

# HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

*Hunterdon County, New Jersey*

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## Hunterdon County - 300 Years of History



**O**n March 22, 1714, Hunterdon County organized as a new province in the State of New Jersey. Originally the present counties of Morris, Sussex, Warren and the northern half of Mercer were all part of this newly formed and largest province in the colony of New Jersey.

Early on, this province became known for its commitment to freedom and liberty and played an important role in that fight. It has evolved over the last 300 years into what we know of today as Hunterdon County. To celebrate this Tricentennial, the County has been working, and continues to work, on a year-long celebration! The celebration began on January 1, 2014 with a re-enactment of the first Freeholders Meeting held at the Old Flemington Courthouse, from a script written by High Bridge's own Gayle Maher.

As part of the year-long celebration, there are events and lectures scheduled weekly, most at no cost. The website, [www.hunterdon300th.org](http://www.hunterdon300th.org), has complete information on everything and a continuous schedule is available for you to keep up with what is going on. You may also reserve seats for just about every event as well. The Tricentennial Headquarters at 3 Chorister Place, Flemington, NJ is open to the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday with keepsake items for sale and ticketing for most events.

**Y**ou also can participate in this celebration directly by being part of a workgroup under the High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee. They are working with the Historical Society to organize an event in honor of the Tricentennial unique to High Bridge. As well, with the generous support of Custom Alloy Corporation, they are working on the High Bridge float to be included in the March 22, 2014 parade in Flemington. All volunteers are welcome! Please email me directly, [vmiller@highbridge.org](mailto:vmiller@highbridge.org), to be included!

There are so many ways to participate in this tremendous Birthday Party for Hunterdon County, and I hope you manage to enjoy something being offered in celebration of our great county!

*Victoria Miller  
High Bridge Borough Council*

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## Spring Leaf Collection

The week of April 14

DO NOT mix garden waste, brush, rocks or other trash with the leaves. LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY. Please place leaves at the edge of the lawn per Storm Water Management Regulations.

Residents and/or businesses on the following roads MUST place all leaves in bags: County Route 513, Cregar Road (from Hilltop Deli to the Cregar Road bridge), Hart Street, Union Avenue, Central Avenue, and all of Center Street.

## Spring Brush Collection

Weeks of April 21, May 19 & June 23\*

Brush is not to be placed in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm Water Management Regulations. Brush must be ready for pickup the Sunday before the collection begins. Please have the cut ends of the brush facing the street. DO NOT place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Once we have passed your residence, we will not pick up anything until the next collection date.

*Michael Hann, Director of Public Works*

\* This week falls outside the scope of this newsletter but is included here for planning purposes.

## Trash Collection

Trash is picked up on Tuesdays or Fridays and your area is scheduled for one of the two pick-up days. If you are unsure of your collection day, please call the Borough Hall at 638.6455.

Every bag of garbage must have a Borough of High Bridge Solid Waste sticker on it. Each sticker can be used for 34 gallons or 50 pounds of garbage. If you use garbage cans, place the sticker on the top item in the can so it is plainly visible when the lid is removed by the collector.

For cleanup items ("bulk" items), use one sticker for each 50 pounds of weight. Reminder: Only one large bulk item such as a sofa, chair, etc., per week. White goods (i.e., a stove), as well as televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the "2014 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2014" information sheet. If you do not have a "2014 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2014" information sheet, contact the Borough Hall.

Place your trash out the night before as collection begins early in the morning. Bring trash receptacles back into your yard by the end of the collection day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Borough Hall, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829  
 Telephone: 908.638.6455; Fax: 908.638.9374  
 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
[www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

High Bridge Emergency Squad  
 PO Box 14, High Bridge, NJ 08829

High Bridge Fire Department  
 PO Box 232, High Bridge, NJ 08829

# Calendar: February and March 2014

February 2014	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
								<b>1</b> Property Taxes Due
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	<b>14</b> Recycling	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Presidents' Day Borough Hall Closed	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Utilities Due	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	<b>28</b> Recycling		

March 2014	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>March 30</b>	<b>March 31</b>					<b>1</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Natural/Electronics Recycling at The Commons 9:00 -1:00
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	<b>14</b> Recycling	<b>15</b>
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	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	<b>28</b> Recycling	<b>29</b> 9:00-11:00 a.m. Free Rabies Clinic Rescue Squad Building

# Calendar: April and May 2014

April 2014	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5 Natural/Electronics Recycling at The Commons 9:00 -1:00
	6	7	8	9	10 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	11 Recycling	12 Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. sharp (rain date 4/19)
	13	14	15	16 Spring Leaf Collection	17	18 Borough Hall Closed	19 Natural/Electronics Recycling at The Commons 9:00 - 1:00 Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt
	20	21	22	23 Spring Brush Collection	24 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	25 Recycling	26 See Below
	27	28	29	30 Soap Box Derby Registration Due			

April 26 Activities: (1) Electronics Recycling Event: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Union Forge Park  
 (2) Litter Clean-Up Day  
 (3) River Clean-Up Day

May 2014	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Property Taxes Due	2	3 Natural/Electronics Recycling at The Commons 9:00-1:00
	4	5 Garage Sale Forms Due to be Included in the List	6	7	8 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	9 Recycling	10
	11	12	13	14	15 Deadline to Register a Foursome or Hole Sponsorship for the Fire Dept. Annual Golf Outing	16	17 Natural/Electronics Recycling at The Commons 9:00-1:00 Town-Wide Garage Sale
	18	19	20	21 Spring Brush Collection	22 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	23 Recycling	24 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony (Hoffman Park)
	25	26 Memorial Day Observed Borough Hall Closed	27 Utility Payments Due	28	29	30	31

# Curbside Recycling - Three Options

The Borough has streamlined its curbside recycling collection process.

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be *commingled* and *combined* with other recyclable items, including glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 - 7, any size and any shape.

