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Fall Brush Collection

November 26-30

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.

Fall Leaf Collection

Continuing through December 7, 2012
 [No pickup after December 7]

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

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

Director of Public Works Michael Hann

Recycling Schedule & Info

November 9 and 23; December 7 and 21; January 4 and 18

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

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

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

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

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

Sometimes our collector has a problem and cannot collect all materials from all the streets on the collection day. If they haven't been to your street at all, leave your materials 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 17, 19 and 23 of this newsletter for more information as well.

Please call Borough Hall (638.6455) to report any recycling problems. Thank you for your recycling efforts!

Trash Collection

Residents and businesses with a trash pick-up on Tuesdays please note:

Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on Tuesday this year, your trash pick-up will be very early on the Wednesday following these two holidays, so be sure to have your trash out the night before for an early-morning pickup.

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.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas trees will be picked up December 26 through February 15.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
November 2012					1 Property Taxes Due	2	Commons* 3
	Leaf Collection in progress all month.						
	4 Daylight Savings Ends	5	6	7	8	9 Recycling	Commons** 10 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony Veterans Park
	11	12 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. Veterans Day Borough Hall Closed Basketball Registration Deadline	13	14	15 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse ***Winter Parking Rules in Effect	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Borough Hall Closed	23 Recycling Borough Hall Closed	24 Santa's Mailbox Becomes Available
	25	26 4 th Quarter Utilities Due	27	28	29	30	
Fall Brush Collection (last brush pickup till Spring)							

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

**Last day Commons open in 2012.

***No parking on Borough streets and roads between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 1, see page 5 for details.

Calendar: December 2012 and January 2013

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
December 2012	Dec 30	Dec 31					1 * For a list of events, see below!
	2	3	4	5	6	7 Recycling Leaf Collection Ends	8
	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17 Last Day Santa's Mailbox is Available	18	19	20 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	21 Recycling	22
	23	24	25 Christmas Day Borough Hall Closed No Trash Pickup	26 Christmas Tree Pickup Begins → Trash Pickup	27	28	29

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

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
January 2013			1 Happy New Year! Borough Hall Closed No Trash Pickup	2 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. → Trash Pickup	3	4 Recycling	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14 Water Meter Readings Begin	15	16	17	18 Recycling	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28 Water Meter Readings End	29	30	31	Christmas tree pick-up on a daily basis until February 15.	

January Council Meeting dates are not noted, because the 2013 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) for 2013 Council meeting dates.

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Commons Drop-Off

The Commons will be open on Saturday, November 3 and Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Note: November 10 is the last 2012 drop off date.

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

Only brush and tree branches (3 inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on scheduled Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The area will be closed from November 17 through March 16. Council will approve a 2013 Saturday schedule in 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, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons.

It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1000 / 90 days jail / community service. Ordinance No. 2006-3; 2011-21; 2011-23.

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

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

P.S. See page 17 for exciting news about electronic recycling at the Commons on November 3 and 10!

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

High Bridge Police Chief Brett Bartman and Police Sergeant Jared Scobo: worked before and during the race.

Mike Stemple: paid for the prizes to the racers during the race and paid the bills submitted by the officials after the race.

Annette Brunner (Assistant Manager, Clinton Office, Investor Savings Ban): organized and ran the children's races and took charge of the distribution of Tour of High Bridge shirts.

Kevin Smith (Custom Alloy): designed and built the trophies and presented them to the winners of each race.

High Bridge Mayor Mark Desire, Todd Honeycutt and CERT: setup and took down the tables, chairs, canopies and signs, and also picked up/delivered many of the items needed for the race.

Mike Hann and the High Bridge Department of Public Works: worked to repair Mine Road and marked the race course; picked up, placed, and returned hay bales.

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: conducted traffic control.

The High Bridge Rescue Squad and the Rescue Squads from the surrounding towns: provided medical support for the race.

Ossie Goodman: setup the electrical service for the judge's stand and the Registration/Sign In and trophy award area.

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

Steve Mruskovic (One Room Studio): created and printed the Tour of High Bridge posters and the volunteer appreciation certificates and letters.

Pat Birchenough (Hunterdon Business Services, LLC): creating the pre-race Tour of High Bridge articles and the Tour of High Bridge article for the front page of *The Bridge* and additional post-race articles about the Tour of High Bridge.

Jeff Norberg (Steel Mill Studio, LLC): created and maintained the tourofhb.com website.

Many thanks to all our 2012 Tour of High Bridge sponsors, supporters and volunteers!

Councilman Dean Rapp, Chair Person of 2012 Tour of High Bridge

From the Tax Collector's Office

Paying Property Taxes Online

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

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

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

Property Tax Reimbursement

Only those applicants whose 2011 income did not exceed \$70,000 (a change from the original income limit of \$80,000) are eligible to receive a reimbursement payment for 2011, provided all the other eligibility requirements are met. This means that residents who file 2011 reimbursement applications whose income exceeds \$70,000 will not receive checks for 2011 even if all the other eligibility requirements are met. Even though they will not get a check for 2011, these qualified applicants whose income was over \$70,000 but not over the original income limit of \$80,000 have established their "base year" for any future reimbursements for which they may be eligible, and they will receive a notice advising them of this.

To check the status of a filed application: 1-800-882-6597.

