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Borough of High Bridge 2012 Budget

The Borough of High Bridge has been fortunate to have had a flat tax rate for 2009 and 2010 and only a half cent increase for 2011. Below is a summary of some of the key points of the 2012 High Bridge Borough Budget.

The budget for the Borough of High Bridge for 2012 is within the mandated 2% tax levy cap. The amount of surplus used to offset taxes (\$582,000) did not increase from 2011. In fact the surplus used in the budget has been the same for the past several years, representing a 46% reduction from the amount of surplus used in the budget in 2006 to offset taxes.

The assessed value of the property in the Borough decreased over \$4 million dollars from 2011 and \$11.7 million since 2008. The property valuation decrease in 2011 added approximately \$0.01 to the tax rate for 2012.

The 2012 Budget reflects a tax rate increase of 2.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value or a \$6.28 per month increase based on the Borough's average assessment of \$259,771.

This budget reflects the following:

- 1) Continual pay down of debt.
- 2) Zero increase in water and sewer utility rates (last increase was in 2005).
- 3) Annual decrease of \$20 per household in the solid waste/trash rate.
- 4) Remediation of the Lake Solitude Dam.
- 5) Phase I and II of the Cregar Road Repair Project.
- 6) Scheduled replacement of one police vehicle.

The table to the right projects a four-year trend of five key points of this budget and shows the following:

2012 Municipal Budget

Tax Year	2009	2010	2011	2012
Current Fund Budget	\$6,396,473	\$6,239,529	\$6,376,396	\$6,151,938
Surplus Utilized	\$582,000	\$582,000	\$582,000	\$582,000
State Aid	\$398,124	\$311,305	\$304,840	\$304,840
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$2,971,884	\$2,963,696	\$2,975,990	\$3,048,735
Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.784	\$0.784	\$0.789	\$0.818

- 1) The Current Fund has decreased \$224K versus 2011.
- 2) No additional Surplus has been used to offset taxes.
- 3) State Aid is the same as 2011 but down \$94K since 2009.
- 4) The amount to be raised by taxes is up \$73K versus 2011.
- 5) The Municipal Tax rate for 2012 is \$0.818, an increase of \$0.029.

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Commons Drop-Off Dates

May 12 and 26
June 9 and 23
July 7 and 21

The Commons will be open on the Saturdays listed above from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Only brush and tree branches (3 inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on specified Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons.

Spring Brush Collection

May 21 - 25; June 18 - 22

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 the collection begins. DO NOT place leaves or other yard debris on the brush; it will not be taken. Please have the cut ends of the brush facing the street. Once we have passed your residence, we will not pickup anything until the next collection date.

Michael Hann, Director of Public Works

Recycling Schedule & Info

May 11 and 25; June 8 and 22; July 6 and 20

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, 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.**

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 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 curb side; they should be by the next day. Check the Borough website for updates.

High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place. Check them out on our Borough website.

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the Borough website: www.highbridge.org. Refer to pages 7 and 31 of this newsletter for more information as well.

Thank you for making an effort to recycle! You do make a difference! Please call Borough Hall (638.6455) to report any recycling problems.

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), televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the "2012 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2012" information sheet. If you do not have a "2012 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2012" information sheet, contact the Borough Hall.

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

Borough Hall
71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829
 Telephone: 908-638-6455; Fax: 908-638-9374
www.highbridge.org
High Bridge Emergency Squad
PO Box 14, High Bridge, NJ 08829
High Bridge Fire Department
PO Box 232, High Bridge, NJ 08829

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
May 2012			1 Property Taxes Due	2	3	4	5 Garage Sale Forms Due to be Included in the List
	6	7	8	9	10 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	11 Recycling	12 Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town-Wide Garage Sale
	20	21	22	23	24 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	25 Recycling	26 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony (Hoffman Park) Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	27	28 Memorial Day Observed Borough Hall Closed	29 Utility Payments Due	30	31		

Calendar: June and July 2012

June 2012	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat *	
							1	2 9:00 a.m. - HBBA Soap Box Derby
	3	4	5	6	7	8 Recycling	9 Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Concert in the Commons 7 to 9 p.m.	
	10	11	12	13	14 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	15 -8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	16 Pooch Parade 9 a.m. Registration; 10 a.m. Parade Movie Rain Date →	
	17 Pooch Parade Rain Date 1 p.m. Registration; 2 p.m. Parade	18 Annual Fire Department Golf Outing	19	20	21	22 Recycling -8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	23 Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Movie Rain Date →	
	24	25	26	27	28 NL Ads Due 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse; Summer Rec Registration Due	29 -8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	30 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Historic Main Street Walking Tour Movie Rain Date →	

← Spring Brush Collection (last brush pickup till Fall) →

July 2012	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat *
	1	2	3	4 July 4 th Borough Hall Closed	5 NL Articles Due (for August Mailing of NL)	6 Recycling	7 Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	20 Recycling	21 Commons 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Concert in the Commons 7 to 9 p.m.
	22	23 Last Day - Soccer Reg. w/o Late Fee	24	25	26	27	28 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. HBFD Annual Picnic Union Forge Park
	29	31					

← Summer Recreation →

* Farmers' Market: Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Commons; contacts: John Farrell (908-638-3544) or Lisa Zambito (908-268-5340).

Borough of High Bridge 2012 Budget

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The chart below is a Projected budget for High Bridge Hills Golf Course out to 2017. This shows that it is possible that in year 2014 the Golf Course could, after paying the debt, start generating a small surplus. Since 2012 is the last year of full payments on the clubhouse, there is a projected reduction in expenses for 2013.

High Bridge Hills 2012-2017						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenue	\$1,382,671	\$1,385,436	\$1,388,900	\$1,392,372	\$1,395,853	\$1,399,343
Expense	\$1,021,000	\$880,000	\$873,104	\$892,547	\$912,488	\$932,550
Profit	\$361,671	\$505,436	\$515,796	\$499,825	\$483,365	\$466,793
Capital Expense	\$179,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Debt	\$450,133	\$466,448	\$443,651	\$423,976	\$404,276	\$382,480
Net	\$ (267,462)	\$ (61,012)	\$22,145	\$25,849	\$29,089	\$34,313

Michael Stemple
Chairman Finance & Golf Committee
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High Bridge Soap Box Derby

Saturday, June 2, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Fire Department

Golf Outing: The High Bridge Fire Department will hold its annual golf outing on June 18. Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring a hole is encouraged to e-mail our golf committee at highbridgefire@embarqmail.com.

Annual Picnic: The High Bridge Fire Department will hold its annual picnic on July 28. This event will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. For tickets contact any member or e-mail us at annualpicnic@highbridgefire.org. Tickets will not be sold at the door and are limited so do not wait. No guests under 21 are allowed.

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

Spring Cleanup: Keep all leaves and debris away from your home. Make sure your house is accessible to large fire apparatus in case of a fire emergency. Do not use a chimney on a deck or near a structure. Make sure your address is visible from the street.

New Members Needed: Anyone interested in joining the High Bridge Fire Department is welcome to stop by any Monday night to talk about how you can help High Bridge and our surrounding communities.

Jim Dietz, High Bridge Fire Department

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

2011 Property tax Reimbursement Program

Deadline for Eligible Seniors
and Disabled Residents is
June 1, 2012. For questions,
call 1-800-882-6597.

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Go to www.highbridge.org to print the application.

Mail completed application
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BOROUGH HALL
71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

SIGN UP TODAY!

REMINDER: Taxes & Utilities Due

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
SECOND QUARTER TAXES
DUE MAY 1, 2012

SECOND QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE MAY 29, 2012

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

POST-DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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HIGH BRIDGE, NJ 08829
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

Economic Development

The High Bridge Economic Development Committee (HB EDC) released a final draft of a business solicitation brochure to Mayor and Council at the March 22, 2012 Council Meeting for approval. This brochure is the culmination of joint efforts between the HB EDC, High Bridge Business Association, and the Cultural & Heritage (C&H) Committee and relied additionally on input from other Borough groups and workshops. Focusing mainly on the positive economic demographics of Hunterdon County, as presented in a recent Sustainable Economic Development Plan by Maser LLC, it will be used to market to new and established out-of-area businesses when they are considering investing in High Bridge.

