

The Quarterly Newsletter for the Citizens of High Bridge

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- TAKE ACTION NOW TOWARDS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.
- BE INFORMED; BE PREPARED. MAKE YOUR NEEDS KNOWN.
- VOLUNTEER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP. CREATE A BASIC EMERGENCY KIT.

REGISTER NOW. READ TO FIND OUT HOW.

## Hurricane Irene and Emergency Preparedness

What does Hurricane Irene have to do with emergency preparedness? Remembering the effects of Hurricane Irene shortly after the disaster can help spur us into action to prepare NOW for any future situations. Overall our Borough residents were fortunate in comparison to other municipalities; however, Hurricane Irene left 350 Borough homes without power for three days and resulted in spoiled food; the absence of hot water; no potable water; no air conditioning; and, for those with electric stoves, no hot meals. A few homes were rendered uninhabitable, and those residents lost everything.

In light of this, imagine a three-day power outage in the middle of February with temperatures dipping below zero. In addition to the lost conveniences suffered from Irene, you can add to the list no heat, frozen pipes, and prolonged sheltering away from your residence to prevent hypothermia and possibly even death.

High Bridge Emergency Services' members train constantly to improve response times and to continually evaluate pre-disaster plans. Over the years the plans have become comprehensive and very effective, but *resident participation and cooperation is still needed in preparedness to help minimize the negative impacts of a future crisis.*

We urge you to take action NOW to help us help you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

*High Bridge Emergency Management Committee*

### ATTENTION Elderly or Residents with Special Needs

If you are elderly or have any type of special needs, register with Register Ready so that the emergency services rescue teams know where you are and what they need to do to meet your needs in emergency situations.

Register at [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov) (For registry assistance, dial 211 (toll free) and an operator will assist you in registering.)

Continue to page 5 of this newsletter for further information on emergency preparedness.

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## Fall Leaf Collection

Now through December 2, 2011  
[No pickup after December 2]

LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY. Please place leaves at the edge of the lawn per Storm Water Management Regulations.

Residents and/or businesses on the following roads MUST PLACE ALL LEAVES IN PAPER NOT PLASTIC BAGS: County Route 513, Cregar Road (from Hilltop Deli to the Cregar Road bridge), Hart Street, Union Avenue, Central Avenue, and all of Center Street. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OR ANY OTHER YARD DEBRIS IN THE LEAF PILE AS IT WILL BE LEFT.

## Fall Brush Collection

November 14 - 18

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

The Commons will be open on the following Saturdays: November 5 and November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only. Refer to the article on page 7 for further information on what is acceptable to bring to the Commons. Thank you in advance!

*Michael Hann, Director of Public Works*

# Recycling Schedule & Info

November 11 and 25, December 9 and 23; January 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, drinking glasses, flower pots, light bulbs, mirror and window glass, oil jugs, plastic bags, scrap metal, and Styrofoam.

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](http://www.highbridge.org). Refer to pages 9, 13 and 27 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 "2011 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2011" information sheet. If you do not have a "2011 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2011" 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.

*Christmas trees will be picked up on a daily basis until the second week in February 2012.*

**Borough Hall**  
**71 Main Street**  
**High Bridge, NJ 08829**  
 Telephone: 908-638-6455; Fax: 908-638-9374  
[www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
<b>November 2011</b>			<b>1</b> Property Taxes Due	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Commons* 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony Veterans Park	
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Recycling Veterans Day Borough Hall Closed	<b>12</b> Commons*	
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	
	← Fall Brush Collection (last brush pickup till Spring) →							
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day Borough Hall Closed	<b>25</b> Recycling Borough Hall Closed	<b>26</b> Santa's Mailbox Becomes Available	
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Utilities Due	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Leaf Collection in progress all month.				

\* Commons Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Calendar: December 2011 and January 2012

December 2011	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
						1	2 Leaf Collection Ends	3 * For a list of events, see below!
	4 Victorian Christmas Solitude House 2 - 4 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Recycling	10	
	11	12 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	16	17 Last Day Santa's Mailbox is Available	
	18	19	20	21	22	23 Recycling	24	
	25 Christmas Day	26 <i>Borough Hall Closed</i>	27 Christmas Tree Pickup Begins	28	29	30		

\* December 3 Events:  
 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cookies with Santa at Borough Hall; Gingerbread Houses on Display in front of High Bridge Library  
 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Victorian Christmas at Solitude House  
 6:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony, Main Street, High Bridge

January 2012	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 <i>Borough Hall Closed</i>	3	4	5	6 Recycling	7
	8	9 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20 Recycling	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	Christmas tree pick-up on a daily basis until the second week in February.			

January Council Meeting dates are not noted, because the 2012 dates are set at a reorg meeting scheduled to be held after this newsletter's publication. Please check the Borough's website ([www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)) for 2012 Council meeting dates.

# Emergency Preparedness - Take Action NOW

If you are a resident with a private, unlisted number or if you do not have a 'land' line, i.e., you use a cell phone only, you need to take action and register your contact information. Even if you have a listed phone number, it is best to register with the emergency communication systems to ensure that you are notified. Please take time to do this NOW.

- Residents are strongly encouraged to register with the RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM and may also register with Nixle to ensure receipt of emergency notifications.
  - » Register with the RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/rapidnotify.htm> (If you require assistance with registration, please call Hunterdon County Emergency Management on 908.788.1196.)

The RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM is used by the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety and the Borough of High Bridge to send emergency alert notifications and updates to its residents. The system simultaneously sends an alert to thousands of people over communication platforms such as telephone, email, cell phone, SMS text message, pager and PDA. The Rapid Notify System issues voice or text messages to alert response personnel to the presence of the emergency and to instruct residents how best to reduce their risk of harm in potentially life-threatening situations such as large fires, chemical spills, contaminated water, evacuation notices, severe weather, and police activity.

Help us communicate with you by signing up with the Rapid Notify System. By providing your home, work, and cell phone numbers, as well as your email addresses, High Bridge Emergency Services will have your contact information in the event of an emergency.

- » Register with Nixle at <http://local.nixle.com/register/>. This service utilizes SMS, mobile applications, email and the web. If you use any of these methods of communication (including receiving and reading text messages on your cell phone) but you are unable to register, contact Hunterdon County Emergency Management on 908.788.1196 for assistance.

*In order to register for Nixle, you must first register with the County via the RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM (see above). Once you register with the RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM, you will receive login credentials to enable you to log into the High Bridge Police site and register with the High Bridge Office of Emergency Management through Nixle.*

The news and information provided by Nixle is both proximate and personally relevant because you decide what to receive and how. The benefits of registering with and using Nixle Communications are that you:

1. pinpoint the locations and addresses that matter most to you;
2. select the local agencies and businesses you're interested in hearing from;
3. determine the priority level of the messages that reach you; and
4. configure how messages reach you – either by text message, email, or on the web by logging into your account.

- Join the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Join the High Bridge CERT and become involved in and informed about community response activities as they unfold. High Bridge CERT members participate in preparedness activities and respond to emergencies such as Hurricane Irene as well as volunteer at local community events, i.e., the Soap Box Derby. CERT members continually train to be ready for upcoming emergency situations. You can find more information about CERT at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/about.shtm>.

- Create a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

Prepare for short- and long-term disasters by creating a basic emergency supply kit. The kit should include a three-day supply of food, water, and other supplies to support you and your family in an emergency. You can find suggestions at the federal government's website [www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html).

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Sales Associate

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

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**REMINDER: Taxes & Utilities Due**

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE  
FOURTH QUARTER TAXES  
DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

FOURTH QUARTER UTILITIES  
DUE NOVEMBER 28, 2011

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

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS!!!  
PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT TD BANK.