Homestead Benefit Program - Deadline Extended to December 14, 2012

Most eligible homeowners will receive their homestead benefit for 2011 as a credit applied to their May 2013 property tax bills. These homeowners can expect to receive a revised property tax bill or an advice copy that will reflect the amount of the benefit. Homeowners who indicate when filing that they no longer own the property, or those whose principal residence was in a continuing care retirement community, will have their benefit issued in the form of a check.

To check the status of a filed application: 1-877-658-2972.

*Bonnie Fleming,
High Bridge Tax Collector*

Be Kind to Your Meter Reader

First quarter water meter readings will be taken between January 14-28, weather permitting. Please remove any obstacles around the meter to ensure easy access and accurate readings.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Ends 11/4

PAY YOUR TAXES AND UTILITIES THROUGH AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

No more late payments!

No more worrying about paying bills while on vacation!

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

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

BOROUGH HALL
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, 2012

FOURTH QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE NOVEMBER 26, 2012

OFFICE HOURS

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

POST-DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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

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

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

Child Find

The High Bridge School District Child Study Team has a basic responsibility to determine a student's eligibility for classification and special education services. Federal and State Laws have specified many of the team's legal responsibilities and functions. For further information, call the Child Study Team Office, which is located in the Middle School, at 908 638-4512. You will also find additional Child Find information, on the District website.

Lisa Fallon, Director of Special Services

Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 10 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 bring a chair and join us for a time of remembrance.

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

Cultural & Heritage Committee

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 10627, Saint Joseph Church, High Bridge, is one of several councils that provide the service to veterans living at the Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital. Joe Labuta, St. Joseph Council Director for Military and Veteran Support, organizes the volunteers from the Council consisting of Knights, family members, friends and parishioners from St. Joseph Parish in High Bridge to assist Veterans to attend Mass on Sunday.



Volunteer names: l - r: Matthew Rotolo, Linda Hrevnack, Kevin Loughney, Patricia Birchenough, Clayton Birchenough, Steve Bauernfeind, Garret Birchenough, Eric Blasic and Joseph Birchenough

Borough Website

Have you checked it out yet? The Borough of High Bridge is pleased to present the new and easier-to-use website. You may have noticed that over the summer the Borough site was down and offline from about May to August. The server needed to be changed over and in the process the old site lost functionality.

To the rescue were two generous and talented High Bridge resident volunteers who got us up and running again in very short order. We are very happy to also announce that going forward Hunterdon Business Services will be working with the Borough to complete the overhaul. New photos, pages and additional functionality will be added as we go along. So check it out and email vmiller@highbridge.org to let us know of any problems you may experience in navigating around or to notify us of changes on your group's page that were missed.

We will be doing a great deal to update the information, archive files and pictures and will reach out on our end to the different groups with links or pages to get the information needed.

Thanks to all who helped us out and thanks in advance for everyone's patience and good feedback!

Victoria Miller, High Bridge Borough Council

Boy Scout Troop 149

Boy Scout Troop 149 had a summer of high adventure, hiking the rugged White Mountains of New Hampshire, with a trek up eastern America's tallest peak, Mt. Washington. The boys and several fathers spent four days and three nights backpacking and staying at mountain huts, with camping at two scenic state parks before and after the 25-mile hike.

The Troop also has been busy with a full schedule of regular activities, including a canoeing campout in South Jersey's wild Pine Barrens in June, and a number of campouts and hikes coming up during the Fall.

The Troop meets every Thursday evening at 7 at the Methodist Church on Church Street, and we are always looking for new Scouts! Please join us, and live the adventure!

Paul Wyckoff

Veterans Signage Visibility

Please help us keep our Veterans Park signage free. If your Borough organization has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of the Veterans Park rather than directly in front of the park. Thank you for being respectful of this special place.

Cultural & Heritage Committee

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Union Forge Heritage Association

For over ten productive and memorable years, the Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and our many volunteers have provided a historically-based, volunteer service to the Borough of High Bridge, Hunterdon County and to history-oriented groups throughout the country. Solitude House served as our home base where we successfully operated and managed our Museum for over a decade.

Regrettably, after a decade of providing the community with a unique volunteer service, our time at Solitude House came to an end this October. As the UFHA leaves Solitude House, every board member and volunteer hold their heads high with the knowledge that they have provided a valuable service to the community, to the Borough's historic properties and to the promotion and restoration of our historic structures. Since 2002, the Museum has given regular tours, developed programs and hosted several major events each year including our season opening event, our Independence Day Celebration and our Victorian Christmas Open House. In just the past few years, we constructed and opened the Taylor Steelworkers Historic Greenway Trail; completed the historic TISCO Office roof restoration project; and successfully reconstructed the Solitude porch. To date we collected over \$100,000 in project grants and recipients of seven major County and State awards.

Before joining this amazing organization nearly seven years ago, I always thought historic preservation represented a place rather than its people and the human element. History is not static; it is not a snapshot of a particular time to be encased in glass and dusted off a few times a year for viewing. The people, the memories, and the fluidity of change in time and place is part of the experience of preservation. It is essential to celebrate the people and their contribution within the context of a place in order to do justice to history. Even after the very short amount of time the UFHA has been at Solitude as compared to its 300 year history, I now think about how we are part of that place's history. The journey begins and continues with the love and support of friends, family, volunteers and supporters alike. We will always cherish the memories, friendships and work we have accomplished at Solitude House.

Although the Borough is moving in a new direction with Solitude House, this does not mean the end of the UFHA, but a continuation of our journey. Check our website Solitudehouse.org soon for information on our new direction and mission.