Designed to be the introduction to a comprehensive informational folder, it will also direct potential investors to a newly-created HB EDC website the HB EDC hopes will showcase the opportunity in realizing the positive investment potential in relocating to High Bridge, one of Hunterdon County's remaining affordable areas.

Future efforts of the HB EDC, in conjunction with the Borough's Cultural & Heritage and Environmental Committees, will focus on presenting the area's trails and open space appeal to visitors through a comprehensive "Four Seasons of High Bridge" pictorial web display from photographs captured throughout the year by Phillipsburg, NJ photographer D.V. Dugan.

The HB EDC is an all-volunteer, resident committee that works directly with Mayor and Council members to provide continuing input and effort in working towards achieving the goal of economic business stability in the Borough.

*Brent Dugan
Economic Development Committee Chair*

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

Meals on Wheels

Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided 'comfort food' to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us.



If you are over 60, home-bound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer depending on individual needs. Delicious meals delivered by warm and caring volunteers - what could be better?

If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home-delivered meals, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call (908) 284-0735 for more information.

*Monica Strenk, Executive Director
Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc.*

Curb-Side Recycling

The State Department of Environmental Protection requires that counties 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 our 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?

Curb-side recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does make a difference in our environment.

To make recycling as convenient as possible, we have curb-side collection every other week. We also list the recycling dates on page 3 of each newsletter.

Take a few minutes to review the information on page 3 of this newsletter. It outlines what is and is not accepted for recycling as well as the requirements of how to properly recycle. Recycling dates are also listed; take a moment and copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder.

For additional recycling opportunities, please refer to pages 31 of this newsletter.

High Bridge Paint-Out 2012



Save the date and mark your calendars! On October 13, 2012 High Bridge will be hosting its first annual Paint-Out art event.

We are inviting artists to use the natural scenic beauty and historic places of High Bridge as inspiration while they paint en plein air.

En plein air is the French phrase for "in the open air." Plein air artists use the great outdoors as their studio while they paint.

The High Bridge Paint-Out is a one-day, juried event where artists will paint for most of the day. Later that day, they will bring their paintings to the judging area. Those who are chosen as the top three best in show will be awarded cash prizes. After the judging, the public is welcome to wander through the exhibit to admire and purchase the one-of-a kind paintings.

Everyone is invited to check out other activities that will be happening throughout the day. Children are invited to attend a free workshop and try their hand at an art project. All are invited to learn about High Bridge's history by taking tours around town including tours of the Museum at Solitude House. Whether you will be painting or observing, rediscover our town through the eyes of an artist.

For more information about this upcoming event, please visit www.hbpaintout.com or like our Facebook page for updated information. Contact us directly at hbpaintout@yahoo.com.

Michele Schwartz

Enjoy Our Open Space

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

- Walk or bike the **Columbia Trail**.
- View the **Solitude Falls** from the sitting area off the Columbia Trail.
- Follow the well marked **Taylor Steel Workers Historic Trail** to Solitude House Museum.
- Check out our **Nassau 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 !

High Bridge Fire Department Annual Picnic Saturday, July 28, 2012 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 or
call 908-638-6383.**

**Tickets may be purchased between
May 1 and July 19.
Only 300 tickets available.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

**Proceeds will go
towards a new fire truck.**

Farmers' Market

High Bridge will once again be holding our Farmers' Market on Saturdays this summer and fall from 8:30 to noon in the Commons. Make plans to join your neighbors and help us celebrate 25 years of what has become a High Bridge institution.

This year the High Bridge Environmental Commission (HBEC) is organizing the market and plans to significantly expand the number of vendors and customers. Additionally, the HBEC is interested in establishing and promoting local food initiatives in conjunction with the Farmers' Market. We are looking for members of the community interested in helping to promote and grow the market.

If interested, please call John Farrell, Chair of the High Bridge Environmental Commission, at 908-638-3544 or Lisa Zambito at 908-268-5340 or respond via email to orsippuss@yahoo.com.

Sustainable Jersey Certified Community

High Bridge is now part of a select group of New Jersey municipalities that have achieved Sustainable Jersey certification. Sustainable Jersey is a State-wide initiative focused on helping municipalities identify and implement strategies to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental impacts, and improve the residents' quality of life. Most of the actions are specifically designed to be either low cost or pay for themselves through energy savings.

To achieve Sustainable Jersey bronze level certification, High Bridge formed a Municipal Green Team and completed ten other actions to meet the 150-point bronze certification requirement:

1. Formation of an environmental commission
2. Conducting energy inventories of all municipal buildings
3. Holding an annual electronics recycling event
4. Adoption of a tree protection ordinance
5. Completion of a natural resource inventory
6. Hosting a local farmers' market
7. Conducting an educational outreach program focused on lead poisoning
8. Conducting an educational outreach program focused on living alongside wild animals such as bears

9. Completion of a diversity survey on Borough boards and commissions
10. Adoption of a pledge supporting New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan

None of the actions completed to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification required additional taxpayer expenditure. The Green Team was able to leverage significantly off activities already completed by the Borough. For example, the energy efficiency audit of municipal buildings was completed as part of efforts funded from a grant from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. These efficiency upgrades were completed last September. Additionally, the annual electronics recycling and town-wide cleanup day are funded through Clean Communities Program funds.

As a Sustainable Jersey community, High Bridge is now eligible to apply for grants to help fund further actions. Since 2009, more than half a million dollars has been awarded through the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program.

High Bridge's certification is valid for three years and will be recognized at the fourth-annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon at the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Conference in November.

*John Farrell
Environmental Committee & Green Team Chair*

Board of Health - 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.

Main Street Walking Tour

"Historic Main Street" Walking Tour-Saturday, June 30

Two Guided Tours: 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Tours begin in the front of the library

Join members of the High Bridge 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.

Please note: Tours will be canceled if it is raining.

Cultural & Heritage Committee

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 Bartman, Chief of Police



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Wildlife Habitat Project

We are looking to be 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 their Backyard Wildlife Habitats. Please tell a neighbor about this project and help us meet the town goal.

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

2012 Tour of High Bridge

The Tour of High Bridge will be held on September 1 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. The Tour consists of seven adult bicycle races and three children's races.

This is a late-season opportunity to gain more points toward the New Jersey Cup and upgrading your category. Five of the adult races are New Jersey Cup Races. They are the Women's, Under 18, Category 1 & 2, Category 3, and 35+ Races. The other two non-New Jersey Cup races are +45 Race and Category 4 and 5 Race.

If at least 35 Category 3 racers sign up to race before the day of the race, a separate Category 3 race will be run with separate first, second and third place trophies, prize list and points list. Otherwise the Category 3 racers will be combined into the Category 1 & 2 race and no separate trophies, prize list or points list will be offered.

The three children's races are broken up as follows:

3 to 5 year old children riding a three-wheel plastic or metal tricycle,

6 to 8 year old children riding a two-wheel bicycle with training wheels,

8 to 10 year old children riding a two-wheel bicycle without training wheels.

A 5 year old child who is riding a two-wheel bicycle with training wheels and wants to ride with the 6 to 8 year old children will be allowed to do so with the parent's permission.

A 7 year old child who is riding a two-wheel bicycle without training wheels and wants to ride with the 8 to 10 year old children will be allowed to do so with the parent's permission.

The entrance fee for the adult races is \$30 per race if registering on race day. Non-High Bridge adults are encouraged to register before race day online at bikereg.com for \$25 plus any bikereg.com fees. If a racer desires to race in a second race, they must register a second time at the race registration/check-in desk on the day of the race and pay a fee of \$20 for each additional race they enter. This should be done after the first race has been completed as there will be no refunds once the registration has been completed and paid for.

All adult racers must present a USA Cycling license at the Registration/Sign-In Desk. Single-day USA Cycling licenses will be available for sale at the Registration/Sign-In Desk.

