2013 The Year Ahead

2013 promises to be yet another busy and exciting year in High Bridge. As the weather warms and our attention turns to outdoor activities, the Council, Council Committees and the Borough’s many volunteers turn their attention to planning such events as Movies in the Park, The Summer Concert Series, the Annual Soapbox Derby, Resident’s Appreciation Day at the High Bridge Hills Golf Club and the Annual Fire Department’s Picnic to name a few.

Many important projects are planned for 2013. Among the many health, safety and infrastructure projects slated for completion, the addition of stand-by generators to the Borough’s key systems, such as the Grayrock well, will enable the Borough to provide water and enhance fire fighting ability during, what have become annual, prolonged power outages. Once completed, such projects will enhance the Borough’s emergency response capabilities and improve upon the uninterrupted delivery of public services. In 2013 the Borough will also proactively be searching out and repairing water system leaks as well as identifying and correcting sanitary sewer infiltration issues. Both initiatives will help reduce future costs within the water and sewer utilities. The next phase of the Cregar Road reconstruction will also be completed in 2013.

Before these plans can be set in motion, it is the job of the Council Finance Committee to prepare the annual municipal budget. The Borough’s 2013 municipal budget was adopted at a public hearing held on March 28, 2013. Below are a few highlights from the 2013 Budget.

- The 2013 Budget reflects an increase in spending of 0.62% or $38,071.
- The 2013 Budget represents approximately 25% of your total annual property tax bill.
- The 2013 Budget utilizes the same amount of surplus as 2012, no increase.
- The 2013 Budget provides for the payment of all existing debt; nothing is being deferred.
- The 2013 Budget does not incur any new debt; 2013 represents the 5th consecutive year the Borough has not incurred any new debt.
- The 2013 Budget provides for many important infrastructure, health and safety, public utility and emergency management projects and initiatives.

With the budget now adopted, the Borough can move ahead with its plans, which will make 2013 a productive year. Please visit the Borough’s redesigned website for updates of Borough happenings and events.

Mike Stemple
High Bridge Borough Council

Calling All racers!
High Bridge Soap Box Derby on June 22!
See page 15; registration available on www.highbridge.org! Hope to see you there!
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 “2013 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2013” information sheet. If you do not have a “2013 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2013” 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.
May 10 and 24; June 7 and 21; July 5 and 19

The State Department of Environmental Protection requires the counties to boost their recycling efforts to reach a 50% recycling rate. Municipalities, which have the ultimate responsibility for recycling, have been asked to increase their efforts to meet this goal.

We are asking all residents to please help us reduce the amount of recycling that goes into our garbage collection. Besides helping us to meet the new mandated recycling goals, you will be helping the environment. Did you know that we are eligible for State recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports?

Curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling makes a difference in our environment.

To make recycling as convenient as possible, we have curbside collection every other week. We also list the recycling dates in the town newsletter. Take a few minutes to copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder.

Place recycling out the night before your pick-up day. Collection begins early in the morning. If your recycling is put out late and you find the truck has gone by, do not leave the recycling at the curb. Please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day.

Sometimes our collector has a problem and cannot collect all materials from all the streets on the collection day. If they haven’t been to your street at all, leave your materials curbside; they should be by the next day. Check the Borough website for updates.

Recycling Schedule & Info

High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place. Check them out on our Borough website at www.highbridge.org.

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, recycling generates income to the Borough while helping our environment.

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the Borough website: www.highbridge.org. Refer to pages 6, 7, and 35 of this newsletter for more information as well. Please call Borough Hall (638.6455) to report any recycling problems. Thank you for your recycling efforts!

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, and commingled items are collected.

Commingled items include unbroken glass of all colors, aluminum, tin, and plastics (#s 1 - 7 any size and any shape). These commodities do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open or closed containers of your choice. Please rinse out items and remove lids; labels may remain. These commingled commodities may be put out in clear plastic bags, but the bags must be clear.

Items not accepted: aluminum pie plates, ceramic cups, mirror and window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, plastic flower pots, Styrofoam, plastic bags, oil jugs, and scrap metal.

Please cross-tie newspapers, magazines, junk mail and flattened cardboard into bundles 8 - 12 inches high. The bundles should be placed next to or inside your recycling container for collection. No pizza boxes.
## Calendar: June and July 2013

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*Every Saturday 8:30 - noon Farmers' Market Riverside Wines & Liquor Parking Lot
RESIDENT’S DAY

Saturday, May 18th from 2-7pm

Join us for a day full of fun activities for kids, beginners & avid golfers alike with great food, contests, prizes & FUN!

2–7pm Free BBQ & Soft Drinks for All!
2–7pm Mini Golf Challenge
2pm Tee Times begin for a 9 Hole Scramble
Book a Tee Time in the Golf Shop or call 908.638.5055
3–4pm Golf Clinic for Beginners
Taught by our Director of Golf – Paul Kaster
5:30–7pm Big Break Skills Challenge
Closest to Pin, Long Drive, Putting, Chipping & Target Shooting Contests
4–6pm Movie Time with Popcorn
Feature Presentation: “The Greatest Game Ever Played”
4–7pm Live Music in the Pavilion
The Psycho-Delics with High Bridge’s own Felix Sorge

SEE YOU THERE!

Must be High Bridge resident. Rain date is Saturday, June 1st

203 Cregar Rd. High Bridge, NJ • 908.638.5055
The Commons Natural Recycling Center will be open on the following Saturdays in 2013:

- May 4 and 18
- June 8 and 22
- July 13 and 27
- August 10 and 24
- September 7 and 21
- October 5 and 19
- November 2 and 16

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 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No stumps please.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons. It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to $1000 / 90 days jail / community service. Ordinance No. 2011-21; 2011-23.

We ask if any one observes illegal dumping at the Commons to report the day, time, type of material and the vehicle license plate number to the High Bridge Police: 638-6500.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

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Electronics Recycling 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.

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 are noted on the website at 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 still hold our annual April Electronics Recycling 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. Also SAMR will recycle the televisions and computers for free and will pay the Borough $.06 per pound for all other electronics.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

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Bike Hunterdon

Bike Hunterdon, an initiative of HART Commuter Information Services, is looking to the community for stories, photos and memorabilia to showcase bicycling in the history of Hunterdon County. The effort is part of the organization’s contribution to the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Celebration next year (2014).

“Hunterdon County has a rich bicycling history. We’re hoping to document memories that folks may have tucked away but have not been asked about,” says Tara Shepherd, Executive Director. “We hope to learn about the history of bicycle shops & bicycle clubs that may or may not be around any longer or bicycle races that took place.” Basically, “any memory of bicycling that someone would like to share,” she notes.

Anyone with a story to share is encouraged to contact Liz Usmiani or Tara Shepherd at 908-788-5553 to schedule an opportunity to chat or use the online story form at www.bikehunterdon.org.

Tara Shepherd  tara@harttma.com
The High Bridge Events Committee is proud to announce our schedule of events for 2013. The Committee was recently formed to consolidate the efforts of various groups in the production of events in our Borough. We are taking on events previously staged by the Economic Development and Cultural & Heritage Committees, the High Bridge Business Association, as well as those run primarily by individuals. Our goal is to establish a core group of volunteers, centralize fund raising, promotion and operating efforts, and compile a “manual” for the continued production of each event.

Volunteers will also be making improvements at various event venues throughout town, beginning with upgrades to the electrical and lighting systems at the Commons Stage. We have an ambitious schedule of events for 2013, 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! All events take place at Borough Commons Park on Main Street, unless otherwise noted.


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 11.

June 14  Dr Seuss’ The Lorax (2012)
June 21  Here Comes the Boom (2012)
June 28  Casablanca (1942)

Soap Box Derby–June 22. We’re looking forward to continuing this fine tradition on Main Street. For details, see the full article on page 15.

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! See the full article for performance details and start times on page 13. Our three concert dates are:

July 6  Citizens Band Radio presents the High Bridge Hoedown
July 20  The Slewfoot Project with the Celtic acoustic trio Baroque and Hungry
August 17  Sully’s Fortune and The New Road Band

Community Day—September 21. The Borough-wide parade will be followed by food, drinks and community organization displays and demonstrations in Union Forge Park. There will be activities for the kids and community fun for all! More details will follow in the next issue of The Bridge.


Pumpkin Carving Display - October 31. Carve your scariest, funniest or cutest pumpkin and join the display at the Mini Park on Main Street. More details to follow as the date approaches.


