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FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to Winter! We had a lot of fun events in town in the past few months.

We had our 2nd Music in the Park in the fall sponsored by the Recreation Committee. We had an awesome band, great food and beverages for purchase from the Lebanon Fire Dept, Metropolitan Seafood and Sunken Silo. We are hoping to continue this annually in the late summer or early fall.

Make sure you see the insert in the Lantern with two walking routes to enjoy all the holiday lights; for added adventure there are six lighted snowmen on the route. Find all six and get a unique Lebanon Boro personalized tree ornament. The recreation committee is sponsoring a house decorating contest, see recreation on page 14. Also find inserts with next year's recycling schedule and dog licensing form.

Congratulations to our newest council member Robert Kirchofer for winning his election in Nov and to Greg Crawford for being reelected. Also, thank you to Marlene Baldinger for her six years of service.

The cover picture is from the recent Lebanon Fire Dept Santa Photo fund raiser of the Elwell family.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and the happiest of New Years! 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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JULY 4TH PARADE INFO

Lebanon 4th of July Parade News

The tradition continues...

Planning is underway for the 76th Annual Lebanon 4th of July Parade

The holiday season is upon us, and you know what that means! We're almost halfway to the 76th Annual Lebanon 4th of July Parade - the longest running 4th of July Parade in Hunterdon County!

Planning is already underway, and this is a great time for you to get involved. The first 2023 meeting of the Lebanon Borough 4th of July Parade Committee, headed up by Sam Berger and Ben Valliere, will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25th in the Council Meeting Room at Borough Hall - and on the last Wednesday of each month thereafter through June 28, 2023.

The Lebanon 4th of July Parade is steeped in tradition, but its future lies in the fresh ideas and energy that YOU can bring to the planning and execution of this event. We need your input to help us honor yesterday, embrace today, and welcome tomorrow to keep our hometown parade a fun and relevant tradition for generations to come.

Some of the items on the agenda for our first meeting are:

- Review the great moments and the lessons learned from the 75th Annual Parade.
- Review final budget numbers from the 75th Parade and discuss resources available for the 76th Parade.
- Discuss theme and logo for the 76th Parade.
- Hear reports from our Committees and identify critical volunteer needs based on the 75th Parade experience.
- Set initial deadlines, deliverables, and agenda items for the February meeting.
- We encourage everyone to join us to share your ideas, your opinions, and your love for this venerable Lebanon Borough tradition.



Merry Christmas



See you on January 25th!

Lebanon 4th of July Celebration Committee

Join our mailing list to receive reminders about monthly meetings. Send your name, address, and email address to Parade Chairperson Sam Berger at sberger56@aol.com and ask him to add you to our mailing list. You'll receive an email reminder monthly with an open invitation to join our meetings whenever you can.

BORO NEWS

NEW BORO FLAG RETIREMENT BIN



You may have seen a new addition to 96 Main Street - a flag retirement bin. The bin is part of an Eagle Scout project led by Troop 200 Life Scout, Owen Maslanka. His project consists of the bin where local community members can dis-



pose of their worn and tattered flags that will be collected and respectfully retired by Troop 200. The bin has a QR code that will bring visitors to a web page that includes information on the American flag and flag etiquette and also honors military veterans.

The design of the flag retirement bin includes 202 stars. Two stars are in memory of Fred Holjes and Robert Sheppard who were members of Troop 200 and who died during the Vietnam War. The remaining 200 stars represent the troop and honor those who served in the military during war or times of conflict. Visit the Troop 200 web page for more information on Owen's project.

www.boyscouttroop200.org

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THERE'S A NEW GOAT IN TOWN!



A lifelong lover of food — eating it and making it for others — Kris Fanelli got burned out during the pandemic even as her restaurant in Upper Black Eddy, Pa., did more business than ever.

“We got really, really busy but I couldn’t get help,” she said. “I loved doing it but I couldn’t do it all myself.”

So she walked away from the restaurant and took a break. Her stress may have gone away, but the itch never did.

“When this opportunity came up, my friends were saying ‘you can still do it,’” she said, referring to the Provenance Market on Main St. going up for sale earlier this year.