Adult residents of High Bridge and children race for free, but must register by completing the registration and insurance release form. The forms are available for download online at tourofhb.org. Completed forms must be presented at the Registration/Sign-In Desk on the day of the race or racers may register on the day of the race.

If a racer is under 18, a parent or relative over 18 must be present at the race and must sign the registration and insurance form for each child. Each child must present their helmet at registration to register. Helmets are required for all racers.



The tourofhb.org website will contain the latest information about the Tour of High Bridge bicycle race. We hope to have the Tour of High Bridge on Facebook by early May and on Twitter a couple of days before the race. Any questions about the Tour of High Bridge can be emailed to info@tourofhb.org. The questions and answers to all questions of universal interest will be posted on a bulletin board section of the website. Further details of the race will be posted on the bulletin board as well.

Volunteers with artistic skills, writing skills, and anyone with public relations experience in creating press releases and media/NJ State Tourism Commission contacts are needed to help :

1. Design signs for the children's races.
2. Create Certificates for the Sponsors.
3. Create material to be placed on the website.
4. Take and place photos on the website both before, during and after the race.
5. Create articles for the newspapers, the State Tourism web site and publications and the Borough newsletter.
6. Coordinate other organizations such as the schools and colleges who may be interested in executing projects as a part of their curriculum to promote the race.

If you can help out, please email info@tourofhb.org and leave your phone numbers and email address.

Dean Rapp
(908) 638-4653, info@tourofhb.org

Attention Parents/Guardians of Children Planning to Race

Please take a moment to let Dean know when you prefer the children's races to take place. The options are:

- **First thing in the morning (i.e., 9 a.m.);**
- **Just before lunch; or**
- **Just after lunch.**

Please send your preference to Dean at info@tourofhb.org.

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Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA)

Although High Bridge is best known for its deep roots in the early steel industry, it is also historically important to remember that agriculture was an important part of our productive past as well. The 90-acre Springside Farm tract was originally owned and operated by Archibald Taylor, son of Robert Taylor who immigrated from Ireland in 1750's. Beginning with Robert, the Taylor family came to manage the nearby ironworks and live at Solitude House for five generations. It is recorded that Archibald built a home and carriage house on the "Old Road," now known as Nassau Road for his family in 1803. The farmstead came to be known as Springside Farm with the construction of the spring house and pond in the early 20th century. History is unclear if Archibald constructed the original Springside home or purchased the structures, as some records place the date of construction into the mid-18th century.



Hans and John Zellman at Springside Farm Circa 1924

With good soil for agriculture, the Taylor family began cultivating the Springside land and growing orchards. At the request of his father, Archibald started to produce select fruits and vegetables for the purchase of the employees of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company. For the next 200 years, Springside Farm's use has changed from crops and orchards to dairy and equestrian. However, with all its changes of use and ownership, Springside has always been known as one of the most fertile, picturesque and historic farmsteads in Hunterdon County. Until recent times, the property was a working dairy farm.

The Springside home is a classic example of an early Germanic style stone farmhouse whose style and construction type closely resemble the original 18th Century Solitude House and nearby Vought House in Clinton Township. A wood-framed addition was added to the home in the early 20th Century. The second oldest structure on the property is the adjacent wagon house that dates to the early 19th Century. Other structures on the site include a general barn and a horse barn, a 20th Century cow barn, as well as the Springhouse pond.

The property was jointly purchased in 2000 by the Borough of High Bridge and adjacent Clinton Township with funding through Green Acres and grants through the County Cultural and Heritage Commission. High Bridge is the owner of 29.27 acres of the farm, and it is now part of the Borough's permanent open space.

*Michael Gronsky Jr., President,
Union Forge Heritage Association/Solitude House Museum*

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Atlantic City Trips

Monthly bus trips to the Showboat Casino are scheduled the second Thursday of May, June, and July. The cost per person is \$20, and it must be paid at the time of sign-up. The casino will refund a \$30 value slot-play card. Call 908-788-1359 for details.

Bocce

With the arrival of spring, bocce is the favorite outdoor activity. It is held every Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. near the Senior Center. No experience is necessary, but registration is required. Call Eleanor at 908-284-6128.

Senior Day

May is Older American Month, and the annual Senior Day event is scheduled for May 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Included is continental breakfast, hot lunch, door prizes, and lively entertainment. The cost is \$12 per person, and pre-registration is required by calling 908-788-6373.

NJ SNAP Program

This is the new name for the nutrition assistance program, formerly known as Food Stamps. Seniors and people with disabilities and/or living on low or fixed incomes may be eligible; if you are single with a gross monthly income of \$1670 or less, or a couple with a gross monthly income of \$2247 or less, contact 908-788-1300 to apply.

Volunteer Shopper Program

This is a free service to Seniors and people with disabilities who can no longer shop for themselves. A trustworthy individual will purchase your groceries and pick-up your prescriptions and deliver them to your home. Call Dee at 908-788-1358.

Fred Loozen

Solid Waste Rate Reduction

Solid waste charges on your next bill will reflect a \$20 annual savings. The 2nd quarter charge per unit will be adjusted to \$60. The 3rd and 4th quarter per unit charge will be adjusted to \$65 each.

*Bonnie Fleming,
Chief Financial Officer/Certified Tax Collector*

Up in the Sky

Mark your calendars! On June 5, you can witness a rare Transit of Venus. The last Venus transit occurred in 2004. If you miss this one, you will have to wait until 2117!



*Author's Photo of the
2004 Venus Transit*

Using a safe viewing method (never observe the Sun directly without a special filter!), begin observing the Sun at 6:03 p.m. At that time, Venus will begin to appear as a black dot moving into the edge of the Sun. By 6:21 p.m., Venus will appear inside the edge of the Sun (similar to the photograph above). The transit will continue past sunset in New Jersey (at 8:26 p.m.), so you will have to watch the rest of the transit on the Internet.

A Venus transit can only occur when the planet passes directly between the Sun and Earth. They are so rare that humans have only witnessed a few of them since the invention of the telescope: 1639, 1761, 1769, 1874, 1882, 2004, and now 2012. You may have noticed a pattern in those numbers: Venus transits occur in pairs that are about eight years apart but separated by over a century.

All of the planets in our solar system orbit the Sun in the same direction (counterclockwise), as though they are all cars going around a flat track (called a plane). However, each planet's path isn't perfectly level with that track; the plane of each planet varies a little. If Venus and the Earth orbited the Sun in the same plane, transits would happen all the time. However, the orbit of Venus is tilted by over 3 degrees relative to Earth's orbit, so when Venus passes between the Sun and the Earth, Venus usually appears a little bit above or a little bit below the Sun, and no transit occurs. Even though a difference in orbit of 3 degrees doesn't sound like much, it makes alignments and transits extremely rare occurrences.

Tilt of the Orbit of the Inner Planets in our Solar System

<u>Planet</u>	<u>Orbital Inclination</u>
Mercury	7°
Venus	3.39°
Earth	0°
Mars	1.85°

For more information about the Transit of Venus, including safe viewing techniques, go to: <http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/2012/multimedia/transit1.php> and <http://www.TransitOfVenus.org/>

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*

OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Animal Control 996-2525
High Bridge Hills Golf Club..... 638-5055
Hunterdon County Transfer Station..... 236-9088
North Hunterdon Municipal Court..... 735-7775
Premier Disposal..... 638-0005

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOLS

School Board Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of each month

Superintendent: Joseph Kennedy 638-4103
Business Administrator: Gail Woickowski 638-6552
Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue 638-4105
Middle School, 50 Thomas Street..... 638-4101
Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 513, Glen Gardner 638-6116

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE

High Bridge Post Office..... 638-6281
Open Cupboard Food Pantry 730-7320
High Bridge Public Library 638-8231
Library Board President, Trudy Macholdt..... 638-8231

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Community Athletics of Hunterdon County 236-9574
High Bridge Youth Soccer – *Jake Krushinski*..... 872-6528
High Bridge Youth Basketball – *Gary Mills* 638-4503
Hunterdon Huskies – *Field House*..... 236-7296
North Hunterdon Little League..... 638-6918

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

For legal notices

Hunterdon County Democrat, weekly 782-4747
Hunterdon Review, weekly 735-4081
Express Times, daily 610-258-7171
Star Ledger, daily 888-782-7533

PARK INFORMATION

Voorhees State Park..... 638-6969
NJAA Observatory 638-8500

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MAYOR

Mark Desire (mdesire@highbridge.org)..... 638-5652
(Executive Committee, Economic Development, Planning Board)

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meetings – January through June; September and October: 2nd and 4th Thursdays; July, August, November and December – 3rd Thursday of the month only. All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse, 7 Maryland Avenue.