PAYMENTS ARE NOW ACCEPTED AT:  
INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK  
55 Old Highway 22  
Clinton, NJ 08809

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

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

# Summer Concert Reflections

This year's series, featuring Boonescuttle 5, The Beth Coleman Band, and CB Radio had a little something for everyone, including 100 degree heat and drenching rain and storms!

Boonescuttle 5 opened the series on July 9 with a perfect night of rock radio music, delighting the audience with their renditions of original classics, notably performed on authentic period instruments. It was a lovely evening and a great time!

The Beth Coleman Band brought us back to our Americana roots on July 23 with an evening of bluegrass tunes enjoyed by those of us who could tolerate the extreme temperature!

Lastly, on August 13, CB Radio, with smoking delicious

barbecue served up by Georgie Porgie, showed us all that you can still bring out a bunch of folks willing to eat and dance in the pouring rain if the food and music are great! The downpour let up for their entire non-stop set, and they gave a straight-ahead performance for all of us determined not to let the weather "dampen" our good time!

The Cultural and Heritage Committee raises funds to be able to bring you these great evenings at no cost to the taxpayer! The Committee is made up of volunteer High Bridge residents who bring you these evenings with the generous support of our loyal sponsors:

**Diamond Sponsor:** Custom Alloy Corporation; **Gold Sponsors:** Roselle Savings Bank and Greenbaum Rowe Smith Davis; **Silver Sponsor:** Colalillo ShopRite of Hunterdon County; and **Sustaining Sponsors:** Glassman High Voltage, High Bridge Stone, and Naughtright-Scarponi Funeral Home.

Thanks again to everyone who made these events possible. If you are interested in participating in making things happen in our town, the Committee would love to hear from you! Please contact Victoria Miller at [vmiller@highbridge.org](mailto:vmiller@highbridge.org) to get involved.

*Victoria Miller,  
High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee*



*The Boonescuttle 5 Band on July 9 Cranking Out Those Tunes*

## HB Emergency Squad

Interested in learning CPR? We offer classes designed to provide basic skills for our residents. The cost is \$30 per person for Family and Friends CPR, and the training is approximately 2 hours. The class is held the first Thursday of every month and the two remaining programs this year will be November 3 and December 1. For more information, please contact Jessica Luteran at [jessica.luteran@hbcs.org](mailto:jessica.luteran@hbcs.org) or by calling 908.638.0003.

Interested in learning more about membership in the High Bridge Emergency Squad? New members are always welcome, so stop by and talk with any of our volunteer members at local stand-by events such as a Huskies Football game, Saturday morning soccer game, or any of the events that we provide coverage. You may also contact us at [www.HBES.org](http://www.HBES.org) or call us at 638.4441 for more details. Please take the time to learn more about how being a member of the Squad can make a difference in your community.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season from everyone at High Bridge Emergency Squad!

*Rick Hannigan, High Bridge Emergency Squad*

## Commons Mulch Area

Being able to bring your yard brush to the Commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only leaves, brush, and tree branches (3 inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 5 & 12, 2011.

The area will be closed from November 16 through March 14. Going forward Council will approve the Saturday schedule each February. The new schedule will be posted on the town website and published in the next Borough Newsletter.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood should not be brought to the Commons. Remember: It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1,250/90 days jail/community service. Ordinance No. 2011-21 and 2011-23.

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

# Thank You to the Sponsors of the 2011 Tour of High Bridge

I would like to thank the people and organizations who made The Tour of High Bridge, a NJBA- and USAC-sanctioned bicycle race, which was held in High Bridge on Saturday, August 6, a success. The race consisted of seven adult and three children races. This annual event, promoted by our Borough, welcomes participants primarily from the Northeastern United States. It is publicized through various websites, including USAC, NJBA, Bikereg.org and many bike clubs in New Jersey and the surrounding states.

The Borough deeply appreciates our sponsors' support (see list of sponsors below and on the next page). Without their help, The Tour of High Bridge Bicycle Race would not have happened; please patronize these businesses.

**Title Sponsor:**

Custom Alloy Corporation  
3 Washington Avenue  
High Bridge, NJ 08829  
(908) 638-6200

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Iselin, NJ 08830  
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The following are some of the many people and organizations that did the physical work to make the race a success.

Jeff and Gabrielle Oliver and High Bridge Police Sergeant Jared Skobo for much of the work done before and during the race.

Ester Tai, Nancy Hunt, Councilmen Mike Lynch and Mike Stemple for assisting with the registration.

Annette Brunner (Assistant Manager, Clinton Office, Investor Savings Bank), Susan Cox, Jeff Burns and Michael Matineau (Custom Alloy) for presenting the trophies and prizes.

Kevin Smith (Custom Alloy) for designing and fabricating the trophies.

Eric Blasic of the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus and High Bridge Mayor Mark Desire.

Todd Honeycutt and Gabrielle Oliver for setting up and taking down the tables, chairs, canopies and signs, and also for pickup/delivery of the many items needed for the race.

Mike Hann and the High Bridge Department of Public Works for the work they did in repairing and marking the race course.

High Bridge Police Chief Brett Bartman and the High Bridge Police Department, Todd Honeycutt and the High Bridge CERT Team, Fire Department Chief Brian Labuta and the High Bridge Fire Department for the traffic control.

Dave Hoos and the High Bridge Rescue Squad and the Rescue Squads from the surrounding towns for the medical support.

Ossie Goodman for setting up the electrical service for the judge's stand and the gazebo for the registration/sign-in. Perry Papantonius and the Hunterdon Huskies Football Organization for serving breakfast, lunch and snacks all day.

Michael of Michael's Pizzeria for the daunting job of preparing 130 subs for the volunteers.

The NJBA Officials; Joe Saling, the announcer; and the USAC.

Many thanks! *Councilman Dean Rapp*

## NJ HomeKeeper Program

The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency has announced the "New Jersey HomeKeeper Program" funded through a grant from United States Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund. The Program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their home as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment.

The NJ HomeKeeper Program provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan whereby the proceeds may be used to cover arrearages and/or an approved amount of the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment, including property taxes, property insurance, and mortgage insurance.

Program details are available online at [www.njhomekeeper.gov](http://www.njhomekeeper.gov) or by calling the toll-free HomeKeeper call center at (855)-NJ-KEEP-1.

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

# Thank You to the Sponsors of the 2011 Tour of High Bridge

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High Bridge, NJ 08829  
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Wal-Mart  
One Wal-Mart Plaza  
Routes 513 & I-78  
Clinton, NJ 08809  
(908) 730-8665

## Electronics Recycling 2012

Back by popular demand! We will be holding our fourth town-wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Union Forge Park. We will accept any item with a plug that is non-hazardous. \*\*Reminder: There is a \$10 fee per Freon item. This covers the removal and recycling of the Freon from each appliance and provides the necessary recycling certificates. When bringing Freon items to recycle, you will need to pay with exact cash or a check made out to the Borough of High Bridge.

Specific information as to what can be recycled is on our Borough website: [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org) under recycling. Look for more electronic recycling details in the next newsletter. Questions? Contact Lynn Hughes, Project Coordinator, 638.8887.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 5 at 11 a.m.  
Veterans Memorial Park

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

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

Please join us for a time of remembrance.

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

## Veterans Signage Visibility

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

Thank you for being respectful of this special place.

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

## Cub Scout Pack 149

Cub Scout Pack 149 has had a fun start to the year, signing up seven new cub scouts, camping at Teetertown Nature Preserve, and assisting the Boy Scout Troop 149 with their fall food drive. Our upcoming activities include an overnight trip to Battleship New Jersey, marching in the Clinton Christmas Parade, taking an art class at the Hunterdon Art Museum, and snowtubing. We encourage all boys from first through fifth grade to join us.