Six months later, after enjoying “the best garden of my life this summer,” and making some repairs to the property at 83 Main, Fanelli says she’s opened the Twin Goats Café, which serves vegetarian and vegan fare. Nearly everything is organic.

“Everything is made in house, except bread, which we’re getting from Crossroads Bake Shop in Doylestown,” she said, mentioning a selection of fresh pressed juices,

smoothies and veggie burgers among the menu options.

She stressed that offering vegetarian and vegan fare does not mean she’s trying to change anyone’s mind about eating meat.

It’s All About Community “I want to feed people and this is my passion,” she said. “I’m not looking to change people’s ideas.”

Fanelli plans to have Twin Goats Café open Thursdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., depending on whether she can find help. She’s looking for someone to take orders and work the counter and cash register. She said the more help she has, the more hours she’ll be open.

Twin Goats offers both dine-in and

take-out options, and information on the café is available on Facebook and Instagram.

“I would like to move toward private dinners or rent the space out for events and things like that. I’m open to that,” she said.

Ultimately, however, she wants to be known as a good member of the community.

“When I was younger, I wasn’t aware how important the community was in my life,” she said. “But when I had the restaurant in Upper Black Eddy, it was all about community. I want Twin Goats to be a community gathering place and I want to be a participant in what’s happening in town. To support and be part of the community here.”

As for the name, Twin Goats Café, it’s a combination of Fanelli’s astrology sign and her boyfriend’s. “He’s a Gemini, that’s the twin,” she said. “And I’m a Capricorn, and that’s the goat.

“Plus, we love goats,” she added. “My boyfriend’s always had goats. They’re like dogs. They all have personalities.”



As a Reminder: STATE OF NEW JERSEY - RESOLUTION No. 13-2021

Prohibited Materials - Blockage Cleanout

1. All types of paper towels and cleaning materials, feminine hygiene products, diapers, flushable wipes, and like type materials are prohibited from being disposed of in toilets and drains within the sewer service area of the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority.
2. 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 plus the actual cost of clearing the line blockage, shall be assessed to the property owner/user and must be paid with the next quarterly sewer installment 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 4, 2021.

Other news from LBSA: The 2023 LBSA sewer billing payment stubs will be mailed before the 1Q due date of 3/30/23.

Please visit our website for more LBSA information and to make online payments (additional fee issued by credit card co.) <https://www.lebanonboro.com/Departments/lebanon-borough-sewer-authority>

COMING SOON TO THE PARK!

Disc Golf Baskets AND GaGa Pit!

The Lebanon Boro Recreation Committee and the Lebanon Boro School worked together to get two new items for the park.

Installed in the near future will be two Disc Golf Baskets—park visitors can bring their own discs to use the baskets or discs will be available in Boro Hall at 6 High Street that can be signed out. Clinton Township recently installed a 9 hole Disc Golf Course at Cramer Creek in the Township.



Practice in Lebanon before hitting the new course!

In addition, a new GaGa pit will be installed in the play area. What is GaGa??!! GREAT Question! Gaga (also: ga-ga, gaga ball, or ga-ga ball) is a variant of dodgeball that is played in a gaga "pit". The game combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands, and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the knee. The game can be played by a group of individual players or with teams, as well as in one-on-one matches. It is very low impact.



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LEBANON LIMELIGHT

*Each edition, **Lebanon Limelight**, will highlight one of our residents and share personal insights about them and their lives...*

Polly Struble

How long have you lived in Lebanon Boro?

I have lived in Lebanon Borough since the late 1980's. Before moving to Lebanon, I lived in Annandale.

I owned and operated Clinton Stationery with my late husband, Red Struble. In 2002, I became a crossing guard in Lebanon Borough, a job which I have loved and enjoyed every minute of. I just love the kids!

I have been a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Annandale, the Lebanon Borough Senior Club, Lebanon Borough Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen of the State of New Jersey.

What is something that people would be surprised to learn about you?

Something that people would most likely be surprised to learn about me is that I rode on a motorcycle.....once. Once was enough!



What is your favorite movie?

My favorite movies are any movie on the Hallmark channel!

What is your favorite way to spend the day?

My favorite way to spend the day would be at home baking, especially baking bread.