All of 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 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

**Document Shredding Event**

_Sponsored by the Environmental Commission_

**June 29, 2013**

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Union Forge Park

**Watch as your documents are shredded.**

High Bridge Residents, Businesses, Schools
Anyone who works in the Borough
Voorhees High School

High Bridge proof of residency or work will be required.
Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2012 Eligibility Requirements*
You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2011, or if under age 65, you were receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012; and

- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2001, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter; and

- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you own) since December 31, 2008, or earlier; and

- You paid the full amount of the 2011 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2012, and paid the 2012 property taxes by June 1, 2013; and

- Your total annual income for 2011 did not exceed $80,000* and for 2012 did not exceed $82,880.* NOTE: With very few exceptions, all income received during the year must be taken into account to determine eligibility (including social security, pension income, etc.).

* Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program are subject to change by the State Budget.

For Additional Information
Visit our Web site: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/index.shtml
Call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-652-6557
WELCOME SPRING! WELCOME PRETTY FLOWERS! WELCOME NEW BEGINNINGS!

If you are looking for a new beginning this spring, join us for one of our masses on Saturday or Sunday - or even during the week. Check the calendar on our website at www.sjchb.org for all our services and activities. Our chapel located at the back of our yard, next to the garden, is always open for a moment of private prayer. Have a happy and safe summer.

Fran Rapp
Facilities Manager

St. Joseph Church

The 2013 Pooch Parade Theme is Fairy Tails.

Date: June 15 (Rain Date June 16)

The High Bridge Events Committee will hold the 2013 High Bridge Pooch Parade on Saturday, June 15 with a rain date of Sunday, June 16. The parade is being 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. (Or if held June 16, registration is at 1:00 p.m. with the parade at 2:00 p.m.).

A High Bridge tradition, this year’s parade theme is “Fairy Tails.” Pooches are encouraged to put on their costumes 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
- Most Creative Costume
- Most Wicked of Them All – (i.e. ogres, monsters, witches, trolls, etc.)
- Fairest of Them All – (i.e. princesses, princes, fairy godmothers, etc.)
- Best Fairy Tail of Them All - Adult - (1st Place) Ages 13 and older
- Best Fairy Tail of Them All - Child - (1st Place) Ages 12 and under

The 1st place winners will receive a trophy & canvas goodie bag. All other category winners will each receive a medal and a canvas goodie bag sporting the 2013 parade logo filled with canine treats & toys.

Registration is $5 per dog (please bring exact change). The first 50 people to register their pets will receive a complimentary 2013 Pooch Parade T-shirt. The deadline for filing 2011 applications was December 14, 2012. Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

Paying Property Taxes Online
Do you pay your quarterly property tax bill online? If so, please allow 10-14 days for the payment to reach us.

We have been experiencing delays receiving payments made from online bill-payer services. In order to avoid late charges, kindly authorize payment 10 -14 days prior to the due date.

For your convenience payments may also be dropped off to either Borough Hall or Investors Bank in Clinton.

Homestead Benefit Program
Most eligible homeowners will receive their homestead benefit for 2011 as a credit applied to their August 2013 property tax bills. Homeowners who indicate when filing that they no longer own the property, or those whose principal residence was in a continuing care retirement community, will have their benefit issued in the form of a check. Tenants will not receive a 2011 rebate. The deadline for filing 2011 applications was December 14, 2012. Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

Property Tax Reimbursement Program
Applications for the 2012 property tax reimbursement (Senior Freeze) were mailed in February to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible for the program. The deadline for filing the applications is June 3, 2013.

Applications are also available from the Tax Office if you did not receive one in the mail.

The Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program, now in its fifteenth year, reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the applicant’s “base year” and the property taxes for the current year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.


Bonnie Fleming, High Bridge Tax Collector

Ruby Reuter
Event Coordinator
En Plein Air Paint Out set for Saturday October 12

After its highly successful inaugural appearance in 2012, the Paint Out returns for a second look. Throughout the day, artists will be scattered around town capturing the charm and beauty that High Bridge has to offer with the art media of their choice. Later on the public is invited to see their finished works on display, which will be offered for sale in a silent auction at the Commons Park. Live music and light refreshments will be available. If you are an artist and would like to participate, the registration form and prospectus will be available for download from the Borough’s website under the Documents and Forms section. Watch for more details in the next issue of The Bridge. Have questions in the meantime? Send them to hbpaintout@yahoo.com or contact Borough Hall.

Michele Schwartz, Event Coordinator

High Bridge will once again be holding our Farmers’ Market on Saturdays beginning June 29 from 8:30 - noon on Main Street in the parking lot of Riverside Wines and Liquors. Make plans to join your neighbors and help us celebrate 26 years of what has become a High Bridge tradition.

The High Bridge Environmental Committee (HBEC), with the strong efforts of Mike Cedro of Riverside Wines and Liquors, is organizing the market. Plans are to expand the number of vendors to attract more customers.

Additionally, the HBEC is interested in establishing and promoting local food initiatives in conjunction with the Farmers’ Market. The Committee is looking for members of the community interested in helping to promote and grow the market by providing advertising ideas, etc. If interested, please call Borough Hall 908-638-6455.

Lisa Zambito
High Bridge Environmental Committee Member

The High Bridge Library will have summer programs, as well as the State-wide reading program. Check with the Library for exact dates and times. The Library is located at 71 Main Street and its phone number is 908.638.8231.

Hope you all have a wonderful spring and summer.

Miss Terry
High Bridge Library

The Environmental Committee would like to commend Hilltop Deli & Catering, Circa Restaurant, and High Bridge Golf Course’s Café for offering fresh produce from the market on their menus during the summer and fall months.

We would also like to credit Mrs. Reilly’s Public House for serving delicious Jersey-grown foods year round. Additional kudos to Gronsky’s Milk House, which purchases its tasty dairy products from local Jersey dairies.

Finally, Mike Cedro, owner of Riverside Wines and Liquors, receives special Environmental Committee recognition. He is an important supporter of the Farmers’ Market, holding it onsite at his store. Customers can purchase wines from New Jersey wineries at Riverside Wines and Liquors, or pick up a box of organically grown eggs brought in from Mike’s farm.

Please support New Jersey’s Buy Fresh/Buy Local campaign by ordering from or dining at these fine establishments:

- 37 Main Street 638-5560
- 125 West Main Street 638-6030
- 203 Cregar Road 638-5055
- 115 Fairview Avenue 638-4838
- 6 Main Street 638-8382
- 45 Main Street 638-6150

(Riverside Wines and Liquors is the site of the Farmers’ Market, which begins on Saturday, June 29, 8:30 a.m. to noon)

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Miss Terry
High Bridge Library
High Bridge Emergency Squad

High Bridge Emergency Squad is proud to announce that once again we will be participating in National EMS Week 2013 during the week of May 19-25.

We look forward to the warm weather and all the wonderful outdoor activities we get to enjoy during the spring and summer months. As you enjoy the warm weather, please keep the following safety tips in mind so you can make the most of your activities.

**Picnic Safety: Avoiding Food Poisoning**
- Symptoms of food poisoning include nausea, cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Foods that include dairy, mayonnaise, eggs, seafood, and meat should not be left at room temperature for more than an hour to prevent bacteria growth.

**Playground Safety**
- Wear closed-toed shoes and ensure all laces are tied and loose clothing is tucked in.
- Check playground equipment before letting your children play on it.
- Ensure surfaces are not hot to prevent burns.
- Ensure all equipment is working properly; check for broken surfaces and ropes.

**Bicycle Safety**
- Always wear a helmet to protect from brain injuries.
- Ensure your bicycle is in proper working order and fits properly before going out on the road.
- If riding at night, have a white light on the front and a red light on the back of your bicycle.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections.

Please visit the State of New Jersey - Department of Transportation website for Bicycle Laws and Safety Tips. [http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm)


**Movie Summaries**

**6/14: Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax (2012): 86 minutes; Rated PG**
A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it, he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world. Features the voices of Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Danny DeVito and Betty White.

**6/21: Here Comes the Boom (2012): 105 minutes; Rated PG**
A high school biology teacher looks to become a successful mixed martial arts fighter in an effort to raise money to prevent extracurricular activities from being axed at his cash-strapped school. Stars Kevin James, Salma Hayek and Henry Winkler.

**6/28: Casablanca (1942): 102 minutes; Black & White Classic; not rated**
Set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications. Stars Humphry Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains and Dooley Wilson.