This year we are seeking camping equipment donations to help build the troop's supplies. Please contact Steve Croghan at 908.638.8379 if you would like to make a donation or if you would like more information about the Pack.

*Todd Honeycutt*

## High Bridge Library

Call Miss Terry (638-8231) at the Library to make a reservation for the Christmas/Holiday story hour sometime in December presented by Mary Ann Paterniti.

*Miss Terry, High Bridge Library*

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## Clean Communities Grant

The Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 with funding from taxes levied on the sale of litter-generating products. The Clean Communities Fund was reauthorized in 2002 making all municipalities eligible to receive funding.

High Bridge annually receives grant money. Spending the grant money is restricted and can only be used for litter abatement/awareness items such as: litter and graffiti cleanup and removal, enforcement of local anti-littering laws, purchase of trash receptacles, sponsorship of adopt a park and educational programs. The High Bridge Environmental Committee used our 2010 Clean Communities Grant money of \$7,518.70 in the following ways:

- Purchased two cigarette trash receptacle for Main Street.
- Sponsored an educational assembly for both the High Bridge Elementary and Middle schools.
- Funded the Electronics Recycling Event.
- Created and distributed litter abatement flyers.
- Purchased graffiti cleaning supplies.
- Donated to the South Branch Watershed Association for their annual Raritan River Clean-Up Day.
- Donated to the High Bridge Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for participation in our local Raritan River Clean-Up Day.
- Purchased postage for recycling of sneakers and bottle caps.

*Councilwoman Lynn Hughes*

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# 2012 Registration

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

Child's Name _____	_____	_____
Street Address _____	Grade _____	School Attending _____
City/State/Zip _____	Age This Fall _____	
Telephone _____	Height (inches) _____	
Email _____	Weight (lbs.) _____	
Parent/Guardian Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Basketball Experience (years) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Played in HBYP in 2011	Special Considerations, i.e. allergies, medications, etc. _____

High Bridge Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls residing in any town. To ensure a successful Draft, please return form(s) no later than November 8, 2011.

**The grade requirements for the league divisions are as follows:**

- Peewees – Kindergarten or 5 years of age as of fall 2011; and First Graders
- Juniors – Grades Second and Third (**Skills Assessment - Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at 6:45-8:00 High Bridge Elementary School**)
- Intermediates – Grades Four and Five (**Skills Assessment - Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at 6:00-7:30 High Bridge Middle School**)
- Senior - Grades Six, Seven, and Eight (**Skills Assessment - Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at 7:30-8:45 High Bridge Middle School**)

**NOTE: The skills assessment dates are mandatory for all league participants.**

**Make Up Date: If participants can not attend 11/4 assessments, they must then attend the make up date of Tuesday, November 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the HB Middle School.**

**Games begin on December 17, 2011. Coaches will call with the playing time.**

If two or more siblings are in the same Division, do you want them on the same team? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AND RELEASE**

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**We need Volunteers:** HEAD COACH \_\_\_\_\_ ASST. COACH \_\_\_\_\_ REFEREE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

All coaches are required to take a criminal background check.  
We are also interested in parents as referees for our Junior and Intermediate Divisions.

Registration Fee \$90 - Registration must be accompanied by a check (\*NOTE: If you are registering more than two children, the cost is \$180 for the 2 children plus \$10 for each additional child.) For Assistance in making payment or any questions, please call league President, Gary Mills at 908-268-7501, or email coachmills42@aol.com

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## Police Department

### Community Day Recap

In light of the present economic challenges faced by all, I am pleased that the 2011 Community Day was made possible. The last few years have been difficult as finances have diminished thereby providing limited options for those involved in the planning of Community Day. However, the added support of our local businesses and organizations made this day possible. Special thanks to the High Bridge Business Association, the Union Forge Heritage Association, and the High Bridge Recreation Committee. Our goal in creating Community Day was simple: bring the community together. We wanted to remain unique in that everyone in attendance could equally enjoy all that is offered without charge. Whether or not we have inflatable rides, food or snow cones, the Police Department will be there next year inviting the community to come together.

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

Borough Ordinance 184-18; Designation of snow emergency no-parking areas: No person shall be parked on either side of any street(s) or parts thereof from November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the exception of Church Street between Fairview Ave. and Taylor Street. Those parking in the Church Street area between Fairview Ave. and Taylor Street will be required to obtain a parking permit. The above parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with normal flow of traffic

Borough Ordinance 150-33; Snow and Ice Removal: The owner or tenant of land abutting upon the sidewalk of any street or avenue shall remove all snow and ice from such sidewalk within twelve (12) daylight hours after same shall have formed or fallen thereon.

*Brett Bartman  
Chief of Police*

## Bottle Cap Recycling Canceled

Regretfully effective immediately, the Environmental Committee is ending plastic bottle cap recycling.

Since 2010 we have been shipping the caps to the Recap Company in Ohio to be made into welcome mats. In spite of our instructions on the recycling containers specifying which caps were acceptable, some people continued to drop off any and all bottle caps including metal. It became too much work for us to sort out the unusable caps before shipping.

If you would like, you may send your plastic bottle caps to The Recap Company directly at 6465 Lewis Road, Loveland, OH 45140. For more information, see the website, [www.recapcompany.com](http://www.recapcompany.com).

*Environmental Committee*

## Economic Development

The Economic Development Committee has experienced a momentous year. New members have joined bringing talent, experience and useful knowledge to aid our efforts. We are also pleased to say we have accomplished most of our goals for this year while the few remaining are nearing completion. We continue to meet with key Borough organizations to discuss concerns and share ideas. The new EDC webpage continues as a work in progress and the Business Visitation Program is ongoing.

Our most anticipated project, scheduled for completion this year, is the Business Solicitation Brochure. This brochure will be instrumental in targeting specific businesses. Last year, two surveys were sent out asking residents what businesses they would like to see in our town. We sincerely thank those of you who responded as the results of those surveys will be used when approaching prospective businesses.

Many residents have commented on how they would like to see the downtown area improve in appearance. We are working with the Borough administration by researching grants in areas such as building façade improvements, funding new events and promoting tourism. We are also working to streamline the processes new businesses might face when settling in town. The challenge is two-fold in that High Bridge's historical, natural and recreational assets need to be marketed in order to increase visitor volume which then can attract potential businesses.

There is still much work to be done if we are to be successful, and we look forward to continuing these efforts into next year. Our mission is "to bring businesses into High Bridge by creating marketing incentives, facilitating start-up, and helping to create a climate conducive to economic well-being." As the marketing branch of the Borough, we feel it is our job to promote our identity and enhance the wonderful attributes that High Bridge has to offer. Our members are dedicated High Bridge residents who, like you, want to see our town thrive. If you have any ideas you would like to share or would like to get involved, please contact us via email at [edc@highbridge.org](mailto:edc@highbridge.org).

*Brent Dugan, Economic Development Committee*

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# Fire Department

Complete this checklist below and see how well you score. You should be able to answer "Yes" to all of these questions. If not, there may be a hazard lurking in your home. For more information regarding home fire safety, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov), or contact us at [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org).

*Jim Dietz, Secretary, High Bridge Fire Department*

## HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

The United States continues to have one of the highest fire deaths and injury rates worldwide. Fire is the second leading cause of accidental death per year, with over 4,000 fatalities in more than 500,000 residential structure fires. Although this time of year we focus on the holidays and ringing in the New Year, it would be beneficial to all of us if we took some time and checked our homes for potential fire hazards. Education and awareness can go a long way towards reducing the national statistics in property and life loss.

### HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME FROM FIRE?

#### HEATING

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| System is properly installed and maintained | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Chimney cleaned and checked for leaks       | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Combustibles kept at least 3 feet away      | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Only proper fuel is used (wood stoves)      | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Metal can and lid is used for ash disposal  | Yes ___ No ___ |

#### COOKING EQUIPMENT

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Area free of flammable and combustible items    | Yes ___ No ___ |
| No loose clothing around open flames            | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Items that attract children are away from stove | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Stove is not unattended when cooking            | Yes ___ No ___ |

#### LIGHTERS and MATCHES

- |                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Kept out of reach of children | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Are never used as toys        | Yes ___ No ___ |

#### FURNITURE

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Fabrics selected and checked for safety reasons  | Yes ___ No ___ |
| All furniture is checked for ashes or unextinguished cigarettes that may have fallen into cushions | Yes ___ No ___ |
| No Smoking in or around bedding  | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Heaters, ashtrays or smoking materials are located away from bedding                               | Yes ___ No ___ |

#### EARLY WARNING AND ESCAPE

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| At least one combination detector is located on every floor of the home | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Detectors are within ten feet of sleeping areas                         | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Detectors are tested at least once a month                              | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Batteries are changed AT LEAST annually                                 | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Detectors are NEVER disconnected  | Yes ___ No ___ |
| The family has an escape plan and practices it                          | Yes ___ No ___ |
| The escape plan has a designated meeting place OUTSIDE the home         | Yes ___ No ___ |
| At least TWO exits from each part of the home are established           | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Everyone knows how to call for help in the event of an emergency        | Yes ___ No ___ |

# Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA)

For those of us who grew up in Hunterdon County and lived here 40 years or more, the one thing that the natives will inevitably talk about is the accelerated pace of life, the now unbearable traffic, and the seemingly lack of connection with your neighbors. Although our ever-increasing electronic devices allow us to stay connected in an instant, the act of writing a letter or making a personal visit in our fast-paced life feels more like an inconvenience rather than an enjoyment.

I recently had one of those "reconnection with my past" moments that feels very timely to share, because it reflects my involvement with the Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA), and the UFHA's involvement with High Bridge and Solitude House, as well as the basic human desire to feel connected with a time and place. Ironically the event was made possible by what I had come to think of as the evil necessities of the electronic age.

Growing up in Clinton Township, I attended first grade in the little red schoolhouse in Annandale. It was a classic, two-room schoolhouse built in the 1890s with all the nostalgic features including a bell tower, wooden desks with ink well holes - the whole nine yards. The memory of attending school in a two-room schoolhouse is probably one of my most vivid memories just because it was so unusual, not to mention the fun I have as an adult telling friends that I attended a two-room schoolhouse! Fast forward 40 years into the "connected" world of cell phone, texting, internet age, where several of my classmates and I reconnected with our first grade teacher through Facebook and were able to organize an impromptu class-reunion at our little schoolhouse. Although I had not seen these folks in four decades, it was so apparent that we shared a connection in a place and time past with similar sensibilities that was reflective of a rural, small town background. We didn't expect it, but somehow we all felt protective of that simple little school, our place in the township's history, and the group of people who are part of our collective past.

Having thought about the events of that afternoon, I realized that not too dissimilar are the occurrences that happen at Solitude each and every year since the Museum opened in 2002. Folks come back after many years and miles to where they started and feel so at ease when they return to a place that was special to them as children and young adults. More recent are the times when a grade school student brings his or her parents back to Solitude after a school tour and literally gives the parent a pretty good history lesson and, of course, retells the stories of the ghosts that live in the attic! The reminiscence and commonality that bond us are very strong ties that bring folks together or back together at Solitude House. Like that little red schoolhouse is to Annandale, so Solitude House is for many folks from High Bridge's past and hopefully its future. The same concept holds true for community spirit and pride in our little town of High Bridge. A connection with the past through a relative who worked at Taylor Wharton or a new generation who feels at home with our pride in a good community and rural surroundings are all ties that link the generations.



*UFHA Vice President William Honachefsky, Jr. speaks to High Bridge school students on the history of Solitude, TISCO and Union Forge.*

Recognizing that Solitude holds a place for the older generations and because it is becoming apparent that it is a special place for the next generation's future, the UFHA will soon be ready to launch our Youth in History program. This program will be a focal point for the youth in town to foster a sense of place and involvement for the next generation. Our initiatives will be focusing on school curriculums that teach the history of Solitude, TISCO and our early industrial connections. Each level of history and level of teaching will be tailored to ages from elementary school through high school. This is an exciting and ambitious program that is critical to the sustainability of teaching history to the next generation. "Dignity of the past with the promise of tomorrow" is a phrase that speaks perfectly to Solitude. Be sure to visit our new and growing website at [solitudehousemuseum.org](http://solitudehousemuseum.org) and our UFHA Facebook page for information on how you can become involved with this or other UFHA projects.

Please mark your calendars and join us at Solitude for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Victorian Christmas Open House on December 3 from 4 - 8 p.m. and December 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. Come reconnect with old friends or make it a place to create new friendships and memories with the UFHA. E-mail us at [solitudehousemuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:solitudehousemuseum@hotmail.com) or call 908.638.3200 for more information. If you prefer the "old fashioned way," feel free to write us at UFHA, P.O. Box 174, High Bridge, NJ or stop by for a visit any Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m.

*Best Regards and Happy Holidays,  
Michael Gronsky Jr.,  
President, Union Forge Heritage Association/Solitude House Museum*

# News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

## High Bridge Board of Education (HB BOE)

### Attainment of High Performing District Status

The HB BOE, faculty and administration completed an extensive amount of work during the 2011-2012 school year and as a result has gained the designation of a "High Performing District" from the New Jersey State Board of Education. This accomplishment represents the culmination of school district improvement in the areas of Instruction and Program and Governance.

### District/Board Goals for 2011 - 2012

At their September 12, 2011 meeting the HB BOE adopted the following goals:

1. By June 30, 2012 the current Integrated Language Arts curriculum will be reviewed, revised and adopted in accordance with the Common Core Standards as adopted by the New Jersey State BOE and will become the English Language Arts curriculum. Also, by June 30, the Mathematics (Grades 3 through 5) curriculum will be reviewed, revised and adopted to meet the Common Core Standards as adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education.
2. By June 30, 2012 the District will provide additional classroom access to technology-based education through the purchase and installation of smart boards and laptop computers. The district will also provide applicable instructor professional development training in the area of technology-based education.
3. By April 15, 2012 the HB BOE will implement one to two additional community outreach programs in an effort to increase community awareness and participation in the operations of the High Bridge Public School District.

### Negotiations

The HB BOE and the High Bridge Teachers Association began collective bargaining discussions in January of 2011. Both sides met throughout the following nine months. The negotiation team of the High Bridge Teachers' Association filed for mediation and a mediator has now been appointed by the New Jersey Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC). When contract negotiations reach an impasse, PERC may appoint a mediator to help the parties reach an agreement. If the parties still cannot reach an agreement, the mediator will make further recommendations. The Board will continue to update the community to the extent permissible by law as negotiations proceed.

### Two New Board Members Appointed

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Education. Mrs. Ann Willard and Mr. Alan Schwartz recently were appointed to the Board filling two open positions. Both will serve until the next school election which will occur in April 2012.

### Community and Board of Education Participation

The HB BOE encourages community members to attend the monthly public meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month in Room 209 of the High Bridge Middle School. One convenient method that may be used to contact Board members is to visit the District's website at [www.hbschools.org](http://www.hbschools.org) and click on the Board of Education tab.

## Elementary School News

The school year has gotten off to a great start. The children have settled in to their routines while their teachers work to implement the revised curriculum. Back to School Night was once again extended to allow for a PTO book sale and time for parents to meet with special area teachers before meeting with their child's classroom teacher.

