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A Farewell to Borough Hall



High Bridge's iconic Borough Hall will see its final days as a municipal property this year. During upcoming council meetings the Borough will decide on how much to sell it for and what stipulations will be put on its sale. But beyond the day to day business the historical aspect of the building and the important role it has played in High Bridge's past transcends.

In 1869, Conrad Alpaugh purchased the lot on which Borough Hall sits from Andrew Cregar, and by 1870 had built a two story dwelling, with a porch, attic, and slate roof in the Italianate style we see today. In 1890, the property was conveyed from Conrad to Dr. William C. Alpaugh and housed a doctor's office. By 1896, a drug store/pharmacy had been added; it is likely the existing stone wall along the back side

of the building was the foundation for that pharmacy.



The Borough purchased the building in June 1929, and the drug store became the home of the Liberty Hose Fire Department, with a bay being added in the front (now the location of

the Library). The Police Department was at the back of the building, over the current garage, and had a separate entrance.

The fire department moved out in 1963 when a new fire department was built. The building was remodeled again and the library was added in 1964. From 1929 onwards the building housed a courtroom, meeting rooms, space for the American Legion Post 188, and the offices of the Borough Clerk, Tax Assessor, Financial Officer, and Administrator. It has hosted its share of meetings and debates, discussions and decisions. So it is with fond memories that the Borough bids goodbye to the building that served it well, and looks forward to a new chapter in its future as it moves both business and services to the newly built Borough Hall now located between the Police station and the Rescue Squad building. Information on when the move will take place will be on the Borough website.

[Resources for this article include: Nancy Hunt - Cultural & Heritage Chair, the Hunterdon County Deed Books, Scarlett & Scarlett and Sanborn Map Co. fire maps online at Princeton University Library. Photos courtesy of the High Bridge Fire Department and Nancy Hunt]

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BOROUGH HALL

71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

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Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

COUNCIL CORNER

MAYOR AND COUNCIL have been busy this season with the following key issues.

Construction of the **NEW BOROUGH HALL** is complete; this was a years long process and 2016 brought us into the home stretch. The new building and offices will be open this fall – Clerk Adam Young and Administrator Michael Pappas have been organizing the move.

In August the borough completed a comparative real estate analysis of the **OLD BOROUGH HALL** on Main Street to assign a value to it prior to putting it up for sale. Council voted to go out to bid at the September meeting and has begun the process of selling the building. If you are interested in further info, please contact our Administrator.

This summer Council did due diligence around **SELLING THE HIGH BRIDGE WATER UTILITY**. 2017 will be the year for additional information and decision-making. The sale of our water system cannot happen without a binding referendum vote, which means it will be up to the residents. There are pros and cons to selling - stay tuned for updates and key meetings where you can voice concerns or support.

The Borough has also taken over the **WATER TOWER IN SOLITUDE VILLAGE**. Another years long project, which involved a grant from FEMA for a generator to run the pump, the tower will now be managed and maintained by the Borough.

This summer DPW has begun to repair and reclaim designated **BOROUGH ROADS** with the money designated by last year's referendum. Cregar Road has also undergone work. Please check the website or contact Councilman Chris Zappa for information on upcoming scheduled repair projects.

In June the Council voted in favor of an ordinance to **RESTRICT VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS** on Main Street; this was designed to control the heavy truck traffic on our roads.

The next phase of **STREETSCAPE** has been delayed – updating of the project specifications will be completed in September and sent on for approval.

This summer the Borough recently designated the property at 100 West Main Street (old Exact Level & Tool facility) as an "area in need of redevelopment." This measure, affirmed by the Dept of Community Affairs, will allow interested parties to propose a new use for the site that would enhance and improve the area overall. This 4-acre property has not been used in over 30 years and is owned by the Estate of Peter P. Vaida, Inc.

Adjacent to the municipal complex is the site of the fire (old Peking Wok location) and is currently vacant. The Borough has initiated efforts to address the dilapidated condition of the building and area, which is owned by N M Holding Phoenix, LLC. During 2016 Borough officials have been discussing concepts to be considered for use on the property.

As a result of continued long term planning and improved financial and budgetary performance, High Bridge's **BOND RATING** was upgraded in September to AA by national Standard & Poors. This resulted in a savings of \$186,000.

Want to get in on the action? Council meetings occur the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with the exception of November, December, July and August. Please go to the Document/Forms - Council Meetings section of the borough website for agendas and supporting documents, which are posted the week of the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fall brush collection

WEEKS OF OCT 24TH* | NOV 14TH*

BRUSH IS NOT TO BE PLACED in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm Water Management Regulations. Brush must be ready for pick-up the Sunday before collection begins. Please have cut ends of the brush facing the street. **DO NOT** place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Once we have passed your residence we will not be back until the next collection date.

Fall leaf collection

WEEKS OF OCT 10TH | DEC 9TH

DO NOT mix garden waste, brush, rocks or other trash with the leaves. **LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY**. Please place leaves at the edge of the lawn as per Storm Water Management Regulations. Residents and/or businesses on the following roads must place all leaves in bags: County Route 513, Cregar Road (from Hilltop Deli to Cregar Road Bridge) Hart Street, Union Ave Central Ave and all of Center Street.

