OUR MISSION

The Town of Lebanon's Bicentennial Committee will plan, organize and execute a year long celebration of the 200th anniversary of the town's January 15, 1819 incorporation. The Committee will engage residents and collaborate with local stakeholders to unify the community and provide entertaining and educational activities for a diverse population, near and far.

The celebration will showcase the town's rich history, natural beauty, high-tech business hub, talents and other attributes that keep Lebanon, "The Heart of Southwest Virginia", "Progressing for Tomorrow."

Russell County Courthouse, 1920.

For the latest info, visit:
www.lebanonva.net

Late 1890s looking north on Main Street.

Our HISTORY

As the population of Russell County steadily grew after the American Revolution, the concentration of inhabitants shifted further away from Dickensonville.

In 1816, a motion was made by the governing body to move the county seat to a more centralized location. On May 10th of that year, David and Margaret Alexander and Andrew and Polly Cowan deeded 20 acres of land along Cedar Creek for the relocation. Even though this area was not located along any major railroad, it still provided an optimum spot as the county seat where as it was positioned between two major springs. Lebanon was formally established by the General Assembly as the Town of Lebanon on January 15, 1819 and was chartered January 4, 1831.

Lebanon is located in the rolling hills of Clinch Mountain and serves as the county seat for Russell County in Southwest Virginia. The Town of Lebanon is believed to have derived its name from the biblical reference, "Cedars of Lebanon" because of the abundance of cedar trees in the town and surrounding area.

Historical photos courtesy of the Russell Co. Public Library

Baseball game in Lebanon in 1947.

Wayfinding in the TOWN OF LEBANON

The list of the addresses to the right can be used for online mapping to the events.

LEBANON TOWN HALL
405 W. Main Street,
Lebanon, Virginia

LEBANON COMMUNITY PARK
405 West Main Street,
Lebanon, Virginia

LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL, LMS FOOTBALL FIELD, & RALLY STAGE
53 George Ben Whited Drive,
Lebanon, Virginia

MAIN STAGE
West Main Street,
Lebanon, Virginia

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL
105 Charles C. Long Drive,
Lebanon, Virginia

LEBANON PHYSICAL THERAPY
272 Highland Drive,
Lebanon, Virginia

LEBANON PRIMARY SCHOOL
919 Main Street,
Lebanon, Virginia

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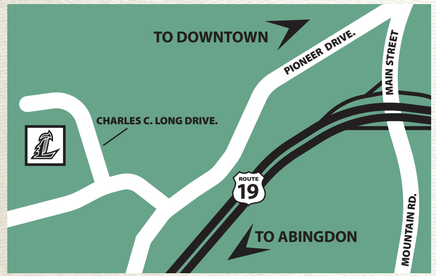

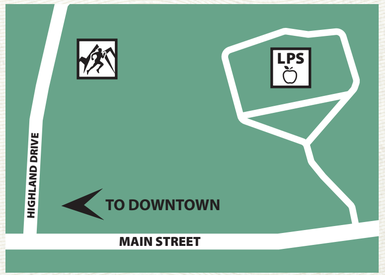

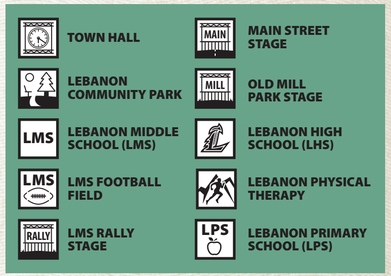

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Welcome!

On behalf of myself and the Lebanon Town Council, you are invited to join us as we celebrate our Bicentennial throughout 2019. As you can see in our brochure, there will be many FREE activities for you to enjoy.

These activities include; concerts, children's activities, a drama performance, and several other cultural activities. Other events include food trucks and a Main Street Yard Sale. We are located in the beautiful and peaceful valley of the Clinch Mountains in the Heart of Southwest Virginia.

Bring your family and friends and come see us during this exciting time for our town.

Tony Dodi, Mayor
Lebanon Town Council

Cover photo courtesy of Preston Ball.

Come celebrate with us!

TOWN OF LEBANON **BICENTENNIAL**

The following is a list of the current celebration events, we expect this list to continue to grow throughout the year. Please follow our social media platforms to stay informed.

@TownOfLebanonVA
@TownLebanon
@TownOfLebanonVirgina

Lebanon Gives Back

The events are FREE, but donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at concert entrances to support our local food banks.

Chipping of the Greens

JANUARY 5 // 11 AM-2 PM

LMS Help us reduce waste in our community by bringing your Christmas tree to be recycled. More info on our social media!

Recognition in Richmond

JANUARY 15 // TIME TBA

Lebanon Town Mayor and Council to receive Bicentennial Resolutions from the Virginia General Assembly during session at the state capitol in Richmond, VA.