In order to prepare your commingled and combined recyclables for collection, you have three options:

- place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container\*
- bag commingled recyclables in clear plastic bags, *or*
- tie separated paper product recyclables in bundles as follows: cross-tie newspapers, magazines, single-ply cardboard (such as cereal boxes and gift boxes), corrugated cardboard, and junk mail (not shredded) in separate bundles 8 to 12 inches high placed next to other recyclables in containers or clear plastic bags

***Pizza boxes are not recyclable.***

Curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does make a difference in our environment. Our goal is to keep all recyclables out of the trash flow.

## Recycling Dates and Collection Process

To make recycling as convenient as possible, curbside collection occurs every other week. The recycling dates are listed on the town website and those recycling dates from now until the end of May are noted to the right. Take a few minutes to copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder.

### Recycling Dates

February 14 and 28

March 14 and 28

April 11 and 25

May 9 and 23

Put recycling out the night before your pick-up day. Collection begins early in the morning. If your recycling is not out when the truck goes by, please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day. Bring recycling receptacles back into your yard by the end of the collection day.

Sometimes our collector has a problem and cannot finish all the streets on the collection day. If they haven't been to your street at all, leave your materials curbside and they should be by the next day to pick them up.

**\*Important: The recycling collector will NOT pick up loose items in the street. Residents are responsible for picking up any items that have blown out of their containers.**

Recycling remains one of the best hands-on ways for individuals to protect their environment. Thank you for making an effort to recycle! You will make a difference!

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes*

## PAY YOUR TAXES AND UTILITIES THROUGH AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

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Go to [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org) to print the application.

Mail completed application no later than 30 days prior to your next due date to:

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71 Main Street  
High Bridge, NJ 08829  
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

SIGN UP TODAY!

## REMINDER: Taxes & Utilities Due

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE  
SECOND QUARTER TAXES  
DUE MAY 1, 2014

SECOND QUARTER UTILITIES  
DUE MAY 27, 2014

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

POST-DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT:

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55 Old Highway 22  
Clinton, NJ 08809

IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR PAYMENT WITHOUT A STUB OR AFTER THE DEADLINE, PLEASE MAIL IT TO:

BOROUGH HALL, 71 MAIN STREET  
HIGH BRIDGE, NJ 08829  
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

## “Caught Being Green” 2013 Award

Ellie Curtin is the recipient of the High Bridge Environmental Committee’s seventh annual “Caught Being Green” Award in recognition of being a resident who cares about the quality of our Borough environment and who quietly sets an example for others to follow.

An environmentally conscientious fifth grader, Ellie made her contribution to our town in a quiet way, not looking for any recognition or thank you - just taking pride in our town and doing her part to keep High Bridge a nice place to live.

Inspired by the High Bridge Elementary School’s Environmental Club, Ellie organized other youth to spend time this summer volunteering to clean up their community.

Ellie’s group met four times during the course of the summer. “We started in our own neighborhoods. During the first two gatherings, we cleaned up the woods on the corner of Mine and Cokesbury and then a stretch of road in Solitude Village. For the third, we picked up litter in the woods around the outdoor classroom at the School, and the last time, we picked up litter and planted mums in The Commons,” said Ellie Curtin who came up with the idea.

We sincerely appreciate Ellie’s commitment to the betterment of the Borough of High Bridge through her environmentally responsible actions.

This annual award was started in 2007 by the Environmental Commission to recognize High Bridge residents who have been observed on a regular basis going out of their way to be environmentally responsible citizens.

### Past Award Recipients

**2007 - Sharon Apperson** for providing a trash receptacle along the Columbia Trail and maintaining its upkeep.

**2008 - Linda L. Lucas** for voluntarily picking up litter along several Borough streets and replacing garbage bags along the fishing area of the Raritan River since 1999.

**2009 - John and Denise Hickson** for promoting environmentally responsible business behaviors. As owners



*Ellie Curtin (third from the left) with the youth group she organized to help clean up the Borough of High Bridge.*

*The group met four times during the summer of 2013.*

of Mrs. Riley’s Publik House, they recycle 90% of their garbage; recycle cooking oil; use eco-friendly products such as containers, cups, straws, garbage bags, LED lights; and are working towards using solar panels.

**2010 - Wayne Hally** for his dedication to picking up litter along several Borough streets and completing a spreadsheet on the litter types and location since 2005.

**2011 - Antonio Martinez** is an example of someone who loves nature and continues to appreciate it, even after the vitality of the tree or vine has ceased. Antonio is a conscientious trail-keeper who makes rustic designs in his backyard workshop. Benches, chairs, etc. are created with just a hammer, nails, and handsaw; Antonio donated two of his creations to the Solitude Falls overlook.

**2012 - Gregory Cooper** is an environmentally conscientious commuter; Gregory picks up litter as he walks from the NJ Transit parking lot at 5:45 a.m. and again on his return to High Bridge at 4:45 p.m.

*Lynn Hughes*

*Council Liaison, Environmental Committee*

*Congratulations Ellie Curtin and thank you!*

## Nominations for the 2014 “Caught Being Green Award”

The Environmental Committee is always looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any High Bridge resident you observe going out of his or her way to be environmentally responsible. The Environmental Committee will vote for one person each year to receive our annual “Caught Being Green” Award. Nominations should be sent to [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org).



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

Sponsored by the Mayor and Council of High Bridge  
 in conjunction with the  
 "I'm for High Bridge Committee" and the High Bridge Women's Group

Come join the Easter Bunny  
 for an Easter Egg Hunt at Union Forge Park

11:00 a.m. SHARP  
 Don't be late - the  
 eggs won't wait!

(Rain Date: April 19)

**Cub Scout Pack 149**

Cub Scout Pack 149 is High Bridge's local cub scout pack, and it is comprised of boys from the High Bridge Elementary School who are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (ages 6 - 11). The goal of the Cub Scouts is to prepare the boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes based on the values of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as teaching them to become responsible, participating adults in all areas of their lives. It also tries to develop a sense of community, physical well being, fun, and to love & respect the outdoors.

So far this school year we've been busy with a range of activities and events such as: a day trip to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum; helping the Boy Scouts with the fall food drive, which collected over 3,200 pounds of food; participating in Community Day; a fall camp-out at Teetertown Ravine; participating in the High Bridge Veterans Day ceremony; supplying an area family with a much-needed Thanksgiving dinner; visiting the RVCC Planetarium; attending the Hunterdon County Art Museum for art and photography classes.