On behalf of the UFHA board of Trustees, I thank you, the public, for ten wonderful years of allowing us to share with you a truly unique cultural and historical experience.

With sincere appreciation,

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

The Borough residents thank Mike Gronsky and the UFHA members for their contributions to our Borough and its history past, present and future.

High Bridge Police Department

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 15th through April 1st, 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.

Borough Ordinance 184-30. Schedule 9: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours. In accordance with the provisions of § 184-12, no person shall park a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

All Borough Streets and Roads 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 15 through April 1st, 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. If the sidewalk is covered with snow after it has been cleared, by forces other than nature, it is the responsibility of the owner or tenant to ensure that snow is removed.

Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police

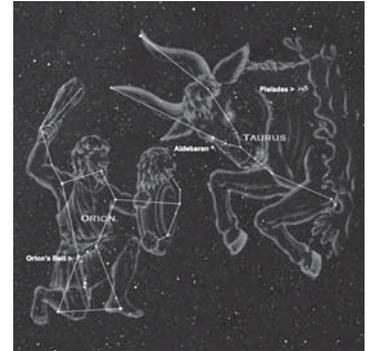
What's Up in the Sky for November, December & January?

In a previous edition of *The Bridge*, we found the constellation of Orion the Hunter. In this edition, we will focus on using Orion to help us find other stars and objects.

In November, December or January look to the east/southeast in the early evening (9 p.m.) and find the three stars that make up Orion's belt. Follow them upward toward the bright reddish star Aldebaran. To the upper left of Aldebaran, you will find the bright planet Jupiter. If you are having trouble distinguishing between Aldebaran and Jupiter, recall that stars twinkle and planets do not. Jupiter will also be substantially brighter than Aldebaran.

If you return to Orion and follow the belt stars upwards through and beyond Aldebaran, you will come to a small cluster of stars. This cluster is called the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters. If you look closely and have dark skies, you should be able to see seven stars in the cluster. Looking through binoculars or a telescope, you will see that it actually is comprised of blueish stars that appear to be surrounded by a blue haze. The cluster contains many young, bright, hot, blue stars that were all formed at around the same time from the same nebula (a large cloud of interstellar dust and gas), so it makes sense that these stars are called "sisters."

Once a month, on November 27, December 24, and January 20, the Moon will join Jupiter and the Pleiades to form a pretty triangle in this area of the sky. On other days of the month, you can still admire Jupiter and the Pleiades, but the moon will be elsewhere in the sky.



Finding the Pleiades using Orion's Belt
Photo Credit: Starry Night Software
www.starrynighteducation.com/stargazer/1573.shtml



The Pleiades Cluster

Photo Credit: NASA's Astronomical Picture of the Day
<http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap950620.html>

Cool Things to Look For in the Sky:

November 17, 18 - The Leonids Meteor Shower

November 27- Venus and Saturn will be very close to each other in the early morning Eastern sky.

December 13, 14 - The Geminids Meteor Shower

December 21 - December Solstice. The Solstice marks the day when New Jersey has the least hours of daylight, and the sun only reaches a modest height of 26 degrees above the horizon just after noon! Go outside and notice how long your shadow is today.

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

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

Golf Residents' Day

Save the Date

High Bridge Hills Golf Club 2013 Residents' Day

Saturday, May 18, 2013

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, June 1, 2013

Some of the fun activities . . .

Barbecue in the Tent
Food and Soft Drinks for All
Music
9 Hole Scramble
9 Hole Mini Golf Course

News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

Board of Education News

High Bridge School District: A 2013 - 2014 "Choice School District"

In July, the High Bridge Board of Education (HB BOE) was notified that the District's application to the NJ Department of Education to become a "Choice School" was approved. This means that beginning in September 2013 students from surrounding communities may attend the High Bridge School District (HBSD) at no cost to the family. The student's State Aid would follow the student and be awarded to the HBSD. One of the exciting features of this new program is that the District will now operate a full day Kindergarten program beginning in September 2013. Information about this program is available on the District website at www.hbschools.org. Once you have reached the website click on "School Choice Program" for additional information.

District / Board Goals for 2012 - 2013

At their September 10, 2012 meeting the HB BOE adopted the following goals:

1. By April 30, 2013 the HBSD will explore and identify additional mechanisms, beyond the Inter-district School Choice Program, designed to increase District student enrollment. The HB BOE will publicly report on this initiative at its May 2013 meeting.
2. By May 30, 2013 the HBSD will complete an evaluation of available classroom-based technology as it relates to the improvement of instruction. The District will publicly report on both the current status of the District's available technology as well as provide a plan for future technology initiatives at the June 2013 meeting of the HB BOE.
3. By June 30, 2013 the HBSD will execute a District-wide plan to enable the effective and efficient implementation of the Charlotte Danielson teacher evaluation model thereby meeting the Excellent Educators for New Jersey (EE4NJ) deadline of September 1, 2013.

School Board Member Election

The annual School Board Member Election will take place on Tuesday, November 6. This 2012 November election will mark the first time that school board members will be elected in November.