We continue to make strides in technology. Our pilot program of keyboarding skills has continued this year. All third and fourth graders will be trained in proper keyboarding skills. The goal is to have all students using a keyboard without looking at the keys before they enter the Middle School. Additionally I am proud to announce for the first time all classrooms now have SMART Boards. The teachers have quickly adopted this technology into their lessons. They were trained on using SMART Boards in August.

I encourage you to look at our school website to obtain the latest information about our school and our teachers. We can be found at [www.hbschools.org](http://www.hbschools.org).

*Paul Nigro*

*Principal - High Bridge Elementary School*

## Middle School News

Our new school year began on a very positive note. Students arrived to school on the first day with a renewed sense of excitement and academic dedication. During the first week, class meetings were held and teachers distributed materials before plunging into their lessons. Also in September the Middle School faculty hosted a very successful Back to School Night. The visitation program began with a superb television broadcast by our students at HBMS-TV. Parents then traveled from class to class following their child's schedule and meeting the teachers. The evening closed with parents treated to some refreshments provided by our PTO. On September 25 the Middle School was proudly represented in the annual High Bridge Community Day Parade by our student body.

During the month of October the Middle School guidance counselor, Mrs. Sullivan, designed multiple activities for the "Week of Respect" and for "Red Ribbon Week." Parent/Teacher conferences were held on October 20 and 21 providing parents an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teachers. Virtually all available time slots were utilized.

As a reminder to all parents, a parent/teacher conference may be scheduled with your child's team during the day by telephoning or emailing Mrs. Johnson in our Middle School office. The sixth grade team is available from 12:10 until 12:35 p.m. and our seventh/eighth grade team is available from 12:40 until 1:05 p.m. These conferences may take

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place in the Middle School or through a conference call if you are not able to travel to the school building at these times.

On October 28 many Middle School students attended the first dance of the school year. The energy level was high throughout the evening and the students in attendance enjoyed a fun evening.

As we move into the second marking period, the PTO's Cultural Arts Committee has scheduled an assembly presentation by a group known as "Mayhem Poets" which will be connected to poetry lessons in our language arts classrooms. This assembly will take place in early November.

As a reminder to all parents, the first marking period report card distribution is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 15 with the first of three Honor Roll Breakfasts scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 23.

*Joseph Kennedy,  
Principal - High Bridge Middle School*

## OEM Shelter Thank You

Thank you to Glassman's High Voltage for allowing the Borough Office of Emergency Management (OEM) team to meet in their building for our August meeting. A special thanks to the High Bridge Elementary School for opening as a shelter during Hurricane Irene.

The following High Bridge organizations are our Borough's Red Cross certified emergency shelters: Glassman's High Voltage, High Bridge Fire Department, Host Lodge, Methodist Church, Reformed Church, and the Borough Middle and Elementary schools. We wish to express our gratitude to each of these organizations for allowing us to list their buildings as shelters in the event that an emergency should occur in our town. You provide a valuable community service to the Borough of High Bridge.

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## Senior Corner

If you have spare time on your hands or are bored from time to time, maybe you should consider paying a visit to the Senior Center in Flemington. The LINK can even get you there and back (1-800-842-0531). I don't know how many Seniors in High Bridge participate in any of the many activities offered at the Senior Center. They are all described in "Seasoned Years," the quarterly newsletter of the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran Services. If you don't receive this newsletter, please call (908) 788-1361 and ask to be put on the mailing list. Following are some of the activities described in this newsletter.

### CPR Training

Class will be held on November 16 at 10:00 a.m. Call Betty at 908-284-6128 to sign up; \$10 fee per student.

### Brunch 'N Learn Programs

November 4: 10 a.m. - noon: Hypothermia - How to Protect Yourself in the Cold Winter Months

December 2: 10 a.m. - noon: Seasonal Affective Disorder

These programs are free of charge and include a light brunch sponsored by ShopRite of Flemington. Call 908-782-7224 to register.

### Annual Flu Shots

Flu season typically runs from October through April. Vaccination is recommended for those six months of age and older. Getting a flu shot is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and to help protect your community. Flu shots may be offered at your local pharmacy or other stores in the area, e.g. ShopRite, Walmart. There is no cost involved if you bring your Medicare card.

### Annual Wellness Visit

Medicare beneficiaries can visit their family physician for a free annual Wellness Visit to check the patient's health and develop a personalized wellness plan.

### Atlantic City Bus Trip

A trip to Atlantic City is scheduled for November 10. The cost is \$20. Call 908-788-1359 to register. Good luck and win lots of money!

### Register Ready Program \*

If you have physical or cognitive limitations, you may need help getting yourself to a safe place in case of an emergency situation. To register for this program, you may call 1-800-272-4630 or just dial 211.

### Bulletin Board

Look at the Bulletin Board in front of Borough Hall when you are in the area for any other items of interest. For instance: The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at Beaver Brook Country Club on December 6.

*Fred Loozen*

*\* See pages 1 and 5 of this newsletter for related info.*

# What's Up in the Sky for November, December & January

The chilly nights of winter often bring beautifully clear observing nights. Bundle up on a comfy lawn chair with a blanket, red flashlight and a sky map in hand. A good source for free sky maps is the website [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com). Don't forget to familiarize yourself with the directions of North, South, East and West for your observing location. In the last edition of *The Bridge*, we practiced finding Spica by using the Big Dipper. In the winter months, you may have trouble practicing your "Arc-to-Arcturus" and "Speed-on-to-Spica" because these stars are now best viewed just before sunrise. They will return to our evening sky again in a few months.

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Moon Phases:



(Image source: [http://www.calculatorcat.com/moon\\_phases/moon\\_phases.phtml](http://www.calculatorcat.com/moon_phases/moon_phases.phtml))



Lunar Eclipse (Image source: <http://www.spaceweather.com>)

Outside of this usual monthly cycle, there are times when the moon does move through the Earth's shadow; these are called Lunar Eclipses. Unlike the regular monthly cycle of moon phases, lunar eclipses only happen approximately twice a year. Lunar eclipses only happen during full moons, but they do not happen at every full moon. Our next lunar eclipse will take place on December 10. Unfortunately, the eclipse will be best viewed from Europe, Africa and Australia. However, you can still follow the eclipse by checking out the NASA Eclipse page at <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>. If you compare the images of the lunar eclipse to the images of the moon phases, you can see that the shapes are actually quite different. Unlike the moon phase cycle that takes almost a full month, a lunar eclipse only lasts a few hours.

Another important event to note is the Winter Solstice on December 22. On this day, the North Pole of the Earth is tilted away from the Sun. Many people think that the Sun always rises in the East and sets in the West. If you go out today and watch where the Sun sets, you'll notice that it is not setting in the west, but actually closer to southwest. The Winter Solstice marks the first day of winter and the longest night of our year.

## Cool Things to Look For

November 10: Full Moon; November 17, 18: Leonids Meteor Shower.

December 2: First Quarter Moon.

December 6: Waxing Gibbous Moon. Looking to the Southeast in the early evening, find the waxing gibbous moon. Just off to the lower right of the Moon, you will find Jupiter. If you view Jupiter through binoculars, you can catch a glimpse of four moons circling it.

December 10: Full Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of Europe, eastern Africa, Asia and Australia, but unfortunately very hard to observe from New Jersey.

December 13, 14: Geminids Meteor Shower; December 22: December Solstice. Notice how long your shadow is today, even at noon!

January 1: First Quarter Moon; January 9: Full Moon; January 16: Last Quarter Moon.

## Any Astronomical Questions?

Do you have an astronomical question that you are curious about? Submit your question, and it might be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Send your question via email to [TheBridge@HunterdonBiz.com](mailto:TheBridge@HunterdonBiz.com).