The pack is always open for new boys, ages 6 - 11, to join us as a Scout at any time of the year. Simply come to one of our pack meetings and sign up. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Gym. \*\* NOTE: For February 2014, we will meet at the Middle School Cafeteria due to a scheduling conflict. In March we'll be back at the Elementary School. \*\*

The scouting year is only half done. Some things the Scouts are looking forward to for the remainder of the year are:

- Our annual family snow-tubing day at Blue Mountain.
- The legendary Pinewood Derby where scouts put their building skills to the test by racing their handmade cars against one another in hopes of speed and glory, or at least not having a wheel pop off. As usual, the High Bridge Volunteer Fire House hosts us for this event.
- A Night of Legends with Ringling Brothers Circus.
- The spring River Clean-Up effort at Union Forge Park.
- A spring camp-out at Round Valley Reservoir.
- A joint spring food drive with the Boy Scouts.

Jon Valenta, Cubmaster, highbridge.pack149@gmail.com

**SATURDAY- April 26, 2014**  
**9 A.M. TO 12 Noon**

**ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN-UP**

**Meet at Union Forge Park,  
 pick up bags, gloves, water,  
 snacks and a tee-shirt.**

*If you plan on helping, please call  
 Coordinator Diane Seals at  
 638.6455 ext. 22.*

*Thank you!*

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## 2014 Professional Services

The following professionals are hereby retained by the Borough of High Bridge for the period of time commencing on January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 on a non-fair and open basis:

Robert O'Brien, P.E.  
Hatch Mott MacDonald - Engineer

Chris Marx, P.E.  
French and Parrello - Adjunct Engineer

Robert Swisher  
Suplee, Clooney and Company - Auditor

Barry Goodman, Esq.  
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis - Borough Attorney

William J. Caldwell, Esq.  
Carter, VanRensselaer & Caldwell - Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Attorney

Edward McManimon, Esq.  
McManimon & Scotland, LLC - Bond Counsel

Darlene Green, P.A.  
Maser Consulting, Inc. - Municipal Planner

Darin Vogel  
Quest Environmental - Environmental Scientific Consultant

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE

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9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

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# 2014 Council Assignments

## Emergency Services, Education, & High Bridge Municipal Court

Chair: Victoria Miller  
Karen Scarcia (OEM & Liaison to High Bridge  
Municipal Court)  
Lynn Hughes  
Michael Stemple (PBA Negotiator)

## Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste/Recycling, & Open Space

Chair: Lynn Hughes (Solid Waste/Recycling Liaison to State  
& County)  
Karen Scarcia  
Victoria Miller

## Information, Economic Development, Culture & Heritage, & Events

Chair: Karen Scarcia  
Tom Flynn  
Victoria Miller (Liaison to Cultural & Heritage, Events)

## Department of Public Works & Recreation

Chair: Dean Rapp  
Karen Scarcia (Liaison to High Bridge Recreation)  
Lynn Hughes

## Planning & Engineering

Chair: Tom Flynn (Liaison to Planning Board/Board of  
Adjustment)  
Dean Rapp  
Michael Stemple

## Finance & Golf

Chair: Michael Stemple  
Tom Flynn  
Dean Rapp

## Executive Services

Mayor Mark Desire  
Council President Michael Stemple  
Administrator John Gregory

## Town-Wide Litter Clean-Up



**Saturday, April 26**

Sponsored by the High Bridge  
Environmental Committee in conjunc-  
tion with our Electronics Recycling Day  
(See page 21.)

We ask everyone to take a few  
minutes of your day to walk a section of your street and  
pick up any litter you see. Separate recyclables from  
trash, and please place the items collected out on your  
next scheduled recycling or trash collection day. If you  
find any large items, too heavy to carry, please notify  
Borough Hall at 638.6455.

We would very much appreciate an email as to how  
many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter  
you found; please email lhughes@highbridge.org.

*Environmental Committee,  
Lynn Hughes, Council Liaison*

### *High Bridge Resident* **JEFFREY S. RAEFSKI, ESQ.**



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## HB Emergency Squad

Winter is almost over, and soon the warm spring weather  
will be here. Keep these tips in mind to stay safe in all  
weather!

### Winter Safety

- Dress warmly. Don't forget boots, hats and gloves.
- Avoid long exposure to cold temperatures and severe weather.
- Check all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Sled safely away from water and roads.

### Spring Safety

- Do a helmet check for proper fit.
- Test outdoor toys; repair or dispose of broken toys.
- Protect skin from the sun.
- Stay hydrated, even when it's NOT hot.
- Use proper protective gear when playing sports.  
Don't forget your eyes and teeth.

### Flooding

- Avoid floodwater. Do not walk into flowing water.  
Water as low as your ankle can sweep you off your feet.
- Do not drive through flood water. It only takes two feet of water to sweep away a car. Drive the other way or get yourself to higher ground.
- Keep children away from flood water at all times.

Stay safe and healthy!

*Jenna Somogyi,  
Emergency Squad PR Chair*

# HIGH BRIDGE

## presents

### Events Committee announces 2014 Schedule

The High Bridge Events Committee is proud to announce our schedule of events for 2014. We have an ambitious schedule of events, and we're seeking additional volunteers to help make these events a success. Watch for more details in future issues of *The Bridge*, on the Borough website, and in the local papers. Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and get ready to have some fun! Events take place at various locations throughout the Borough including The Commons Park, Union Forge Park, and on Main Street.

**Soap Box Derby - Saturday June 7:** We're looking forward to continuing this fine tradition on Main Street. For details, see the full article on page 16.

**Pooch Parade - Saturday June 21:** See Pooch Parade article on page 15.

**Friday Night Flicks:** All movies start at approximately 8:30 p.m. Rain dates are the following night. See full descriptions of the movies on page 23.