The slate of candidates for the HB BOE is:

School Board Member-1 Year Unexpired-Vote for One:
Ann Willard

School Board Member-2 Year Unexpired-Vote for One:
Karen Yaskanin-Jones

School Board Member-3 Year Term-Vote for Three: Kay Daughters-Musnuff and Alan E. Schwartz

Community and Board of Education Participation

The members of the HB BOE always encourage 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. The agenda for each Board meeting is available to everyone as it is posted on the Friday before each scheduled Board meeting at the District's website at www.hbschools.org. Once you have reached the website click on the Board of Education tab.

Elementary School News

The High Bridge Elementary School is off to a fantastic start this school year. Our students and teachers were excited to return. We had a busy beginning with Back to School Night, Picture Day, a book sale and ongoing planning of our yearly events. The community and PTO have created a successful partnership which will continue to give our students many opportunities.

This year we are continuing to implement the Responsive Classroom model for character education and solving conflicts with one another. We are also implementing being a "Bucket Filler" to teach tolerance and patience as we grow and learn about one another. Our curriculum is continuing to be updated to insure that our students are receiving an education that will prepare them for the future.

Continue to use our website, www.hbschools.org as a resource for upcoming events, activities and general information.

Brian Bizzoco, HBES Principal

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. 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 television broadcast by our students on HBMS-TV. Parents then traveled from class to class following their child's schedule meeting with teachers. The evening closed with parents treated to some refreshments provided by our PTO. Also, on September 29 the Middle School was proudly represented by several Middle School students in the annual High Bridge Community Day Parade.

During the month of October the Middle School guidance counselor, Mrs. Sullivan, designed multiple activities for the "Week of Respect," the "School Violence Awareness Week," and "Red Ribbon Week."

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United Methodist Church

Ecclesiastes 3

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

As the seasons change, aren't we lucky to be blessed by God's wonderful presence? I have always been aware of the beauty we have; we just have to take the time to notice our surroundings. Raised on a farm I did chores each season, and that, along with the teachings of my mother, gave me the love for each new day. You can change your season by being energized and comforted by walking the path. Take the time!

Come to Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays to recharge your faith. Bible study is available for the home bound.

Bible study Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Our study now is Hebrews; join us.

Joint Worship Service at the High Bridge Methodist Church

Thanksgiving Eve November 21, 2012
7:00 p.m. (Clinton and High Bridge Churches)
Nondenominational - All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m., December 24, 2012.

Remember: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Pastor Dennis Wene
908.735.5287 Home; 908.638.8229 Church

News from Schools (contd.)

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As we headed towards the end of the first marking period, the fall Parent/Teacher Conferences were held in our cafeteria and the PTO's Cultural Arts Committee scheduled a "Hip-Hop" assembly in late October.

Students participating on the cross-country and volleyball teams enjoyed successful seasons. In October, the Middle School's Student Leadership organization was formally inducted into the Kiwanis Builders' Club.

The first marking period report card distribution is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 15 with the first of three Honor Roll Breakfasts scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 21. A meeting for parents/guardians of eighth grade students will be held on Thursday, November 29. Information regarding the Washington, DC trip as well as Voorhees High School transition information will be presented at this meeting. The annual winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 6 and a Middle School dance will be held on Friday, December 7.

Joseph Kennedy
Principal - High Bridge Middle School

Senior Corner

Monthly Group Meetings

There is always plenty to do at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is located in the Route 31 County Complex, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington. The following groups typically meet once a month: Armchair Travel, Contemporary Movie, Earth Series, Friendship Circle, Religion Series, Current Events, Movie Classic, and Investment. Anybody interested in finding out more about these activities, call 908.788.1359.

Senior Health & Fitness

Every day of the week, there is some activity scheduled related to health and fitness. Included are: dancing (tap, line, square), Yoga, aerobics, and Zumba. Some are free of charge. For more information, call Eleanor at 908.284.6128.

Blood Pressure Screening

Screening will be held on Tuesday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Center. It is free of charge and conducted by registered nurses. Registration is not required.

Brunch 'n Learn

Friday, December 7, 2012, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., a registered nurse will talk about "Outside Winter Safety and Health Issues." Pre-registration is highly recommended by calling 908.806.4570.

Caregiver Support Groups

Support groups for long-term illness situations (Dementia, Parkinson, Alzheimer) meet monthly at the Senior Center or Hunterdon Medical Center. Call Jessica Pellicano at 908.788.6401 ext. 3149 for more information.

Senior Health Insurance

Open enrollment for Medicare and PAAD/Senior Gold programs begins on October 15 and ends on December 7, 2012. If you have any questions about these programs, call Pia, S.H.I.P. Coordinator, at 908.788.1361.

Hunterdon Helpline Connections

This organization has been the County's 24-hour source for information and support for 40 years. Two of the services they provide are the Friendly Visitor Volunteer Program and the Telephone Reassurance Program. If you are interested in either program, to receive the service or to volunteer for it, please call 1.800.272.4630.

Volunteer Shoppers and Bill Payers

If you need a volunteer in these activities or would like to be a volunteer, call Dee Pettit at 908.788.1359.

Borough Hall Bulletin Board

Please check this board for any information that may become available in between issues of the High Bridge quarterly newsletter.