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*(*Emergency Services & Education)*

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*(*Planning & Engineering)*

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Dean Rapp (drapp@highbridge.org)..... 638-4653
*(*Department of Public Works, Recreation)*

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*(Council President, *Finance, Golf)*

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Auditor: Suplee, Clooney & Co	638-6455 ext. 21
CFO/Tax Collector: Bonnie Fleming	638-6455 ext. 23
Chief of Police: Brett Bartman	638-6500
Clerk: Diane Seals	638-6455 ext. 22
Construction Code Official: Al Hopping**	638-6455 ext. 27
Director of Public Works: Michael Hann	638-6054
Road Superintendent: Rick Koppe	638-6077
Water Operator: Michael Hann	638-6588
Engineer: Robert O'Brien	638-6455 ext. 21
Fire Chief: Brian Labuta	638-6383
Planning Board Attorney: William Caldwell	638-6455 ext. 21
Professional Planner: John Madden	638-6455 ext. 21
Rescue Squad President: Jessica Luteran	638-4441
Tax Assessor: Pat Spychala**	638-6455 ext. 25
Zoning Officer: John Barczyk**	638-6455 ext. 73

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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Cub Scout Pack #149/Cubmaster – Stephen Croghan	638-8379
Girl Scouts/Organizer – Maryann Hagan	638-4508
High Bridge Business Association	638-4465
President: Jeff Norberg	
High Bridge Historical Society	713-1980
President: Barbara Repka	
High Bridge Women's Group	638-4146
President: Chris Marx	
I'm For High Bridge	638-6091
President: James Conroy	
Union Forge Heritage Assoc./Solitude Museum	638-3200
President: Mike Gronsky	

NEWSLETTER

Patricia Birchenough, Hunterdon Business Services, LLC	638-1166
Council Liaison: Councilwoman Victoria Miller	

PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

<i>3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. – Squad Building</i>	
Secretary: MaryBeth Griffith	638-6455 ext. 21

BOARD OF HEALTH

<i>2nd Thursday as needed at 6:30 p.m. – Borough Hall</i>	
Chair: Todd Honeycutt	638-6455

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<i>1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall</i>	
Chair: Brent Dugan	638-6455

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

<i>2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall</i>	
Chair: John Farrell	638-6455 ext. 22

RECREATION COMMITTEE

<i>3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall</i>	
Chair: Gary Mills	638-4503

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

<i>3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall</i>	
Chair: Eric Erb	638-4933

Note: Robert Lee is appointed Borough Historian.

CHURCHES

High Bridge Methodist Church, 36 Church Street	638-8229
High Bridge Reformed Church, 23 Church Street	638-6160
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 59 Main Street	638-6211

News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

High Bridge Board of Education (HB BOE)

Following a mediated settlement between the High Bridge Teachers' Association and the HB BOE that was reached on December 21, 2011, the HB BOE ratified the agreement at their February 27 Board Meeting. Members of the High Bridge Teachers' Association followed with their ratification vote on March 14. The terms of the agreement include a 0% increase for the 2011-2012 school year, a 2% increase for the 2012-2013 school year and a 2% increase for the 2013-2014 school year. Additionally, the medical coverage will change from the State Health Benefits Plan with Horizon through their NJ Direct 10 program to their NJ Direct 15 program. This change will result in savings to the District as the individual co-pay's have increased.

The HB BOE worked to develop a budget that continues the quality educational programs available to all children while being fiscally prudent. As a result, the overall operating budget was reduced by \$75,000. However, having received far less State aid than was anticipated, there was a need to raise the local tax levy despite the reduction in the budget. The funding formula provided only \$7,950 in additional State aid to the School District. Therefore a tax levy increase of .99% was necessary.

The HB BOE voted in February to move the annual school election to November in accordance with newly passed legislation. This means that election of board members will take place at the time of the November general election. The candidates for school board will not be affiliated on the ballot with any political party. Those elected in November will be sworn into office in January to begin their terms. The Board will have three three-year seats, one two-year seat and one one-year seat available. Those interested in running may contact Ms. Gail Woicewski, the District Business Administrator/Board Secretary or visit the District website for additional information. The move of the school election to November also means that the school budget will not appear on the ballot unless the tax levy increase exceeds the State cap of 2%. Since the High Bridge budget for 2012-2013 is proposed at .99% increase there will not be a vote on the budget this year.

The members of the HB BOE always encourage 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 HB BOE wishes all students, families and faculty/staff members a very safe and enjoyable summer. The 2012-2013 school year will begin for students on Tuesday, September 4!

Elementary School News

The month of March at High Bridge Elementary School (HBES) could be identified as the month of "reading and writing" with major activities in these two important areas.

On March 1, the school hosted our annual "Family Reading Night" which was very well attended and a lot of fun. Readers included Mayor Mark Desire, High Bridge Firemen Mike Crampton and Bill Hannon, Supervisor Lisa Fallon, Principal William Caldwell and seven elementary school teachers: Lynn Hickey [twice], Tricia Morris, Kim Terzuolo, Nicole Locorotondo, Suzanne Lawn, Kim Ziegler and Lisa Kerr as the "Cat in the Hat" in full costume!

On March 2, the entire school celebrated "Read Across America" day with a school-wide program celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday and the conclusion of the "Principal's Reading Challenge." HBES students met and exceeded the "Principal's Reading Challenge," by reading 2,107 officially logged hours, exceeding the 2,000 hour goal. The fourth grade was the overall winning grade level.

Many thanks to Reading Specialist, Sandy Stanton, and Librarian, Evelyn Mickel, for their planning and dedication to the above events.

On March 13 the Young Authors' group held their annual "Book Signing" program for parents and staff. This is a wonderful activity under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Hughes and Mrs. Michele Gomez. The quality of the students' work was most impressive. An anthology booklet was produced containing all the students' selections.

*William Caldwell, Ed.D.
Interim Principal - High Bridge Elementary School*

Middle School News (HBMS)

Wow! Where has this school year gone! We have now entered the fourth marking period, and we are looking forward to our eighth grade graduation.

The members of the cast and crew of "Annie, Jr." provided three outstanding performances. Students, parents, family members and friends all enjoyed this highly successful presentation. All in attendance paused to appreciate the many talents of our Middle School students whether they were actors or a member of the technical crews. They all worked together to deliver an awesome night at the theater for everyone.

As is tradition at the HBMS, our eighth grade students participated in two big events that occurred in March. First, the students put forth a very strong effort in the "8th Grade vs. Faculty" basketball game by attaining a 12-point lead in the first half. However, the High Bridge School District faculty and parents came away victorious once again. Also, the eighth grade lock-in was a huge

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C & H Seeks Members

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee was established to advise the Borough Council on the cultural and historic interest needs of the Borough of High Bridge. Its responsibilities include the development of programs to promote interest and participation in and understanding of local history, arts, cultural values and goals of the community and State. It may establish museum and cultural programs, including fine arts and performing programs, undertake historical research, oversee Borough-owned historic properties, promote the Borough through motion picture and television setting, and perform architectural and genealogical research. Reports and directories may be published that help develop interest in historical and cultural matters.

Its seven Mayor-appointed members represent the entire Borough and have special interests and awareness in history, art, and music. Committee members must be residents of the Borough or *own a business in High Bridge*. The term of membership is three years.

Regular meetings of the C & H Committee are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

If this Committee sounds like a match for you and you are able to dedicate time to work on our various projects/events, please call the Borough Hall at 638-6455. Someone from the C & H committee will contact you to set-up an interview.