- Saturday, June 14\* - "Despicable Me 2" (2013)  
*\*A Special Saturday night presentation!*
- Friday, June 20 - "Saving Mr. Banks" (2013)
- Friday, June 27 - "WALL-E" (2008)

**Concerts in The Commons:** Start times vary according to the day's lineup. Food and drinks will be available from a variety of local vendors or feel free to bring your own. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and pop-ups are welcome!

- July 5 - Citizens Band Radio presents the Second Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pic-Nic. Expect a full afternoon and evening of rockin' good music from our local favorites.

- Two additional dates with acts to be confirmed. Watch the Borough website and future issues of *The Bridge* for details!

**Community Day - September 20:** What a great day we had last year! We're hoping for an even better day in 2014. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. in Union Forge Park. We are planning on even more games for the kids, live music, EMS displays and demonstrations, food and drinks, and community fun for all! More details will follow in the next issue of *The Bridge*.

**Plein Air Paint Out - October 4:** A great success in 2013, the Paint Out will return for its third year. Watch the Borough website and future issues of *The Bridge* for more details.

Additional events will be added to the schedule as dates and venues are confirmed.

These events are produced through the work of dedicated volunteers, and we are always looking for more folks to lend a hand. We are also grateful for the generous and continued financial support of local businesses and individuals. Without these sponsors, we would not be able to bring you these fine events. No tax dollars are used to produce these events.

To contribute or volunteer, please email us through the link on the Events page on the website, or contact Borough Hall at 908.638.6455. Let us know what event or events you would like to help with, and you will be directed to the appropriate Event Coordinator.

*Bill Miller, Chair  
High Bridge Events Committee*

## Free Shredding and Rigid Plastic Recycling



June 28

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Union Forge Park

Bring your personal documents and watch  
as they are shredded.



Recycle your rigid plastics. Look for more information on the Borough's website and in the next issue of *The Bridge*.

*Any questions, call Coordinator Diane Seals at 638-6455 ext. 22*

## Commons Recycling Center

The Commons Natural Recycling Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays in 2014:

March 8 and 22	August 9 and 23
April 5 and 19	September 6 and 20
May 3 and 17	October 11 and 25
June 14 and 28	November 1 and 15
July 12 and 26	

Being able to bring your yard brush to The Commons is a service we provide to our residents.

Only brush and tree branches (three inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on the above noted Saturdays.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to The Commons.

Remember: It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1250 / 90 days jail / community service. Ordinance No. 2011-21; 2011-23.

If you observe illegal dumping at The Commons, please report the day, time, type of material and the vehicle license plate number to the High Bridge Police: 638.6500.

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes*

## Host Masonic Center

The Host Masonic Center in High Bridge invites you to join them for the following events.

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## Commons E-Container

We are pleased to offer residents of High Bridge a place to recycle electronic items, televisions, and computers on a regular basis. There is no need to wait for our recycling event if you need to get these recyclable items out of your home or office. By law televisions and computers cannot be recycled at curbside.

We have contracted with SAMR (the same company that does our one-day event) to have a shipping container placed in The Commons brush area. The container will be available to accept items 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the same weekends as the brush drop-off Saturdays; the dates are listed on this page to the left and will be noted on the website at [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org).

You will need to show proof of High Bridge residency or High Bridge place of work in order to take advantage of this recycling.

No Freon-containing items (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) and no white goods (washing machines, dishwashers, stoves) will be accepted in this container.

We will continue to hold our annual April Electronics Recycling event. (See announcement on page 21 for this year's event.) Along with all electronics, Freon-containing items and white goods will be collected at this one-day spring event.

SAMR ensures that all data on any hard drives or other media will be secured and/or destroyed. All materials will be properly recycled in accordance with all local, State, and federal laws.

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes*

## Please Recycle

The Environmental Committee reminds all our residents to please help us reduce the amount of recycling that goes into our garbage collection. Besides assisting us to meet mandated recycling goals, you can generate income to the Borough while helping our environment.

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# High Bridge Police Department

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children over the age of six months in the United States. The proper use of child car seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting the lives of our young children in the event of a motor vehicle crash.

Please make sure that children are properly protected while traveling in a motor vehicle. Only the correct use of child car seats will offer the protection your child needs.

CHILD SEAT SAFETY LAW - Child Safety Seats are **required** for children up to age 8 or 80 pounds. They must ride in the rear seat of a vehicle (unless no seat is available). There are many different types of child car seats on the market today. Each one must meet federal standards, and all provide good protection for your child when used correctly. The "right" seat for you is largely a matter of personal choice. Choose a seat that fits your child and your car; read the instructions carefully; and use the seat correctly on every trip.

Child Seat (and Booster Seat) Safety Checks are held at the High Bridge Police Department by appointment for High Bridge Borough residents.

Contact Patrolman Jeffrey Andruczyk at 908.638.6500 or email [hbpandruczyk@comcast.net](mailto:hbpandruczyk@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment.

\*\*\*ATTENTION RESIDENTS\*\*\*

## § 120-9. License and tag required; placing tag on dog.

[Amended 2-28-2008 by Ord. No. 2008-3]

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age, that is, which has obtained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth, shall for current year starting on January 2 and no later than April 30 to avoid a late fee, apply for and procure from the Clerk of the Borough of High Bridge or other official designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs in the Borough a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

## § 120-30. Running at large.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets or in any public park, in any public building or in any other public place within the municipality or on the private property of any person other than the dog owner.

## ORDINANCE #2013-21

### A. Degree of control required.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public or private streets or in any public park/open space area unless such dog is accompanied by a person and is securely confined and controlled by a leash, cord, or chain so that the dog does not come in physical contact with any person or pet without the consent of the person or, in the case of a pet, the consent of the person responsible for or who has control of the pet.

### B. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article 120-31 shall, upon conviction, be punished with the maximum penalty being one or more of the following: a fine not to exceed \$2,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days, and/or a period of community service not to exceed 90 days. Each time there is a violation of any of the provisions of this Article 120-31 shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

*Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police*



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# News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

## Board of Education News

The High Bridge Board of Education (HBBOE) would like to thank Mrs. Larissa Critelli and Ms. Ann Willard for their years of service as BOE members; their support to the students and community is greatly appreciated. Neither member chose to seek re-election.

