Building 43 Leigh St. Clinton NJ 08801	8:00am to 11:00am	908-735-8616
04/01/2020	Raritan Township Public Works Facility 204 Pennsylvania Ave. Flemington NJ 08822	6:00pm to 8:00pm	908-806-3682
04/15/2020	Raritan Township Public Works Facility 204 Pennsylvania Ave. Flemington NJ 08822	6:00pm to 8:00pm	908-806-3682
05/06/2020	Raritan Township Public Works Facility 204 Pennsylvania Ave. Flemington NJ 08822	6:00pm to 8:00pm	908-806-3682
05/20/2020	Raritan Township Public Works Facility 204 Pennsylvania Ave. Flemington NJ 08822	6:00pm to 8:00pm	908-806-3682

# RECYCLING ALERT

Starting January 1, 2020, recycling will be collected **every other week**.  
The first date of collection is January 8, 2020.

**ONLY** place these items in  
the recycling container



Flattened  
Cardboard



Paper



Metal Cans



Plastic  
Bottles  
& Jugs



**Empty. Clean. Dry.™**  
Keep all recyclables free  
of food and liquid

How to prepare  
your recyclables



**Keep it loose**  
Never put recyclables  
in containers or bags



**NEVER** place these items in the recycling container

Plastic Bags  
& Wrappers

Clothing  
& Shoes

Tools  
Food

Electronics  
& Batteries

Medical  
Yard Waste

Soiled Paper  
Styrofoam

Greasy  
Pizza Boxes

Toys

Construction  
Waste

Diapers

Scrap Metal

Learn more at  
[RecyclingSimplified.com](http://RecyclingSimplified.com)

Recycling *Simplified*



We'll handle it from here.™



Recreation Committee News

# *Burning of the Greens*

*Holjes-Sheppard Park*

*Monday January 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM*



*Lebanon Fire Company will provide curbside tree pickup  
between December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## *The Twelfth Night*

*Please join the Lebanon Borough Recreation Committee  
for the traditional crowning of the King and Queen.*

*Hot chocolate and cupcakes will be served in the  
All Purpose Room of Lebanon Borough School!*

***RAIN DATE FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE JANUARY 7, 2020!***

### **SNOW REMINDER**



**PLEASE POINT YOUR SNOW BLOWER ON YOUR LAWN NOT ON THE  
SIDEWALK OR THE STREET!!!!!!**

***NO PARKING DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>***

No overnight parking on any public street or road in the Borough of Lebanon between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 A.M. commencing on December 1 of each year and ending April 1 of the following year.(ord #2018-04)

**PLEASE CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE FIRST 12 HOURS OF DAYLIGHT!**

**FINES WILL APPLY** (ord #88-18)

ORDINANCE 88-18 and 2018-04 ON [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com)

## 2020 Lebanon Borough Meeting Schedule

### BOARD OF HEALTH

7:30 PM REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL As Needed ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

### COUNCIL

7:30 PM REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

**\*Reorganization Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 PM\***

January 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 19 <sup>st</sup>	December 16 <sup>th</sup>

### PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

7:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. (Unless otherwise noted.) ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

January 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

5:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. (Unless otherwise noted.) ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. (Unless otherwise noted.) ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>

### RECREATION COMMISSION

7:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. (Unless otherwise noted.) ACTION MAY OR NOT BE TAKEN

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 96 MAIN STREET

January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	November 25 <sup>th</sup>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>

# Lebanon Borough Business Corner



As you drive out of the borough on Cokesbury Road, you are greeted across Route 22 with a sign for Metropolitan Seafood & Gourmet. Mark Drabich relocated his business from Clinton to Lebanon. This move gave him the opportunity to expand his seafood offerings with a gourmet extension. The community was very welcoming, and there was a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 30, 2011.



Mark has now expanded into catering, adding a personal touch while working with event planners. You can find menus for catering, take-out or grocery items on: <https://www.metroseafood.com/>



## **LEBANON BOROUGH'S HOMEGROWN HERO**

### **Mayor Knox Felter**

Former Mayor John “Knox” Felter, Jr., passed away Monday, September 30, 2019.