Please visit the State of New Jersey - Department of Transportation website for Bicycle Laws and Safety Tips. [http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm)


**Easter Egg Hunt Winners**

**Gold**
- Up to 2: Brandon Dimeo
- 3 to 4: Julian Kuffo
- 5 to 6: James Stoffels
- 7 to 8: Zackary Black
- 9 & Up: Sophia Desire

**Silver**
- Benjamin Snyder
- Tara Loiacono
- Hunter Guido
- Camila Stevens
- Maddie Torkiltson
- Meg Conroy

**Friday Night Flicks**

Once again we will be offering our free Movies in the Commons series. Held under the stars, the films will begin at dusk, approximately 8:30 p.m. Rain dates are the following night.

The movie dates are:
- Friday, June 14 (rain date Saturday, June 15)
- Friday, June 21 (rain date Saturday, June 22)
- Friday, June 28 (rain date Saturday, June 29)

We wish to thank our local businesses for sponsoring this movie series.

**Congratulations to the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt Winners!**

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**Jenna Somogyi, HBES PR Chair**

**Dennis Trimmer: Member, Friend & Mentor**

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Summer Concerts in the Commons

The High Bridge Events Committee is very pleased to announce our 2013 High Bridge Summer Concerts in the Commons Music Celebration!

The High Bridge Events Committee is committed to providing family-friendly, free events for the residents of High Bridge and the general public to enjoy. We are very happy to announce that this year’s lineup will feature opening acts for each show, with an earlier start time. The past success of these events has shown that people do enjoy the simple pleasure of an evening under the stars, with the kids, in our own backyard. As we did last year, there will be food for sale at the shows or you may choose to patronize one of our local establishments before the show or bring a picnic. You may also want to finish your evening out with friends at Circa or Mrs. Riley’s after the show.

Please join us on:

July 6 - Citizens Band Radio returns to the Commons Stage and presents the High Bridge Hoedown. At least four bands will be performing at this season’s opening event, starting at approximately 4 p.m. The day will culminate in a rockin’ rollin’, honky tonkin’ good time provided by local favorites, national touring and recording act, CB Radio!

July 20 - The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Celtic acoustic trio Baroque and Hungry. After a short break, for the second year The Slewfoot Project will take the stage from 7-9 p.m.

August 17 - Newcomers to the Concert Series, Sully’s Fortune will start things off at 6:00 p.m. followed by hometown favorites The New Road Band, from 7-9 p.m.

So watch for the “High Bridge Presents” signs as the concerts get closer and plan on some fun evenings of great entertainment!! See you there.

Victoria Miller, Event Coordinator

Enjoy Our Open Space

The Environmental Committee invites you to take advantage of our varied open space areas.

- Walk or bike the Columbia Trail.
- Follow the well-marked Taylor Steel Workers Historic Trail from the Columbia Trail to the Solitude Dam/Falls.
- View the Solitude Falls from the viewing area off of River Road. (Keep an eye out for the pair of bald eagles.)
- Check out the Nassau Multi-Purpose Trail.
- Relax with a good book in the quiet area of the Commons.
- Take the kids to Union Forge Park to use the playground or play ball.

It’s a great time to get out of your house and enjoy your town’s open space!

Environmental Committee

Memorial Day Ceremony

C. K. Hoffman Memorial Park
Saturday, May 25 - 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.

The following April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013 deceased Post 188 American Legion members will be honored at this year’s ceremony: Ernest Subbe - WWII Army Europe; Douglas Kansky - Army Korea; William Cunningham - Army Korea/Vietnam; and Richard Sullivan - WWII.

This year’s guest speaker will be Howard Symonds - WWII Army Field Artillery Pacific.

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

High Bridge
Fire Department
Annual Picnic
Saturday, July 27, 2013
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Union Forge Field
Rain or Shine

Clams
Hamburgers / Hot Dogs
Barbecue Chicken
Corn on the Cob
Beer & Birch Beer

Door Prizes
Tickets are $40.00 for Two People
No One Under 21 Permitted
For tickets, contact any High Bridge Fire Department Member, call 908-638-6383 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org.

Limited tickets available.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Support your Fire Department and have a great time.

Environmental Committee
What's Up in the Sky for May, June and July?

In this edition of *The Bridge*, we will explore how to use your fingers and fist to measure the size of, and apparent distance between, objects in the sky.

Astronomers use angles to describe the apparent distance between objects in the sky. This is known as “angular separation,” and it is measured in degrees. For a refresher in geometry, recall that there are 360 degrees in a circle, 180 degrees in a half circle, and 90 degrees in a right angle. So the angular separation from the horizon to the point directly overhead (the zenith) is 90 degrees.

You can use your fists and fingers held out at arms-length, with one eye closed, to represent various degrees of angular separation. Your fist represents 10 degrees, so you should be able to stack 9 of your fists from the horizon to the zenith point overhead, and also 18 of your fists to trace along the horizon from North to South. Use the images to try out the measurements of 1, 5, 10, 15 and 25 degrees. Try this for both horizontal and vertical measurements.

May 24 to 30: During this week, the planets Mercury, Venus and Jupiter do a lovely planetary dance, with noticeable movement from night to night. Look for all three of them low in the west-northwest sky just after sunset. On May 28, the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, will appear to be extremely close to each other in the sky (in astronomy lingo this is called “a conjunction”). If you use your pinky measurement technique, you’ll see they are about 1 degree apart (one pinky width apart). Venus is the brighter of the two, and it will appear to the upper right of Jupiter.

June 21: This year’s Summer Solstice is on June 21. Many people think that the sun gets directly overhead at noon on this day. If you go out today and look, you’ll see that the sun gets very high in the sky, but it is never directly overhead and your shadow does not completely disappear. (In High Bridge, the sun’s highest point in the sky is 73 degrees above the horizon). Try out your fist measurement technique to see if the sun is slightly more than 7 fists above the horizon.

June 23: This will be our largest full moon of 2013. The moon’s orbit around the Earth is not perfectly circular (or you could say slightly elliptical), so there are times when it is slightly closer or slightly farther from Earth. This full moon happens at the time when the moon is at its closest point in its orbit, creating a “supermoon.” Try out your pinky measuring system, and you’ll discover that even the supermoon is still less than 1 degree.

For more astronomical fun, visit the New Jersey Astronomical Association in Voorhees State Park. NJAA offers free monthly Young Astronomers nights for children aged 7-13, and free public observing hours on Saturdays and Sundays. See www.NJAA.org for more info.

Theresa Moody, High Bridge Resident, Member/Volunteer of NJAA, Employed at NJ Astronomy Center at Raritan Valley Community College

High Bridge Reformed Church

Summer is about to arrive, and along with summer comes Vacation Bible School. The High Bridge Reformed Church, 23 Church Street, High Bridge, is pleased to announce this year’s program is “Kingdom Rock.” The children will travel back to the time of castles, knights, kings and queens to learn about Bible stories and how they matter in a modern world. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Children aged 4 to 12 may be registered for the program by calling the High Bridge Reformed Church, 908-638-8978, and asking for Pastor Steve. Teens 13-18 who would like to volunteer as group leaders may also call Pastor Steve.

The High Bridge Reformed Church is also seeking volunteer musicians and singers (groups or soloists) to provide special music during worship services held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to persons of faith with the gift of music to inspire and bless the congregation to the glory of God. Please call Pastor Steve at 908-638-6160.

Blessings upon all in High Bridge

Pastor Steve
The Host Masonic Center, located at Ridge Road and Dennis Avenue in High Bridge invites you to join them for the following events.

HOST MASONIC CENTER
Ridge Road & Dennis Avenue
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BUFFET BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 19, 7:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
Sunday, June 16, 7:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
Sunday, July 21, 7:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Waffle Bar and Much More!
Adults $8.00 Children (6-12) $4.00
Children under 5 FREE!

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday May 19, 7:30 a.m.- Noon
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The Environmental Committee is 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. Check out past Green Award recipients on the Environmental Committee page of our town website at www.highbridge.org.

The Environmental Committee will vote for one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes  
Environmental Committee Liaison

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 in Lyme disease prevention.
• Tick repellents should be worn when in Lyme habitats.

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

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

Storm Water Management

Look for storm drain markers in your neighborhood with the message: “No Dumping, Drains to River.” These markers will serve as a reminder that our storm drains lead directly to the South Branch of the Raritan River and that we all play a part in the solution to water pollution!

What can you do to help?

It’s simple! Dump nothing on your property or down the storm drain that you wouldn’t swim in or drink!

Here are a few changes we can make to ensure a clean water supply for years to come:

• Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
• Use less fertilizer.
• Avoid pesticides.
• Compost garden trimmings.
• Take motor oil to the recycling center.
• Pick up litter in the street.