The Borough is also implementing a **LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE**. Department of Public Works will go through the Borough twice on a scheduled pickup. Areas and approximate dates of pickups will be posted on the website and sent out through the public service announcement email. Please sign up at hbpsa@highbridge.org. Once DPW completes its rounds, no additional pickups will be made. It then is your responsibility to dispose of your leaves.

Christmas tree pickup

TREES will be picked up from Dec 28th through Jan 30th. Please have all ornaments, lights and stands removed from the tree.

Thank you to Gary Mills

At the August Council meeting, Coach Gary Mills was honored with the dedication of a new backstop and the renaming of Baseball Field 3 at Union Forge Park as Mills' Field. With this dedication comes recognition of the 15 years of volunteer service Mr. Mills has provided to the Borough sports organizations, including the upkeep of soccer and baseball fields, coaching of soccer, basketball and baseball, scheduling of field use, chairing the Recreation Committee, overseeing the summer program, and especially for teaching a love of sports and instilling sportsmanlike behavior in so many High Bridge youngsters. We sincerely thank Mr. Mills for the time he spent enriching Borough sports in all ways for all ages.

Property Tax Reimbursement Program

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2015 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 application has been extended from June 1 to October 17, 2016.

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 eighteenth 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.

Residents applying for the 2015 reimbursement must have total income that was \$85,553* or less for 2014 and \$87,007* or less for 2015. These limits apply for all applicants, regardless of marital/civil union status. However, applicants who are married or in a civil union and living in the same household must report combined income of both spouses/civil union partners. (*Subject to change by State Budget.)

The Division also will mail applications to certain residents who may qualify to file for the 2015 reimbursement under the modified residency requirements for those who moved to a new home and who applied and were eligible for reimbursements before their change of residence. Eligibility requirements for these applicants are available at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr2year.shtml.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT HOTLINE: 1-800-882-6597 WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/TAXATION/PTR/

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2015
Eligibility Requirements*

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2014, or, if under age 65, you were actually receiving Federal Social Security disability benefit payments on or before December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2015;
and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2004, 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, 2011, or earlier;
and
- You paid the full amount of the 2014 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2015, and paid the 2015 property taxes by June 1, 2016;
and
- Your total annual income for 2014 did not exceed \$85,553* and for 2015 did not exceed \$87,007.* **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 may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2015 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2016.



For Additional Information

Visit our website: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml
Call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

Reminder: High Bridge Tax & Utilities Due

TAXES 4TH QUARTER: Nov 30

UTILITIES 4TH QUARTER: Nov 30

POST DATED CHECKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mon–Fri

Payments are also accepted at:

INVESTORS BANK 55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809

If you are sending your payment without a stub or after the deadline, please mail to:

HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH HALL | 71 Main St, High Bridge NJ 08829

For Credit Card and Electronic Payments visit www.highbridge.org

Homestead Benefit Program

THE DIVISION OF TAXATION will mail applications for the 2014 Homeowner Benefit to Hunterdon County Residents on or about September 24. The deadline for filing these applications is November 30, 2016.

If you do not receive your application by October 1, call the Homestead Benefit Hotline (1-888-238-1233).

2013 Homestead Benefit Credits were reflected on your May Property Tax Bill. You will receive a check (or direct deposit) only if:

- Your home was a unit in a co-op or a continuing care retirement community; or
- You indicated that you no longer owned your home.

If you did not receive a check or an adjusted bill reflecting this credit please call:

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml

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FARMER'S MARKET

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High Bridge Community Calendar

OCTOBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEP 25	26	27	28	29	30	OCT 1
2	3	EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	5	6	CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	HISTORIC MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR 11am
9	10	ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	12	COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm	CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING 9am-1pm
16	PLANNING BOARD MTG. 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	C&H COMMISSION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	22
23	24	25	26	27	COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm	CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST
30	HALLOWEEN					NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING 9am-1pm

High Bridge Community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT 30	31	NOV 1 4TH QUARTER TAXES DUE EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	2	3	4 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	7	8 ELECTION DAY ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	9	10 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm	11 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST VETERANS DAY	12 NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING 9am-1pm VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY 11am - Veteran's Park
13	14 PLANNING BOARD MTG. 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	15 C&H COMMISSION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	16 EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	17 RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	18 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	19
BRUSH COLLECTION						
20	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING	25 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	26 NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING 9am-1pm
27	28	29	30 4TH QUARTER UTILITIES DUE	DEC 1	2 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	3

High Bridge Community Calendar

DECEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV 27	28	29	30	DEC 1	2 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	3
4	5	6 EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	7	8 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm	9 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	10 RABIES CLINIC 9am-11am
11	12	13 ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	14	15 RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	16 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	17
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE	27	28	29	30 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

High Bridge Community Calendar

JANUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVANCE	3 EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	4	5	6 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	7
8	9	10 ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	11	12	13 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17 C&H COMMISSION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	18 EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	19 RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	20 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 CURBSIDE RECYCLING NORTHWEST	28
29	30	31	FEB 1	2	3 CURBSIDE RECYCLING SOUTHEAST	4

High Bridge Events

HIGH BRIDGE EVENTS wishes to thank all the sponsors who made the September 17th Community Day a success through donations of money, food, and time! These are the businesses and services “in your neighborhood” who make it possible to provide fun events at no cost – please remember to thank them through your patronage.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF COMMUNITY DAY'S 1ST BARBECUE COOK-OFF!