The HBBOE would like to welcome Mr. Todd Honeycutt and Mrs. Karyn Gove as newly elected BOE members. Both members were elected to three-year terms after winning via write-in votes in the November election.

Mr. Robert Imhoff was re-elected to serve as the BOE president and Mrs. Kay Daughters-Musnuff was re-elected to serve as vice-president.

The HBBOE is pleased to report to the residents of High Bridge the following 2013-2014 school year, noteworthy accomplishments:

- The High Bridge Elementary school is providing students with full-day kindergarten.
- High Bridge will welcome their first CHOICE student who will begin at the Elementary School this September.
- Both the Elementary and Middle schools will equip wireless access points in several classrooms in each building in preparation for computer-based State testing scheduled for the spring 2015.
- The District has purchased sixty-two Chrome Books to be used in the classroom and during State testing.
- The District has approved the Hunterdon County Standard Response Protocol (SRP) as our school emergency program. The High Bridge Police Department conducted drills in the Middle School over the Christmas break to help officers become familiar with the building in case of an emergency. Monthly security drills in each building have incorporated police participation.
- District staff members are working on updating our Social Studies and Physical Education curriculum as part of our five-year curriculum cycle review.
- We are happy to announce the BOE has created a budget that will be below the 2% cap in order to keep costs stable.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Susan Vogler, our former school psychologist, on her retirement in December. Her numerous years of service had a tremendous impact on the lives of our special education students.

*Gregory Hobaugh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/Middle School Principal*

## Elementary School News

Once again we continue to have a very fast-moving school year. We are nearing the end of the second marking period and are looking forward to having parent/teacher conferences. We are implementing a new math program, and we continue to provide professional development in the area of language arts.

During the first half of the year, we had many exciting events. The PTO brought us interactive assemblies; we had our first Veterans Day assembly to honor local Veterans. We ended December with our annual concert where the chorus and band entertained a full house. The High Bridge Elementary School continues to strive to provide our students with great experiences daily.

I am always impressed with the students and parental support at High Bridge. I feel honored to be a part of such a great community.

*Brian Bizzoco, HBES Principal*

## Middle School News

High Bridge Middle School had an excellent beginning of the year in September. Our students have been busy with fall sports: co-ed cross-country and girls' volleyball. Our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band, jazz band and show chorus put on an outstanding winter concert in December. We are excited about our boys' and girls' basketball teams starting their new season. We would also like to thank the girls' cheerleading squad and Toppo for their support of our teams!

Mr. Kovacs and Ms. Smith received a \$500 Science grant from Exxon-Mobil to be used for a solar car project. Exxon-Mobil will be returning to present a special program this winter for our female students to encourage more interest in scientific careers.

It is not all sports and dances at the Middle School; with the introduction of new Common Core Standards and a new mathematics series, our students are hard at work. Our first marking period Honor Roll breakfast boasted many students and their parents and the second marking period is shaping up to be just as successful.

We would like to invite the residents of High Bridge to come see our Drama Club's production of *The Little Mermaid* on March 20, 21 & 22. We would also like to invite you to our spring concert and art show which will take place May 15.

Please visit our school website ([www.hbschools.org](http://www.hbschools.org)) for additional information and for specific times and events.

*Gregory Hobaugh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/Middle School Principal*

## Pooch Parade - June 21

Saturday June 21 - The High Bridge Events Committee will hold the 2014 High Bridge Pooch Parade on Saturday, June 21. The rain date is Sunday, June 22. The Parade will be held at The Commons on Main Street. Registration for pooches will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the Parade kicking off at 10:00 a.m.

A High Bridge tradition, this year's Parade theme is "Bone-Appétit." Pooches are encouraged to put on their favorite costume and get their owners to compete for prizes in several different categories. This year's prize categories are:

- Best Small Dog Costume
- Best Medium Dog Costume
- Best Large Dog Costume
- Best Team Costume
- Silliest Costume
- Best Main Course Costume
- Best Side Dish/Appetizer Costume
- Best Dessert Costume
- Best in Parade-Adult (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Ages 13 and older
- Best in Parade-Child (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Ages 12 and under

All category winners will receive canvas goodie bags sporting the 2014 Parade logo filled with canine treats, toys and prizes.

Registration is \$5 per dog (please bring exact change). The first 50 people to register their pets will receive a complimentary 2014 Pooch Parade T-shirt. Shirts are limited, so please arrive early! Any dog may participate in the Parade, but only registered dogs can win prizes. Please note that although High Bridge appreciates all types of pets, for the safety of participants, the Parade must adhere to a "Pooches Only" policy.

So, bring your video camera and your sense of humor and come celebrate your pet. Canine rescue groups and vendors are encouraged to participate. If you would like to set up a table or volunteer at the Parade, please contact Ruby Reuter at 638.8904 or Lynn Hughes at 638.8887.

*Ruby Reuter, Event Coordinator*

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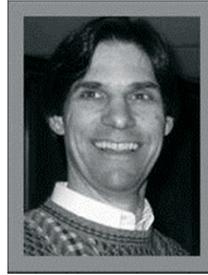
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## Memorial Day Ceremony

C. K. Hoffman Memorial Park  
Saturday, May 24 - 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day and it honored men who had died in the Civil War. It now honors servicemen and servicewomen who died in any war. Come join the American Legion Post #188 and the Cultural & Heritage Committee as we remember all American Service people who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Come and remember with us.

*Memorial Park is located at the intersection of West Main Street and County Route 513 next to the NJ Transit commuter parking lot.*

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

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## Soap Box Derby - June 7

It's going to be another great day at the races in High Bridge!

Registration is now open for the High Bridge 7<sup>th</sup> annual Soap Box Derby. The races will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m. on Main Street.

The Soap Box Derby is open to boys and girls ages 8-14 and has a few rules and restrictions designed to facilitate a safe race. The tournament is structured as a double-elimination race event. It's going to be a blast.

Registration is due by April 30 and is open to the first 40 entrants.

For more information, visit the High Bridge website at [highbridge.org/government/events-committee/annual-events/soap-box-derby/](http://highbridge.org/government/events-committee/annual-events/soap-box-derby/).