Environmental Committee

Veterans Signage Visibility

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

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High Bridge Youth Soccer

2013 HBYS Registration Form

Season Runs from September 7, 2013 to November 16, 2013

Register On or Before July 22, 2013: $60.00
Register After July 22, 2013: $70.00

PeeWee Division (Kindergarten & First Grade) Registration Fee: $60.00
- Families with 3 or more players: Maximum fee is $120 before July 22, and $140 after July 22.
- Shin Guards are MANDATORY.
- Summer KickOff Clinic: Held on 2 weekday evenings, in early August (date to be determined), from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Grades 2-8 only. To be held at Union Forge fields.
- PeeWee Players will be contacted by their coaches the week of August 26, 2013. At that time, parents will be informed about their game times for the first Saturday on September 7, 2013.
- Players in Grades 2-8 will be contacted by their coaches approximately the week of August 5.

Players Name:
Street:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone (home or cell):
E-mail:
Date:

Birthdate:
Sex: M / F Played Last Year? Y / N
Grade This Fall:
Age This Fall:
Weight:
Height:

Has the player been a member of a soccer/travel team and/or played for a school team this year? Y / N
If registering 2 or more players within the same division from the same family, do you want them on the same team? Y / N

Consent and Release
I, the parent or legal guardian of the said individual, who is in good physical health and has no abnormalities, hereby give my consent to play in the High Bridge Youth Soccer League (HBYS) and agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless HBYS officials, coaches and representatives from any claim arising out of injury to the above named individual.

NOTE: Children can not play without a signed consent form from the parent or guardian.

Date: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Print Name: _______________________

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please check appropriate box:

☐ Coaching ☐ Assistant Coach ☐ Division Leader ☐ Referee
☐ Concession Stand Staff ☐ Field Prep ☐ Other ___________________________
☐ My Business is Interested in Sponsor Opportunities

Name ___________________________ Company Name (if applicable) ___________________________
Telephone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

☐ Cash ☐ Check Amount Paid: ___________ Date Paid: ___________

Mail Check or Money Order to:
High Bridge Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 268, High Bridge, NJ 08829
The High Bridge Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues to meet the first Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall and is open to ideas and discussion. The EDC’s 2013 overall mission concentrates on supporting objectives and activities in the following key areas:

- Define and support the Borough vision for Main Street
- Promote Borough economic development
- Work with and support local/area businesses; develop business-friendly Borough policies
- Establish a cohesive working relationship with surrounding communities
- Investigate opportunities through cooperation with local/State/Federal agencies
- Promote tourism

The Business Solicitation Brochure has been printed and is in the process of being disseminated to realtors, landlords, and business owners; it contains demographic and business-related information as well as info sheets detailing the many attractive assets in High Bridge. This brochure in its hard copy form (folder, glossy four-pager and the full-color info sheets) was produced at no cost to the taxpayer. It will be posted on our new web page soon.

The EDC recently joined the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and is looking for ways to develop and leverage that relationship by attending Chamber functions, seminars, and sharing what we have done here in High Bridge.

In the first quarter of 2013, the EDC has been working with the High Bridge Business Association as well as with business owners on Main Street to begin to better support existing businesses and to develop ways to successfully welcome new investors, restaurants, and other establishments to High Bridge. The EDC will also begin working more closely with the Planning Board as they develop recommendations for the Borough around the ordinances governing new and existing businesses.

The EDC continues its Business Visitation program, and has also been on hand to welcome new businesses in town and to interact with and provide assistance to landlords with empty space on Main Street.

If you are interested in finding out more about the High Bridge Economic Development Committee or attending a meeting as a guest, please contact Adrienne Shipps (Chair) at 638-8170, Brent Dugan (Vice Chair) at 638-8171, or reach out to edc@highbridge.org.

Adrienne Shipps
Economic Development Committee Chair

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The High Bridge Hills Golf Association
2013 Tournament Schedule

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Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 513, Glen Gardner .... 638-6116

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(*Department of Public Works, Recreation)

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(Council President, *Finance, Golf)

*designates Chair for Council Committees

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Auditor: Suplee, Clooney & Co ............................................ 638-6455 ext. 21
CFO/Tax Collector: Bonnie .................................................... 638-6455 ext. 25
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High Bridge Business Association ............................... 638-6455
High Bridge Hills Golf Association (www.hbhga.com) ....... 638-507-5953
High Bridge Community Center ........................................ 638-6455
Presbyterian Church ...................................................... 638-6455
High Bridge Church of the Nazarene .................................. 908-699-9966
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Girl Scouts of Hunterdon Hills ................................. 638-6455
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Chair: Eric kroppe ............................................................ 638-507-7006
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Category: Cultural & Heritage

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Note: Robert Lee is appointed Borough Historian.

Chair: Todd Honeycutt ........................................................................ 638-6455
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Cultural & Heritage Committee

Chair: Todd Honig ............................................................ 638-6455
2nd Thursday at 6:45 pm – Borough Hall

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Category: Recreation

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Events Committee

Category: Planning

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Environmental Committee

Category: Environmental

Chair: Adeline Shipp ............................................................ 638-6455
1st Thursday at 7:30 pm – Borough Hall

Economic Development

Category: Economic Development

Chair: Eric Kroppe ............................................................ 638-507-7006
3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm – Borough Hall

The Bridge

Spring/Summer 2013
Success as Part of the Highlands Council

The New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) was created in 2004 to conserve and protect the water quantity and quality in 88 municipalities in Bergen, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren Counties. Conformance to the Regional Master Plan was either mandatory (for those in preservation areas) or voluntary (for those in planning areas). With 1,555 acres in the planning area, High Bridge voted to conform in November 2009. Since then, the Borough has been the recipient of many grants to help us improve not only our natural resources through plan conformance, but to preserve and use our historic resources and revitalize our Main Street and overall economy.

One component of conformance was to complete a Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP). The Borough received a grant from the Highlands Council and, as part of the work, meetings and workshops were held to gather input from residents, business owners, and committees. Maser Consulting carried out the overall work and put the finished Plan together. The Plan was completed in March 2011 and provided recommendations in several categories. Later that year, both the High Bridge Council and the Planning Board voted to accept the SEDP as a living guidance document. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues to use this document to validate and focus its goals and objectives as it moves forward with Borough marketing efforts, economic development, and a vision for Main Street.

The Highland’s Council published its 2012 Annual Report on March 29, 2013; it serves to broadcast the activities of the Council and participating municipalities. In the Report, the Highlands Council recognizes High Bridge’s implementation and use of the SEDP as a best-in-class example of how communities can begin to incorporate economic development while considering natural and historic resources. Excerpted below is the write-up found in the Report.

**Success Story: High Bridge Sustainable Economic Development Plan**

*In May, a Highlands Council-funded Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP) for the Borough of High Bridge was recognized for excellence by the New Jersey Planning Officials (NJPO) Association, a New Jersey planning organization. The plan provides the Borough with guidance about how to maximize economic potential while protecting valued natural and historic resources within the community.*

*The first of its kind to be developed within the Highlands Region, the High Bridge SEDP received a 2012 New Jersey Planning Officials Planning Award that cited the plan’s comprehensive nature and actionable components: “The resulting document advances a number of smart growth principles; it incorporates action items and deadlines, making it a living document.”*

*The High Bridge SEDP is already being implemented within the Borough and used as a model for other municipalities in the Highlands: Twenty municipalities within the Region are currently developing, or have been funded to develop similar plans using the High Bridge approach. The plan has also been submitted for national recognition as a nominee for the 2013 Donald Hunter Award for Excellence in Economic Development Planning, sponsored by the American Planning Association.*

*(Highlands Council 2012 Annual Report, p.16)*


Adrienne Shipps
Economic Development Committee Chair
Summer Recreation Program

2013 REGISTRATION FORM

The Summer Recreation Program welcomes High Bridge children who have completed grades K-7. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and will be held July 8 - July 19. Enroll your child or children for one session or both weeks. The program will be located at High Bridge Elementary School. Please provide a healthy snack and we will provide a drink.

Registration Fee: One Week $60   Both Sessions $90
Make check payable to High Bridge Recreation Committee

Program Highlights: Supervised by three certified teachers; sports activities hour craft time; special programs; rain or shine program.

NOTE: For families with 3 or more children enrolled, the first two campers are at full-price, and additional campers are free.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS AND PAYMENT BY June 17, 2013 to: High Bridge Recreation Committee, 71 Main Street, High Bridge NJ.