Fred Loosen



2012/2013 Registration

www.hbyouthbasketball.com

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 12th, 2012

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 2011/12	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 12, 2012

The grade requirements for the league divisions are as follows:

- Peewee Division - K & 1st Grade, no assessments
- Juniors – Grades Second and Third (**Skills Assessment-Thursday, Nov. 1st, 6:45-8:15 p.m., High Bridge Elementary School**)
- Intermediates – Grades Four and Five (**Skills Assessment- Monday, Nov. 5th, 5:45 to 7:00 pm, High Bridge Middle School**)
- Senior - Grades Six, Seven, and Eight (**Skills Assessment - Friday, November 2nd, 6:30-8:30 pm, High Bridge Middle School**)

NOTE: The skills assessments dates are “mandatory” for league participants. Make up date for those who are unable to attend November 1st, 2nd and 3rd, is Monday, November 5th from 5:00-7:00 at the HB Middle School.

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 _____
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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 Gary Mills, President at (908) 268-7501, or email coachmills42@aol.com

**Make Checks Payable to:
 HIGH BRIDGE YOUTH BASKETBALL
 P.O. Box 268
 High Bridge, NJ 08829**

High Bridge Women's Group



Cookies with Santa - December 1, 2012

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 1 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 get a Polaroid photo for a small fee.

Santa's Mailbox

The Women's Group will also be helping Santa with some of his holiday chores. Santa's mailbox will be in front of Borough Hall from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until December 17. Any letter 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. In October we'll be painting and decorating pumpkins for the residents at the Group Home; come join us! We also have a very casual out-to-dinner group each month. It's nice to socialize and try new restaurants. Please contact Chris Marx for information 638-4146 or email Chris at csmarx@comcast.net.

Sponsored by the Cultural & Heritage Committee



join or just visit our

Gingerbread House Display

Saturday, December 1

1:00 -3:00 p.m.

High Bridge Library Sidewalk

Culinary skills are not required.

Houses can be solo or a village made from gingerbread, graham crackers, cardboard or a store bought kit. If you aren't up to creating a gingerbread house, draw us one!

Stop by to view the candy covered architecture.

There will be a raffle for all participants.

For more information, contact Maryann Hagan at 908.638.4508 or email maryannh@embarqmail.com.

Vendors Needed for Bazaar

The fourth annual Rotary Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Clinton Community Center, Clinton. New merchandise vendors, crafters, artists, authors, photographers, & other artisans are all welcome. 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.

LuAnn Aversa, Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club

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Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2013 will have a late fee assessed of \$10.00 and \$5.00 per month thereafter.

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

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

Complete and mail the form below with your check to license your dog. Mail your check payable to "High Bridge Dog Fund" to the Borough Hall, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. The fees for 2013 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk

2013 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

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

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

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

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St. Joseph Church

The next three months cover a lot of "happenings" here at St. Joseph Church. There will be many holy days, including All Saints Day, November 1; All Souls Day, November 2; Immaculate Conception, December 8; Christmas Eve, December 24; Christmas Day, December 25; Octave of the Nativity, January 1; and the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6. On some of these days our offices are closed. Check our phone message for our office schedule or Mass times.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Do not be alone this Thanksgiving—join us in our Church Hall for a homemade dinner and great company. Anyone who would otherwise be alone is welcome.

Bible Study Class: Wednesday evenings at 7:45-8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall with Father Gerard. All are invited to attend.

Advent Service: Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. This is a beautiful service presented by St. Joseph's Choir. It is an hour of music in anticipation of a magnificent Holy Day--what a way to start your Christmas celebration.

Our Respect Life Committee is always involved with many activities. The Committee will be again sponsoring the:

Car Raffle Ticket Sale: Tickets will be sold after all masses on November 10/11. Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the State's oldest and largest pro-life organization. The 1st prize is a 2012 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV, retail value \$39,775. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes are ShopRite gift cards valued at \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 respectively. The cost of the ticket

is \$10. The drawing will be held on 11/16. Winners need not be present. ANYONE is welcome to stop by the Church and purchase a ticket from a Respect Life member on the 10th or 11th.

March for Life: The annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C., will be held on January 25, 2013 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 will need to be made, but typically a bus leaves from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale about 6:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 10:30 p.m. For more details, please call the parish office (638.6211) when the date draws closer.

Altar Rosarians: For many years the Altar Rosarians have been doing a Jesse Tree to benefit local families in need of Christmas assistance. They create tags indicating requested items. The tags are taken by parishioners, the item purchased, and returned to the church for distribution.

Join us for any of the activities or services. For more information, call the office at 638.6211.

May your fall be colorful, your Thanksgiving bountiful, and your Christmas and New Year blessed.

Fran Rapp, Facilities Manager

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The Environmental Committee is looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any High Bridge resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible. The Environmental Committee votes on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org by December 1.

Girl Scouts of High Bridge

High Bridge Girl Scouts want to thank all who showed their support by purchasing nuts and magazines. We know how difficult it is to give to the many organizations. This past summer our girls were asked to lead a flag ceremony for a Veteran program at the library. It was a wonderful way to assist the community and the veterans. Many of our scouts are working on their Journeys and Awards. They can use the experience that comes with volunteering.

We want to welcome our newest members, the 2012-2013 Kindergarten Daisies. I'd like to thank Kindergarten teacher, Miss Lisa Kerr, for helping us form our troop.

Some information to know:

- Members of the community do not have to be students of our school district to join.
- The Girl Scouts of High Bridge is open to residents of other towns provided you can attend meetings.
- Older girls can still form troops if adults are interested in volunteering as leaders.
- Girls can join anytime throughout the year.

