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# FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Lebanon!

Its almost here-the end of 2020! I am guessing a collective worldwide sigh of relief will be given at 12:01 AM, January 1, 2021. And then, we all will be waiting to see what 2021 brings. I am sure many of the changes we made, to cope with the pandemic, will be with us for the foreseeable future and may become permanent. The way we work, communicate, travel, clean, etc. may never go back to the way it was for many of us.

Congratulations to our recent Boro Council election winners: Mary Logan and Jim Lance. Also, congratulations to Joe Cortese who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the council. I am looking forward to working together. A huge thanks to the retiring council members: Bob Junge, Melissa Saharic and Denise Harris.

We have a number of vacancies in the various volunteer committees and commissions in town. If you have an interest in learning more about them or want to join one please reach out to me, the Town Hall or the respective chair (which can be found on our website). Our Committees/Commissions are: Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Committee, Historical Committee, Recreation Committee, Sewage Authority, Storm Water Management and Mayor's Wellness.

Also a big thank you to my niece, Nicole, for the artwork on our cover.

I hope you and your family have the very best of holidays and a joyous New Year! As always, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

All the Best.

Jim Pittinger

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## Are you planning a SPRING BUILDING PROJECT?

Winter will soon be upon us, halting any progress on outdoor projects and preventing the start of new ones. The cold months are a good time to think about what kind of improvements would make your property more attractive or functional in the future. Taking a long view is important and worth the time. Not only are there prices and bids to consider but there may be **permits and approvals that will be needed.** Additionally, there are limits to just how much can be done on a given property. Perhaps you would like a new two car garage someday, or a shed, a pool, a deck, a patio, even an addition to your home.

Maybe you would like all of these amenities someday but, will they all fit based on your lot, based on the Borough's zoning ordinance?

To develop a good plan, you need to know the boundaries of your lot and the number of square feet. This is needed since zoning has setbacks from property lines for any structures you build and there is a limit to how much open space you can cover. The starting point is your survey which you hopefully were given as part of the paperwork when you bought your home. Hopefully at least two corners have permanent markers that can be located. (If you lack permanent markers you may need to re-survey and get markers for the particular line that is involved in a pro-

ject.) These are usually identified by a phrase like "set iron pin" or "iron bar found." The pins or bar may require a metal detector to be found. Typically, the survey also states how many square feet the property contains. The maximum lot coverage in the residential R15 zone is 35%. As an example, a 15,000 SF lot can only cover 5,250 SF. In this example that number would be your coverage limit or "budget." Some of this budget has already been spent



on the house, driveway, walks, patio, swimming pool or any shed or detached garage. Adding up the space used by the existing improvements will enable you to determine how much

more you can do on the property. This will enable you to determine what the property will support and enable you to set priorities and the sequence for those improvements as well as where to place them. Will an addition to the house prevent the placing of a pool at a later date? Both of these have large setbacks from side and rear lines.

Some improvements do not require zoning approval, such as replacing a hot water heater, furnace, or bathroom fixtures. These do require permits from the DCA ( the Department of Community Affairs), a state agency that performs building code enforcement for Lebanon. You can do the work yourself, but it must be inspected when completed. In addition, zoning approval is

required for the placement of an outdoor generator or air conditioning unit. Siding, roofing and window replacement do not require any permits as long as no reframing or enlarging of windows takes place. Patios are a good do it yourself project that do not require any approvals, but be sure you are not interfering with existing storm water runoff conditions. Sheds defined as less than 100 SF by the ordinance do not require building permits, but do require zoning approval. Also you can only have one shed and it must be at least six feet back from the side and rear property lines. Fences also require a zoning permit and it is imperative that you know exactly where the property line is located. The zoning officer will consult with the appropriate neighbor(s) to be sure the surveys agree. There are height and design limits for fences. It is also very important to notify the "Call before you dig" hotline for a utility mark-out before any holes are dug.

Lastly, the big ticket items, in terms of the consumption of money and space, would be pools, decks, house additions and garages. All of these require zoning approval and building permits. The first three all have the same setback in the building envelope which is typically thirty-five feet in the front yard at least ten feet in the side yard and twenty-five feet in the rear yard. If the garage is attached to the house, it must be in the envelope. If it is detached, it must be three feet or more from the side and rear yard. Zoning questions should be directed to the zoning officer and questions regarding the building code will be answered by the DCA. Please contact Town Hall with any questions.

## MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

See handout in the Lantern from the Lebanon Boro Wellness Committee with two walking routes in Lebanon to enjoy the holiday lights!

On the back of the hand out are walking tips.

The Wellness Committee is working to put together other fitness related items for residents to achieve healthier lifestyles, as well as to improve the health and wellness of the community.

*The **Mayors Wellness Campaign** is a statewide community health initiative directed by the **New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute** in partnership with the **New Jersey State League of Municipalities.***



## GET RID OF HEEL PAIN NOW

You have been suffering with heel pain for a long time. You might have even tried home remedies, such as stretching, placing a frozen water bottle against your heel, or even trying Dr. Scholl's arch supports. Many of these home remedies might give you a little bit of relief. Stop Google treating.

It is now time for you to get complete relief of your heel pain. Most heel pain is caused by inflammation of a ligament on the bottom of your heel called the plantar fascia. This ligament is very elastic and pulls off


of your heel causing your pain. When you go to bed your feet will go down causing the ligament to contract tightly. This causes you to have severe pain when you get up in the morning and from a resting position. As you walk throughout the day, the plantar fascia stretches out and will give you temporary relief. However, because you are on your feet constantly and cannot get off your feet, this problem does not go away by itself.

So how do you get relief? Stop trying to fix this yourself or going to a physician that doesn't specialize in these foot problems. It is recommended that you go see a podiatrist. This highly specialized physician will perform a complete examination and determine the severity of your problem and how to get you out of pain as quick as possible. Depend-




ing upon your pain level and how long you have had this condition you might need a cortisone injection. Though they don't sound like much fun, they do work and they do work well. Along with other treatments that can be dispensed to you, such as very good over-the-counter arch supports and other forms of straps or braces, you can easily get relief within a couple of weeks. There are also many different options and treatments that are available to you to help treat this and stop it from coming back. One of those are custom orthotics, which can be made to rebalance the way you are walking and to prevent plantar fasciitis from coming back.

Please go to your local podiatrist and get some relief.

**Howard J. Tzorfas D.P.M.**




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## The Smart Patient – How to Collaborate with Your Doctor and...Dr. Google

The internet has changed the way we seek healthcare, so what used to be a one-way information exchange, flowing from the healthcare professional to the patient, has now turned into an exercise in frenzied googling, without including the Medical experts. “Dr. Google,” however, is wrong most of the time; 74% to be exact, according to a study of popular diagnostic websites and apps. It is tempting to use these internet tools to find out what may be causing your symptoms, however, they may be unreliable at best and dangerous at worst.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the Dr. Google phenomenon. While scientists identified a set of symptoms associated with the Coronavirus, there is still a lot of apprehension, leading to fear and “cyberchondria.” Cyberchondria is a term used to describe a condition, where people who are anxious about their health, may perform excessive or repeated health-related searches on the internet, only to become more distressed or frightened. This preoccupation can lead to stress, resulting in spikes in blood pressure, headaches and a weakened immune system.

Healthcare Providers know that when their patients experience illness symptoms, the first instinct isn't always to call the doctor's office. Seeking health advice online isn't necessarily a bad thing, but there are important facts to

keep in mind when checking with Dr. Google:

- Online sources vary widely in credibility and accuracy.
- There's a difference between health information accessible to healthcare Providers and the online information available to the general public.
- Your healthcare Provider can help put online information into context.

When Providers use search engines to find information, they're using medical training to phrase questions with medical terminology and in ways that effectively weed out unreliable results. Without that knowledge, it's easier to jump to conclusions and worst-case scenarios, especially since Google doesn't know your individual health history. Patients can stumble upon websites that are not based on valid scientific studies. When inaccurate information is treated as fact, it may cause harm to anyone who acts on its recommendations.

In-person office visits are always the best method for comprehensive discussions, because they allow more time to consider your medical history and other health factors. Many Providers are available via phone for quick questions or follow-ups on medication prescriptions, recent visits or imaging/lab work. Some health plans provide 24/7 Nurse Hotlines for medical questions. The Telehealth option continues to provide multiple benefits during the pandemic by expanding access to care, reducing disease exposure for staff and patients, preserving scarce supplies of

personal protective equipment and reducing patient demand on facilities. It is now a widely used and accepted method for Doctor-patient interactions.