*Victoria Miller,
High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee*

News from Schools

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success and much appreciation is extended to Mrs. Crogan and her committee for planning and implementing a wonderful experience that will serve as a fond memory for the class of 2012!

The PTO's Cultural Arts Committee once again arranged for a visit of the Rutgers Science Explorer bus. Students in sixth grade were provided with a hands-on approach to marine science while the seventh grade students had the opportunity to work on a forensic science activity. Our students and faculty are most appreciative to have access to this enhanced curriculum experience, and we thank the PTO for their continuing commitment.

The administration of the New Jersey ASK is underway with grades 7 and 8 having completed their assessments during the final week of April. The sixth grade students will be participating during the first week in May. 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 we receive them.

*Joseph Kennedy,
Principal - High Bridge Middle School*

HB Emergency Squad

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY...

Members of the High Bridge Emergency Squad are our friends and neighbors. They live and work in our community. Squad members are on call to serve.

High Bridge Emergency Squad (HBES) is seeking out new members. If you are the type of person who wants to make a difference in your world, becoming a volunteer might be the opportunity you are looking for. Many community members have answered the call for emergency services in High Bridge, and we are looking for motivated and dedicated individuals to join our ranks. If you want to help, HBES welcomes you. Whether you are looking to volunteer a weekend a month or one night a week, your service is welcome. As a member you will have access to training in emergency medical and rescue services. There are multiple opportunities to take advantage of to learn new skills and challenge yourself. You can volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), where you will be providing emergency care for the sick and injured in our fleet of ambulances.

As a Rescue Associate you will be volunteering in a technical setting, extricating victims from car crashes, assisting in water rescue, or supporting local firefighting operations.

If emergency medical or rescue services are not right for you, HBES offers Support Membership. Here, volunteers provide the essential, day-to-day elements, that ensure our emergency services can be conducted. If you wish to volunteer with us, WE HAVE THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE RIGHT FOR YOU.

Applications can be obtained at HBES.org or at our Headquarters located at 95 W. Main Street, High Bridge (1st Wednesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).

Bill Meyer, Public Relations

Emergency Management

Visit the High Bridge website (www.highbridge.org) and review the Emergency Management page for tips and suggestions on how to stay informed in emergency situations. During times of crises, we want to be able to get important messages regarding the situation to all on a timely basis.

If you are concerned and want to help in crises, join the local CERT program; inquire at Borough Hall by calling 908-638-6455.

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

Annual Pooch Parade

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee will hold the 2012 High Bridge Pooch Parade on Saturday, June 16 with a rain date of Sunday, June 17. 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 a.m. (or, in the case of rain on 6/16, registration begins at 1:00 p.m. with the parade at 2:00 p.m. on June 17).

A High Bridge tradition, this year's parade theme is "Tail-Waggin' 'Toons" - Cartoon & Comic Characters. Pooches are encouraged to put on their favorite costume and get their owners to compete for prizes in several different categories. This year's prize categories are:

- Best Small Dog Costume
- Best Medium Dog Costume
- Best Large Dog Costume
- Best Team Costume
- Most Creative Costume
- Silliest Costume
- Best Dog Float (No Motors Allowed)
- Runner-Up to Best in Parade
- Best in Parade - Adult - (1st Place) Ages 13 and older
- Best in Parade - Child - (1st Place) Ages 12 and under

The 1st place winners will receive prizes and gift certificates worth approximately \$100. All category winners will receive canvas goodie bags sporting the 2012 parade logo filled with canine treats and toys.

Registration is \$5 per dog; please bring exact change. The first 50 people to register their pets will receive a complimentary 2012 Pooch Parade T-shirt. Shirts are limited, so please arrive early! Any dog may participate in the parade, but only registered dogs can win. Please note that although High Bridge appreciates all types of pets, for the safety of participants, the parade must adhere to a "Pooches Only" policy.

So, bring your video camera and your sense of humor and come celebrate your pet. Canine rescue groups and vendors are encouraged to participate. If you would like to set up a table or volunteer at the parade, please contact Ruby Reuter at 638-8904 or Lynn Hughes at 638-8887.

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Star Council Award



Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Saint Joseph Church in High Bridge, Bill Cerwinski (L), accepting the Knights of Columbus Star Council Award for the Columbian Year that ended June 2011 from District Deputy Bill Hoffman.

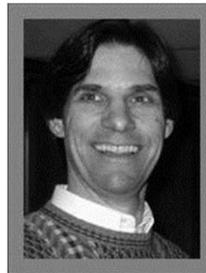
The Star Council Award was bestowed upon the Knights of Columbus and is presented to councils for outstanding achievements in programing, membership recruitment, retention and promotion of the Order's insurance program.

The Saint Joseph Council has received the Star Council Award many times since its founding in 1991, including each of the last six years!

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Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2012 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 2012 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk

2012 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
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St. Joseph Church

The parishioners of St. Joseph Parish are actively welcoming the arrival of spring—like so many other individuals and organizations. The front of our church and garden get very special attention at this time of the year from our Green Thumb Committee. They have already begun to spruce up the entrance with cheery spring bulbs welcoming parishioners and visitors. We hope the flowers also create a bright spot on Main Street for anyone driving or walking by.

The BLUE ARMY PRAYER CELL follows a program in a booklet published by the Blue Army of Washington, NJ. They meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in our Madonna and Child Chapel to say the Rosary, have a short spiritual reading, and offer petitions for those who are ill and/or in need of prayers. If you have a special intention or just want the benefit of prayer participation, you are invited to spend an hour with them any Saturday.

CHURCH DECORATORS continue the cheery look of the outside of our church to the interior. This small group of talented people works hard to add to our liturgical celebrations. Work parties are sometimes held prior to a special liturgy when decorating the Church is a major project, but the work done on a daily basis by a few is what contributes greatly to our celebrations.

Our hope is that St. Joseph Church is a bright spot on Main Street for people to stop for a moment, have their mood lifted, perhaps say a short prayer and have a better day because of it. Our Pastor and parishioners are always ready to welcome newcomers. The Church Office number is 908.638.6211.

*Fran Rapp,
Facilities Manager*

Memorial Day Ceremony

C. K. Hoffman Memorial Park
Saturday, May 26 - 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 2011 - March 2012 deceased Post 188 American Legion members will be honored at this year's ceremony: John Jack Dorland - Army Air Force WWII; Robert A. Hornbaker Sr. - U.S. Marine Corps Korea; and Lois R. Manning - Army Nurse WWII.

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

Girl Scouts of High Bridge

The High Bridge Girl Scout troops would like to thank friends, family and neighbors for supporting our cookie sales. If you are one of the few that missed the sale but would still like to purchase cookies, please feel free to contact me.

High Bridge is part of Service Unit 80 (SU 80) along with Lebanon Township, Califon and Tewksbury. The Service Unit is inviting all present and past Girl Scouts to join us in marching at the Califon Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28. SU 80 is taking this time to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts. Troops will be gathering in the park after the parade to picnic and have some fun. We would especially love to have past Girl Scouts to share some of their memories with us. T-shirts and patches can be purchased by those attending. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

I am seeking anyone interested in becoming the troop leader for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten Daisies. Also, any girls entering kindergarten in the fall are welcome to join us at our bridging ceremony on Tuesday, June 12 at Lebanon Memorial Park. Join us as we usher the girls into the next level of Girl Scouts and celebrate those troops that have earned Awards.

*Thank you,
Maryann Hagan, High Bridge Girl Scout Organizer
908-638-4508, email: maryannh@embarqmail.com*

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"Caught Being Green"

The Environmental Committee is looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any High Bridge resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible. Check out past Green Award recipients on the Environmental Committee page of our town website at highbridge.org.

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

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes
Environmental Committee Liaison*

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*

Bear Facts Program

Living with Black Bears in Your Community

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) Division of Fish & Wildlife Bear Awareness Program scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 had to be cancelled due to a medical emergency with the presenter. It will be rescheduled at a later date (hopefully in May). The new date will be posted on the town website as soon as it is confirmed.