Troops will be participating in various events for the holiday season. Some are caroling at hospitals and nursing homes, while others will help the residents of the Developmental Center wrap presents. An ongoing tradition for our Girl Scouts is to adopt a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They provide meals and gifts for those in need. If your organization ever needs volunteers, please give me a call. Coming up: Our cookies will be available for sale in January, in time for the spring holidays!

Maryann Hagan, 908-638-4508
maryannh@embarqmail.com

HB Emergency Squad

Winter Safety Tips!

As the cold weather approaches, so does a new kind of fun! Here are a few tips to keep safe and warm while having fun this winter.

- Dry clothes are much warmer than wet clothes and help to protect against frost bite and hypothermia. Go inside and warm up every few hours at most and change into dry clothes often!
- When sledding, sit upright and use the rope or handles to steer. Most injuries happen when you are lying down on the sled because it is more difficult to steer.
- Walk slowly and be on the lookout for ice!
- Avoid lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water when ice skating! The best place to skate is a place made for skating such as an outdoor rink.
- When shoveling snow, stick with lighter loads and bend and lift with your knees and leg muscles - not your lower back. Take your time and stretch to warm up your muscles before you start!
- Check on your neighbors that may need extra care in the colder weather.

Did you know?

High Bridge Emergency Squad (HBES) is always looking for new members to join our family of volunteers. There is something for everyone to do at HBES whether you join the rescue team, the marine team, become an EMT, or do it all! If you are 14 years old or older and interested in joining, contact us at 908.638.4441 or at www.hbes.org.

Our hall, equipped with a recently renovated hardwood floor and a full kitchen, is available for rentals. Contact JT at 908.638.4441 for more details.

Bill Meyer, Public Relations

Commons Recycling Container

An electronics recycling container will be available in the Commons on the same schedule as brush drop off. This means there are two dates in 2012: November 3 and 10. Any equipment with a plug will be accepted. Items with Freon will not be accepted.

Environmental Committee



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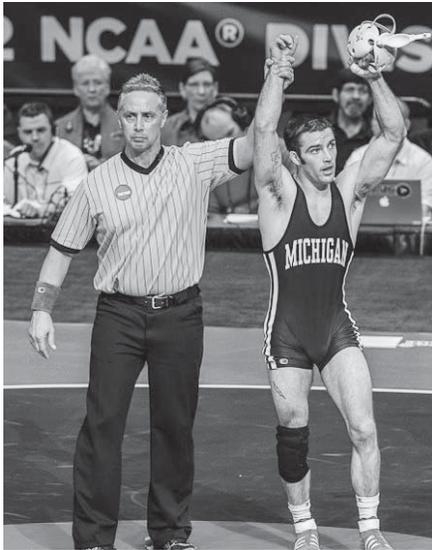
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Kellen Russell - Wrestling Champion



Kellen Russell after an overtime win at the 2012 NCAA Championship in St. Louis

Try doing a search on the internet under the name of wrestler "Kellen Russell." A whole page of articles will appear, displaying the accomplishments of this young High Bridge man, who, in his early 20's, made the trials for the 2012 Olympics in London.

Any young athlete would benefit by following his lead.

"The biggest piece of advice I could give to (kids) who want to compete. . . is to make a list of your priorities and think about what is really important," says Russell. "Having your goals written out and looking at them every day will help keep you focused and make it easier to make the right decisions."

Without written goals, the wrestling champion warned, it is easy to do something detrimental to one's athletic ambitions.

Adhering to his own list of priorities helped Russell to achieve a wrestling scholarship to Michigan University. Then, as an undergrad, he went on to win impressive college titles.

"I was the first wrestler to win four Big Ten (college conference) titles for Michigan, and I was the 11th to win in Big Ten history overall. I also won NCAAS (National Collegiate Athletic Association) titles in 2011 and 2012, at the 141 lb. weight class."

After the NCAAS this past March, Kellen explained, "I petitioned to wrestle in the Olympic trials. The Olympic coaches thought that my college accomplishments were enough to grant me a wild card to wrestle at the 60kgs (132 lbs.) weight class."

When asked what motivated him to take up wrestling as a child, Russell replied, "My dad was a high school coach for Ridge High School (in Basking Ridge) when I was growing up. So, I was always around wrestling, and I loved to go to practices and matches with him."

At age six, Kellen joined Ridge High School's youth program. He later went on to the Voorhees youth wrestling program. The young athlete attended high school at Blair

Academy in Blairstown, NJ, to further improve his athletic skills. And then he went on to college in Michigan.

Russell comments, "Being a student athlete at Michigan University was a tough lifestyle. I went from practice to class, then back to practice. Besides all that, I had to find time to eat, do my homework, and sleep!"

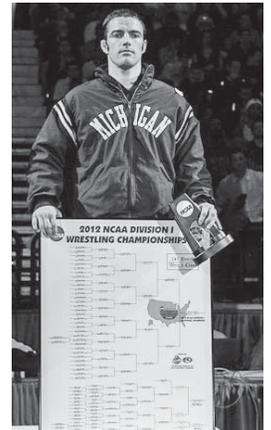
He emphasizes, "Time management is very important. You need to know how to use every minute of the day to your advantage. I spend about three to four hours per day training, plus even more time thinking about my training."

"However, it is also important to find time to get away from thinking about wrestling. Our team played a lot of different games that allowed us to stay competitive and in shape. We played football, team handball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and even went to the bowling alley a couple of times a week."

Kellen Russell did not make the 2012 Olympic Team due to his losses in the freestyle trials back in April. However, the High Bridge champion has bounced back with definite plans for the 2016 summer games.