1ST PLACE

Up in Smoke - Rick Roll

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Cuban Smokers - Chris Zappa

3RD PLACE

Fire by Desire - Mark Desire

4TH PLACE

Holy Smokes - Denise Grimes

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PERFORMERS

C&K Face Paint - Kristine Smith
Wushu Taekwon-Do
Dave Gove & Frank Mrozek
John Gaddy's Karate Studio
Mother Natures Child
Juggler - Bill Ceddia
Cooking by Q Crew

HIGH BRIDGE presents

Call for Events Committee Volunteers!

If you recently attended the High Bridge Community Day, then you already know half the fun that High Bridge Events Committee members have. Get involved and become a part of favorite annual events such as the *Soap Box Derby*, *Pooch Parade*, and *Halloween festivities*.

Our Community needs YOU!

Without volunteers these events will not continue. Whether you can help with one event or want to start a new one, the High Bridge Events Committee is waiting for you. Find out why we call ourselves the “Fun Committee”!

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HIGH BRIDGE presents

CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST & HALLOWEEN PARADE

Display your creative skills by bringing a carved pumpkin to the steps of Borough Hall located at 71 Main Street on **Friday, October 28 between 7-8pm.**

Please illuminate your creations with a battery operated light source or glow stick only.

Pumpkins will be on display through the 29th and can be picked up after the parade.

A prize will be awarded after the Halloween Parade on Saturday.



Parade starts at 3pm;
Saturday, October 29th
Line up at The Commons park at
2:45pm sharp.

Show off your costume in a parade down Main Street (via the sidewalk) and then returning back to The Commons for judging of costumes.

Light refreshments will be served.

Prizes will be awarded for different categories such as scariest, funniest, and even oldest and youngest in costume!

If raining, the parade will take place inside the Middle School Gymnasium. Check highbridge.org for more information.

Trick or Treating will be on the 31st from 5-8pm.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 12, 2016 | 11:00 AM
Veterans Memorial Park

WORLD WAR I OFFICIALLY ENDED on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

Please bring a chair and join us as we honor our veterans.

Memorial Park is located at the intersection of West Main St. and County 513. Next to the NJ Transit commuter parking lot.

Information about Veterans Memorial Park

THIS PARK WAS MADE possible by a generous donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. Chat Hoffman. (Chat's dad was a charter member of Post 188 and an army veteran of WWI) The park was created through the efforts of American Legion Post 188 and Eagle Scout Robert Batch. Engraved bricks that are placed at Veterans Memorial Park are still being sold. Contact Borough Hall for brick purchasing information.

Post 188 also accepts monetary donations to help with the upkeep of this special area. Donations may be made to American Legion Post 188 and mailed to Borough Hall at 71 Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829.

We are always looking for new members. If interested, please contact Bill Gooley at 908-399-3658.

Veterans Park Signage Visibility

IF YOUR BOROUGH ORGANIZATION has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of Veterans Park rather than directly in front. Signs should not be up longer than a week before the event and should be taken down right

after the event. This area is for nonprofit organization signs only. Private business signs will be taken down.

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The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills

Wednesday, October 26 - 9:30 AM
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95 West Main Street High Bridge, NJ 08829

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills invites anyone in the northern Hunterdon County area who shares an interest in gardening, horticulture, agriculture and conservation to join us on Wednesday, October 26th at 9:30 AM at the High Bridge Emergency Squad Building, 95 West Main St., High Bridge NJ 08829.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9:30 AM Coffee

10:00 AM Business Meeting

11:00 AM PROGRAM: OWLS OF HUNTERDON

Guest Speaker: Tom Sheppard,
Hunterdon County Chief Naturalist

Topic includes the discussion of the eight species of owls that live in or visit Hunterdon County and New Jersey itself.

Floral Design: A creativity setting with the end of summer vs. Fall Bounty in a Duo Design event. Each side will be judged separately. Designers are current members. All are welcome to view!

NOVEMBER 16 MEETING: The Gilded Lily's Holiday Program

JANUARY 25 MEETING: Making Herbal Salves

Please come, meet our members and learn about our exciting outings, programs and commitments.

Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month through June with the exception of November and December. Notable community services include; yearly scholarships, Arbor Day tree planting and member made fresh flower arrangements that accompany food trays distributed by Meals on Wheels.