*Jamie Taylor, Event Coordinator*



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The scene above is from the 2013 Soap Box Derby.

## Remembering Sharon Apperson

It was with shock and great sadness that word passed through our little neighborhood of Sharon Apperson's passing on December 1. When her obituary circulated, we learned that Sharon had earned her Bachelor's degree in microbiology from California State University, Hayward, and her MBA from the College of Notre Dame, California—something most of us never knew. But that was Sharon. She was modest. And she knew that respect comes from the way you treat others—not from how many degrees you have earned. She had no need to flaunt her accomplishments in life, although there were many.

I met Sharon nearly 13 years ago, shortly after moving to High Bridge in 2000. I remember the first time she took me and my husband through her house—a rustic, old home along the Columbia Trail that she loved dearly and took great pride in. Like most of the old homes in the area, Sharon's property was prone to storm runoff in the spring and icy conditions in the winter, but I never heard her complain about the challenges of caring for her home or property as an older woman living alone. I also never heard her complain of being lonely, despite the fact that she did not have family in the immediate area. She treated every person she met as though they were family and made time for anyone who needed

it. When my daughter began working on her 4<sup>th</sup> grade "historical place" report, Sharon spent hours talking with her—graciously sharing her research, her memories, and all the wonderful artifacts she had discovered in her home and the surrounding area. As people began sharing stories about Sharon after her death, it became clear that her days were filled with random acts of kindness that made others around her feel special.



*Sharon Apperson  
March 24, 1943 -  
December 1, 2013*

Sharon viewed the town of High Bridge as an extension of her own home, and she treasured and cared for it in a way that not many do—from volunteering with the Union Forge Heritage Association, to promoting the cause of environmentalism, to volunteering with Veterans programs throughout the county. She was consistently generous with her time, her resources, and her good nature. In fact, I don't recall ever seeing her without a smile—something I will miss very much when I walk down Mine Road and remember the many times we visited there.

*Trish Curtin, High Bridge Resident*

## Hunting Awareness

- Hunting season began in September. Please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. To check on the exact locations, phone Borough Hall (908.638.6455).
- Deer hunting season runs through mid-February.
- Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on wildlife management areas and on private property ONLY. The

legislative change does NOT include *any* firearm hunting for on Sundays.

- The spring 2014 wild turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.
- For a complete listing of all NJ hunting rules and regulations, refer to <http://njfishandwildlife.com>.

*Environmental Committee*

# High Bridge Fire Department

## Emergency Generator Safety: DANGEROUS CARBON MONOXIDE

- Emergency generator engines produce exhaust gases that contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas that can be deadly in high concentrations. Therefore, generators must be operated outdoors away from any open windows or areas where harmful vapors may be trapped.
- Operate generators only in clean, dry, well-ventilated areas. Wet or icy conditions create considerable electric shock hazards.
- Do not plug an emergency generator directly into an electrical wall outlet by using a cable with plugs at each end. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS.
- Be sure that incoming power is completely disconnected before installing or using an integrated system generator.
- Emergency generators are not intended to be continuously operated for long periods of time.
- Generators must be properly grounded.
- Do not overload generators with too many appliances at once. Prioritize your needs. Connect the largest load first; then gradually add new loads, being careful not to exceed your generator's limit.
- Use properly-sized extension cords in good condition.
- Always shut your generator off when refueling. Keep flammable liquids away from hot engines.
- Keep an approved fire extinguisher nearby.

## Golf Outing

The High Bridge Fire Department will be holding our annual golf outing on June 16. If you are interested in registering a foursome or sponsoring a hole, please contact the firehouse by May 15 at 908.638.6383.

### 2014 Officers

Chief	Brian Labuta
Deputy Chief	Bryan Pascale
Captain	Fred Toke and Jeff Smith
Lieutenants	Mark Brong Sean Smith

We look forward to working together to better serve High Bridge.

## Winter Weather

- Help us help you! Please clear any snow away from fire hydrants near your home or business.
- Check to ensure your heating system is properly maintained.
- Chimneys should be cleaned and checked for leaks. A metal can should be used for fireplace ashes and dumped far away from any structure or flammable material. Remember – use a fire extinguisher on small fires only.
- Keep driveways accessible to large fire apparatus even when snow covered. Any delay in accessing your home could waste valuable time.

## Used Clothing Shed

The used clothing shed is located at the rear of our parking lot. Items accepted are: clothing, sneakers, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes and stuffed toys. All donations are tax deductible.

*Jim Dietz, President*

# Veterans Signage Visibility

Please help us keep our Veterans Park signage free!

If your Borough organization has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of the Veterans Park rather than directly in front of the park.

Thank you for being respectful of this special place.

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

# High Bridge Library

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Don't forget to check with the Library for our spring and summer programs.

*Miss Terry, Librarian*

# Open Cupboard Food Pantry

From November through December, Open Cupboard Food Pantry received a record amount of donated food. We are, as always, so grateful for the community's support during the holidays and throughout the year: it's what keeps us going. In fact, it's all that keeps us going. The Pantry relies entirely on donations of groceries, money, and clean, gently-used or new items to sell in our thrift shop.

Money raised by the thrift shop is all put right back into the Pantry. It pays our expenses and buys food as needed. You'll be surprised what treasures you may find when you visit the thrift shop, from prom dresses to collectibles, our inventory is always changing.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org](http://www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org).

*Tobey Wodder, Pantry Secretary*

# Official Borough Newspapers

The Mayor and Council have designated the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, *Hunterdon Review*, the *Star Ledger*, and the *Express Times* as the Official Newspapers for 2014.

*Diane Seals, Borough Clerk*

# It's Time for Lyme

As we enter spring, please keep in mind the following Lyme information and prevention tips:

- Ticks become more active once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees F.
- Daily tick checks are crucial for Lyme disease prevention.
- Tick repellents should be worn when in Lyme habitats.

*Remember: It is not the tick you find that is likely to cause Lyme disease; it's the one you never find.*

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes*

# Emergency Management

If you are elderly or have special needs, register with New Jersey Register Ready. The emergency services rescue teams will know where you are and what they need to do to meet your needs in emergency situations.