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

# Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2011 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 2011 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

*Diane Seals, Clerk*

**2011 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM**  
*(enclose proof of current rabies vaccination & proof of spay/neuter)*

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DESCRIPTION OF DOG:  
SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED\*: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* If mixed breed, denote most descriptive type: i.e., Shepherd/Husky Mix  
DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR LENGTH: S M L  
DOG'S SIZE (when adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Small = 0-20 lbs., Medium = 21-50 lbs.,  
Large = 51-100 lbs., Giant = 100+ lbs.  
COLOR & MARKINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address at which dog will be kept, if different from above:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER TO BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS - THE LAW REQUIRES THAT  
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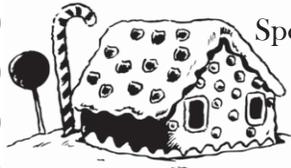
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## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY

Saturday, December 3  
1:00 p.m.  
in front of the High Bridge Library  
(during Cookies with Santa at Borough Hall!)

All are invited to bring a homemade gingerbread house to help create our annual town gingerbread house display. This is not a contest - just for fun! All houses will be photographed and may be viewed on the town website: [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org).

You do not have to be an expert at this. It does not have to be real gingerbread! Houses may be made out of graham crackers using a cardboard frame covered with icing or any other creative idea. Display houses should have the name of the group or individual on a small business-size card.

Houses will remain on display during the town tree lighting and may be picked up later that evening.

If you need any additional information, contact Maryann Hagan at 908.638.4508.

## High Bridge Women's Group

### Cookies with Santa - December 3, 2011



The High Bridge Women's Group has arranged a visit from Santa once again this year. He'll be at Borough Hall on Saturday, December 3, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a special time to come and visit with Santa in person! Cookies and punch will be served and the children can listen to a story while waiting to see Santa. Bring your own camera for a great photo opportunity or you can purchase a Polaroid photo for a small fee.

### Santa's Mailbox

The Women's Group also will be helping Santa with some of his holiday chores. Santa's mailbox will be in front of Borough Hall from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until December 17. Any letter to Santa received that has a return address will receive a handwritten response from Santa before Christmas.



### General News

The Women's Group was incorporated in 1980 and continues to be a supportive link in the High Bridge Community. You'll always see our members at Community Day, the Halloween Parade, and the Easter Egg Hunt; we're there to assist. In addition to these events, we serve the community by making donations to our service organizations and students at the high school and middle school.

Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. We also have a very casual out-to-dinner group each month. It's nice to socialize and try new restaurants. Please come and join us or call Chris Marx for information 638-4146 or email [csmarx@comcast.net](mailto:csmarx@comcast.net).

Chris Marx

## Oral History Interviews

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 and the C&H Committee. Each person interviewed will also receive a copy of the recording.

The C&H Committee wishes to thank Girls Scout Troop 81267 for choosing our oral history interviews for their Silver Award Project. We look forward to working with you.

If interested in being interviewed, please email [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org) or call Borough Hall at 908-638-6455.

Cultural & Heritage Committee



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# High Bridge Christmas Tree Lighting

Main Street, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2011



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High Bridge Christmas Tree Lighting  
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## High Bridge Reformed Church

Greetings from the High Bridge Reformed Church!

### Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tables are available for all members of the public interested in selling their crafts, gifts, goods, etc. Call Pastor Steve at 638.8978 to arrange for a table.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

*Pastor Steve*

## Vendors Needed for Bazaar

The third annual Rotary Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Clinton Community Center on Halstead Street, Clinton. Applications are now being accepted for tables at the event. New merchandise vendors, crafters, artists, authors & photographers are welcome.

The cost of a table is \$35. For more information, contact Pat Caroselli at 908.638.8923, email gibcar@yahoo.com or Barbara Harris at 908.735.9427, email barbe42@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by Clinton Sunrise Rotary [www.clintonsunriserotary.org](http://www.clintonsunriserotary.org).

*LuAnn Aversa, Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club*

## YMCA Comedy Night

The Hunterdon County YMCA will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night, at the Grand Colonial on Friday, November 18. Ticket price is \$85 and includes a tapas-style menu, dessert, and three premier comedy acts. All proceeds benefit the YMCA financial assistance program, a confidential program making YMCA programs and/or services available to all Hunterdon County community members regardless of an inability to pay.

The Comedy Night proudly presents three comedians who have made appearances at the best New York City Comedy Clubs, all of whom are sure to provide an evening full of laughs! The comedians are Joe Devito, Dan Wilson, and Ted Alexandro. A social hour with cash bar will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the first act at 8:30 p.m.

For Comedy Night information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Heather Ruggeri at 908.236.7879 ext. 24 or [hruggeri@hcymca.com](mailto:hruggeri@hcymca.com). Tickets are available for purchase online by visiting [www.hcymca.org](http://www.hcymca.org) and clicking on "Special Events." Tickets may also be purchased at Deer Path and Round Valley Branches of the Hunterdon County YMCA.

*Heather Ruggeri*

## Girl Scouts of High Bridge

The start of school had us welcoming new Daisy troops. They have been busy organizing community service collections, planning trips and learning lifelong skills. Look for information through school flyers and other notices about community service collections.

Our fall cookie sales were replaced with nut sales. Look ahead to spring for the cookies - a great Easter treat! On behalf of the troops, thank you for the continued support.

If you are new to High Bridge or just want information on becoming a Girl Scout, feel free to contact me at 908-638-4508.

*Maryann Hagan, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey  
High Bridge Coordinator*

## "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 his/her way to be environmentally responsible. The Environmental Committee will vote on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org) by December 1, 2011.

*Lynn Hughes  
Council Liaison, Environmental Committee*

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# The Making of a Memorial (Part I)

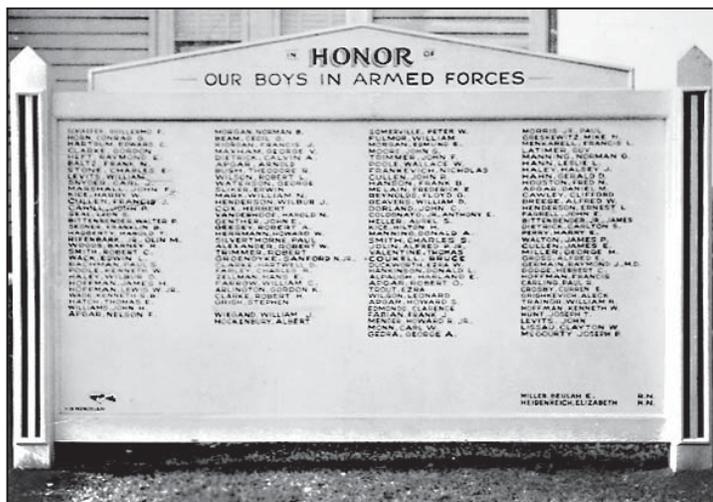
During recent World War II history chats with Henry Hagen, Carl Monn and Robert Roll, all WW II veterans from High Bridge, one of the topics was the town's memorial park. The inspiration for this article came from two archival photos in Carl's military memorabilia collection.

In one of the 1943 photos, four service friends (Army, Marines & Army Air Corps) are pictured on Main Street: Kenneth Hoffman, Harold "Red" Apgar, Louis Hoffman and Carl Monn. The other is the town's Honor Roll depicting the names of those High Bridgers in military service, circa 1945. Inquiries about the status of the wooden sign which used to be posted on Main Street have determined it to be "missing in action." The local veterans had hoped to include it in their plans for the Veterans Memorial Park, but it seems to be lost to history.