The registration form is available online at www.highbridge.org/Documents and Forms/Forms

Police Department

***ATTENTION RESIDENTS***
Borough Ordinance 265-2: License and tag required; placing tag on dog. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age, that is, which has obtained the age of seven (7) months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth, shall on or before the 30th of January of each year, 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.

Borough Ordinance 265-23: 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.

Brett J. Bartman
Chief of Police

High Bridge Women's Group

This spring the Women’s Group will once again make its annual donations to the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Food Pantry. Of course we will also honor graduates from both Voorhees High School and High Bridge Middle School with awards. We are able to do this because of the registration donations for the Garage Sale. Your small donation goes a long way in the community. If you haven’t signed up for this event yet you still can. The registration form appears on the opposite page. The date for the 25th annual sale is May 18, rain or shine. Get your registration mailed in by May 7 for inclusion on the map.

Our group continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. We also have a monthly “out to dinner” meeting which is always fun. Why not join us! For more information, please contact Chris Marx at 638-4146.

Chris Marx
The 25th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women’s Group, will be held on Saturday May 18, 2013 RAIN or SHINE. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp and will be advertised in local newspapers.

Our goal is to have every family and business in High Bridge participate by sending $7, with the form below, to the High Bridge Women’s Group, even if you do not have items to sell. All donations received will be used for High Bridge student scholarships and various community projects.

Maps showing those homes participating will be available on the day of the sale at the High Bridge Library.

Participants will also receive balloons and maps the week of the sale. The balloons are to be displayed on the day of the sale.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted anytime before May 7, 2013 to ensure inclusion on the map list.

For additional information call: Chris Marx @ 638-4146.
Boy Scout Troop 149

Boy Scout Troop 149 has been busy with a full menu of camping, hiking and other outdoor adventures — and this spring marks the return of the Troop’s popular barbecued pork lunch fundraiser!

The second annual barbecue lunch fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 18 at the High Bridge Reformed Church, on the corner of Fairview/Route 513 and Church Street, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and potato salad will be offered, with burgers for the kids, as well as iced tea and lemonade — all for one low price of $8.

The rain-or-shine event will benefit the Scout’s busy program of camping, hiking, canoeing and other outings, which this summer includes a six-day, high-adventure canoeing trip down 92 miles of the Allagash River in northern Maine.

There also have been plenty of regular activities and fun since the start of the school year. The Troop has hiked at the Merrill Creek Reservoir with the Cub Scouts, as well as an 11-mile section of the Appalachian Trail over Pochuck Mountain, and to a geologically unique boulder field at Hickory Run State Park in Pennsylvania. A January campout at Swartswood Lake State Park tested cold-weather skills.

This spring Troop 149 will be doing a canoe trip on a nearby river to sharpen the Scouts’ skills for the summer Allagash River trek. Scouts have also performed service projects, including collecting nearly 3,000 pounds of food during the Fall Food Drive, and running the Spring Food Drive in the Borough. The boys also spent an afternoon playing cards and board games with the disabled veterans at the VA Hospital in Lyons.

The Boy Scouts of America program builds character, trains young men to be participating citizens, and develops personal fitness - and is fun! The Troop always welcomes boys ages 11-18 to join, or just check out a meeting. The Scouts gather every Thursday night during the school year at the High Bridge Methodist Church on the corner of Church and Thomas Streets.

The youth and adults of Troop 149 look forward to seeing everyone at the second annual pulled pork barbecue on Saturday, May 18, at the High Bridge Reformed Church!

Paul Wyckoff

Trees in the Borough

This spring, two decrepit Bradford pear trees on Main Street will be cut down and eventually replaced with young, healthy trees.

One is located in front of the tailor shop and has been pruned to the point of looking crooked and misshapen. The other, by the now vacant Party Store building, is hiding the store and ruining the sidewalk.

Since Bradford pear tend to become fragile and to split apart after time, the replacement trees will be of a sturdier, slower growing variety.

Please bear with us, as the new trees will not be planted until fall, to avoid draught damage.

The Environmental Committee

Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regs

Be aware that State-mandated storm water management regulations state that grass cuttings cannot be left in the street or placed in any storm drain. For more information refer to High Bridge Ordinance No. 2006-24.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes
Environmental Committee Liaison

Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Open Cupboard Food Pantry is serving more clients than ever in our 20-year history, with several months reaching nearly 600 people.

Our ability to feed them is due entirely to the generosity of the community. We are awed by the support we’ve received this year, coming from sources as varied as Boy & Girl Scout food drives, memorial donations, school and church fundraisers, corporations, hospitals, individuals, even children requesting food for the Pantry in lieu of birthday gifts for themselves.

Donations typically slow during the summer months when so many of our regular donors are on vacation. Please remember that hunger doesn’t take a vacation, that the need persists every day, year-round.

Thank you for your support.
Gratefully,
Tobey Wodder, Pantry Secretary
Grass - Cut it and Leave it!

Why not bag your clippings?
1. Grass clippings add valuable nutrients and organic matter to the soil and produce healthy, green lawns.
2. Clippings reduce the need for grass fertilizer and water requirements, which minimize chemical runoff entering storm drains and polluting creeks, rivers, and lakes.
3. Mowing time is reduced since bagging and disposal of clippings is eliminated.
4. Bagged clippings are a significant source of landfill waste. Each acre of grass can yield over 6 tons of clippings per year. Grass clippings are too valuable to throw away!

Do clippings cause thatch build-up?
No. Research has shown that grass roots are the primary cause of thatch. Thatch is composed mainly of roots, stems, rhizomes, crowns, and stolons, which contain large amounts of lignin and decompose slowly. Grass clippings are approximately 80-85 percent water with only small amounts of lignin, and decompose rapidly. Some grasses such as Bermuda grass and kikuyugrass are more thatch-prone than others.

Do clippings spread lawn disease?
No. Improper watering and fertilizing are the primary cause of disease spread. If an accommodating environment for turfgrass disease is present, infestation will occur whether clippings are collected or not.

Other uses for your clippings
1. Mulch clippings into your garden. Spread them an inch thick to cool the soil, retain water, and smother weed seeds.
2. Mix them with your soil. New Jersey soils can be improved by adding organic matter. Added organic materials make heavy clay soils become more productive and sandy soils retain more water.
3. Add to your compost pile. Grass speeds up your composting. Make sure you turn your compost pile regularly to add oxygen and control odors.

Mow Smart!
To maintain your lawn properly, mow high and mow often. Most New Jersey lawns should be mowed 2.5 to 3.5 inches high (like the rough beside a golf course fairway), especially in summer, to shade the soil, cool the roots, and block weed growth. Mulching mowers help with this task; they chop the clippings into fine pieces that slip easily down to the soil. Most new mowers are mulching mowers, and you can attach mulching equipment to your existing mower.

Questions? Contact the High Bridge Environmental Commission
The High Bridge Board of Education (HB BOE) developed a budget for the 2013-2014 school year that reduces the District’s total expenditures by $96,074. This represents a 1% reduction in the school budget. Through the implementation of the 2013-2014 budget, there will be a reduction of one part-time instructor and a reduction in paraprofessional personnel. Even though the overall budget is reduced, a tax levy increase of 1.42% is necessary and was approved following the March 25 public budget hearing. The increase in the local tax rate is impacted by a notable increase in health insurance premiums, the graduation of two tuition-based students from our eighth grade program, and a decrease in Borough ratables. A budget newsletter is available on the District’s website at www.hbschools.org under the BOE tab. The good news is that the District will offer a full-day kindergarten program in September for the first time. The District is very excited to have the ability to implement this enhanced program, which will add to the quality educational programs available to all High Bridge children.

At most meetings of the HB BOE, the Board recognizes the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff. In February, the Board recognized Claire Ayotte, Dylan Novick and Sara Staviski for being named to the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Intermediate Chorus following their auditions. The Board also recognized Zachary Lucash for placing first in the annual spelling bee. In March, the Board recognized Hailey Conroy, Sarah Furka, Sylvana Kaplan, Laura Markarian, Kayla Morello, Victoria Raefski, Caitlin Reilly, Janine Rosales, Suzannah Russell and Katie Ziegler as members of the 2013 Voorhees Elementary District Division-B Championship Basketball Team. The Board also recognized two teachers for having been selected as the 2012-2013 Governors’ Teacher and Educational Professional Services Award. Barbara Mann was honored as the Elementary School Teacher of the Year and Jennifer Smith was honored as the Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Since January, the members of the HB BOE have been engaged in a search process for the Business Administrator and Superintendent positions. The Personnel Committee of the Board interviewed multiple Business Administrator candidates and in April appointed Michele McCann to the position. Mrs. McCann will assume the duties of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in June. The Board has also actively been involved in a search process for the new Superintendent. The New Jersey School Boards’ Association has been serving as a consultant to the Board. The position was advertised in January with first-round interviews held in March. Second-round interviews will occur in April and the Board anticipates appointing the new Superintendent in a timely manner to permit the new Superintendent to arrive on July 1.