For specific information about our club, visit www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com

Call President Pat Tillisch [908-236-6666] or email us at info@gardenclubhunterdonhills.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Nirchio

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Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon

SENIOR PROGRAMS

HOME DELIVERED - A program designed to deliver a hot meal and assurance check each weekday between the hours of 11 am to 1 pm to the homebound. Our Weekend Home Delivered Program offers cold bag lunches which are delivered on Friday for the weekend consumption.

CONGREGATE - A program designed to meet the social needs of the independent senior. A nutritious meal is served Monday through Friday between 11:45 am and 1 pm at the Lambertville site and with educational recreational programming at the Flemington Site.

LUNCH N LEARN - A nutritional education program designed to discuss healthier eating while enjoying a meal at the Flemington Café.

COUNSELING - A program for specific diet or healthy eating plans designed by Karen Fivek, Registered Dietician.

TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS - Call 908-284-0735 or visit our website: www.mowih.org or visit us on facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is always in need of volunteer drivers. Please contact us if you are interested in delivering meals to homebound seniors. We request a once a month commitment to drive, with the delivery route taking approximately one to one and a half hours. Please call or visit our website for more information.

High Bridge Women's Group

COOKIES WITH SANTA - DECEMBER 3, 2016

We have arranged for a visit from Santa once again this year at a NEW location! Please join us at the Rescue Squad Building on Saturday 12/3 from 1-3 pm. This is a special time to come and visit with Santa in person! Cookies and punch will be served. Bring your own camera for a great photo opportunity.

SANTA'S MAILBOX

The Women's Group will also be helping Santa with some of his holiday chores. Santa's mailbox will be in front of the High Bridge Library from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until December 17th. Any letter received that has a return address, will receive a hand-written response from Santa before Christmas.

GENERAL NEWS

One of our newest activities takes place at our November meeting when we write Holiday Cards to the residents of Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner. We began this activity two years ago and sent about 25 cards. Last year we sent almost 100! Our effort is greatly appreciated by the residents. It's always nice to have some extra help with these fulfilling activities

The Women's Group was incorporated in 1980 and continues to be a supportive link in the High Bridge community. You'll always see our members at Community day, the Halloween Parade, and the Easter Egg hunt; we're there to assist. We also provide assorted holiday baskets and Christmas gifts to the residents at the Group Home in High Bridge. In addition to these events we serve the community by making donations to our service organizations and students at the high school and middle school through the donations we receive from the garage sale.

For more information, please contact Chris Marx at 638-4146 or csmarx@comcast.net



2016/2017 Registration

www.hbyouthbasketball.com

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: BY OCTOBER 22, 2016
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5, 2016

HBYB is an independent, non-profit, coed recreational league for boys and girls in High Bridge and the surrounding areas. All practices and games take place at the High Bridge Elementary or Middle Schools. The 2016-2017 season begins in early December 2016 and concludes in early March 2017.

League divisions are as follows:

- **Peewee** - Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- **Junior** - Grades 2 & 3
- **Intermediate** - Grades 4 & 5
- **Senior** - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Registration:

Online registration is available at www.hbyouthbasketball.com and should be completed by the registration deadline **November 5, 2016**. Registrations received after this date will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement.

Registration Fee: \$100 Early Bird Registration by October 22, 2016
\$110 Normal Registration after October 22, 2016

Note: If registering three or more children, the cost is the full fee for each of the first two registrants, plus \$10 for each additional child.

Skill Assessments:

All players in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions are required to attend skill assessments in early November to promote balanced competition. Dates will be communicated after registration.

Volunteers:

Our league is run 100% by volunteers and we need your help! If you are interested in serving as a head / assistant coach, refereeing our younger divisions, or assisting with our snack table please indicate this on your registration. All coaches are required to complete background checks.

Sponsors:

We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization run by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2016-2017 season and gaining additional exposure within High Bridge and the surrounding communities, please visit the "handouts" area of our website or contact HBYB.

Questions:

Contact Jeremy Groover, President, at 908-752-0655 or via email Jeremy.Groover@gmail.com.

Our Committees Need YOU!

DO YOU WANT to do something that is satisfying and of great service to our community? Become a volunteer on a town committee!

There are many benefits to volunteering for a town committee – networking with fellow members, meeting new HB neighbors and new friends, developing leadership skills, and the ability to create additional opportunities for you, your family, and for the town. We encourage you to get involved in a town committee to start making an impact on our community through volunteerism! There are many opportunities to suit your interests, level of effort, and available time commitment!

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The C & H committee is established to advise the Borough Council on the cultural and historical needs of the town. It focuses on the development of programs to promote interest in local history, arts, and community culture and heritage. Programs include establishing museum(s), fine arts and performing programs, historical research, historical preservation, and architectural and genealogical research. There are many ways your skills can be applied to the committee! Some supportive roles include: Committee Secretary, Solitude House Museum Volunteers, Lecture Series and Event Coordinator(s), Grant Writer(s), Construction/Contractors, Architects, Historic Researcher(s).