During Knox’s professional career, he worked in public health. Knox believed in giving back to the community, and he served as Lebanon Borough Mayor for 18 years from 1969-1974 than again from 1991-2002.. He also served on council and various committees. He was also a member of the Lebanon Borough Volunteer Fire Company.

Mayor Felter’s wife Phyllis, and daughter Heidi, along with her family reside in Lexington, Kentucky. His daughter Beth along with her family remain in Lebanon Borough.

A celebration of life service at Round Valley Methodist Church on Main Street in Lebanon, NJ was held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lebanon Borough (NJ) Fire Company or PG Chambers School in Cedar Knolls NJ would be appreciated.

Lebanon Borough extends our condolences to Mayor Knox Felter’s wife Phyllis, his children John Knox Jr., Eric, Beth, Heidi and Julie and his grandchildren.

<https://18fire.org/contact/>

<https://www.chambersschool.org/giving-site/>

## In memory of Knox Felter

As a tribute to Knox's memory and for the residents of Lebanon Borough, I wanted to share some thoughts and on how Knox's leadership impacted me in my service to Lebanon Borough.

I felt it was important to share a little background of one of the key contributions Knox made to Lebanon Borough. Everyone knows Knox was a long-term Mayor and Councilman. Many of you don't know that something you use every day was one of Knox's key accomplishments and one of the most meaningful and valuable contributions to the future of Lebanon Borough. In the late 70's, Knox worked closely with 5 other municipalities to form a joint sewer authority. 3 of the municipalities dropped out. However, Knox helped make wastewater management a reality in Lebanon Borough and Readington Township, and as a result, set the stage for growth opportunities and an enormous quality of life improvement for the residents of Lebanon Borough.

I say quality of life improvement for several reasons; however, one stands out. As young boys, Knox's sons, myself and other kids, would often play football or tag in back and side yards of our friends, you got to know the right spots to push your friends to make maximum impact. At the time, Lebanon could have a distinct odor, that wasn't manure from a farmer's field... Thankfully, that all ended when Sanitary Sewers were put in throughout the Borough in the early 80's. As a result of this infrastructure, new development was able to be completed, such as the Common's, commercial development on Rt. 22, and in the future, the Heights at Lebanon and the Presidential Place development.

Knox had a vision of what Lebanon should be and made it happen; from my perspective, this statement really captures what Knox did for this town and what his legacy is for the residents of Lebanon Borough.

Knox was a principled leader who respected those he worked with, dealt fairly and honestly, and was always approachable. He was greatly respected by everyone and was a great mentor, for a child as Mr. Felter, and we as worked together he became Knox.

Knox provided an example of what Public Service really means, how it should be done, how it enriches your life, the challenges, and the rewards of helping those in your community. They are lessons I depend on each day. I don't know if Knox was aware that his influence had a lasting impact on me, one example of this was unexpected, yet was important to me as it showed he valued my contributions to Lebanon Borough. At an event honoring me, he and Phyllis made the trips to New Jersey together, and they thanked me for everything I have done for the borough. They were a team, and that one statement meant a great deal to me coming from Knox and Phyllis as I knew it came straight from the heart and that they meant every word.

There are a lot of things we can say about Knox that illustrate his accomplishments and his values; among them; Father, Son, Husband, Brother, Grandfather, Mayor, Leader, Mentor, Friend. There are several words we can put in front of the ones I just mentioned; among them, Great, Loving, Successful, Generous, Thoughtful, Valued, Respected, and most of all, **Loved**.

Thank you, Knox, for your wonderful life and everything you have done for your home Lebanon Borough. God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Richard Burton



## Lebanon Borough School District

Where great things are happening!



### **A Note from Mr. Bruce Arcurio,**

The holiday season is upon us and the energy in the building has been exciting. For me, Thanksgiving was a time of family, friends, and reflection. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the children and their teachers each day. It is a pleasure being a part of a learning community like Lebanon Borough where families and the school work together in the best interests of the children. This is a gift that I do not take for granted.