[www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov)

## Communication Is Important

We know that timely communication to residents during emergencies is difficult.

Text messaging has proven to be one of the most reliable modes during extended power outages.

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for one of our Notification Systems.

High Bridge Police deliver messages through a system called NIXLE. You can register for local communications or see previous messages at <http://local.nixle.com/high-bridge-police-department/>

The County Everbridge notification system enables the Borough or County to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your

home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing-impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where; you pick how. Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling the Hunterdon Helpline at 908.735.4357 or 1.800.272.4630.

**IMPORTANT:** Once you provide your phone numbers and email, you **MUST** enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts. <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> or [https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis\\_alias\\_id=1380761](https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=1380761).

## Prepare a Basic Emergency Kit

Prepare for short- and long-term disasters by creating a basic emergency supply kit. The kit should include required medications, a three-day supply of food, water, and other supplies to support you, your family and your pet in an emergency. You can find suggestions at the federal government's Ready.gov website: <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>.

Consider joining the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team. At times of emergencies, every pair of hands counts. Please contact Borough Hall if you are interested in volunteering (908.638.6455).

*High Bridge Emergency Management Committee*

# Pedestrian Safety Checklist

- Walk facing traffic.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Be aware that sun glare reduces driver visibility.
- Wear white clothing or reflectors or carry a light when walking at night.

- When driving, be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones and be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.

Reminder: When walking through the Arches tunnel, stay close to the side as it is difficult for drivers to see walkers in the tunnel.

For more pedestrian safety information, visit [www.harttma.com](http://www.harttma.com).

# High Bridge Neighbor Helping Neighbors

## Private Coaching Offered to Returning Veterans

Dear Veterans,

It is with sincere appreciation for your service that I would like to offer a "Thank You" by extending private coaching to you for job searches and interview preparation. I am a Management Consultant and College Professor and would be happy to offer the assistance that I give business leaders to you, our wonderful servicemen and women.

If you are interested, please contact me ([suecarrara@comcast.net](mailto:suecarrara@comcast.net)) to set up a time to meet at our local library. It would be an honor to assist you with your future career endeavors!

*With heartfelt gratitude, Sue Carrara,  
Your High Bridge Neighbor*

# Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after April 30, 2014 will have a late fee assessed of \$10.00 and \$5.00 per month thereafter.

**DOG LICENSES ARE MANDATORY** for all dogs six (6) months of age or more. At present, we are not mandating licenses for cats. In order to be licensed, a dog must have a current rabies vaccination that does not expire during the term of the license. Since our licensing year runs from January 1 through December, this means that the vaccination cannot expire during the year. To take advantage of the lower fee offered to spayed/neutered dogs, proof of the animal having been spayed or neutered must be presented. If such proof is not available, an Affidavit may be obtained from the Municipal Clerk's Office. If you have previously licensed your dog in High Bridge wherein the spay/neuter proof has already been supplied, it is not necessary to resubmit same with each renewal of your dog's license. However, proof must be presented if requested.

**NOTICE:** Dogs **MUST** be licensed in the name of an adult at least 18 years of age or more. Failure to license a dog will result in the issuance of a Court Summons which can be issued either against the legal owner of an unlicensed dog or one of the legal heads of household where the dog resides. In other words, even if a dog belongs to your son/daughter or other young adult residing in your household, you remain responsible as being the person "harboring" the animal.

A. Degree of control required.

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*Adopted Ordinance October 24, 2013*

Complete and mail the form below with your check to license your dog. Mail your check payable to "High Bridge Dog Fund" to the Borough Hall, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. The fees for 2014 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

*Diane Seals, Clerk*

## 2014 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

*(enclose proof of current rabies vaccination & proof of spay/neuter)*

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF DOG:

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED\*: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If mixed breed, denote most descriptive type: i.e., Shepherd/Husky Mix

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR LENGTH: S M L

DOG'S SIZE (when adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Small = 0-20 lbs., Medium = 21-50 lbs.,

Large = 51-100 lbs., Giant = 100+ lbs.

COLOR & MARKINGS: \_\_\_\_\_

Address at which dog will be kept, if different from above:

\_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER TO BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS - THE LAW REQUIRES THAT  
YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.**

# History of the Main Street Mini-Park



*The American Hotel (1740s to 1979)*

*The present parking lot area behind the Main Street Mini Park was the basement of the former American Hotel.*

The American Hotel was located at the corner of Main and McDonald Streets in High Bridge from the 1740s to 1979. It was a “home away from home” for travelers and a favorite gathering place for residents after work and especially on weekends. Until its demise, the American Hotel had been one of the oldest commercial buildings in High Bridge. Its wooden frame construction became infested with dry-rot and wood-boring insects and had to be demolished in 1979. Many people gathered on Main Street to watch the demolition and the passing of history.

The Main Street Mini-Park now occupies that parcel of land that was once the site of the American Hotel.

After the demolition in 1979, the area became a parking lot and a fence was added for safety. Weeds eventually took over the perimeter. The “I’m for High Bridge” volunteer organization added plants and a park bench to turn this area into a sitting park.

The revitalization of the Mini-Park was started by the “I’m for High Bridge” organization in 2007 with painting of the wall and the addition of the railing. The Environmental Commission submitted the revitalization project to the North Hunterdon Rotary Club for consideration, and it was chosen as their 2008 community service project! There was no cost to the Borough for this project other than volunteer labor. The “I’m for High Bridge” organization, Brownie Troop 894, Mayor and Council, and the High Bridge Environmental Commission volunteered to assist the Rotary Club with the labor on this project. The project was completed in 2009. (See the slide show of the project at [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org)).

*Lynn Hughes  
Councilwoman*



*A Hunterdon County historical marker on Main Street marks the former site of the American Hotel.*

*During Revitalization*



*Before Revitalization: 2007*



*Present Day: Main Street Mini-Park  
Borough of High Bridge*



# 2014 Electronics Recycling Event

## One-Day Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 26

8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Union Forge Park Parking Lot

Back by Popular  
Demand! 7th Town-  
Wide Electronics  
Recycling Event

Sponsored by

The High Bridge Environmental Committee  
using Clean Communities Grant Money

The High Bridge Environmental Committee will hold its seventh town-wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Union Forge Park.