If you would like to offer your assistance, contact Nancy Hunt at nhunt@ptd.net or Lynn Hughes at lhughes@highbridge.org. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

You have what it takes! If you are interested in economic development, supporting local businesses, grant seeking and writing, bringing new ideas and events to develop or improve the local economy, dissemination of borough information including press releases, newsletters, and internet communications, and more, email Joe Ahern judoja@aol.com. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Do you have a passion for the environment? Do you enjoy “hands on” activities like walking our “open spaces”, weeding gardens, and assisting at community recycling events? There are opportunities to become a regular member as well as to be a “friend” of the committee. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Borough Hall from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

GREEN TEAM

This is a sub committee of the Environmental Committee. You do not have to be on the Environmental Committee to be on the Green Team. We research and work on actions to meet goal requirements for different levels of a state program called Sustainable Jersey. Most of the work is completed at home and shared at the meetings. We meet the last Monday of each month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Borough Hall.

For information about the Environmental Committee and/ or the Green Team contact Lynn Hughes at lhughes@highbridge.org

High Bridge Junior Historians

The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission holds an annual historic research contest for all fourth graders. Students are asked to research one historic place in their town and write a report. These reports are submitted to the county and judged by retired teachers. The winners are announced at the May Freeholders meeting which is held in the Historic County Courthouse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 HIGH BRIDGE JUNIOR HISTORIANS.

Hunterdon County 1st Place Winner:

Liam Bolger

School District 2nd Place:

Nate Schwartz

These young historians take part in our town's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

“Historic Main Street” Walking Tour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 AM

45 MINUTE TOUR BEGINS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY.

CANCELLED IF RAINING.

Join members of the Cultural & Heritage Committee for a tour of the historic sites located along our very own Main Street.

Learn the history of the many places you pass by daily.

High Bridge

welcomes

Two new businesses

Scout's Coffee Bar & Merchantile

&

High Bridge Dental!

*Please add them to your list of
“preferred providers.”*

From the Environmental Committee

Recycling

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION requires us to reach a 50% recycling rate. High Bridge's 2015 residential recycling percentage was 20 % for curbside recycling and 30 % brush collection. When you add in other vendors who collected from recycling events and road projects the rate increases to a 75 % recycling rate.

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

Did you know that we are eligible for state recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports? The DEP's recycling tonnage grant program is intended to provide municipalities with incentives to reduce trash disposal and increase recycling. It is funded through a state-imposed fee added to waste transfer station tipping fees.

The grants are based on annual recycling tonnage reports submitted by municipalities and determined by the fees collected statewide. This revenue is used to off set borough recycling expenses. It is utilized in the annual budget to cover the cost of cleaning up the commons natural recycling area, i.e. tub grinding and the labor costs associated with this project. Your local government uses this grant money to continue to build even stronger recycling programs as we all work to improve our recycling efforts. High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place. Check them out on our town web site.

REMINDER: curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service to boost our recycling percentage and to cut the amount of solid waste we generate.

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. **See the new schedule below.**

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including unbroken glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #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 and bottle caps. Labels can remain.

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Aluminum pie plates, ceramic cups, mirror & window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, plastic flower pots, styrofoam, plastic bags, oil jugs, scrap metal.
NO PIZZA BOXES.

THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS TO PREPARE COMMINGLED AND COMBINED RECYCLABLES FOR COLLECTION:

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

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

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 it at the curb, please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled pick-up collection day.

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

Please call Borough Hall 638-6455 to report any recycling problems.

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the town web site: highbridge.org

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

Environmentally,
Lynn Hughes, Council Liaison
The High Bridge Environmental Committee

The Borough has a **NEW RECYCLING SCHEDULE**– pickup of recyclables will still be every other Friday but now it depends on where you are located. Our recycling provider (Premier) can no longer do the entire borough in one day, so they will split the Borough in half – Northwest and Southeast of the river. Pickup dates for the northwest will be 10/4, 10/21, 11/4, etc. Pickup dates for the southeast will be 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, etc. Please check the online map for locations and the calendar for continued schedule. We appreciate your patience as we implement this change.

From the Environmental Committee

Commons Mulch Area

BEING ABLE TO BRING your yard brush to the commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only brush and tree branches (3 in or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the fence at Commons Park on designated Saturday mornings from 9AM to 1PM. Check the calendar on our web site for dates. Nov. 26, 2016 is the last open date for this year. The area will be closed from November 27, 2016 through March 10, 2017. The new schedule will be posted on the town web site and published in the Spring Borough Newsletter.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. No pieces of lumber/wood. No grass clippings or leaves.

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. 2006-3; 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

BY: COUNCILWOMAN LYNN HUGHES

Hunting Awareness

Hunting Season

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION would like to remind everyone that hunting season begins in September. While New Jersey has an extremely low incidence of hunting-related accidents, please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. The following properties have been designated Borough Wildlife Management Areas with hunting by permit only: only bow hunting is allowed.

- The Dewey Avenue Property; Block 31 Lot 14.02; Acres 44.3;
- The Pfauth Property; Block 19 Lots 68 & 32; Acres 46.11;
- The Springside Farm Property; Block 40 Lot 4; Acres 36.54;
- The Nassau Property; Block 37 & 40 Lots 1 & 2; Acres 82.66;

To check on the exact locations, please phone Borough Hall (908/638-6455).