What is your hope for the future?

My hope for the future is to 'just take it day by day'.

What is your favorite meal?

Everyone knows my favorite meal is spaghetti.

What is your favorite vacation?

I have most enjoyed traveling to Tennessee, Florida and Canada over the years. However my favorite vacation was a trip to Memphis, Tennessee when Red and I went to Graceland and we also saw Tammy Wynette and Charley Pride. I have also really enjoyed going to the QVC studio in West Chester, PA.

What is the most memorable moment in your life?

The most memorable moments in my life were when my children were born.

What is on your bucket list?

As far as my bucket list, I do not have a bucket list because 'I just do what I want to do.'

If you would like to be featured or can suggest someone to be featured in the next edition of **Lebanon Limelight**, please email lantern@lebanonboro.com

Something to think about...

On the cusp of the holiday season, it's an understatement to say that we lead busy lives. The modern age has given us "hurried convenience". To fully appreciate the 24/7 intensity, do nothing and be still for 5 minutes. What did I miss? Is your heart racing? Hands sweating... Recapture your 5 minutes with a meaningful action. What if in this, the last few days of 2022 you decide with intention to:

- Take a quiet walk in Holjes-Shepard Park
- Volunteer to assist a neighbor in need
- Call a friend to chat (yes on the phone!)

2023

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." C.S. Lewis

EMERGENCY SERVICES



“Winter Expectations”

The outlook for the Tri-State area comes from an updated forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate prediction center.

Meteorologists expect La Nina the global weather pattern influenced by temperatures in the Pacific

Ocean, to dominate for a third straight winter. The forecast is calling for a 33-40% chance that air along the coastal Northeast and in the tri-state area will be warmer than average. This is good news for us with the costs of fuel for heating our homes at an abnormally high cost.

NOAA predicts the region can expect less snow than average. Which usually amounts to 30 inches throughout the winter season. NOAA’S new supercomputers are enabling to develop even better, more detailed forecast capabilities which will be rolling out more refined predictions. Weather predictions carry over to the next subject of...

CDC STREAMLINES COVID-19 GUIDANCE

In August the CSC said it is streamlining existing COVID -19 guidance to reduce the impact of the virus on schools, employment, and the health care system. With the pandemic on the down slope, it is emphasized that the pandemic is not over but moves to the point where covid-19 no longer severely disrupts our daily lives.

Here are some recommendations that relate to how we should go about our daily lives in the reduction of expo-

sure. As the virus continues to circulate in our communities, efforts will be focused on protecting people at high risk of severe illness, i.e., the elderly and those who have health issues. The CDC recommends individuals assess the risks of spread in the community and continue to exercise caution in settings such as crowded indoor spaces. The guidelines place less emphasis overall on physical distancing as a key measure to avoid exposure. The six-foot standard for social distancing is no longer an explicit recommendation. The

CDC suggests that masks should be worn indoor public settings and on public transportation when the community is at high levels of sickness and transmission.

People exposed to someone infected with the Covid-19 virus vaccinated or not, no longer need to quarantine. The guidance says people exposed to COVID should wear a high-quality mask for ten days and get tested on day five.



Remember your health and that of others is up to you by:

- Washing your hands continually
- Limiting crowded indoor activities
- Staying at home during times of flu and sickness symptoms especially during coughing and sneezing
- Signs of fever and / or a weak feeling condition is a stay at home precaution

A warm winter with less snow and a healthful season allows us all to look forward to 2023 and spring!

“Stay Well”

UPCOMING BORO MEETINGS

Town Council 7:30 PM

3rd Wed of Month, Boro Hall

Planning Board 7:00 PM

2nd Tue of Month, Boro Hall

Historical Committee 5:00 PM

1st Tue of Month, Boro Hall

Environmental Committee / Shade

Tree Committee 5:00 PM

1st Thur of Month, Boro Hall

Recreation Committee 6:00 PM

4th Wed of Month, Rec Building

Sewage Authority 7:30 PM

3rd Thur of Month, Boro Hall

All are welcome! Please check Boro website www.lebanonboro.com for any changes to meeting schedule or call Boro Hall at 908-236-2425

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South Branch
EMERGENCY SERVICES

DANIEL DIX

Desire to
Serve His

Community Motives SBES Volunteer

Daniel Dix enjoys the energy and motivation he was raised to have and has turned it into a desire to serve his community as a South Branch Emergency Services Rescue Associate.