I think that it is appropriate during this holiday season to reflect upon the gifts that we've been given and those that we have to share. Often times the true feeling of giving is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. I would like to ask everyone to take a few moments to step back and appreciate the gifts we have; such as freedom, family, and the piece of mind that goes along with living in a caring community. It is also important for us to realize that we give gifts to others every day. Our character concept for November and December was CARING and we can show this in so many simple ways. Sometimes a kind word, help with a math problem, or a smile at the right time can mean a great deal to those around us. At LBS caring is part of our daily lives. Thank you for all that you do as part of our community, and may your holiday traditions be happy!

We are looking forward to an amazing 2020 at LBS! Below are some updates from around the school. Please take some time to read about the wonderful things happening at our school. You will have greater insight into what happens here each day by checking us out on Twitter @LBSWildcats. If you do not have a Twitter account that is no problem. The feed is embedded on bottom left of our website main page so you can just visit us at [www.lebanonschool.org](http://www.lebanonschool.org) to check it out.

Better Together,  
Bruce Arcurio  
Superintendent

### **Middle School Send/Receive Update**

LBS has submitted the petition to the NJ Commissioner of Education requesting that we end our send/receive relationship with Clinton Township School District in order to enter into a new one with Clinton Public School District. The feasibility study presented to the Board of Education in the Spring was attached to the submission. Currently, the petition is awaiting a legal decision. Once that occurs, more information will be shared with the public about next steps.

### **Around the School**

#### **Nurse's News**

The holiday season is here and unfortunately for many people so is **stress**. However, you can thrive - not just survive and create a wonderful holiday season for all. The following are some tips to help reduce holiday stress before it begins so that it does not become overwhelming:

- **Keep Your Expectations Rational**
- **Take Care of Yourself**
- **Take Control of Your Time and Commitments**
- **Embrace Your Family and Friends:** Enjoy each moment, celebrate old traditions or make new ones. No matter what holiday you celebrate, these tips can help make them healthier, happier and more fun. For more holiday safety information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/family/holiday/](http://www.cdc.gov/family/holiday/).

#### **American Sign Language**

This year we added American Sign Language as our World Language offering. The children in grades K-6 are all beginners in the language, and have been enjoying the work each week with Miss Rooney.

**Preschool** has been very busy learning about fire safety, pumpkins, Halloween, color mixing, Thanksgiving, holidays and trees, pumpkin carving and had a visit from the firetruck. We learned stop-drop-roll! This winter we will learn about winter, snow animals, and hope to have community helpers visit our classroom!

**Music:** Students in grades pre-k through six presented, December in Our Town about a group of children, who collect canned goods for their local food drive.

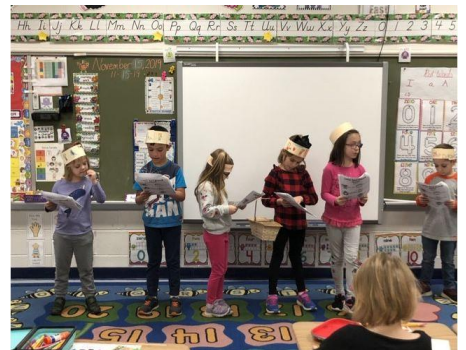


**Technology/Enrichment/Student Support Services/A.T.** In all grades, we continued to learn about being a good Digital Citizen. Sadly, I'll be retiring in June. For thirty years, I have watched the children in this town learn and grow, and become adults! I've had each child in the school plant a 'retirement' daffodil with me. So I will never really be leaving...my daffodils will always be here!



**Kindergarten** was busy learning about the Pilgrims, the Native Americans, and the First Thanksgiving. We explored Plimouth Plantation on a virtual field trip. In science, we have been learning about pushes and pulls, and you could bounce things off other things to change an object's direction, and how they knocked down the Berlin Wall with buildings so close to both sides of the wall. We are awaiting our pen-pal letters from 24 other schools around the USA.

**First Grade:** The Kindergarten class was a great audience as we performed two Reader's Theatre plays: Little Red Riding Hood and The Little Red Hen, and we enjoyed performing a reader's theatre with 2nd grade that tells the story about the pilgrims and Native Americans.