Downtown High Bridge 1943 (l to r): Kenneth Hoffman, Harold "Red" Apgar, Louis Hoffman, and Carl Monn

In 1997 the property for the Veterans Memorial Park was donated to the Borough by Mr. & Mrs. Chat Hoffman of High Bridge, with the stipulation that the parcel be used for a veterans memorial. The land had originally belonged to Chattles K. Hoffman, Sr., a businessman and entrepreneur in High Bridge and World War I veteran. However, time passed without the land being developed into a usable site.



The town's Honor Roll depicting the names of the High Bridgers in military service, circa 1945

Funds were needed for Phase II, and in September 2002, the sale of memorial brick pavers was started. By July 2007, 441 engraved pavers had been sold to veterans and families who wanted to honor their loved ones. During all phases of the project, many supporters donated their time, equipment and materials. The amount of funds from local companies and supply houses amounted to \$17,371. Every work hour was tracked from February 2000 until the dedication, with a total amount of 1093 hours. (Project Data from Finance Officer, former Commander Ronald Barber, Post 188.)

Part II will be appear in the next edition of "The Bridge."

At the end of 1999, the Herbert Cawley American Legion Post 188 of High Bridge approached the Borough about starting a veterans memorial project. Learning that the Borough budget for that year did not include funds for the project, the Post offered an arrangement without costs to the Borough. In order to move the project forward, the Post offered to provide finances for materials if there could be equipment support when needed from the Borough Public Works Department. "It turned out to be a win-win deal," said Post 188 Finance Officer, former Commander Ronald Barber.

The site work started January 18, 2000. During that winter, conceptual plans were developed. The project phases were adjusted to a time-line with proposed dates of completion for each phase. By March 2000, the project was ready to be launched. Two large trees were removed and landfill was added to level the site. Phase I had been achieved.

Sharon Apperson  
638-0373

Note: The Post has again started selling memorial bricks. Memorial bricks may be purchased to honor men and women that served our country in any conflict. For further information on purchasing a memorial brick, contact Doug Kansky (908) 638-8491 or Post Commander Bill Gooley (908) 475-5859. The cost is \$80/brick.

P.S. In case you're curious, there is no relation between the Hoffmans in the picture above and C.K. Hoffman.

# I Remember When

*"I have always felt very fortunate to have grown up in a small country town in America like High Bridge, New Jersey. Everybody knew your business, but they also cared about you throughout your lifetime or theirs." Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler, former 37-year resident of High Bridge shares memories of High Bridge.*

"I remember when" I still had my innocence growing up in High Bridge, and I wish I could return to those days for many reasons. But I can say this: those early days of my youth spent in this small, historic country town among the rolling hills of Hunterdon County could not be answered by going into the outside world and being hit with the realities of life.

Things like honor and patriotism, character and principle I found in High Bridge. A person's word was not only his bond but a solemn oath; not only valuable, but binding. When you are laid to rest at the end of your journey and every material thing you ever had is stripped away, the only thing that really matters is how you lived your life - not how much you had in fortune, treasure, property, and influence. What matters is how you used it for the good of those around you who needed help or a friend. For instance, if you owned a great big, high-end, expensive automobile, it's not the make and value of the car that counts but how many times you used it to be a good samaritan.

Like the poem says, "It's How You Lived Your DASH." In case you never came across this story, our headstone indicates when you were born and when you passed on (such as 1879-1950). That tiny "DASH" in between the date of your birth and your death represents what things you may have accomplished in your life. In other words, it's how you live your DASH that's important.

When I was growing up in High Bridge, the way grown-ups behaved and talked was very important to me and impressed me one way or another. Many times when adults think you are not paying attention, you are. You were being molded! I developed my set of life values and principles right here in High Bridge from the people who were a part of my life for many years, the most influential years of my life. It gave me the strength for learning and listening to opinions of others without the fear of new information weakening my belief system. Some proved to be a better idea or something to consider with an open mind and some just reaffirmed my belief system.

When I was a kid, it began with my mother and grandfather; then it expanded to the grown-ups in town like Mayor Pete Lake, Carl Lewis, and Donald Manning! Police Chief Cliff Kice and Paster George M. Muller, Pastor Abram Pepling, and Father Frank Dalton, Dr. Russell R. Woglom at High Bridge Public School! Dr. Philip Baker, Dr. Eugene Germain, Dr. Crooks, and Dr. Cassella! The organizations like the Fire and Hose companies, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Boy Scouts, WWII Air Raid Wardens and Airplane Spotters, which my mother and father were; Soap Box Derby; Bible School and Sunday School; Tri-County Baseball League, etc.

The WWII Military Veterans and my heros like Steve

Grish, George Waterson, Paul Flug, Kenny Brong, Donald Manning, Levi Hoffman, Pete Mazar, Nick Frankovich, George Vaida, Buddy McLain, and many others to name a few.

Special folks in the High Bridge Methodist Church where I was confirmed like Austin Seals, Harvey Hoffman, Kenneth Perry, Harry and Joe Masser, John Young, Bill Trainor, Mrs. Grace Birdsall, Mrs. Ackermann, Mrs. Muller, Ann Conover, Mary and Frank Baltz, and there were others also!

Then there were other folks around town making their living like Parker Terhune, Archi Apgar, Willard Apgar, Art Samose, Bing Wack, Art Adler Sr., Don Riddle, Ken Carr Sr., Johnnie Reynolds, Joe Bertorelli, Irv Scheutz, Johnnie Baldwin, Eddie Hornbaker, Helen Trimmer, Mr. Baker, Margaret Apgar, Chat Hoffman, John Young, Charlie Manning, Martin Steinhauer, Harry Waters, The Snyder Bros., Denny Smith, Mr. Waterfield, Mr. Dressler, Charlie Naughtright, Ethel Crooks, the Latimer Bros., and GR Hanks who was President at Taylor Wharton and the High Bridge National Bank.

They all were a part of the glue that has held me together all these years helping me to decide between good and bad and sometimes the truth in between.

Usually in life your first friends turn out to be your best friends but not always! You can add a few along the way and maybe even lose one or two as you travel down the road of life! The wonderful and binding thing about friends is that you choose each other; you do not inherit them! There are no blood-ties except what each of you are willing to accept about each other just as you are! If you come to the end of your life with five or more great friends left who stuck with you all your life, you are a very lucky person!

Indeed in the days of my youth, all the stores in my hometown of High Bridge were occupied and operating at full steam ahead: the three factories, Taylor Wharton, Exact Level & Tool Co., and the Dress Factory were whirling away producing products in a wondrous, American capitalistic, free enterprise system of success or failure in the marketplace! High Bridge, New Jersey was a hustling, bustling, and buzzing community! That was then and this is now. How lucky we were to have had such a wonderful life experience even for a short time rather than to never have had it at all! Amen!

Until next time! God Bless America, Our U.S. Constitution, and our brave and courageous military!

*Till next time!*

*Arthur Charles "Buddy" Adler, Long Time Former Resident and Still Active in This Community*

## Hunting Awareness

The Environmental Commission would like to remind everyone that hunting season began in September. While New Jersey has an extremely low incidence of hunting-related accidents, please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. To check on the exact locations, please phone Borough Hall (908.638.6455).

Deer hunting season will run from September through February. Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on Wildlife Management Areas and on private property ONLY. The legislative change does NOT include any firearm hunting for deer nor does it allow any type of hunting with either bow or firearm for any species other than deer on Sundays.

The Spring 2012 Wild Turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

The 2011-2012 hunting dates, rules and regulations are summarized in the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest*, which is available at local sporting shops including Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Highway 31, Flemington (908.788.5828). For a complete listing of all New Jersey hunting rules and regulations, please refer to the New Jersey Fish & Wildlife website: <http://njfishandwildlife.com>.