There are a number of reliable websites, depending on what area of medicine you are researching. Look for URLs that end in .org or .gov, in particular. These include:

- The National Institutes of Health (<http://nih.gov/health-information>)
- American Diabetes Association (<http://diabetes.org>)
- The Medication Database Drugs.com (<http://drugs.com>)
- MedlinePlus, part of the U.S. Library of Medicine (<http://medlineplus.gov>)
- The American Academy of Family Physicians (<http://familydoctor.org>) or other Medical Specialty organizations
- The websites of established Academic Medical Centers, such as the Mayo Clinic

The National Institutes of Health also provides a guide for evaluating the accuracy of health information and how to tell if what you're reading is advertising or real, credible news. While no online resource is a replacement for a visit to your doctor, the internet can be a valuable tool for collaborating to achieve your best health.

**If you would like to request a specific healthcare topic for the Smart Patient column, please email me at [mbaldinger@lebanonboro.com](mailto:mbaldinger@lebanonboro.com).**

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



### Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority:

The 2021 sewer billing, including the 4 quarterly payment stubs, will be mailed out by mid-February. The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 payment will be due 3/30/2021.

### Reminder: Prohibited Materials – Blockage Cleanout

Disposal of any type of paper towels or cleaning material, feminine hygiene products, flushable-wipes, diapers, etc. into a toilet or drain is strictly prohibited, and can cause blockage and back-up of the sewer system into your home or commercial property.

In addition to the damage and cost to you for the cleanup of your own property, an assessment of \$25.00 to \$1,000.00, based on the actual cost of blockage cleanout, will be assessed to the offending sewer system user by the Sewer Authority, and if unpaid, will be lodged as a lien claim against your property.

## SCHOOL UPDATES



### North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

"Providing Success For All Students"

The 2020-2021 school year has been a unique year so far to say the least. As outlined in its reopening plan, the high school district continues its hybrid instruction schedule, with Group A & B cohorts alternating weekly between in-person instruction and virtual instruction (100% virtual instruction is also an option). All classes are on synchronous learning, meaning students at home are on the same bell schedule as students in school and everyone is in class together, both in-school and virtually at home. Due to social distancing restrictions and spacing concerns, the school district continues to operate on an early dismissal schedule as lunches cannot be served safely with masks off for eating. If guidelines are relaxed by the Governor and NJ Department of Education, the district can revisit its reopening plan and make schedule

changes. This daily schedule remains the same through the second marking period. Currently, the district is monitoring the increase in COVID-19 cases and the increased activity level for our region per the NJ Department of Health. If the activity level moves our region to Very High Risk, all red, schools must move to all virtual instruction for all students. We will keep our families updated on any changes as we progress through this unique school year.

We were happy to see our fall sports teams out on the playing fields again. Though spectators were limited to 500 at games, we greatly appreciate the parents and family members that came out to cheer on our athletes. The home football games were live streamed for those who were unable to attend. Live streaming of events will

continue into the winter season as well, with some winter sports competitions (basketball and fencing) starting on January 26, 2021. Our athletic departments are monitoring updates from the NJSIAA regarding winter sports. As of the writing of this article, winter sports will take place after the new year, which is great news for our athletes. Please follow our Athletics departments on Twitter for the latest updates (North Athletics - @NHHS\_Lions and Voorhees Athletics - @VOO\_Athletics). You can also visit NJSIAA's website for winter sports updates at <https://www.njsiaa.org/>.

If we are able to make any changes to the hybrid schedule, we will share that information with parents and post it on the district website, [www.nhvweb.net](http://www.nhvweb.net). We greatly appreciate the community's support and cooperation with following CDC and health department guidelines. All of our efforts will be needed to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our county, which will help to keep schools open for in-person instruction.



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# Lebanon Borough SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Message from Mr. Arcurio

As of this submission, our school remains open for in-person/hybrid instruction. I am unsure of what our status will be upon the printing of the Lantern. As I mentioned in the Fall edition, a major theme for this year is “Be Kind to Yourself.” This remains true as we move through this Winter season with the holidays and obligations that we all must navigate. Our children continue to work hard at their school work. The teachers continue to grow and evolve as educators in a new model of school. Our families are interacting with their children, teachers, and school in a new way and we are all learning and extending grace to one another as we go. I wish our entire community a safe and happy holiday season.