The seminar will give an overview of the natural history and biology of bears in the Garden State. Practical information and tips for coexisting with bears will be addressed so that bears do not become a nuisance in the neighborhood.

*Sponsored by the
High Bridge Environmental Committee*

Be Kind to Your Meter Reader

Third quarter water meter readings will be taken between July 1 - July 15. Please remove any obstacles around the meter to ensure easy access and accurate readings.

Thank You.

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 next page. The date for the 24th annual sale is May 19, rain or shine. Get your registration mailed by May 5 for inclusion on the map.

Our group continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the 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

Oral History Request

Please help us preserve High Bridge history. We are looking for lifelong or long-time residents of High Bridge willing to be interviewed for our High Bridge oral history. Any remembrances of life in High Bridge from years ago are welcomed.

The interviews are recorded and will be placed on the Cultural & Heritage (C&H) page of the town website and copies will be kept with the Union Forge Heritage Association, the C&H Committee, and the Borough Library. Each person interviewed will also receive a copy of the recording.

If interested in being interviewed or if you know of someone we should interview, please email lhughes@highbridge.org or call Borough Hall at 908-638-6455.

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HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 24th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday May 19, 2012 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. These are to be displayed on the day of the sale.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted anytime before May 5, 2012 to ensure inclusion on the map list.

For additional information call: Chris Marx @ 638-4146.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE sponsored by the HIGH BRIDGE WOMEN'S GROUP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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ADULT	CHILD					

OTHER _____

Please return this form with a \$7.00 donation to:
High Bridge Women's Group
50 Beavers St.
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Please make your donation in the form of a check to: "High Bridge Women's Group"
 Cut along dotted line

Honoring Our Local Heroes



*Herbert Weston Cawley
b. 1894, High Bridge
d. 1918, Philadelphia
U.S.N.R.*

On the High Bridge Middle School campus are two memorials dedicated to former students who served in World Wars I and II. During those years this site was the High Bridge High School. The large granite stone on the front lawn contains a bronze plaque honoring the 99 men who served from 1917 to 1919. The following three gave their lives to this great cause: John Capren, Lester C. Levy and Herbert W. Cawley, namesake of the High Bridge American Legion Post 188.

Mounted on the inside wall of the school's main entry way is a large honor roll plaque created by the High School graduating classes of 1941, '42 & '43. Posted are 463 names of students, 11 of which are women, who served in World War II. At the top of the columns are ten starred name plates for those who gave their lives to this great cause. Two names are recognized as fatalities of the Korean War.

During WWII an Army-Navy "E" Award was presented to selected companies for their excellence in production of war equipment. In 1944, Exact Level and Tool Company of High Bridge was honored. A presentation ceremony was held on-site with officers from the Army and Navy awarding owner Mr. Theodore Vaida, the "E" pennant which was to be flown on site (see photo w/Mr. Vaida on right). All employees received a recognition E-pin; and a company celebration was held at the Clinton House. When the program terminated in 1945, a total of 4,283 companies and approximately half a million workers across the country, received the "E" award. This represented about 5% of the total number of plants that performed war work.



Mr. Theodore Vaida (left) and others at Exact Level and Tool Company in High Bridge holding the "E" Pennant in 1944

On Saturday, June 30, WWII veterans of Hunterdon and Warren counties will gather to share their oral histories at the North County Library on Halstead Street, Clinton (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.). These round-table events are in conjunction with the Rutgers University Oral History Department and are open to the public. Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary and may be requested by calling (908)-730-6135.

Sharon Apperson (638-0373)

POST SCRIPT:

Credit for Article (in addition to the author): Dennis McNally, [High Bridge Vietnam Vet] for rubbings on the WWI Monument; Henry Hagan [High Bridge WWII Vet and Exact Level E-award employee]; Barbara Repka [High Bridge Historical Society]; and Joseph Kennedy [High Bridge Middle School Principal].

2012 Free-Throw Winners



The 2012 Knights of Columbus Council 10627 Free Throw competition held in conjunction with the High Bridge Youth Basketball League was held January 20 at the High Bridge Middle School. The winners were:

	Girls	Boys
10-year old	Julia Hilty	Adam Silveira
11-year old	Nicole Garrett	Zachary Lucash
12-year old	Carly Monks	no contest
13-year old	Sam Vallay	Joby Jacob
14-year old	Victoria Furka	Evan Aronowitz

Picture (L-R) Joby Jacob, Evan Aronowitz, Zachary Lucash, Adam Silveira, Victoria Furka, Sam Vallay, Julia Hilty, Nicole Garrett, and Carly Monks. Adults John Furnari, Grand Knight of Council 10627 and Kevin Loughney, Chancellor and Youth Committee Director.

Charlie Bruton, Knights of Columbus

I Remember When

Two Issues ago in "The Bridge" I told the story documented in a *NY Times* article (January 23, 1913) of the embezzlement at the High Bridge First National Bank by cashier Abram L. Beavers, a then well-respected family man from Glen Gardner, New Jersey!

I did more research to attempt to find out the rest of the story. What happened to Abram L. Beavers? Here is what I uncovered in other articles now relayed to you in my own words!

After posting bail of \$25,000 (cash, a house and small farm), Abram L. Beavers was released and allowed to travel to NYC. There Beavers signed a confession and was placed in the hands of National Bank Examiner, Alvin L. Fowler; Fowler was in charge of the now-closed High Bridge First National Bank. According to the NJ District Attorney at the time, Vreeland, when Beavers returned, he was to be charged with \$8,000 to \$9,000 embezzlement of bank funds involving a South American diamond mining venture.

Let me say here that Beavers appeared to be a very upstanding local citizen from Glen Gardner and was an officer of the bank. He was highly respected and instrumental in establishing the Tuberculosis Sanitarium, and he was a devoted church member.

Beavers had opened an account with stock brokers C.I. Hudson in NYC several years before the organization of the High Bridge National Bank. Beavers was legal in doing business with the brokerage firm because bank officers were permitted to do so; he never used bank drafts or bank cashiers checks, etc., to cover his stock/investment transactions. He always used his personal checks from his account. According to the bank examiner, the actual embezzled amount was believed to be between \$70,000 and \$100,000, but it could not be verified until they got into the bank and vault records of the Iron & Coal National Bank in New York.

At this point they do not know exactly where Abram L. Beavers is, but an application for a warrant charging Beavers with embezzlement was to be issued.

Eventually Beavers returned and was arrested and put on trial for the embezzlement of \$23,000 in Federal Court; he pleaded not guilty and was sentenced to five years in the Atlanta Penitentiary. After the Prosecution of Beavers, the

First National Bank of High Bridge sued C.I. Hudson & Co., Beavers' agents! The Federal Court Judge was Judge Davis, and it was the High Bridge Bank's contention that the broker should have known that Beavers was a man of small means and should have questioned where his money came from to invest.

June 3, 1914, Beavers was a witness at the trial of the brokerage house on a writ of habeas corpus from prison and he told of his dealings with them. It was established by the Court that Beavers was a man of small means yet he held 5000 shares of stock on margin and that should have caused suspicion.

Even though the depositors of the First National Bank of High Bridge did not suffer from the embezzlement by Beavers directly, the bank was re-organized. Former NJ Governor Foster M. Voorhees became the new bank president after re-organization. Beavers' deposits with the brokerage firm amounted to about \$85,000 with a verdict of \$93,518.84 awarded to cover Beavers' deposits and any proceeds of the sale of stock Beavers had left with them as collateral.

Harold Nathan of Leventritt, Cook, & Nathan represented The First National Bank of High Bridge and former Senator Godfrey Saxe and John A. Garver represented the Defendants. The Defendants' attorneys said they would appeal the verdict because Beavers was an employee of the bank. The fact that he was an officer of the bank did not render their client guilty of breaking any law at the time; he was still an employee.

If the verdict had been sustained by the high courts, it would have set a new precedent regarding the personal responsibility of stockbrokers! Under the law, the brokerage house was responsible for every dollar misappropriated which Beavers deposited for his Wall Street operations.