The HB BOE encourages community members to attend the monthly public meetings, which are generally held on the second Monday of each month. The Board members also invite residents to contact them with questions, concerns and/or suggestions to improve the quality of educational programming for the children of High Bridge. One convenient method that can be used to contact Board members is to visit the District’s website at www.hbschools.org and click on the Board of Education tab. Then click on “School Board Contact Form” and type your message or inquiry.

The BOE wishes all students, families and faculty/staff members a very safe and enjoyable summer. The 2013 - 2014 school year will begin for students on Tuesday, September 3.

Middle School News

The members of the cast and crew of “Beauty and the Beast” provided audiences with an outstanding performance in March. Students, parents, family members and friends all enjoyed this highly successful presentation. Faculty advisors Courtney Shiffman and Jeff Thompson were instrumental in preparing the students for this challenging performance.

In April, the Middle School hosted the third marking period Honor Roll Breakfast where we took time to recognize our students. Also, in April, the eighth grade lock-in was held which provided students with a fond memory. A special thank you is extended to the Committee Chairs, Mrs. Fischetti and Mrs. Howell as well as all parent volunteers for planning this exciting event.

The PTO’s Cultural Arts Committee once again arranged for a visit of the Rutgers Science Explorer bus to our Middle School in April. Students in sixth grade were provided with a lesson entitled, “Skeleton Detectives,” while the seventh grade students participated in a lesson called, “Outbreak.” Our eighth grade students actively participated in a presentation named “Matter Matters.” Our students and faculty are always very appreciative to have access to this enhanced curriculum experience, and we thank the PTO for their continuing commitment towards the enhancement of our educational programs.

The administration of the New Jersey ASK is underway. The seventh and eighth grade students will complete their assessments by May 3. The administration of the test to our sixth grade students will take place from May 6 through May 10. The New Jersey Department of Education has indicated that roster scores will be made available in mid-August with individual scores available in early September. The individual score sheets will be forwarded to each family as soon as they are delivered to the school.

As the end of the school year approaches, there are several exciting events on the calendar for our eighth grade students. The parent committee, which is chaired by Mrs. Schultz, is busy planning the 8th Grade Dinner Dance which will be held on Friday, May 31. The annual trip to Washington, D.C. will take place on June 5, 6 and 7.

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We are now getting excited to attend our full-day kindergarten classes next month! To end the month, we sponsored a kindergarten meeting and the Young Authors Club hosted their annual program presentation for grades 2-5, which the students enjoyed, and the Cultural Arts Committee sponsored a hands-on geography project. Congressman Lance all spoke with the classes. The PTO hosted a visitation for incoming parents and students who are interested in attending our full-day kindergarten classes next year.

The Fourth Grade students had many government-related field trips this month. They visited state and local government buildings, both residential and Borough-owned. These structures are in large part what make High Bridge a unique and aesthetic place. Understanding methods to care for and capitalize on our historic gems is crucial to preserving the rich historic characteristics that make High Bridge a wonderful place to live and visit. Throughout 2013, the High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee will offer presentations on select topics in historic preservation. The lecture series will feature topics relevant to the community presented by leading figures in historic preservation.

The next presentation will take place on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. and will address economic development related to heritage tourism. The featured speaker, Dorothy P. Guzzo, is the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust and currently serves on the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force, charged with creating a Heritage Tourism Masterplan for New Jersey. With over 21 years of government experience in historic resource stewardship, Dorothy has also served as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the State of New Jersey overseeing the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. This presentation will provide listeners with insights into capitalizing on the benefits of heritage tourism - a concept at the core of the Borough’s continued growth.

On September 24, Michael J. Margulies, AIA will present a lecture on the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation. The presentation will facilitate an understanding of the recourses and guidelines available to help when making decisions for treatments to historic homes. This topic is particularly relevant to owners of historic homes. Michael is extensively involved in local and state historical organizations and specializes in grant writing, consulting, and public speaking. As a project architect, Michael is currently working locally at the Vought House, Red Mill Museum Village, and the Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead. In 2005, Michael completed a preliminary architectural survey and inventories on the Solitude House and Springside Farmhouse both located in High Bridge. The presentation was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Solitude House through photographs, maps, and historical documents.

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The High Bridge School District.

Thank you, Mr. Kennedy, for your service to the High Bridge School District.

We wish you well on your retirement!

Brian Bizzoco
Principal, High Bridge Elementary School

Amy Boyce
Cultural & Heritage Committee
Our High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for new members. If you are a High Bridge resident, over the age of 18 and interested, call Gabi Oliver at 908-638-8540 or contact us at hbcert@yahoo.com for more information.

Recent events CERT participated in were the Spruce Run Triathlon; the Warming Center at the High Bridge Rescue Squad and other helpful services to residents after Hurricane Sandy; search of a missing person; and the High Bridge Tree lighting.

To join the team the applicant is required to complete an 8-week, once-a-week training program. This training will cover first aid, search and rescue, fire safety and control, disaster and anti-terrorism planning.

We congratulate and welcome Patricia Bielcik, Linda Hayes, William Miller and John Moskway for successfully completing the recent CERT training and joining our team!

Gabi Oliver
High Bridge CERT Coordinator

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**SKIT Presents Bye Bye Birdie**

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) is rounding out its 2013 season with ‘Bye Bye Birdie,’ one of the most captivating Broadway musicals of our time that was the winner of four Tony awards, including Best Musical and Best Choreography.

‘Bye Bye Birdie’ is an all-American musical that became a smash hit, with a storyline involving 1960s bobby-soxers and their protective parents reacting when rock star Conrad Birdie shows up in their small town to promote his new song, “One Last Kiss.” The kiss is to be delivered on The Ed Sullivan Show to the president of the Sweet Apple fan club, teenager Kim MacAfee. Since Conrad is being inducted into the army, it may well be his last kiss before boot camp.

SKIT’s ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ is being presented on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will take place in the Voorhees High School auditorium, Route 513, Lebanon Township. Tickets are priced between $12 and $19.

Performers from High Bridge:
Hayley Pellis, 16 - plays Kim MacAfee
Joan Chavez, adult - plays Mrs. Peterson
Tom Newman, adult - plays Maude

SKIT’s ticketing system can be accessed via www.showkids.org and allows guests to select their seats and print their own tickets. The SKIT ticket office can be reached at (908) 638-5959.

Mary Dickson

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**Eileen M. Wallace**

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“A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment’s notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.”

Source: FEMA Website 2013

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Notification System. This notification system enables the Borough 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 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

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

We continue to edge closer to being named a wildlife-friendly community. To achieve this recognition, we need 100 homes to be certified. Thank you to all of you who have certified your Backyard Wildlife Habitats. Please tell a neighbor about this project and help us meet the town goal. We are so close. With your help, we can make it happen this year.

The National Wildlife Federation’s requirements for certification are fairly basic, and it is likely that many of you have some of the components already in place. The four basic elements of a backyard wildlife habitat are food, water, cover, and places for wildlife to raise their young.

The Food element can include plants that provide nectar, pollen, sap, seeds or berries as well as feeders. You need a minimum of three food sources for your yard to qualify as a Wildlife Habitat.

The Water element can include, among others, a pond, stream, wetland, water garden or a birdbath. Your backyard needs one Water element to qualify.

The ‘Cover’ and ‘Places for Wildlife to Raise their Young’ elements often overlap and can include shrubs, woodpiles, stone walls, a water garden, as well as nesting boxes, wooded areas and evergreens. You need at least two of these for certification.

Additionally, the National Wildlife Federation wants to ensure that we are all utilizing Sustainable Gardening Practices. These include the elimination of chemical pesticides and chemical fertilizers, utilizing mulch, composting, removing invasive plants, restoring native plants, reducing lawn areas and reducing erosion. A minimum of two Sustainable Gardening Practices is required.

More information can be found at http://www.nwf.org/backyard/. For any other wildlife habitat questions, please send an email to lhughes@highbridge.org.

High Bridge Environmental Committee
Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2013 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.

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 2013 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs $11.20; unaltered dogs, $14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk

2013 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.
High Bridge Girl Scouts want to begin by announcing our newest Daisies, Troop 80001. These kindergartners had a slow start but quickly picked up pace. Thank you to their leaders, Michelle Corley and Chrissy Rodgers. Welcome to Girl Scouts!