**Better Together,  
Bruce Arcurio  
Superintendent**



Dr. Christine Burton

## A Note of Thanks to Dr. Burton

December’s Board of Education meeting is the last for long-time Board Member, Dr. Christine Burton. The LBS community would like to thank her for her many years

of volunteer service to the school district. Her expertise, team approach, and wise stewardship have assisted the district in becoming and continuing to

be an institution in which the community can be proud. Thank you, Dr. Burton, your years of service have truly made a difference!

## 20-21 2nd Trimester Enrollment Options

We are fortunate to be able to continue running our two models of fully virtual and in-person/hybrid enrollment for the 2nd trimester which began on December 7th and runs until March 12th. Thus far the models have been successful due to the hard work and flexibility of our staff, students, and families. This has not been an easy school year for anyone, but the LBS Community has pulled together to create the best learning environment possible under our current circumstances.

## School Events

While this year has been anything but normal, we have worked to provide some events that have reminded us of all the things that school can and will be again. Our PTA has provided an outdoor pizza lunch that was well-received by all of the children. They also funded an outdoor assembly that got the entire school cheering. We scheduled a Halloween Parade, although the weather did not cooperate, we were able to send out a video to our families that was the next best thing. It is our hope to continue to develop alternative events as we move through the rest of the year.

Visit our district website

[www.lebanonschool.org](http://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. (ordinance # 2018-04)**

**Please clear sidewalks within first 12 hours of daylight—fines will apply. (ordinance #88-18)**

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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						9		

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## GET INVOLVED

**Town Council** 7:30 PM

3rd Wed of Month  
Town Hall

**Planning Board** 7:00 PM

2nd Tue of Month  
Town Hall

**Historical Committee** 5:00 PM

1st Tue of Month  
Town Hall

**Environmental Committee /**

**Shade Tree Committee** 6:00 PM

1st Thur of Month  
Town Hall

**Recreation Committee** 7:30 PM

4th Wed of Month  
Rec Building

**Sewage Authority** 7:30 PM

1st Thur of Month  
Town Hall

**All are welcome! Please check Boro website [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com) for any changes to meeting schedule or call Boro Hall at 908-236-2425**

## 2021 Lebanon Borough Dog License Form

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, 2021) 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, 2021 for each dog that is not registered and licensed within the month of January 2021.**

**A summons will be issued if you are noncomplying by March 31, 2021**

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.



## Lebanon Seniors,

Hello all! Hope everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful red and orange leaves of the fall.

Don't forget to wear your masks when you leave your house. I am still trying to get us access to our senior room; but the way Covid 19 is going up it's a no-no.

You can always give me a call to say Hello. If you can't get out to the store how about calling "Meals on Wheels"? You would have a nice hot meal come right to your door. Here is their phone number 908-284-0735.

I'm sending my special angel to you all to watch over you. Be Safe!

Your Senior Club President, **Maddie**



## WINTER HAZARDS

With winter just around the corner there appears to be a hazard realized in 2019 and waiting for the 2020 / 2021 heating season. Covid-19 seems to develop under confined heated conditions and since we all will spend more time indoors during winter, we must be wary of a spiked pandemic.

As such, now is the time to resolve keeping heating temperature

down with the wearing of more clothing and spending more time outdoors by taking walks and or doing chores around the house.

Also, be aware that if you have business at Borough Hall it should be done by phone. Borough officials and committee members are required to get clearance by phone, be prepared to wear a mask, and fill out a screening document upon entering. However, be advised that Borough Hall visits are strongly discouraged.

It is recommended that you save the screening document at the end of this article. Should you at any time experience any of the listed call your local doctor. **REMEMBER – MASK, SOCIAL DISTANCE and HAND WASHING**

Another hazard during the winter is fallen wires. Any fallen wires are dangerous, including cable tv and telephone wires that may tangle with electrical power conductors. Immediately call the utility when you see fallen wires.

When trees have taken down wires be aware that the tree and or branches there are extensions of the wires, they are conductive. Also be aware that electrocution can occur

without touching the wire/trees; don't walk in the area, any step potentially is deadly. **STAY AWAY!**

### Lebanon Borough

#### Town Hall COVID-19 Screening

Please read each question carefully and circle the answer that applies to you.

Have you experienced any type of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours?