KICKOFF *events*

The Cleverlys

FEBRUARY 23 // 6 PM

LMS A one-of-a-kind comedy/music blend from a remote part of the Ozark Mountains, near Cane Spur, Arkansas.

"If Earl Scruggs, Dolly Parton, and Spinal Tap spawned a litter of puppies..."

- New York Times

Bicentennial 5K

MARCH 23 // TIME TBD

Join us for a 5 K Run, Obstacle Course and Kid's Run. This event is hosted by Lebanon Physical Therapy in partnership with the Town of Lebanon.

Bicentennial Recognition in Lebanon *APRIL // TBD*

Kid's Day *APRIL 6 // TIME TBD*

A day just for the kids is in the works! Details to come, watch our social media.

Rubiks Groove

APRIL 27 // 6 PM

This high energy, character-driven 80s and 90s tribute band will take you back to the best era of music with a complete 360 degree interactive experience that includes live music from rock to hip hop, characters, costumes and videos!

SPRING *events*

The History of Lebanon

MAY 9 & 10 // 7 PM, MAY 11 // 2 PM

Lebanon High School Drama presents a performance on history of Lebanon.

*An Evening of Gospel**

MAY 11 // BEGINS AT 4 PM

Gospel music has been handed down for generations in this region, please join us for the music of **The Riverview, Monk Family Bluegrass Band** and **Williams Family.**

Nathan Stanley, grandson of the late, great Dr. Ralph Stanley, credited with nine solo albums that include recordings with notable artists Brad Paisley, George Jones, Patty Loveless and Ricky Skaggs, will headline at 7 PM. His voice is filled with conviction and emotion, with traces of old ghosts from days gone by.

**Food trucks and vendors on location.*

Town-Wide Yard Sale

JUNE 1 // 8 AM-3 PM

Spend the day on a treasure hunt down Main Street, complete with food trucks. Details to come, watch our social media.

Southern Rock Night

JUNE 8 // BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

Get ready to rock it out with **Steele Cookin**, a true Southern Rock band in the spirit of The Allman Brothers and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Followed by **the Kentucky Headhunters**. Their first album, Pickin' On Nashville (1989), sold over two million copies, won a Grammy Award, three Country Music Awards, an American Music Award and an Academy Of Country Music Award. Four consecutive Top 40 Country hits followed. We are thrilled to bring them to you.

Americana Concert

JULY 4 // BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

LMS We're going to warm up with **Coal Camp Revival**, covering all of your classic favorites.

Headliner **Folk Soul Revival were** born and bred in SWVA. Tap your toes to this modern band rooted in old-school southern sounds.

Come for the music, stay for activities, food and parade all beginning at 9am. Fireworks display at dark. Don your red, white & blue!

Beach Party

AUG 3 // BEGINS AT 6 PM

Grab your flip flops and sunglasses! Enjoy classic beach hits as performed by **The Entertainers.** The splash pad and pool are FREE for your enjoyment.

SUMMER *events*

"the great American rock 'n' roll band."

- Billboard Magazine

Rock & (Food Truck) Rally

AUG 24 // BEGINS AT 5 PM

We are adding the "rock" to the Forks in the Road Food Truck Rally and car show.

Local brothers **Andrew and Ben Gilmer** will open with a special acoustic set, then making way for headliner and fiery roots-rock singer/songwriter **Scott Miller**. Smart songwriting and music blends, influenced by a wide range of interests—from Greek mythology to modernist poetry to growing up on a cattle farm. This fusion style is a new take that is sure to entertain.

Harmony Festival

OCTOBER 5 // 7 AM- 3 PM

LPS Featuring vendors, food and music. Sponsored by Mountain Movers and Russell County Ministerial Association.

*Bluegrass Concert**

OCTOBER 5 //BEGINS AT 5 PM

Firecracker **Rhonda Vincent** performs one of the hottest shows in any genre of music!

Reaching beyond the boundaries of bluegrass, Vincent's Grammy award-winning-voice paired with world-class musicians seamlessly set the stage for a breath-taking, must-see show. Opening the show, we welcome back the "Prince of Bluegrass Music" **Nathan Stanley**.

**Food trucks and vendors on location.*

"...as pure of tone as Ms. Krauss's but with even more color..."

- Wall street Journal

Classic Country

NOVEMBER 2 // BEGINS AT 6 PM

Country Music legend **Moe Bandy** is one of America's all-time leading music artist/performer. His songs never stray too far from the traditional Honky Tonk fare of lovin' and cheatin' and being an American through and through.

His powerful voice and multi-octave range allows **Gene Watson** to sing some of the most challenging songs with an ease that comes from pure, natural talent as well as from his many years performing onstage.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

DECEMBER 2 // BEGINS AT 6 PM

Join us for our annual Christmas festivities. These will include the parade, tree lighting and a visit with Santa.

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FALL/WINTER *events*