**Second Grade** is currently reading stories about animals helping each other and people to build social skills and to encourage empathy and kindness. In December, our character trait is caring. We will discuss ways that we can help others in need. In social studies, the class has been learning about the Native Americans and the colonists. They all did an excellent job on their Native American shelter projects. The class enjoyed celebrating with the first grade class for our annual Thanksgiving activities.



**Third Grade** completed “Compare and Contrast” essays and poems of different styles, and continue to read “good-fit” chapter books. In Math, students work with mental-math algorithms, so we can add or subtract with place values, and multiplication facts as we try to make sense of math word problems and persevere in solving them by focusing on key words. In Social Studies, we are examining government on all levels: local, state and national. We are also learning about communities of different sizes and comparing aspects of daily life, such as transportation styles, businesses, and recreation. For our Character Education, we have focused on “Caring Tickets” with our classmates, which is something we share with friends when we are impressed by their compassion and their kind acts. In Science, “Animals Through Time” explores the idea that the rock under our feet sometimes contains fossils. Students are learning that fossils reveal how habitats have changed through time. Fossilized shark teeth and starfish found in the center of North America are evidence that what is grassland today must have been an ocean in the ancient past, or what dinosaurs looked like based on fossil bones, and how the structure of an animal’s teeth says something about what kind of food the animal preferred to eat.

**Fourth Grade** is learning how to develop a thesis statement and support it within a persuasive essay using three supporting reasons. After reading “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane”, 4th graders exclaim that this is the first time a story makes them “feel” emotions. It seems like a simple story, but we will explore the characters and the themes and even make a movie trailer for the novel. We are diving into fractions, and exploring the events that led to the Revolutionary War to see how the colony of New Jersey played such an important part in our fight towards independence. We will also explore energy and how it is transferred through some mystery solving involving roller coasters!

**Fifth Grade:** In addition to our many academic achievements, we have worked on fostering a respectful classroom atmosphere, which reflects our LBS motto: ROAR. (Respect Others - Accept Responsibility!) Our longstanding character education program has included learning about citizenship, respect, and caring, and we enjoyed school-wide activities related to Red Ribbon Week, Violence Awareness Week, and Week of Respect. Our classes, our school, and our community are definitely “Better Together” when we practice our six pillars of good character! In reading, the students chose biography books and made presentations including Google slides. In science, we learned the web of life, and in Social Studies, the Sumerians created the world’s first writing system, Cuneiform, carved in clay tablets.

**Sixth Grade:** In October, we celebrated the Week of Respect, which our class partnered with kindergarten to provide an all-school assembly to illustrate what respect means in practice! In language arts, we have continued our realistic/historical fiction theme with the classic “Old Yeller”. In social studies, we completed our studies on Ancient Greece. The students were given a different Greek god or goddess to research. They created presentations in Google slides and presented them to their classmates.

**Before and Aftercare:** Lebanon Borough School offers both Before and Aftercare on-site through the YMCA. Check our website or contact Wendy Crocetti at 908-483-4622 or [wcrocetti@hcymca.org](mailto:wcrocetti@hcymca.org)



This winter, local Girl Scout troops will be busy with cookie sales and events that are open to the community. We thank you for your ongoing support of our cookie sale, which teaches girls important lessons about finding customers, presenting products, and handling money.

We also invite you to visit our website at <http://su81website.wixsite.com/girlscouts> for details on upcoming events like the popular Sweetheart Dance, which is open to all girls in grades K-6 and an adult of their choice. To learn about becoming a Girl Scout or what is involved with being a Leader, email us at [gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com](mailto:gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com). We are always looking for new members and parent volunteers and would be glad to answer questions about this rewarding experience.

Submitted by Colleen Harris  
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# Boy Scout Troop 200 - a Revered Past, a Solid Present and a Bright Future

Submitted by Kerry Maslanka

## Celebrating 65 Years of Scouting

Flashback sixty-five years ago to 1955. The Mickey Mouse Club debuts on ABC and Disneyland opens in California; in Alabama, Rosa Parks is arrested after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person; and Ray Kroc starts a fast food restaurant called McDonald's\*. Closer to home, everyone heads to the Clinton Point Theater to see Rebel Without a Cause; Route 78, Round Valley and Spruce Run Reservoirs don't even exist yet.