"Since graduation, I have joined the Cliff Keen Wrestling Club in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The club is a senior level team that trains alongside the college team and competes in international competitions. One team member, Jake Herbert, wrestled in the London Olympics at 85kgs."

Russell added that he plans on training for the next four years in order to make the team for the 2016 Olympics at the 66kgs weight class (145.5 lbs).



Kellen Russell on the medal stand at the 2012 NCAA Championship in St. Louis

*Lisa Zambito
Volunteer Author*

*We wish you luck, Kellen.
High Bridge will be routing for you!*

Searching for Siamese Cat

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Kay Kohl or her Siamese cat, Catery, please call Colleen at 609.947.9204.

Thank you!

Clean Communities Grant

The Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 with funding from taxes levied on the sale of litter-generating products and 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 2011-2012 Clean Communities Grant money of \$7,135 in the following ways:

- Purchased a double trash / recycling trash receptacle for the mini park on Main Street.
- Purchased three blue recycling receptacles for the Commons Park.
- Sponsored an educational assembly for both the High Bridge Elementary and Middle School.
- Funded the Electronics Recycling Event.
- Produced litter abatement flyers.
- Purchased graffiti cleaning supplies.
- Donated to the High Bridge Cub Scouts for weeding our tree nursery and for litter abatement.
- Purchased E-container sign for the Commons.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

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. During the season bow hunting is permitted seven days a week. The Spring 2013 Wild Turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

The 2012-2013 hunting dates, rules and regulations are summarized in the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest (2012 Hunting Issue)* which will be 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>.

Environmental Committee

High Bridge Reformed Church

Greetings from the High Bridge Reformed Church!

Church Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come for Christmas Cookies, candy, gifts, crafts, several cake walks, photos with Santa (pets included), and lunch. Tables are available for interested vendors. Vendors may call 908.638.6160 for more information and reservations.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

All are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24 at 7:30 p.m. The service will begin with Holy Communion. All Christians are invited to the Lord's Table as together we remember the story of the birth of Christ.

Services and Programs

- Sunday Services begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School begins at 11:15 a.m.
- Youth Group, New Testament Singers, and Fellowship Group meet as scheduled.

Rev. Steve Yan

Open Cupboard Food Pantry

We have a website! Thanks to the tireless efforts and endless patience of several volunteers, www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org is up and running. You'll find most of what you need to know about the Pantry and thrift shop on our site, and our phone numbers and email address for any questions you may still have. Soon we'll add a page that we can keep updated with the Pantry's current grocery needs as well. Come see us on the web and in person at 37 Old Highway 22 in Clinton.

High Bridge Boy and Cub Scouts completed their fall food drive on October 7. As this goes to press, we don't have a total weight, but we know that this drive, like all the others they've done over the years, will bring in thousands of pounds of groceries. We are eternally grateful to Troop 149 and the citizens of High Bridge for their generous support of the Pantry over the years.

Tobey Wodder, Secretary

Electronics Recycling Spring 2013

Back by popular demand, we will be holding our town-wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Any item with a plug that is non-hazardous will be accepted. Specific information as to what can be recycled is on our website: highbridge.org under recycling. Look for more electronic recycling details in the next newsletter. Questions: call Lynn Hughes Project coordinator 638.8887.

Environmental Committee

I Remember When

I remember when I was a kid, there were all kinds of great things to eat especially at home in High Bridge, down at 85 West Main Street, my house, and there were many things a kid could buy in rural farm country America!

Remember: Orange Crush, Royal Crown Cola, Spur, and Ma's were the favorites with most back in the 1940's and beyond! Root Beer, Birch Beer, and Sarsaparilla were pretty common, too! I loved Sarsaparilla! The latter is still around but mostly in specialty stores!

There was a custard-like, make-at-home dessert called "Junket Rennet!" Its Rennet enzyme helps aid digestion and is still available if you know where to look - like on the Internet for instance! The company has been around since the 1800's! There were baseball cards with bubble gum, wax lips and candy dots you would peel off a paper strip, and candy cigarettes that were red at the ends like they were lit!

My mother would make a smelt fish fry. Smelts are a small, silvery fish found in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and are very good for you: high in protein and low in fat and calories. With a smelt, you can eat the whole little fish including head and tails and the soft bone; it is so soft it never gets caught in your throat, and it is easily digested. The fish has a nice crunchy sound and feel when eaten! My mother would buy them off Mr. Maltese, the Italian mobile fish seller who would come to the door with his truck, a scale, and fresh fish packed in ice! He would cut, clean, and scale the fish for you. He could hardly speak English; he was a great guy working hard to make it in America, and he always smelled like fish!

My favorite supper was fried steer brains (which did not help me in school) and Kraft Mac and Cheese! Sounds awful, but it was delicious. My mother made the best darn clam fritters known to man! They were like pancakes

with clams, onions, celery, and spices with a little catsup added when you ate them!

With turkeys at Christmas and Thanksgiving, my favorite parts were the "last part over the fence" or the rear end, the drumstick, neck, wishbone, the crispy skin, and the stuffing my mom made with all the turkey giblets inside like the heart, stomach, liver, kidneys all ground up with bread, eggs, celery, onions, thyme, salt and pepper! We would fight over who got to eat the "last part over the fence!"