Deer hunting season runs from September through February. Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on wildlife management areas and on private property ONLY. The legislative change does NOT include any firearm hunting on Sundays.

Permits may be picked up at the Clerks office during regular office hours.

Deer Management Hunting Application is available online at highbridge.org

BY: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

“Caught Being Green”

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE is looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any HB resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible. The environmental committee votes on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org by Dec. 1st. Check out past Green Award recipients on the environmental committee page of our town web site at highbridge.org

Environmentally,

Lynn Hughes Council Liaison

High Bridge Environmental Committee

Free Annual Rabies Clinic

FOR DOGS AND CATS

Sat., December 10, 2016 - 9am -11am

High Bridge Fire House

7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ

Any questions: call 638-6455

Hawk Rock Yard Works

(908) 391-3608 High Bridge, NJ



- <> Planting <> Trimming <> Edging <> Mulching
- <> Removals <> Minor Grading / Surface Drainage
- <> Lawn Repair <> Storm / Seasonal Cleanup <>

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HART Environmental Awards Announced

HIGH BRIDGE received several Sustainable Jersey community awards at the annual HART Awards meeting on August 4, 2016.

NJ Safe Routes to School Silver Level Statewide Recognition Award went to High Bridge Elementary School.

Hunterdon County Safe Routes to School Champion Award went to High Bridge Elementary School.

Sustainable Hunterdon Bronze Level Award went to High Bridge Borough.

TWO OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVED AWARDS:

NJ Smart Workplaces Silver Award: Glassman High Voltage Incorporated

NJ Smart Workplace Gold Award: Custom Alloy Corporation

Congratulations to all for helping to make our town an environmentally friendly sustainable place to live!

Storm Water Management

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE MAJORITY OF WATER POLLUTION COMES FROM?

You may think it comes from factories or large tankers, but you are wrong. It comes from you and me. In fact, over 60% of New Jersey's water pollution comes from "people pollution"! This type of pollution is called non-point source pollution.

Think of a rainstorm and your street like waterfront property. As the water hits your house, lawn, driveway, and street, it can pick up dirt, oil, pesticides, fertilizers, and litter. The water and its "luggage" (these potential pollutants) then goes to the closest storm drain and into a series of pipes that lead directly to the river.

Many people believe that the water is treated before emptying into the river. This is not true! That means all the water that runs into the storm drains in High Bridge goes directly into the South Branch of the Raritan River!

The High Bridge Environmental Commission is working to increase community awareness of storm drain pollution. 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! 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.
- Pick up litter in the street.
- Do not put grass clippings in the street (*compost them instead*)
- Do not let motor oil drain on the street.
(*take motor oil to a recycling center*)

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

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

High Bridge has ordinances in place for Stormwater Pollution, Chapter 338-2

DID YOU KNOW?

High Bridge has a program aimed at encouraging property owners to improve their homes and businesses in town.

SINCE 2006, High Bridge has had a 5-year tax exemption and abatement program that incentivizes home owners, businesses and investors to rehabilitate and improve their properties. While the program does not fully exempt owners from paying all property taxes, it does offer a safe-harbor for taxes due on improvements for a period of 5 years.

WHO QUALIFIES?

- Residential dwellings, more than 20-years old, 4 units or less.
- Multi-dwellings properties, greater than 4 units.
- Existing Commercial and Industrial structures.
- New Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Dwellings structures - built on vacant land.

WHAT ARE THE TAX EXEMPTION/ABATEMENT AVAILABLE?

- Residential Dwellings – cumulative improvements up to a \$25,000 in assessed value are exempted for 5 years.
- Multi-Dwellings (>4 units) – assessed value from improvements to common areas that do not change current use of the property are exempted for 5 years.
- Existing Commercial/Industrial – 50% of assessed value from new improvements are exempted for 5 years.
- New Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Dwellings - built on vacant land - Subject to Tax Agreement with the Borough. Tax exemption/payment in lieu of taxes applies only to the assessed value of the improvements, vacant land assessment remains. Exemption expires on a tax-phase-in basis as follows: Yr-1 0%, Yr-2 20%, Yr-3 40%, Yr-4 60%, Yr-5 80%. Taxes on Full assessed value of improvements paid starting Yr-6.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Stop at Borough Hall to pick-up Form E/A-1.
- Speak with Tax Assessor on how the program may apply to your situation.
- Submit completed Form E/A-1 to Tax Assessor within thirty days of receipt of Certificate of Occupancy.
- Other documents may be required based on the property type.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- Contact the High Bridge Tax Assessor - assessor@highbridge.org - (908) 638-6455 – Ext 25
- Review Town Ordinance – link (<http://ecode360.com/14104408>)

HIGH BRIDGE REFORMED CHURCH IS CELEBRATING ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2016!