"It exhilarates me to take a piece of all of that and introduce it back into this organization and the great members that it has," Daniel, 35, said.

He grew up in an urban area, with family and friends that had careers in emergency services. Their experiences, including his father's 25 years as a police officer, influenced him to become interested in various types of technical rescue.

"Just seeing his commitment to the community was something that I wanted to take part in as well," Daniel said.

Daniel has been involved in emergency services since



he was 16 years old. Having received his EMT certification in 2005, Daniel now holds certifications in water rescue, confined space, trench rescue, vehicle extrication, rope rescue, firefighter I and II, structural collapse, as well as various ICS training, OSHA training, and HAZMAT training. In 2009, Daniel became a volunteer firefighter as another means of serving his community.

He moved to Hunterdon County in 2015 where he currently lives with his supportive wife and two daughters, ages 4 and 6. Daniel joined South Branch in May of 2022 and has been enjoying the teamwork and opportunity to give back.

"We each have different stories on why we became involved in public service, and different things we can offer," he said. "We each have different motivations on why we do what we do. Together we all have one common goal, which is to have the ability to save life and property, and educate the thousands that live, work, and commute throughout our community."

South Branch Emergency Services is looking for volunteers like you! No experience is necessary, and training and gear are provided for members. Visit sbes365.org to sign up or learn more.



Lebanon Seniors,

The Lebanon Borough Senior Club meets every fourth Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Lebanon Borough Hall at 6 High Street, Lebanon. The seniors celebrated Halloween with a luncheon. Members came in costume and many came in Halloween shirts. Every one looked great. We are now planning our Christmas Party in December. Come visit us at our next meeting. Please call Madeline 908-287-7949 for information. Trips information call Trudy at 908-236-9042.

Come and join us for a happy time.

Your Senior Club President, Maddie



EMERGENCY SERVICES CONT'



Lebanon Borough Fire Company

STATION 18 "FIGHTIN 18"

It's been a busy few months for us! We are glad the record breaking heat is behind us but we have a few reminders for the winter season! Stay safe everyone. We wish you a happy, safe and healthy Holiday Season!

*Thank you to everyone who came out
out to take photos with Santa and
supported the fire company!
We greatly appreciate your
continued support.*



December, January and February are the top months for home fire deaths, according to the National Fire Protection Association. NFPA recently issued 10 suggestions to help ensure that households across the country remain safe during those months.

- Flammable objects should be kept at least 3 feet from heating equipment.
- Children must remain a minimum of 3 feet from open fires and heaters.
- Refrain from using an oven to supply heat.
- Water heaters and stationary space or central heating equipment must be installed by qualified professionals.
- All heating equipment and chimneys must be cleaned annually by a professional.
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving a room or sleeping.
- Only use manufacturer-recommended fuel in fuel-burning space heaters.
- When using a fireplace, use a sturdy screen to confine sparks.
- Ensure that working smoke alarms are installed on every level in a home.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan.



SCHOOL UPDATES



Lebanon Borough
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our school year has gotten off to a wonderful start as we conclude the first trimester and move into the second. Students and staff have been working hard throughout the fall on all things to develop academic, social, emotional, and physical growth. As I have said before, this is an amazing community of learners, and Lebanon Borough School is a wonderful place to teach and learn. Below are some highlights of our fall trimester and a look ahead to the winter and beyond.

LBS Collaborative Mural

Our overriding theme at LBS is “Better Together,” and we encourage our students to realize the power of working collaboratively to achieve goals. With that in mind, our students and staff created a collaborative mural and the stairwell in the school was the perfect spot where everyone could see it every day. Artist [Alma Thomas](#) was the inspiration for a mural of flowers growing so tall they’ve reached into space. Four to six students came to the space at a time to make their mark on the wall. The students share a deep sense of ownership over their mural. Some of the most tender moments were hearing student comments throughout “mural day.” As told by some second graders, the mural makes them feel “proud,” “happy,” and “inspired.” Another second grader shared that we should have one flower for every teacher in the school because they are the ones who



help us [students] grow. Compliments came from every direction-sixth graders to preschoolers, classmate to classmate, student to teacher, and vice versa. The mural is beautiful and will be for years to come. Making it with

all of LBS was gratifying and heartwarming.