My Mother always saved some raw cold stuffing for me to lick out of the mixing bowl. I never got sick from that or water out of the garden hose, or unpasteurized milk from Steinhauser's Farm which was down the street from where I used to work.

When my grandmother would roast a goose, she would skim off all the fat with all the yums-yums in it with the seasoning and put it into a small empty Planters Peanut can; then it would go into the icebox, aka refrigerator. (Chat Hoffman would bring the blocks of ice to the house to put it inside the icebox.) We would keep the goose drippings in the icebox until it got the consistency of butter. We called it "goose grease!" Then you would spread it on some good rye bread with caraway seeds! If you've never had it, you just don't know what you're missing. That's why at 80 years old now, my joints don't squeak because they are all well lubricated!

Till next time! God Bless Our Brave and Courageous Military! *GOD BLESS AMERICA!*

*Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler
Former Longtime Resident & still active in the Community*

P.S. Look for Part II of this "I remember when..." in the February 2013 edition of *The Bridge*.

High Bridge Fire Department

Fire Prevention

The High Bridge Fire Department held Fire Prevention at our schools in October to focus on escape routes and practicing escape plans. The response from the children was great to see, and we hope all enjoyed it. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them to ensure they are functioning properly.

Winter Preparation

With wintry weather approaching, make sure your heating system, wood burning stove and chimneys are ready for the heating season. Clear snow away from any fire hydrant that is near your home or business. Inspect your holidays lights thoroughly before putting them into service and replace them if they are unsafe. Never overload your electrical circuits.

Thank You

We would like to thank you, the residents of High Bridge, for your generous donations to ALL of our fundraisers. The Annual Picnic is a great way to support your Fire Department and have a great time. All of your donation are put to good use providing us with the necessary equipment and training we need to serve our community.

Fire Department Volunteers

The High Bridge Fire Department is an all-volunteer membership. Anyone age 14 and over that is interested in joining is welcome to stop by any Monday night and discuss how you can help High Bridge and our surrounding communities. You can also contact the firehouse at 908.638.6383 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org.

Jim Dietz, Secretary, High Bridge Fire Department

Emergency Management - Winter Preparedness

After last year's early storm, it is not hard to imagine a three-day power outage with temperatures dipping below zero. There is potential for no heat, frozen pipes, and prolonged sheltering away from your residence.

You can prepare for these types of events in the following ways:

- Consider purchasing a generator; have the necessary connections installed by a licensed electrician.
- Keep water, snacks and a sleeping bag and/or warm blankets in your vehicle. If you drive Route 78, then you know you can expect to spend time in traffic sooner or later. This can happen on any road in Hunterdon County during a severe winter storm.
- If you are elderly or have Special Needs, register with Register Ready. The emergency services rescue teams will know where you are and what they need to do to meet your needs in emergency situations. www.registerready.nj.gov

Hunterdon County Community Alerts

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Notification System. This notification system enables the city to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone,

email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where; you pick how.

Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Hunterdon Helpline at 908.735.4357 or 1.800.272.4630.

IMPORTANT: Once you provide your phone numbers and email in step #3, you MUST enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts. <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> or https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=1380761

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

Keep in mind that the people that respond to your emergencies are your neighbors and most are unpaid volunteers. Please help them by making contributions to their respective agencies or consider becoming a member of one of the organizations. If you cannot make a commitment to the Emergency Squad or Fire Department, then consider joining the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team. During times of emergencies, every pair of hands counts. Contact Borough Hall if you are interested.

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

Summer Concert Recap

The High Bridge Cultural and Heritage's Summer Concerts in the Commons entertained hundreds of guests this year from as far away as New Hampshire, Maine and Maryland. Families and friends gathered in the Borough Commons Park to enjoy a relaxed and fun atmosphere of music and the good fortune of lovely weather that made each evening a picture of perfect family fun for music lovers!

The season started in June with the soulful and groovy sounds of Sleefoot Project. July featured hometown rock hero Dave Goessling of Boonescuttle 5, and their renditions of authentic, 60's radio rock. The season then revved up with Silk City, and we were once again fortunate to be entertained by bluegrass legend Tex Logan when he sat in for some tunes during the Silk City performance. In August Citizens Band Radio's Americana Stew (pictured right) featured Duane Chez, Drew Kelly, and The Randy Morning Band. High Bridge's own Jeff Thompson and his band Vintage Feedback wrapped up our series in August.

Also this year, the High Bridge Reformed Church sold baked goods at the first two shows and Pudgy's Street Food was on hand during CB Radio's Americana Stew.

The Cultural & Heritage Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge our Premier Sponsor Custom Alloy Corporation; Gold Sponsors Roseland Savings Bank and Greenbaum Rowe Smith Davis; and the contributions of Colalillo ShopRite, High Bridge Stone, Glassman High Voltage and the High Bridge Business Association. Generous financial partnership and support by these sponsors make the Borough's free concert series possible. The community is also well served by the volunteers on the Cultural & Heritage Committee who organize these events. Please join us next year for another fun Summer Concert Season!



August 2012: Citizens Band Radio's Americana Stew

Victoria Miller, Concert Organizer

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 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. Visit 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

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

November 10 - Veterans Day Ceremony

December 1 - Gingerbread House Display and Cookies with Santa - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

December 1 - Tree Lighting - 6:00 p.m. Main Street

Upcoming Events

April 27 - Electronics Recycling

May 18 - High Bridge Hills Golf Course Residents' Day