This one-day event is for High Bridge residents only. You must bring proof of residency to drop off items (driver's license or utility bill with street address). Employees of High Bridge businesses may also participate, but need to bring proof of work address.

Recycling will be provided by Supreme Computer & Electronics Recycling Inc.

**IMPORTANT! There will be a \$10 fee per Freon item.** This covers the removal and recycling of the Freon from each appliance and providing the necessary recycling certificates. If you are bringing Freon items, please bring **exact cash** or a **check** made out to the Borough of High Bridge.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING:

#### Electronic Equipment

- Computers, Mice, Monitors, Printers, Scanners
- Cables, TVs, Personal Digital Assistants
- Stereos, VCRs, DVD players, Video Equipment, Radios
- Flat-Panel Displays, Video Game Players
- Copy Machines, Fax Machines
- Phones, Cell Phones, Answering Machines
- Tape Recorders, Reel-to-Reel Tape Players
- Medical Electronics, Surveillance Equipment
- Toasters, Microwaves

#### Refrigerators, air conditioners,

dehumidifiers, etc.: The company will remove and recycle Freon for each appliance and provide Freon recycling certificates. The cost is \$10 per item.

Note: Light bulbs are NOT accepted.

**Essentially anything with a plug  
that is non-hazardous will be accepted!**

For more information visit  
highbridge.org or call the Borough Hall at 638.6455. You may also call Lynn Hughes,  
Project Coordinator at 638.8887.



## 2014 HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday, May 17, RAIN OR SHINE. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. sharp and will be advertised in local newspapers. Maps showing all participants will be available on the day of the sale at the High Bridge Library.

The donation for a home sale will be \$10.00, and all contributions will benefit the High Bridge community.

***NEW FOR 2014!!*** 

Space will be available at THE COMMONS where a mini flea market will take place. The charge for this space is \$15. If you decide to sell there, please bring your own tables and needed supplies.

*Participants should pick up their garage sale bags (containing balloons and maps) at the High Bridge Library during library hours on 5/14 (10 a.m. to noon and 5 to 8 p.m.); 5/16 (10 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m.) and at 7 a.m. on 5/17. Maps are available to everyone.*

Your completed form and donation may be submitted any time before 5/05 to ensure inclusion on the map list. For additional information call: Margaret Lipani at 638.4962.

*(✂ detach and mail the following - FORM DEADLINE: 5/05/14)*

### HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK OFF (✓) BOXES THAT APPLY:

CLOTHING		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	TOYS	FURNITURE	AUTO/ TOOLS	RECORDS, BOOKS, DVDS
ADULT	CHILD					

OTHER ITEMS:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BE HAVING A HOME SALE (COST IS \$10): YES

I WILL BE BRINGING MY TABLES TO THE COMMONS (COST IS \$15): YES

*Please enclose a check, made out to the High Bridge Women's Group, and mail to: High Bridge Women's Group, 50 Beavers Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. Thank you for your support!*

## I Remember When

There is a commercial for the State of Michigan Tourism Board and the narrator says, "We all have about 25,000 Mornings!" That reminded me of the mortality of life! And it struck me as a unique way to look at life - how precious and how short. So, I calculated just how old you are when you have lived for 25,000 mornings; 25,000 mornings is just 68.5 years! I thought to myself, "Here I am at 81 years and counting! How many mornings do I have left?" I decided I would rather not know!

During my years, I learned some things. These are my thoughts - not someone else's - thoughts I have adopted in my life!

- Is it wiser to be selfish and sinful knowing there is a God or to be unselfish and sinless only to discover there is no God?
- Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it, labor in vain!"
- Man's Inhumanity to Man!
- Do not miss out on God's blessings, because they are packaged in a way you did not expect!
- The greatest treasure in life is true friends who can endure your friendship!
- Problems are best resolved by Occam's Razor!
- It is better to be a has-been than a never-was!
- And last but not least! We all live two lives: the one we learn with and the one we live after we learn!

You might appreciate that my book, "Walt Disney's Garage of Dreams-One Man's Effort To Save American History," will be available in major book stores next month.

God Bless America, our U.S. Constitution, and our brave and courageous military! And I wish each and every one of you a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year!

*Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler*

*Former Long Time Resident and still active in the Community*

## Friday Night Flicks

Friday Night Flicks return for 2014! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a family-friendly evening under the stars. Popcorn will be available from the High Bridge Recreation Committee. Candy and soft drinks may also be purchased. Rain dates are the following evening. Our schedule this year will be:

- **Saturday June 14\* - *Despicable Me 2* (2013); Rated PG; Animated**

*\*A Special Saturday night presentation to avoid conflicts with the Middle School Graduation!*

Criminal mastermind turned nice guy Gru (with his minions) is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal. Starring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, and Benjamin Bratt.

- **Friday June 20 - *Saving Mr. Banks* (2013); Rated PG-13; Realistic**

Author P. L. Travers (Emma Thompson) reflects on her difficult childhood while meeting with filmmaker Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) during production for the adaptation of her novel, *Mary Poppins*.

- **Friday June 27 - *WALL-E* (2008); Rated G; Animated Classic**

In the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind. Features the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and of course, John Ratzenberger.

For more information, check the town website or contact Lynn Hughes: 638.8887.

*Lynn Hughes, Event Coordinator*

## SPRING!!!!

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### Dates to Remember

**March 29 - 9 to 11 a.m.**  
**Free Rabies Clinic**

**April 12 - Easter Egg Hunt - Union Forge Park**  
**(rain date April 19)**

**April 26 - Electronics Recycling Event and Town-Wide**  
**Litter Clean-Up & River Clean-Up**

**May 17 - Town-Wide Garage Sale**

### Upcoming Dates

**June 28 - 9:00 a.m. to noon - TWO RECYCLING EVENTS**  
**Document Shredding Event & Rigid Plastic Recycling**  
**Event**