Preschool Registration

Lebanon Borough School will begin Preschool Registration in January as follows:

January 3rd-13th for families with children currently in the PreK program

January 16th-February 3rd for families that live in Lebanon Borough

February 6th-February 24th for anyone in or out of district

New student registration forms can be found on our school website at www.lebanonschool.org or email rmuia@lebanonschool.org for more information.

Families will be notified of enrollment by March 3rd. Once spots are filled, registration will be closed, and you will be placed on a waitlist if you wish.

LBS PTA Basket Bingo Fundraiser

Lebanon Borough School PTA will be hosting a basket bingo fundraiser on February 3rd from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (snow date Feb. 10th). Each bingo game will have a themed basket that attendees can win via each bingo game. This fundraising event helps the PTA raise money so we can do more activities, host assemblies, and purchase equipment for our school.

Music Room Progress

Hopefully, by the time this issue goes to print, we will be using our new music room. As I write this the HVAC and final touches are being completed and the inspections are being scheduled. As a reminder, we converted our old, unused kitchen to our new music room, making it a space that can be used and enjoyed by all students throughout the year. Mrs. Schaefer and the children now have a wonderful setting for both general and instrumental music classes and lessons.

As always, thank you for your support of our school and our children.

Happy Holidays to all!

Dr. Arcurio

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SCHOOL UPDATES CONT'



winter concert, both at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

Winter sports season kicks off for most sports on December 15, 2022.

News from North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

Though the weather may keep us mostly inside this winter, there are plenty of activities happening in the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District.

In December, the annual dual winter concerts will be held, which are free and open to the public. Please join us for winter concerts on Thursdays, December 8 & 15, at 7:00pm in the North Hunterdon High School auditorium or, at Voorhees High School, on December 13 for instrumental winter concert and December 15 for choral

Please check the sports schedules on the high school websites to attend a game or match. Admission for basketball and wrestling events is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, senior citizens are free; cash only.

January is a busy month as scheduling for the next school year takes place. Students will enter their course requests between January 11 – 20. School counselors are there to help if students and parents have any concerns or questions. 8th graders will visit the high schools in early January and 8th grade parent orientation night is scheduled at Voorhees on January 4 and at North Hunterdon on January 11. We look forward to

welcoming the incoming Class of 2027!

A sincere thank you to the residents who voted in favor of the bond referendum, which will complete much needed maintenance projects at both high schools! Voter support means the district will receive \$2.6 million in state aid to cover 40% of the total project costs. Projects will begin in the summer of 2023. Again, thank you for supporting upgrades to your local high schools!

Please continue to visit our websites to learn more news from the district and any upcoming events!

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District Communications Coordinator

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

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CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thank you to the Town of Clinton and the Borough of Glen Gardner for your support of the outdoor space referendum! Our students love the new spaces, the updated equipment and the increased accessibility for all students!



Halloween is back! We loved the parade and our visit from the Unity Bank Balloon!
We are reaching new heights this year!



In November we celebrated our Veterans and gave thanks for their service and sacrifice.

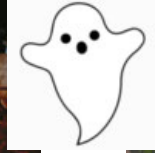


We are preparing for our upcoming fourth grade musical, Winter 2022 Concert and the beginning of our second trimester. For all of the upcoming events and latest happenings, please visit us on our website www.cpsnj.org

RECREATION

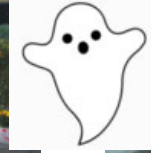
HALLOWEEN House Decorating WINNERS

Originality



14 Cherry

Creativity



12 Chestnut

Scary



16 Myrtle



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

The Recreation Committee is once again sponsoring a house decorating contest!

Plaque with picture of house and Christmas ornament inscribed with family name and year to top 3 winners!!



The Twelfth Night

Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park

January 6th at 6:30 PM

(Rain date January 8th, 6:30 PM)

Please join the Lebanon Recreation Committee

For the Traditional Bonfire and Crowning of the King and Queen!