Many of our Girl Scouts dedicate their time to community service within and around Hunterdon County. This past winter the girls participated in providing personal care products for Family Promise, an organization that provides shelter for temporarily homeless families. To ensure that all children can have an egg hunt, troops filled Easter eggs with treats and toys for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry.

Members of Daisy Troop 80197 earned a very special badge during their bimonthly meeting in March. They were treated to a visit from canine guest, Holiday, and her human, Ms. Christi Rolling, both of whom are from High Bridge Elementary School. The Daisies learned about what Holiday’s life is like as a puppy and everything that she needs to learn at HBES and at obedience school before she grows old enough to be trained at a special school for companion dogs. They talked about some of the struggles that people with disabilities might have and how a canine friend will be able to help them. The Troop would to thank Ms. Rolling for bringing Holiday to the meeting and for helping them earn the Service Animal Badge.

On March 15, Brownie Girl Scout Troop 847 of High Bridge had two very special visitors, Dee Doherty and her rescued pup, Lola. Ms. Doherty founded the non-profit group called Spay and Neuter when she realized that fostering animals did not get to the root of the problem. She passionately spoke about her job. Through fun activities, the girls learned how to approach a dog safely. They learned to ask for permission, to let the dog sniff first, and they even learned the best places to pet a dog. Did you know that if there is a ribbon on a leash, you should not approach that dog? It was amazing all the fun, new facts the girls learned. They played a board game called Responsible for Rover which taught them about decisions related to and finances involved with proper pet care. The girls brought donations of pet food and dog toys which Ms. Doherty will distribute to local rescue groups. (To learn more about Spay and Neuter, check out HarnessLife.org.)

Just a reminder: Anyone interested in leading a troop or joining a troop, feel free to contact me.

Maryann Hagan
High Bridge Girl Scouts Organizer, 908-638-4508

Meals on Wheels’ ‘Fly Away with Me’ 2013 raffle tickets are on sale now. This popular fundraiser not only supports Meals on Wheels’ programs, but it can put you on the road to a dream vacation. Meals on Wheels is offering a limited number of tickets for the chance to win two round-trip United Airline tickets to anywhere United Airlines flies (maximum value $1,500).

A single raffle ticket costs $20 and a book of five tickets cost $100. In 2012, the agency sold 654 tickets and raised $13,080 for the agency. This year 750 tickets will be offered for sale. The airline tickets will be good for one year from the drawing date set for May 31.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is a not-for-profit agency that depends on over 500 volunteers to deliver hot noontime meals to the home-bound elderly and/or disabled in Hunterdon County. In 2012, Meals on Wheels delivered and served over 54,000 meals between all programs. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to support the programs of Meals on Wheels. Each ticket purchased will provide four meals to a home-bound client.

Remember raffle tickets can make the perfect gift for a holiday or birthday. It’s a win-win all the way around - a chance to ‘get away from it all’ - and a way to help a home-bound senior in your neighborhood.

Invest in that dream - and in Meals on Wheels! Raffle tickets will be available at all Meals on Wheels locations: Annandale, Flemington and Lambertville — and at the agency Main Office — 5 Walter Foran Boulevard — Suite 2006 in Flemington.

Take a chance on Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon; buy that winning ticket now! Call (908) 284-0735 for details.

Monica Strenk
Executive Director - Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc.
(908) 284-0735 - mowhunt@embarqmail.com
Hunterdon Helpline
This is Hunterdon County’s only 24-hour, cost-free telephone service that provides information and support for all residents. Its mission is to provide a live, 7-day-a-week initial assistance call center that receives, responds to, follows up and documents requests for assistance in many areas. Some of the areas that Help-line assists in are: Telephone Reassurance, Friendly Visitor Program, Compassionate Listening, Suicide Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Energy Assistance, Literacy Services, etc. Their phone number is 1-800-272-4630.

Health & Fitness
Staying active and continuing to learn new skills at any age is key to health and happiness. Many activities are being offered at the Senior Center in Flemington that will contribute to improvement in those areas. For information on Dance & Fitness activities, call 908-788-1359. For information on the Health & Fitness program, call 908-284-6128. Some of their activities will also be held in other locations, e.g., at the Clinton Community Center and the Presbyterian Church.

Sessions on Aging
A session will be held on June 7 at 10 a.m. on what contributes to the aging process and how can we live longer, happier, healthy lives. Another session will present what it means to age in our society and for each of us personally. This will be held on June 14 at 10 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening
Free screening is available the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. till noon. No appointment is necessary.

Trips to Atlantic City
These are scheduled for May 9 and June 13. The cost is $20 per person. Call 908-788-1359 for reservations.

AARP Defensive Driving
Lessons are offered on May 10 from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m., and on June 11 from 4 to 10 p.m. Call 908-788-1359 for cost and registration.

SEASONED YEARS
This is the quarterly newsletter issued by the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran Services. It contains much more information than can be presented here. If you are not on the mailing list or know of somebody age 60 or over who does not get it, call 908-788-1361.

Fred Loozen

Hunterdon Huskies
The 2012 season proved to be an amazing one for the Hunterdon Huskies youth football and cheer organization. Hunterdon Huskies is the premier travel and competitive football and cheer program for youth ages 5-15 who live in Hunterdon County and surrounding areas. The Huskies proudly call Union Forge Park, located in High Bridge, its home field.

This past December, Huskies sent an unprecedented four teams to the 2012 American Youth Football and Cheer (AYF/AYC) National Championships in Florida. The Huskies Mitey Mite Football, Team Black, was undefeated during the regular season and was invited to compete in the AYF Mitey Mite Invitational Tournament, which took place during the week-long national championship activities.

Huskies Contender Cheer, which consists of athletes who have varying cognitive and physical abilities, was also invited to perform during the Championships. Their performances have wowed audiences at games, competitions and community events throughout the State, so it was no surprise that their routine received a standing ovation in Florida!

Both Huskies competitive cheer squads earned bids to compete at the 2012 AYC National Championships after receiving high scores at two qualifying competitions during the fall. They worked for months to perfect their two-and-a-half minute routines under the tutelage of head coaches Aimee Markey and Jana Watts, both residents of High Bridge.

After competing in a very competitive division against squads from all over the country, Watt’s Junior Midget Squad placed third in the Nation, and had the 5th highest score out of the entire day, out of 163 teams.

The Huskies Junior PeeWee team placed first and were named National Champions in their division. They also earned the highest score of all of the teams who competed during the morning session that day, out of 70 teams. Mayor Desire honored their victory when they returned home by naming them “High Bridge Ambassadors” during a town assembly.

Two Huskies eighth graders were named to the elite national 2012 AYF and AYC All Star Teams. They traveled to California to participate in the annual AYF All Star Game at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California in January.

As the new season approaches, the Huskies look forward to surpassing last year’s successes. This year, the organization is proud to introduce its Contender Football program. Registration for the 2013 football and cheer teams is underway. For more information and to register, visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com.

Maryanne Laffert
Over 50? The Hunterdon County YMCA and Pfizer are launching a program called 50 MOVING FORWARD.

Forget “50 is the new 40” or even “the new 30;” age 50 is about moving forward. That’s why the YMCA and Pfizer Inc launched 50 MOVING FORWARD, a healthy living plan designed to motivate adults 50 years and older with fresh ideas around behaviors that experts say are crucial to healthy aging: physical activity; preventive measures like screenings and vaccinations; healthy eating; and social interaction.

Adults 50 years and older currently make up more than 30 percent of the U.S. population, and by 2015 they are expected to represent 45 percent of Americans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that adults 50 and older have a 70 percent chance of developing at least one chronic disease. Whether those 50 years and older are just getting started or are already practicing healthy habits, 50 MOVING FORWARD will help adults overcome barriers to making healthy lifestyle choices. Participants can enroll:

- In person at the Hunterdon County YMCA where they can join in wellness events and activity classes designed for adults 50 years and older
- Online at YMCA.net/50MovingForward, where they can opt-in to receive e-mails providing information, tips, patient/health care provider discussion guides and activities that can be incorporated anywhere, anytime

The Hunterdon County YMCA is one of 25 across the country that will offer specially designed 50 MOVING FORWARD weekly wellness events, classes and workshops. Both YMCA members and nonmembers are invited to join 50 MOVING FORWARD for free. A full calendar of events is available at www.hcymca.org.

For more information, contact the Hunterdon County YMCA, 144 W. Woodchurch Road, Flemington, NJ 08822, 908.782.1044 x 4932.