I dedicate this story to my dear Mom, Ethel Ann Dietz Adler, who worked as a head teller, and to her best friend, Margaret Apgar, manager for many years at the same bank then known as the Hunterdon County Trust Company, High Bridge Branch!

*Until next time,
Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler
Former Long-Time Resident ~ Still Active in the Community*

SKIT Presents: Thoroughly Modern Millie

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) is rounding out its 2012 season with a high-spirited musical romp in 'Thoroughly Modern Millie,' a production that won six 2002 Tony Awards including Best Musical. The show features two cast members from High Bridge: Emma Ettinger, who plays Dorothy Brown, and Hayley Pellis, who plays Ruth.

"'Thoroughly Modern Millie' is fun, fast-paced, and one of the largest tap dancing shows that SKIT has ever presented," says Carolyn B. Newman, SKIT's producer since its inception in 1986. "And I'm thrilled that we have experienced New York dancer Ashley Eichbauer as its choreographer."

SKIT's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' was presented on April 28 and 29 with performances continuing on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 6, 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.

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

Free Movies in the Commons

Once again we will be offering our free "Movies in the Commons" series. Held under the stars, the films will begin at dusk approximately around 8:30 p.m. All movies are rated PG.

The movie dates are:

Friday, June 15 (rain date Saturday, June 16)

Friday, June 22 (rain date Saturday, June 23)

Friday, June 29 (rain date Saturday, June 30)

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

Movie Summaries

6/15: *The Muppets* (2011): 98 minutes; Genre: Family Movie

When Kermit the Frog and the muppets learn that their beloved theater is slated for demolition, a sympathetic human, Gary, and his puppet roommate, Walter, swoop in to help the gang put on a show and raise the \$10 million they need to save the day.

6/22: *The Adventures of Tintin* (2011): 107 minutes; Genre: Family Adventures

Adaptation of G. Remi's classic comic strip centered around the adventures of fearless young journalist Tintin and his trusty dog, Snowy.

6/29: *Dr. Strangelove* (1964): 95 minutes; Genre: (black & white classic)

When a fanatical general launches an air strike against the Soviets, they raise the stakes by threatening to unleash a "doomsday device," setting the stage for Armageddon.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in this lovely outdoor venue. Popcorn will be sold by the High Bridge Recreation Committee. Candy and soft drinks can also be purchased. For more information contact: Borough Hall 638-6455 or Lynn Hughes 638-8887.

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Spring/Summer Spruce Up

High Bridge is planning to have one of our best years ever for events and things to do in town. There are so many happenings in town that we are sure to be drawing what we all hope are record numbers of visitors to every corner of our 2.5 square miles. There are, no kidding, about 100 resident volunteers, if not more, that have been planning and who organize and staff all of the events here in town, such as the Soap Box Derby, Pooch Parade, Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Huskies, North Hunterdon Little League, Soccer, High Bridge Summer Recreation, The Bike Race, and new this year, The High Bridge Paint Out.

And just as if you were hosting a party at your own home, we all want our town to have its best foot forward. In conjunction with the usual town-wide, sponsored cleanup events organized by the Environmental Committee for river cleanup, electronics, litter cleanup, brush collection, etc., it may be time to take a good look around your own neighborhood to do a little more. If you see an area that seems neglected that belongs to the Borough, please let us know! We want High Bridge to look its very best as we invite the public into our town!

As well, with difficult times for many, it may be time for neighbors to reach out to each other and see if there are things you all need and can pool your resources or get a better price for as a group, such as driveway sealing, gutter cleaning, powerwashing, dryer vent / chimney cleaning and even carpentry repairs and landscape services. Many vendors will offer a better price if they can assemble a group of customers in a neighborhood. Please also consider using someone who has High Bridge as their home base since as that is a double benefit to our local economy AND overall improvement!

Mostly, it is about PRIDE IN HIGH BRIDGE. It is our home, our town, and we should take pride in it for our guests and visitors this year, but also for ourselves. It seems like there is always plenty to complain about, but it is just as important to find as many things to point to with pride. Remember that old aphorism? Look at your hand when pointing a finger at somebody else. You will notice that there are also three other fingers on that hand, pointing back at yourself! It works pretty well when you make a "point" of trying to look for the good! Let's have a great year together in High Bridge!

*Victoria Miller,
High Bridge Borough Council*

Summer Concerts in the Commons

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee has had better success each year with our Concerts! This year's "Summer Concerts in the Commons - Music Celebration!" is already raising funds to put a terrific lineup of talent and good times together for this summer season. This year we will welcome back Boonescuttle 5, CB Radio, Silk City and welcome for the first time The Slewfoot Project. If funds permit, more dates may be added, so stay tuned.

So far, we have:

June 9 - The Slewfoot Project: Born out of the love for great 70's alternative country, pop & rock-n-roll, The Slewfoot Project creates timeless, original music with nods to Neil Young, the Eagles, CSN, James Taylor and the Band. Mature song writing, coupled with impressive vocals and musicianship, creates a unique concert experience that is irresistibly fun.

July 21 - Boonescuttle 5: Hometown favorite Dave Goessling is a member of this fabulous group that brings vintage radio rock to life. Incredible, authentic and super-talented. Not to be missed!

August 11 - Silk City: Danny Wiess, Barry Mitterhoff and Larry Cohen - Mandolin, guitar and bass blend in a breathtaking variety of styles. The trio combines exciting, interesting arrangements and meticulous delivery with a hard-hitting sound that will enrapture acoustic music lovers.

****August 18 - CB Radio:** Americana Stew - Our good friends CB Radio are cooking up a great evening of entertainment for High Bridge! Keep your eye out for more details on this truly exciting opportunity to not only hear a lineup of up and coming performers, but to hear a full-out performance by Hunterdon's own CB Radio. They are country roots, rock-to-the-core, homegrown and served up country style, but headed right to the top! Do not miss this one!

These concerts are held in the Borough Commons Park, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. except for August 18's concert, which will start at 5 p.m. The concerts are free and are so much fun for the whole family. Bring blankets, chairs, picnics, Frisbees, hula hoops, bubbles, leashed pets and all your friends! Some dates will have food vendors so watch for further announcements as the season goes on. Invite as many people as you want and get ready to have a really good time!! Concert dates will be noted with signage around town and look for our new "High Bridge Presents" banner on the trestle the day of any show!

SEE YOU THERE!

*Victoria Miller - Cultural and Heritage Committee -
Concert Organizer, High Bridge Borough Council*

Pig Out with Scout Troop 149

Boy Scout Troop 149 of High Bridge is on the road to another year of adventure, featuring a stop along the way to serve up some down-home, good eating for Borough residents and visitors.

All are invited to the Troop's first annual "Pig Out" barbecue lunch fundraiser, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the High Bridge Emergency Squad on West Main Street (Route 513).

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 \$7.50.

The rain-or-shine event will benefit the Scout's busy program of camping, hiking, canoeing and other outings, which this summer include a high-adventure trek across the Presidential Range of New Hampshire's White Mountains.

This past year, Troop 149 Scouts have backpacked on the Appalachian Trail, hiked historic Gettysburg National Military Park, kayaked the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and camped from the Kittatinny Mountains to the Pine Barrens and beyond. The Scouts have also perform notable service projects, including running the Spring and Fall food drives in High Bridge.

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 to 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 Scouts also would like to thank Borough residents and everyone else who has long supported the Troop's car washes and other activities.

So "Pig Out" with the Scouts at the first annual pulled pork barbecue on Saturday, May 19 at the High Bridge Emergency Squad. See you there!

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HIGH BRIDGE Summer Recreation Program



Registration forms are available online at www.highbridge.org.

2012 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. The program will be held July 9 - July 20. 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 \$55 Both Sessions \$85
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 28, 2012 to: High Bridge Recreation Committee, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ. Please make checks payable to High Bridge Recreation Committee.

Hunterdon Bike Info

Hunterdon County is a premier destination for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Those looking for great rides have to look no farther than www.bikehunterdon.org, a comprehensive webpage developed by HART Commuter Information Services.