<b>Fever or Chills</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Cough</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Shortness of breath</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Difficulty breathing</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Muscle body aches</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Headache</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Loss of taste / smell</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Sore throat</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Congestion runny nose</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Nausea Feeling</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Vomiting</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>
<b>Diarrhea</b>	<b>YES or NO</b>

**Have you been in close physical contact for at least 15 minutes with a person with symptoms of Covid-19**  
**YES or NO**

**Are you worried that you may be sick with Covid-19**  
**YES or NO**

On behalf of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) have a safe and healthful Winter and New Year of 2021.

**Lex Saharic, OEM Coordinator**



## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP BY LEBANON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Place all trees curbside from

December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>

All trees will be chipped

Note: No tree burning in park this year

**ENIGMA**<sup>TM</sup> Cryptogram  
CRYPTOGRAM

Trans-grammams are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each cryptogram stands for another letter. (Hint: V = M)

"LMN L JZIIFO ZHQZPILC MCIWIICOO:  
LN RC OZBCHL MJCH KNA OJNABQ  
OXCIW, IHQ LN OXCIW MJCH KNA  
OJNABQ RC OZBCHL." – XCOSZIE  
XSNYCSR

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## Lebanon Hotel History

In 1809, David Miller Kline came to the village of Lebanon (then called Jacksonsville) and opened a General Store on what was then called the New

Brunswick-to-Easton Turnpike. He had recently completed his apprenticeship, near Oldwick, at the store owned by his uncle David Miller.

Around 1812, the State of New Jersey decided to improve and straighten the turnpike road. In Lebanon, this meant re-routing it from its existing course on what is now called Brunswick Avenue, over to what is now known as Main Street. For David Miller Kline, this meant that doing business would be more difficult as his store was no longer on the frequently traveled turnpike.

So, in 1819, Kline purchased a lot which fronted the new turnpike from Jacob and Ann Corsen, and opened The Lebanon Hotel in 1821. Ann Corsen had inherited the lot from her father William Hoffman, whose 40 acre farm comprised the center of what today is Lebanon Borough. The building directly to the west of the hotel was the general store that Kline built.

The first mention of the building itself comes from the Clinton Township meeting minutes of the mid-1840's which indicate that their officials occa-

sionally met at "Kline's House." The "Tavern Lot" as such was first sold in 1848 and to this day its dimensions are the same: "one and sixty-eight one-hundredths of an acre".

Sometime during the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Lebanon Hotel transitioned from a hotel/rooming house to a dining establishment. From 1982-1994, the Lebanon Hotel was operating as The Cokesbury Inn, a restaurant owned by Anthony Greco, and then by Joseph Fornaro until 2001. In 2002, George Owen and George Donzella, along with former partners, purchased the vacant building and began a nearly two year-long renovation to revitalize its charm and functionality as a modern restaurant with an old-world feel. Visitors can still see the original step stone used by arriving stagecoach passengers standing on edge up in front under a large



birch tree and surrounded by flowering spirea shrubs at the building's front path. The former second floor boarding rooms were converted to private dining rooms each with gas fireplaces and decorated with art, furnishings, and antiques from the late George

Owen and George Donzella's former home. The large first floor main Tavern with a large Chicago-style bar still retains nearly all its original tin ceiling and walls, now painted black forest green and dry-brush etched with gold paint. The smaller Pub area to the rear of the building features the original exposed wood beams. Its barback was made from a repurposed antique and given a new coppertop barfront. The back patio, originally a small courtyard, was completely renovated and landscaped from scratch to give a home backyard ambience– the patio bar was built using stone excavated from the site during the long renovation, and a small pond built by Donzella at the rear corner of the patio. The renovated restaurant officially re-opened in October 2005 as Fox and Hound Tavern at The Lebanon Hotel, and is still owned and operated by Donzella to this day (sadly, George Owen passed away in 2017).

Many of the renovation progress photos are still viewable on the restaurant website at:

[www.foxandhoundtavern.com/gallery.htm](http://www.foxandhoundtavern.com/gallery.htm).

**Remarkably, 2021 marks the 200 year anniversary of The Lebanon Hotel and the 16 year anniversary of Fox and Hound Tavern at The Lebanon Hotel!**



## LEBANON'S 100 Year Birthday!

Usually history involves doing research to determine what happened in the past. The year 1976 was a historic celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our country. There were committees across the country in communities large and small. Lebanon had one and we have photos of some of those activities. A sixty page booklet

was published as the year was also the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of Lebanon Borough. There were numerous events, including a contest which involved painted decorations on the borough's fire hydrants. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was the biggest ever and was written up in the **New York Times** which estimated that as many as 10,000 people attended!