*High Bridge Environmental Commission*

## Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Open Cupboard Food Pantry has over 100 volunteers serving nearly 500 clients each month. We couldn't do it without the generous support of this amazing community. From the Boy Scouts' biannual food drives to the collections at schools and churches and the gifts of individuals who stretch their own budget to help others, High Bridge has supported the Pantry since our inception 18 years ago. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

We get many requests for lists of grocery items the Pantry needs. Currently our greatest needs are:

- Canned SPAM® and beef stew
- Soups, especially beef, lentil, vegetable, pea, and chicken broth
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit, especially pineapple, pears and oranges
- Canned beets, potatoes and spinach
- Canned ravioli
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Toilet tissue

From everyone at Open Cupboard Food Pantry, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

*Tobey Wodder,  
Secretary, Open Cupboard Food Pantry*

## St. Joseph's Church

Many of the Ministries of our Parish are again in full swing, looking forward to an active 2011-2012 year. Aside from our normal, routine meeting, the November calendar also has scheduled an Italian Night, hosted by the Knights of Columbus; and, for the first time at St. Joseph's, a Thanksgiving Dinner for parishioners who would otherwise be alone.

Of course, December brings the celebration of Christmas, preceded by Advent Season. Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day, as well as several on Christmas Eve. All parishioners, as well as all our "Holiday" parishioners, are welcome.

Hopefully, in January, we will again have our popular Parish Breakfast, co-hosted by the Hospitality Committee and Knights of Columbus, along with a Men's Cornerstone Retreat later in the month.

Also, the Chairperson of our Respect Life Committee, Fred Loozen, would like to add the following information specific to the work of his Committee:

### Car Raffle Ticket Sale

Members of the Respect Life Committee will be selling raffle tickets after all masses on November 12/13. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the State's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 2012 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$38,775. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> prizes are ShopRite gift cards valued at \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 respectively. The cost is \$10 per ticket, and the drawing will be held on November 18, 2011. Winners need not be present.

### March for Life

The annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington D.C. will be held on January 23, 2012 in protest of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in this country.

As in previous years, Hunterdon County residents will join with over 100,000 marchers from all over the country to show solidarity against this decision. Please consider participating. Travel arrangements still need to be made, but typically a bus leaves from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale about 6:30 a.m. and returns approximately 10:30 p.m. For more details, please call the parish office (638.6211) when the date draws closer.

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It seems early to be saying this, but we wish all members of our community a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

*Fran Rapp,  
Facilities Manager*

# What To Do With Left Over Latex Paint?

You've probably got at least a few partially used cans of paint or stain sitting around your basement, garage, or shed. Should you hold onto them for touch-up jobs? Bring them to your county recycling center? Find an organization to donate them to?

You're not alone in your predicament. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently estimated that as much as 69 million gallons of paint are left over annually in the United States. That's enough paint to cover 27.6 billion square feet each and every year or the five boroughs of New York City—some 303 square miles—more than three times. Keeping the paint is definitely a better move than tossing it in the trash; at least that way the paint stays out of the waste stream where it could contaminate soil and groundwater. Or you could even use the paint for odd jobs around the house, say painting your garage walls.

According to the National Paint & Coatings Association, paint can last for years when you follow these proper storage tips:

- » Cover the opening with plastic wrap.
- » Make sure the lid fits securely so the paint doesn't leak.
- » Store the paint can upside down; that creates a tight seal around the lid, keeping the paint fresh until you need it again.

But if you want to give the boot to those old cans, here's what you can do:

**Check the label.** Paint made before 1978 might contain lead, and paint made before 1991 might contain mercury. Both materials should be listed on the paint label. If one or both are present, then wait for the next Hunterdon County Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**Recycle it.** Hunterdon County offers recycling programs for old paint and empty paint cans. Water-based, or latex, paint can be recycled into new paint or it can even be used to create nonpaint products such as cement. Oil-based, or alkyd, paint is usually used for fuel blending—meaning it's burned to create energy at a power plant.

**Donate it for reuse.** Some organizations will accept uncontaminated paint that's in good condition; it can be easily stirred to a smooth consistency. The paint should also be in an intact, labeled container. Check for donation options in your area at the [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) website.

**Dispose of it.** If you can't donate or recycle your paint, here is how you can dispose of latex paint: Dry out the paint to place in the regular trash.

## To Dry Out Paint \*

1. **Check the label for lead or hazardous materials;** if present, you must wait for the County Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
2. **Remove the lid and let the paint air dry in the can.** To speed up the process, stir in an absorbent material such as clay kitty litter, sawdust, or leftover concrete mix.
3. **When the paint is completely dry and shows no moisture whatsoever, wrap the dried clump in newspaper and place it into your regular trash.** Do not place the lid back on the can. Wrap the lid and can separately in newspaper for disposal.

(Oil-based paint is always considered hazardous and should be disposed of at a household-hazardous-waste collection facility.)

\* If you need to get rid of a lot of latex paint, you may want to consider purchasing "waste paint hardener." A cup or so of this powder mixed in with a gallon of paint will cause it to harden within hours.

*Environmental Committee*

# Lead Poisoning Education

What is Lead Poisoning? Lead poisoning is a serious medical problem that occurs when too much lead accumulates in the body. When eaten or inhaled, lead is easily absorbed into the body and can cause developmental and neurological problems. Anyone can become lead poisoned, but children under the age of six and pregnant women are at greatest risk.

Today, the primary cause of lead poisoning in children is lead-based paint. Lead-based paint was banned from residential use in New Jersey in 1971 and nationally in 1978. However, housing built prior to 1978 may be contaminated. Houses built prior to 1950 present the greatest risk due to the high percentage of lead contained in older paint.

## Reduce the risk of lead paint poisoning:

- » Make sure your child is not chewing on anything covered with lead paint.
- » Don't try to remove lead paint yourself.
- » If you live in an older home with plumbing made with lead materials, have your water tested. If the cold water hasn't been used for more than a few hours, let it run for 15-30 seconds before drinking it or cooking with it.
- » Eat right and don't store food in lead crystal glassware or old pottery.

For more information see the environmental commission page at [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org).

Visit [www.lead safenj.org](http://www.lead safenj.org) for more on sources of lead, home safety tips, consumer resources, and a list of certified lead abatement companies.

*Environmental Committee*

# Deal with Icy Areas

An environmental consideration in winter is the use of ice-melting substances. Salt is corrosive and kills trees. Calcium chloride is easier on nearby vegetation than salt. One way to reduce the need for de-icing chemicals is to fix any ice-creating drainage problems before winter begins. For example, patch the gutter that leaks onto the front steps or redirect downspouts away from walkways.

If you can't achieve necessary safety levels by shoveling early and often or by having someone do it for you, use de-icing products only as directed. **More isn't better!** Whatever you do, make sure you sweep it up once the surface is clear.

*Environmental Committee*

# Recycling Opportunities

**Bottle Cap Recycling:** Effective immediately, our bottle cap recycling program is discontinued (see article on page 13 of this newsletter). You may send your plastic bottle caps to The Recap Company, 6465 Lewis Road, Loveland, OH 45140; for more information see [www.recapcompany.com](http://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.

**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 (next to the BagelSmith and the dry cleaners). 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](mailto: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 one of your bulk items.

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).

# 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.

*Environmentally, Lynn Hughes  
Environmental Commission Council Liaison*

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## Dates to Remember

**November 5 at 11 a.m.: Veterans Day Ceremony**

**December 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.: Cookies with Santa and Gingerbread Displays**

**December 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. and December 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.: Victorian Christmas at Solitude House**

**December 3 at 6 p.m. Tree Lighting**

## Looking Ahead

**April 28: Electronics Recycling Day**

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