Visitors to the webpage will find a full description of rides including the popular "Delaware & Raritan Tow Path", "Last Covered Bridge", and "Round Valley Roundabout" routes as well as the Columbia Trail, and most recently added, the "Landsdown Trail" ride.

A quick click on any of the route descriptions opens a full color photo gallery of what cyclists may see along the ride. An interactive "Google" map feature allows potential riders to view amenities along the routes including restaurants, bed and breakfast and other lodging, as well as points of interest. A full list of all local bicycle shops as well as where to rent a bicycle is also included. There is even a section to allow cyclists to leave feedback of their experience bicycling in Hunterdon.

"Bike Hunterdon.org is an opportunity for us to offer prospective visitors to Hunterdon County the information they may need to choose Hunterdon for their next bicycle destination," says Tara Shepherd, HART executive director.

HART Commuter Information Services is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation such as bicycling. All HART programs and services are offered free of charge.

Visit www.bikehunterdon.org today.

Cathy Taglienti

Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Open Cupboard Food Pantry is still going strong thanks to the generosity of our loyal supporters. We are steadily gaining new clients, adding 10 in one week alone, and currently feed over 550 people each month.

The thrift shop continues to sell your new and gently-used household items, books, jewelry and clothing. Our inventory is constantly changing, so please come by and see if we have something that meets your needs. We have plenty of gowns for the upcoming prom season.

The Pantry and shop would love to expand our hours but can't do it without many more volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Anne at 730-7320, extension 3.

*Tobey Wodder,
Secretary, Open Cupboard Food Pantry*

High Bridge Library

This summer we will be hosting craft programs, storytelling, and a poetry workshop. Please contact the High Bridge Library to register after May 30, 2012. Also we will be participating in the State-wide reading program for children. Come in and sign up after May 30, 2012 for this as well.

Hope to see you all this summer! Miss Terry



2012 HBYS Registration Form

Season Runs from September 8, 2012 to November 17, 2012

Register On or Before July 23, 2012: \$60.00
Register After July 23, 2012: \$70.00

PeeWee Division (Kindergarten & First Grade) Registration Fee: \$60.00

- Families with 3 or more players: Maximum fee is \$120 before July 23, and \$140 after July 23.
- Shin Guards are MANDATORY.
- Summer KickOff Clinic: Run by USA Soccer, held on select weekday evenings, in early August (date and times to be determined).
- PeeWee Players will be contacted by their coaches the week of August 27, 2012. At that time, parents will be informed about their game times for the first Saturday on September 8, 2012.
- Players in Grades 2-8 will be contacted by their coaches approximately the week of August 8.

PeeWee Division Kindergarten & First Grade
 Junior Division Second & Third Grade
 Intermediate Fourth and Fifth Grade*
 Senior Division Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade*

*Game Schedules: Intermediate and Senior Divisions
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 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) _____

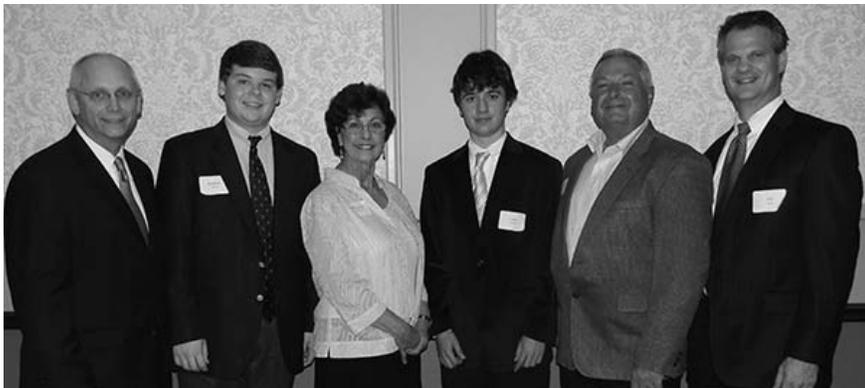
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..... DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
 Cash Check Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____

Mail Check or Money Order to:
High Bridge Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 268, High Bridge, NJ 08829

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YMCA Volunteer Award



Pictured from left to right: Bruce Black, YMCA President/CEO, Andrew Martini, recipient of the George Hoffman Humanitarian Award; Marguerite DeStefano of Clinton awarded the Y Volunteer of the Year Award; Luke Decker of Flemington awarded the Ralph Muzzey Youth Leadership Award; Dan Leta of Flemington recipient of the Harris & Betts Smith Distinguished Service Award; Jim Lewy recipient of the Bowden, Byrnes, McCormick Dedication Award.

Congratulations Andrew and all of the YMCA award recipients!

For more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Martini, Volunteer Program Administrator at 908-236-7879 extension 14.

The Y proudly presented five annual recognition awards Wednesday, March 28 at Stanton Ridge Country Club with one of High Bridge residents among the award recipients.

Andrew Martini of High Bridge was given the George Hoffman Humanitarian Award recognizing him as an individual who has rendered outstanding service in implementing the Y's mission and character development values.

Andrew, a junior at Voorhees High School has been a dedicated Y volunteer since he was 12 years old. He has volunteered in many areas of the Y but was recognized for his efforts over the past three years as a volunteer for the Y's Tewksbury recreation program. He is a leader and an excellent role model for the children in the program and his exuberance and kindness make him a true ambassador for the Y.

News from the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School District

- The Board of Education (BOE) has approved a budget for the 2012-2013 school year that will not raise the local tax levy. The budget has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent. Budget information can be found at: <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/boe-district-services/budget/>.
- The list of open seats on the high school District's BOE is also posted on this webpage. Election of BOE members will take place in November coinciding with the general election.
- The District has completed Strategic Planning. A new five-year Strategic Plan was accepted by the BOE on February 28. New goals for the District were in the areas of improving educational excellence, increasing resources, improving communication, and developing partnerships. The final Strategic Plan has been posted at: <http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/community-resources/strategic-planning-2011/>.
- The Voorhees High School Wrestling Team raised \$6,100 for the Special Olympics of Hunterdon County through "Pinning 4 a Purpose." "Pinning 4 a Purpose" asks wrestlers to obtain pledges for each pin they achieve throughout the season. Every time a pin or "fall" is recorded during the season, the pledge that each wrestler has solicited will be donated to the organization the team chooses to support. At the end of the season, the total pledge count, multiplied by the number of pins, will be donated in its entirety to the organization. In two years, the wrestling team has donated \$10,700 to the Special Olympics.
- In the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Competition, one senior from Voorhees High School was named as a Finalist and 4 seniors were named as Commended Students in the competition. Students were chosen based on their scores from the 2010 Preliminary SAT (PSAT) or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test exam. Commended Students place among the top 5% of the 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking either exam. Finalists may be selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Congratulations to Amy Hicks of High Bridge for being named a Commended Student!
- The High School District has partnered with UMB CardPartner to launch a VISA® Platinum Rewards Credit Card Program. There are two card designs, one representing each high school. Once a person applies for and activates his/her North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District VISA®, the district will receive \$50 as well as a percent from all purchases charged to the card. Cardholders will earn one reward point for every dollar spent. For more information or to apply for a credit card, please visit: <http://www.nhvweb.net/?p=1480>
- Voorhees High School graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

*Maren Smagala
District Communications Coordinator
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District*

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 12 - Town-Wide Garage Sale

May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony - 11:00 a.m. Hoffman Park

June 2 - HBBA Soap Box Derby

June 9 and July 21 - Concerts in the Commons 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

June 15, June 22 and June 29 - Movies in the Commons - 8:30 p.m.

June 16 - Pooch Parade 9:00 a.m. Registration; 10:00 a.m. Parade

June 30 - Historic Walking Tour - Main Street High Bridge: 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. (shine only)

July 28 - Annual Fire Department Picnic

Upcoming:

August 11 and August 18 - Concerts in the Commons

September 1 - Tour of High Bridge (Bicycle Race)

October 13 - High Bridge Paint-Out Day