1866 -2016

From the very origins of the High Bridge Reformed Church in 1866, its leaders saw fit to record most of the momentous occasions and anniversaries that occurred over the years. Thus, the Church retains in its Archives a written record of OUR HERITAGE.

In October 1980, the High Bridge Dutch Reformed Church at 23 Church St. was included in the National Register of Historic Places by the Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Service of the Department of Interior. It is also in the New Jersey State Register of Historical Places. This was achieved through the hard work of the Historical Committee at that time. Built in 1870 at its current location on property donated by Taylor Iron and Steel Company, the High Bridge Dutch Reformed Church was built in Gothic Revival style and designed by noted New York architect George B. Post, who was inspired by a Catholic church he saw in France. The parsonage is also designed in Victorian Gothic Revival style.

To celebrate this 150th anniversary, the church is planning a special "free spaghetti dinner" for our community on October 15, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm or until food runs out. The church will be open with historical information available.

The church will also be having a Special Service on October 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Refreshments will be served following the service.

On December 3, 2016 from 9 am to 2 pm the church will continue celebrating with the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

Please call Susan Jacqmein #908-638-6301 or email seajacqmein@embarqmail.com for further information regarding the above. Check us out at www.hbreformedchurch.org

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE HOOK IN THE CEILING OF THE SANCTUARY THAT WAS USED TO RAISE THE TWO SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY ROOF WITH MULES AND ROPES!



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Annandale, NJ 08801
(908) 238-1915

HIGH BRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

§ 343-35. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.

The owner or tenant of land abutting upon the sidewalk of any street or avenue shall remove all snow and ice from such sidewalk within 12 daylight hours after same shall have formed or fallen thereon. If the sidewalk is covered with snow after it has been cleared, by forces other than nature, it is the responsibility of the owner or tenant to ensure that snow is removed.

§ 343-36. TREATMENT OF ICE.

The owner or tenant of land abutting or bounding upon the sidewalks of any street or avenue shall, when such sidewalks may become icy or otherwise slippery, place thereon calcium chloride, sodium chloride, ashes, sand, cinders, sawdust or other material designed to prevent pedestrians from slipping and falling, and shall at all times keep such sidewalks in a safe and passable condition.

Ordinance 184-19 and Ordinance 184-36 subsection 1. d & e are hereby vacated and Ordinance 184-36 subsections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are amended to read:

184-36. Snow Emergency Routes (SER) Subsections 1.b., 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

- 1.b. Snow Covered shall mean snow accumulation >2 inches as measured at the High Bridge Police Department
2. All roads in the Borough of High Bridge are hereby designated as SER
4. Vehicles parked on SER shall remove their vehicles from the designated route within 2 hours of the start of a snow event.
5. Vehicle owners are hereby put on notice they are responsible for their vehicle and to be aware of any potential snow events.
6. Vehicles may park in the Commons Parking lot, if parking spaces are available, for the duration of the snow event and shall be removed within 36hrs from the end of the event.,.
7. Failure to remove vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20

Failure to remove permitted vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20

Violations and Penalties:

- a. **First Offence** - \$25.00 fine and Cost of Tow
- b. **Second Offence** - \$100.00 fine and Cost of Tow
- c. **Third and subsequent offenses** - \$500.00 fine, Cost of Tow,

Brett J. Bartman
Chief of Police

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This article is a continuation of the National Preparedness Goal Awareness Initiative.

WHOLE COMMUNITY

The purpose of this page is to describe the concept of whole community. NIMS the National Incident Management System is intended to be used by the whole community. The intended audience for this page is individuals, families, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and Federal governments.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Recognizing that preparedness is a shared responsibility, it calls for the involvement of everyone—not just the government—in preparedness efforts. By working together, everyone can keep the nation safe from harm and resilient when struck by hazards, such as natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and pandemics.

WHOLE COMMUNITY INCLUDES:

- Individuals and families, including those with access and functional needs
- Businesses • Faith-based and community organizations
- Nonprofit groups • Schools and academia
- Media outlets

All levels of government, including state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal partners

The phrase “whole community” appears a lot in preparedness materials, as it is one of the guiding principles. It means two things:

Involving people in the development of the local and national preparedness documents.

Ensuring their roles and responsibilities are reflected in the content of the materials.

Residents that get involved in our local emergency planning committee activities will better understand the response processes for each of our emergency responders. As you already know High Bridge Police, Fire and Rescue departments provide specialized services 24 hours a day. The High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team members voluntarily assist these agencies in times of crises or as requested. Our local shelter (cooling & warming center} implementation and operation process is also managed by our CERT. You may have met or know a CERT member, these are the people that greet you at the cooling or warming center during extended power outages. They could use all the help they can get so feel free to offer your assistance during these times of need. Our high risk and high hazard situations are considered to be an extended loss of power in excessive heat or extreme cold conditions. If you are interested in learning more regarding our emergency planning process and would like to know where you could fit into the process to make a difference, contact Borough Hall.

We will continue to pass this information along in future newsletters until the series has been communicated.