This year marks the sixty-fifth anniversary of BSA Troop 200. The troop's roots are deep in this area of the county. The troop was first chartered out of Cokesbury Methodist Church. Years later, the troop relocated to the Lebanon Reformed Church before moving to Immaculate Conception Church about twenty years ago. Today, the first Troop 200 Scouts who took their Oath in the autumn of 1955, range in age from 75 to 82 years old.

**Cokesbury Methodist**  
Boy Scout Sunday will be observed with members of Cokesbury Boy Scout Troop 200, sponsored by the church, attending in a body. The Rev. Edwin P. Williams, pastor, will preach on "More Than Burnt Offering." The combined Cokesbury - Oldwick Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. at the Cokesbury church.

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To commemorate this milestone, the troop is planning a number of events and activities throughout the year. The Scouts are hoping to reconnect with past Troop 200 Scouts, Scouters and those who may have Troop 200 memories and stories to share. If you have any information, please contact the troop at Troop200NJ@gmail.com.

## Catching up with Troop 200

Over the past few months, the scouts from BSA Troop 200 have been busy. They've welcomed a few new members, gone camping, made movies, held their Fall Court of Honor, got up close and personal with reptiles and amphibians, collected food for the local food pantry, went swimming and indoor rock climbing, attended a football game at West Point and even bowled using a frozen turkey.



The troop will be continuing the pace over the next few weeks and months. The scouts are looking forward to: attending the Klondike Derby, participating in Scout Sunday, collecting non-perishables as part of 'Scouting for Food', recognizing achievements at their Winter Court of Honor and celebrating with local Webelos as they cross over to Troop 200 in February.

If you're a Webelo or a boy age 10-17 who is interested in learning more about Troop 200, we invite you to attend our January 12 'Minute to Win It' night, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

Troop 200 is a high-adventure, boy-led troop. The scouts meet on Monday evenings during the school year at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, NJ. For more information about the troop, follow BSA Troop 200 on Facebook, Troop 200 NJ on Instagram, or reach out to us at Troop200NJ@gmail.com. #Troop200 #AdventureIsWaiting

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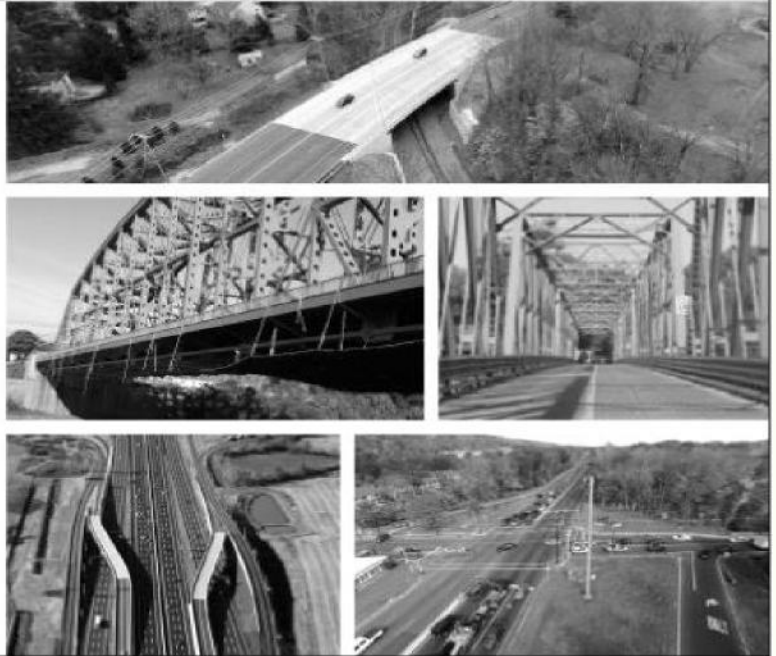
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