Cindy Christopher
“I Remember When” Jimmie The Barber (James Scordo) came to High Bridge in 1940; I was 8 years old at the time! He built a new Barber Shop on Main Street; his house was right behind it across the street from the bank and right next to the Taylor Wharton Bobtail Tracks and Gus’s Blue Front Restaurant on the other side of the tracks! With his home being right behind his barber shop, it was not so good for customers in a hurry to get a haircut on a Friday or Saturday at noontime. Jimmie’s wife would bring his lunch over and right in the middle of a haircut, Jimmie would stop cold and take at least a half hour to eat his lunch without ever blinking an eye. I have to say his lunches always smelled great and made me hungry, but Jimmie never offered any to me or anyone! Sometimes it was a hot lunch and sometimes it was a sandwich on a long Italian roll! I can still hear Jimmie savoring his lunches; Jimmie enjoyed them very much!

Jimmie The Barber was a good looking Italian gentleman, not too tall, with salt and pepper hair and a thin mustache — both immaculate. He wore a colored smock in his Barber Shop! Like most barbers in America, he knew all the town gossip including things about me and you! Jimmie was not the only barber in town, as I remember it; there may have been as many as three at one time!

Actually Jimmie The Barber was born in Italy and came to America (Ohio) as an Immigrant when he was 2 or 3 years old. He left home in Ohio when he was about 17 and came to NYC to work! He worked very hard for a long time and eventually was able to bring his whole family from Ohio to NYC!

In 1940 enters Jimmie’s youngest brother, Nunzio Scordo, 9 or 10 years old, and 1 of 12 children whose mother died in childbirth. Once Nunzio came to live with Jimmie, he decided to move to High Bridge for Nunzio’s sake! Jimmie taught Nunzio how to cut hair and worked Nunzio hard while he went to school. Nunzio graduated from High Bridge High School several years before I did in 1951, and he became a terrific barber — my regular barber!

The years went by and things changed as they always do in life. I left the area after about 38 years and went out into the world eventually winding up in California with the Walt Disney Organization, having been promoted there from Walt Disney World Co. in Florida as Senior Contract Administrator!

At some point, someone from High Bridge mentioned that Nunzio had a barber shop in Placentia, CA, not too far from where I lived in Anaheim, CA and Disneyland! So one day I drove to Placentia and sat in the barber shop until it was my turn and said to Nunzio, “How are you, Nunzio?” He said, “Do I know you?” I said, “I am Buddy Adler,” and Nunzio fainted dead away. So for years I went to Nunzio for my haircuts just like I did back home in High Bridge, and it was like going home for an hour while in California! Sometimes while I was there, if no customers were waiting, Nunzio would call his friend, Sid Kliner, in Califon, NJ, and we would talk and laugh all over the place about everything!

As a matter of fact, I did a show at the Crystal Cathedral Church in Garden Grove, California, with my friend and church orchestra conductor and composer, the late Johnnie Carl! As a Union actor, I did Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address with my Lincoln voice; One Solitary Life as a shepherd; and General MacArthur’s voice giving his Farewell Address to Congress. Nunzio agreed to dye my hair and beard black and cut my hair and trim my beard for Lincoln right in my church dressing room the very night of the performance! Nunzio made me feel like a STAR!

Eventually Nunzio got tired of the high California taxes and moved to Hawaii and opened up a barber shop there. Years later he returned to Mainland, USA, and began attending our annual High Bridge High School class reunions where I ran into him at least once back in 2008 or 2009! Sadly my friend Nunzio passed away in May 2011! Sleep well my friend!

You know when I was a kid and my Mother would take me to a barber for a haircut, I would cry and kick and cry some more. But in my very early teens, I started to love getting a haircut from Jimmie and Nunzio because feeling the scissors and the comb in my hair when someone else is doing it relaxes me into a trance, and then I snooze in the barber’s chair! For me, haircuts took the stress out of my day!

I want to thank Jimmie The Barber’s son, James Scordo Jr. of Lebanon, NJ for some of this information! His son and I never met or talked until his sister sent him my advanced copy of this article! It may be one of the warmest heartfelt stories I have ever told in this series!

Till next time,

Arthur C. “Buddy” Adler
Former Longtime Resident & still active in the Community
Recycling Opportunities

Bottle Cap Recycling: High Bridge no longer has a bottle cap recycling program. However, you may send your plastic bottle caps to The Recap Company, 6465 Lewis Road, Loveland, OH 45140; for more information see www.recapcompany.com.

Car Batteries: Padik Auto Parts, 423 Route 513, Califon, NJ accepts all automotive and light batteries (“wet” batteries). Put the batteries on the rack in the front of the store. The rack is always there so you can drop batteries off anytime 24/7 that is convenient.

Eye Glasses: Eye glasses are collected by the Borough Environmental Committee and will be sent to charitable organizations. Drop off eye glasses at the Borough Library during operating hours (see next item for hours).

Cell Phones, Inkjet Cartridges, Laser Toner Cartridges: The High Bridge Elementary School’s Environmental Club is collecting used cell phones, inkjet and laser toner cartridges. The money raised will be used for environmental programs. Drop your used cartridges or cell phones at the Elementary School during school hours or at the High Bridge Library on Main Street during operating hours:

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 10 a.m. - noon and 3 - 8 p.m.
- Fridays: 10 a.m. - noon and 3 - 7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Go in the back door of the Library and place the recyclable items in the marked collection box on the shelf to your left.

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs: The Raritan (Flemington) Home Depot recycles the spiral, energy-saving light bulbs (CFS’s, compact florescent light bulbs); they do not take the long, thin tube bulbs.

Hard Plastics: The Environmental Committee continues to search for a vendor willing to provide a hard plastics recycling event for our Borough; check the Borough website for updates.

Styrofoam: UPS accepts Styrofoam peanuts and noodles. UPS is located at 1802 Route 31 North in Grayrock Plaza. The hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday the store is closed. For info: 638-3500; website: store4525@theupsstore.com. Please note: UPS no longer accepts large, solid pieces of Styrofoam.

Wood: At this time, wood cannot be recycled. You must cut it into no more than 4-foot lengths and tie it in a bundle for garbage pickup. One 50 pound bundle counts as a bulk item.

If you have large amounts of wood from a remodeling project, then you must take it to the Hunterdon County Transfer Station (see info this page). Again the pieces must be no more than 4 ft. in length. No creosote railroad ties allowed.

Notes:
1. Household batteries can no longer be recycled at the Department of Public Works Facility. Household batteries are no longer being recycled by the County due to new federal regulations. Household batteries can now be safely disposed of in your regular trash; do not bring any more batteries to the Department of Public Works.
2. Plastic Bottle Caps are no longer recycled (effective 9/2011). See the top item in this column.

Visit the recycling page at www.highbridge.org for more recycling opportunities.

Transfer Station Recycling

HUNTERDON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING DEPOT
10 Petticoat Lane
Annandale, NJ 08801
908.236.9088

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Residential Drop Off of Large Items:
Saturdays Only: The Transfer Station is open to residents only on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must unload the items yourself and present proof of residency.

Rates: $22 for a car, $32 for a pickup truck, and $10 additional for a trailer attached to either a car or truck.

Free Residential Drop Off is Available for the Following Items:

1. Aluminum cans: Only empty beverage cans will be accepted; other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
2. Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags: Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box).
   Cardboard with food or food residue WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. Glass bottles and jars: Glass food and beverage containers with rings and caps removed will be accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.
   Cups, drinking glasses, dishes, ovenware, window glass, lead crystal TV tubes, light bulbs, mirrors or any other type of glass product WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
4. Hard-covered books: Hard-covered books will be accepted.
5. Junk mail & office paper: Unshredded junk mail and office paper will be accepted. Junk mail and office paper should be tied or placed in a cardboard container (box) or it may be placed in a clear bag.
   Shredded junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
6. Newspaper: Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
7. Paperback books: Paperback books will be accepted.
8. Plastic bottles # 1-7: Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.
9. Telephone books: Telephone books will be accepted.
10. Tin and bi-metal cans: Tin and bi-metal cans will be accepted if all food and other residue has been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.
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Dates to Remember

May 18 - Town-Wide Garage Sale
May 18 - High Bridge Hills Golf Course Resident’s Day
May 25 - Memorial Day Ceremony
   June 15 - Pooch Parade
   June 22 - Soap Box Derby
July 6 and 20, August 17 - Concerts in the Commons

Upcoming Events
   September 21 - Community Day
   October 21 - En Plein Air Paint Out