Well that event is now history and we have an opportunity now to make history. 2026 will be the **two hundred and**

**fiftieth anniversary of our country's independence AND the hundredth anniversary of Lebanon Borough**

which voted to break away from Clinton Township in 1926. Is it too early to start thinking about it? Maybe not, it all depends on what we want to make of it. Let's make our 100 Year Birthday one for the record books!



# EMERGENCY SERVICES



## South Branch Emergency Services Needs Your Support – Especially This Year

When someone in the seven communities we serve calls for help, South Branch Emergency Services always answers – we responded to more than 4,000 calls last year alone.

Our volunteer-governed, shared-services organization provides urgent medical treatment, emergency rescue, and rapid and safe hospital transit to the residents of Town of Clinton, Township of Clinton, High Bridge, Lebanon Borough, and portions of Franklin Township, Bethlehem Township, and Union Township. We exist to help you, but now, we need you to help us. Here are two ways to do so:

### Donate

Keeping those we serve and ourselves safe during this pandemic has resulted in nearly \$100,000 of unanticipated expenses, including about \$80,000 in additional personal protective equipment during the first wave. The pandemic continues, and these costs, along with all of the usual costs to run our organization, will continue.

Whatever you can donate to our once-a-year fund drive is an investment in a tradition of excellence built on the legacies of Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad and High Bridge Emergency Squad, which merged July 1 to form South Branch Emergency Services. Please consider:

- Between training and being on call for emergencies, our volunteer members donate 30,000 hours of their time each year. Even at the minimum wage, that would equal

\$250,000 donated!

- Our average response time is less than seven minutes – well under the national standard of 8 minutes!
- We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

You recently received a letter from us and may donate using the enclosed envelope, or you can donate online at [www.sbes365.org](http://www.sbes365.org). Thank you!

### Join Us!

Have your kids grown up and left home, giving you a little more free time? Are you tired of being at home so much due to the pandemic? Are you looking for a way to give back to our community, help others, and challenge yourself? Become a South Branch Emergency Services Volunteer today!



## Lebanon Fire Co. Members NEEDED!

During these difficult times, members are needed more so than ever. We have positions available starting at Junior Fireman, Fireman and administrative. There is a place for everyone here!

If you are interested and would like to help your community, please feel free to send us an email or stop by at the firehouse any Monday night from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

**88 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ**  
**08883**  
**Sta18fire@yahoo.com**

### IN AN EMERGENCY, CAN YOU BE FOUND?



Use Large Visible Numbers  
 Use Reflective Numbers



**EVERY SECOND COUNTS. HELP US, HELP YOU**

## Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

<p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	<p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 9 home fires and 1 in every 3 home fire deaths.</p>	<p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
<p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	<p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	<p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance like a space heater into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
<p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	<p>Store dried ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>	



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.njfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.njfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

## COMING SOON - NEW TOWN SIGNS

Keep an eye out for our NEW **Welcome to Lebanon** signs!

We are installing four signs near the border of Lebanon on Cherry Street, East and West side of Main Street and Cokesbury Road.

A huge thanks to the following businesses for donating the cost of the signs and installations:

**Superior Towing**

**Lebanon Cheese**

**Bourbon Street Liquors**

**Clinton Autobody / Round Valley Financial**

We hope to have these signs installed early in 2021.



We have also ordered our new electronic sign to replace the aging one in front of the Recreation Building at 96 Main Street. The current sign was not worth getting repaired and had software issues. The new sign will allow us additional space for messages, be much easier to read and the message will be duplicated on our town website. It is also being partially funded through grants.

We hope to have this new sign installed early in 2021.



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Girl Scouts in Service Unit 81 have been hard at work on projects and activities to benefit the community. Several troops participated in the "Adopt a Family" collection benefiting the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. Troops 80584, 80258, 80907, 80875 and 80129 donated a total of 493 pounds of food and other grocery items.

Troop 80790 earned a Silver Award for their Service Dog Etiquette project. They created a website and video explaining how to properly interact with seeing eye dogs, police dogs and therapy dogs in public. As part of their research, they met with Washington Township K-9 Officer Overko and his dog "Camo." Pictured are from left to right Officer Overko, Ashley Petlick, Martha Smart, Summer Ashworth, Mary Smart and K-9 "Camo."