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BOY SCOUTS



Three scouts with Lebanon's Troop 200 have achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts of America, becoming Eagle Scouts. John Martoccia, Andrew Bozzi and Justin Verlin, members of BSA Troop 200, chartered by the Lebanon Reformed Church earned the rank of Eagle in October, becoming the troop's 93rd, 94th and 95th Eagle Scouts.



#93 John Martoccia. The Immaculate Conception School and Church are the beneficiaries of John's Eagle Scout project. Throughout the 40+ hour project, John organized a team of 18 volunteers, including his father, grandfather, friends and troop members, as they built three garden beds and a storage shed.



A senior at North Hunterdon High School, John's journey to Eagle Scout began in third grade with Cub Scout, in Pack 190, earning the Arrow of Light as a Webelo. As a member of Troop 200, John has earned 28 merit badges and served as the troop's Quartermaster, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He went on a two-week trek to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. In 2020, he was selected for membership in the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout National Honor Society, before becoming Troop 200's ninety-third Eagle Scout.

#94 Andrew Bozzi. For his Eagle project, Andrew, a senior at North Hunterdon High School, designed and organized a team of volunteers to build a community garden on Cherry Street in Lebanon Borough, sponsored by the Lebanon Reformed Church. Andrew's path to Eagle Scout began 11 years ago as a Cub Scout in Pack 901, earning the Arrow of Light as a Webelo. As a member of Troop 200, Andrew served as a Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe, Chaplain's Aide and Senior Patrol Leader. He has earned 38 merit badges and has been on several high adventure treks with the troop including Philmont Scout Reservation and Seabase Florida. In 2019, he was selected for membership in the Order of the Arrow, scouting's National Honor

Society, earning the rank of Brotherhood, before becoming Troop 200's ninety-fourth Eagle Scout.

#95 Justin Verlin. A senior at North Hunterdon High School, Justin's Eagle Scout project consisted of designing a plan and organizing a team of a dozen volunteers to build a fence around a newly created community garden on Cherry Street in Lebanon Borough. Justin's path to Eagle Scout began 11 years ago as a Cub Scout in Pack 901, where he earned the Arrow of Light as a Webelo. As a member of Troop 200, Justin has earned 35 merit badges and served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. He has earned the BSA's snorkeling and kayaking badges and had the opportunity to go on a high adventure trek to Seabase in the Florida Keys. In 2019, he was selected for membership in the Order of the Arrow, scouting's National Honor Society, earning the rank of Brotherhood, before becoming Troop 200's ninety-fifth Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout is **the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program.** Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must be active in their troop, provide leadership, earn 21 merit badges and demonstrate that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They must also plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project benefiting a religious institution, school or community group.

Since 1955, Troop 200 has been a high-adventure, boy-led troop. The Troop has a number of boys on their path to Eagle Scout including three Life Scouts working on their Eagle Scout projects. New patrols are forming. If you're interested, the scouts meet Monday evenings at Lebanon Reformed Church. For more information, follow BSA Troop 200 on Facebook, Troop 200 NJ on Instagram or reach out via email, Troop200NJ@gmail.com.

GIRL SCOUTS



Did you know that community service is one of our most focused practices, within Girl Scouts? Girl Scout Service Unit 81, which serves both Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough, are focused on the holiday season ahead. Many of us cherish the time we get to spend with our friends, family and loved ones. During this time, however, it's also easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of the season. Hectic travel schedules and frenzied last-minute shopping can make the holidays more stressful than they need to be. So instead of getting caught up in what gifts to buy, spend some time thinking about how you can give back to those who may be less fortunate.

After all, giving back is the best way to spread holiday cheer.

There are countless opportunities to volunteer and lend a helping hand during the holidays, but part of volunteering is understanding why you should help others. Some of the services we have loved for years include: sending handmade cards to our local nursing homes, sending needed goods overseas to our military, shopping and providing goods to our local food pantries and caroling through our local streets to spread joy.

We are always looking for new members and parent volunteers, and would be glad to answer any questions about our experiences. To learn more about getting involved, please email: gshnjserviceunit81@gmail.com.

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