*The information was copied directly from the FEMA website. <https://www.ready.gov/get-involved>

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year's National Fire Prevention Week is being held on October 9th-15th and the campaign will be "Don't Wait-Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." The campaign's main focus this year is to raise public awareness regarding the replacement of smoke alarms in households once every 10 years. Do you know when your smoke alarms were last replaced? To find out, look at the back of the alarm for the date the device was manufactured.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week please visit:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS

With the fall and winter months approaching we will soon be turning on the furnaces and using the fireplaces again. Below are some safety tips on Carbon Monoxide that will help keep you and your family safe:

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for and call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.
- When warming up your vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or engine indoors, even if the garage doors are open. Also, make sure the vehicle's exhaust pipe is not covered with snow.
- Make sure all vents for the dryer, stove, furnace and fireplace are clear of snow build-up during and after a snow-storm.
- Be sure to use a generator in a well-ventilated area away from windows, doors and vent openings.

Please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/> for more fire safety tips.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND DURING THE COLDER MONTHS

Fireplaces produce creosote which can ignite. If you light fires frequently, you need a chimney sweep service once a year. When you burn wood, make sure it's dry and seasoned so that it produces more flame and less smoke.

Light candles only when you're around to watch them and blow them out when you're ready to leave the room.

Space heaters need space. Like fireplaces, people and pets should not be allowed to sit any closer than three feet. Don't put space heaters near curtains, tablecloths or other fluttering fabrics. Make sure the space heaters you buy have automatic shut-offs before reaching dangerous temperatures.

Please ensure that fire hydrants are clear of snow and ice. This will help us as well as you and your neighbors in the event of a fire.

Please remember to keep driveways easily accessible for emergency vehicles and keep them clear of any snow and ice.

ANNUAL PICNIC

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out this past July to support our Annual Picnic

Fundraiser. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and will come again next year! As always, please remember to purchase your tickets in advance as they will go fast!

USED CLOTHING SHED

There is a used clothing shed located in the rear of the parking lot. Acceptable items include clothing, sneakers, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes and stuffed toys. Donations go a long way helping those in need. All donations are tax deductible.

Article Submitted by: Andrew Finer

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HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL SANTA VISIT

PLEASE DROP OFF GIFTS FOR SANTA TO DELIVER TO CHILDREN AT THEIR HOMES AT THE HIGH BRIDGE FIREHOUSE, 7 MARYLAND AVENUE ON DECEMBER 16TH BETWEEN 6:00-8:00PM

THE CHILD'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED ON EACH GIFT
ALL GIFTS MUST BE PRE-WRAPPED
(LIMIT 1 GIFT PER CHILD)

DELIVERY DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 17TH STARTING AT 4PM
(ADDITIONAL DATES MAY BE REQUIRED)
WE WILL CALL AHEAD OF TIME WITH YOUR DELIVERY DATE & TIME

\$25.00 DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD

PLEASE CALL 908-638-6383 TO SEE IF DELIVERY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL US AT SANTARUN@HIGHBRIDGEFIRE.ORG

PARENT'S NAME: _____ CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____

HIGH BRIDGE BOY SCOUTS

WE'RE HIGH BRIDGE'S LOCAL BOY SCOUTS, and we consist of boys from the High Bridge area. Does your son like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with his peers? If so the pack and troop are open for boys, ages 6 - 18, to join us as a scout. Simply come to a meeting and sign up.

THINGS THAT THE SCOUTS WILL BE DOING ARE:

- Scoutcraft (Knots, Fire Making, Navigation)
- Camping, Hiking, Backpacking
- Leadership
- Community Service Projects
- US Flag Retirement (If you have a flag that needs retirement, please contact us)

Our Fall food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry will be on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Bags will be dropped off a few weeks prior to pick-up so please look for them. Please consider placing a bag of food out for collection.

The pack and the troop will both be participating in the 2016 ScoutFest held at Hunterdon Fairgrounds on October 7-9, which will host about 4,000 scouts from NJ & PA.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

Additional activities include:

- Battleship New Jersey Overnight
- Laser Light Show
- Yukon Trail
- Pinewood Derby

To fund our activities for the year Pack 149 raises money with our Annual Popcorn Fundraiser (September 1st – October 31st). We're a self-supporting, volunteer led, community youth organization.

Without the money raised by popcorn sales we wouldn't be able to do all the fun things that help the scouts grow and learn each year. The scouts will be coming around town in the fall selling popcorn. Please help the pack out by placing an order.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 149

- Additional activities include:
- Wreaths Across America
- First Aid Training
- Backpacking at High Point
- Klondike Derby

This fall the troop will be preparing to compete against other troops from the NJ/PA area during ScoutFest, which has activity stations such as tomahawk throwing, ziplines, etc. ScoutFest is held at the Hunterdon Fairgrounds. We'll also be preparing for a lengthy backpacking High Adventure trip next summer by going on a backpacking campout around High Point, NJ.

For more information, including meeting times, how to join as a scout, our activities calendars, etc. please visit our websites.

Thank You,

JON VALENTA

Pack 149 Cubmaster

highbridge.pack149@gmail.com

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