Troops have been following safety protocols and meeting outdoors to do

things like apple picking, Grow-A-Row harvesting and creating craft projects for local Meals on Wheels recipients. One troop made meditation jars for themselves and one for each girl to give to a friend as a reminder of the importance of breathing and relaxing to alleviate stress.

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale begins January 8. Troops will be selling favorites including Thin Mints, Tag alongs, Samoas and more. Thank you for supporting our girls. To learn more about becoming a Girl Scout or what's involved with being a leader, please



email [gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com](mailto:gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com). Information is also available at our website

[www.gshnj81.com](http://www.gshnj81.com).



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**Troop 200** continues to meet both in-person while socially distancing and wearing masks, and is also meeting virtually where in-person meetings are impractical. The Troop has been active the past few months with socially-distanced camping trips, service projects, and meet-

ings to work on their requirements and plan future events, such as summer camp and an upcoming trip to Philmont Scout Reservation in Summer 2021. The Troop also works closely with Pack 190 and other local cub scout packs and hosts several recruiting events each year.

Troop 200 is a high-adventure boy-run troop which just celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> year in operation. Troop 200 is chartered by Immaculate Concep-

tion Church, in Annandale, New Jersey, and meets on Monday nights.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Troop please visit:

[www.boyscouttroop200.org](http://www.boyscouttroop200.org) or [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)

for more information.



## DOG LICENSE

Please license your dog by January 31st

Forms can be found on page 8 or at

[Lebanonboro.com](http://Lebanonboro.com)

You may drop off your form, rabies certificate and payment in the silver box at Boro Hall. All licenses will be mailed.

### Enigma Cryptogram Answer:

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Two things indicate weakness: to be silent when you should speak, and to speak when you should be silent." — Persian proverb

### Answer to Sudoku

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

## Halloween Winners!



**House Decorating:** First Place: 9 High Street

2nd Place: 14 Cherry Street

3rd Place: 16 Myrtle Ave

**Scavenger Hunt:** Liam Cohen, Greg Pardo and Brandon Borzelli

## Ring the Bells!



**Dec 24 at 6 PM on Christmas Eve please ring a bell from your porch!**

**Bells are available from the Recreation Committee Members below and from Town Hall. Each have a supply if you need one.**

**Town Hall—236-2425, Ben Valliere, Jim Pittinger, Michele Saharic,**

**Joyce Coyle, Randi Mondoro, Carol Ford**

## Burning of the Greens / The Twelfth Night



**Wed, Jan 6** Unfortunately, due to state restrictions on open fires we will **not** be having our traditional Burning of the Greens. The Recreation Committee is working to come up with an alternate event. Please check the town website for details. The fire department will be picking up live Christmas trees between Dec. 31 and Jan. 6, please place at curb. We will still be crowing a King and Queen please cut out the coin below, fill it out and drop off in the silver box at Town Hall by Jan 5, 2021.

## Lebanon July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee

Monthly Meetings Begin in January.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. We are hoping that in 2021, that all of our efforts to combat the pandemic will bring us back to some level of normalcy in our daily lives. We also hope that in 2021, we will be able to celebrate Independence Day with the Lebanon Borough annual Parade and Picnic.

The Lebanon July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee meets each month beginning in January, to begin planning for the many tasks that will need to be done over the next six months leading up to July 4<sup>th</sup>. The members of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee are all volunteers, and we are always looking for more help. If you think you might be interested in volunteering, please consider coming to one of our meetings. Feel free to come and participate, or just come and listen if you like. There are many types of activities to get involved in and many ways to help. We usually meet on the last Wednesday of each month, so January's meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at the Lebanon Borough Municipal Building on High Street, at 7:30 pm. You can email me if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



**PLEASE DROP OFF IN BOX AT TOWN HALL  
BY JAN 5, 2021**

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### Getting Married?

Download your Marriage Application on our website. Present the completed application 30 days before your event at the Borough Hall with your partner and a witness.

Articles and Comments Are Welcome and Encouraged! Submission deadline for the Spring 2021 Edition is Feb 28, 2021. Please email your submission to [lantern@lebanonboro.com](mailto:lantern@lebanonboro.com).