

# HIGH BRIDGE

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### **SOLITUDE HOUSE BY EILEEN BONACCI**

The artist truly understands what High Bridge is all about. The picture captures the beauty of the Solitude House, one of High Bridge's wonderful assets! The sketch was submitted for a Mural Project for the wall of the parking lot on McDonald Street. For more details about this project, refer to page 13.

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

# YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR ROADS!

With almost 20 miles of roads in our Borough, many of them aging or affected by weather, it has become imperative that we increase focus on how best to maintain and repair them.

**THIS NOVEMBER** a question in the form of a non-binding referendum will be put on the election ballot to help Mayor and Council consider how to move forward with road repair within the Borough.

## What is a non-binding referendum?

This is a question on the November 3rd ballot to get the feedback of the entire town on an important issue. We need to collectively hear from the residents before we move forward with planning. It is not a final decision, and does not “bind” us in any way. This will help us determine a strategic way forward in how we fund and undertake our road repair.

## Why do we need to do this?

The roads in the Borough are in poor condition. Unless we undertake a major improvement project to help ensure safe and drivable roads, they will continue to get worse.

## What will it mean for me?

To catch up on road maintenance, an additional \$900,000 will need to be put towards a paving/improvement program. These funds would be dedicated to infrastructure repairs and would be financed through a \$0.03 property tax increase over 10 years; a sunset is planned at that time.

Currently road maintenance is part of the DPW’s budget. This budget is used for all of the services DPW provides: salt and snow removal, brush/leaf pickup, asphalt, repairs, etc. Although \$15,000 has been set aside just for road repair and we are shifting resources and identifying additional areas to pull from within the budget, it is not enough to keep up with our deteriorating roads.

Unfortunately, grants are only available for roads such as Cregar Road, which connects two major routes and runs through two towns. The County will only fund upkeep of Route 513. We are on our own to make necessary repairs and maintenance to our own roads.

If the vote is “yes” the tax rate would be adjusted as per protocol and improvements can begin. If the vote is “no” then we would need to find other avenues and continue to put off all but the most needed repairs.

## How will it be appropriated?

If approved, the funding will be used exclusively for road maintenance activities, to include paving, resurfacing, crack filling, chip sealing, reclamation, patching, and other improvements.

## Where can I find more information?

Attend any Council Meeting at 7:30pm at the Firehouse (September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22). Mayor and Council look forward to hearing your feedback and addressing your questions and concerns prior to the vote. For the exact wording of the referendum question and additional detailed information, including a list of priority roads based on a rating scale, please refer to the Borough website – look for the Road Referendum tab at [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

**You do have a say in whether or not we undertake this important project in a timely manner. Please take the opportunity on November 3rd to make your voice heard.  
COME OUT AND VOTE!**

# PUBLIC WORKS & BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

Week of September 21st

Week of October 19th

Week of November 16th

Brush is not to be placed in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm water management regulations. Brush must be ready for pick-up the Sunday before collection begins. Please have cut ends of the brush facing the street. DO NOT place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Once we have passed your residence we will not be back until the next collection date.

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Start the week of October 19th until December 4th

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

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Trees will be picked up from December 28th through January 30th. Please have all ornaments, lights and stands removed from the tree.

## LANDLORD REGISTRATION

Landlord registration notices were sent out and are due 30 days from Mailing. Unless an owner occupied duplex all landlords are required to register. Tenants wishing to know if their landlord is registered may contact the Clerk's office @ 908-638-6455 or the registration may be found on the Borough's Website.

Registered Landlord properties will be inspected by the Zoning officer for safety and fire compliance.

## DOGS, POOCHES, MAN'S BEST FRIEND

### FREE ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

For dogs and cats

Saturday, October 3, 2015 | 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

High Bridge Emergency Squad Building

95 West Main St. | High Bridge, NJ

Any questions: call 638-6455

### DOG CENSUS

The Dog Census was recently mailed out, the card must be returned even if you do not have a dog. Please put "0" in the Dogs older than 7 month line.

## VACANT PROPERTY

Vacant/Abandoned Property is a nuisance and hazard to all of us. Vacant property increases vandalism, squatters, theft, diversion of services, and other quality of life issues. All vacant property is required to be registered with the Borough.

The Borough will do periodic inspections to ensure that the property is in compliance with the Borough's Land Use Laws, and will issue notices and summonses for those that do not comply.

If you know of a property that has been vacant for at least 6 months contact the Clerk's Office via email [Clerk@highbridge.org](mailto:Clerk@highbridge.org) or call 908-638-6455 x21

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DEER CONTROL

While viewing wildlife can be an enjoyable past time, too many can cause serious health and safety concerns. There are approximately 26,000 deer vs vehicle collisions annually, they carry ticks which drop off in our yards which may carry Lyme disease, eat our plants and flowers and generally make a nuisance of themselves.

Some Borough property is open to Bow Hunting by permit only. Individuals wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should visit the Clerk's office or they may download the permit online at [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org). Look under forms for the application. Hunters who are members of the New Jersey Sate Federation of Sportsman (<http://www.njsfsc.org/>) have met the insurance requirements just by being members.

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE MTG. 8:00-9:00pm 4 Jane Lane, High Bridge	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> LABOR DAY Borough Offices Closed	<b>8</b> ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>11</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> C&H COMMISSION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>16</b> EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>17</b> RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> COMMUNITY DAY 1:00pm - 5:00pm Union Forge Park  NATURAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 9am-1pm
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PLANNING BOARD MTG. 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> HMC SENIOR CARE WORKSHOP 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>24</b> COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>25</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING  LIVE MUSIC 7:00-9:00pm Solitude House	<b>26</b> LIVE MUSIC 7:00-9:00pm Solitude House
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> EDC SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR 7:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>OCT 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## OTHER

Open Air Farmer's Market: Saturdays 8:30am-12:30pm  
Riverside Parking Lot on Main Street

Natural and Electronics Recycling Saturdays  
High Bridge Commons

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPT 27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE MTG.</b> 8:00-9:00pm 4 Jane Lane, High Bridge	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>RABIES CLINIC</b> 9am-11am   Rescue Squad <b>HISTORIC MAIN STREET TOUR</b> 11am   Meet at Library <b>PAINT OUT ART EXPO &amp; AUCTION</b> 2-5pm   Riverside Liquor Parking Lot
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>EDC MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>9</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>10</b> <b>NATURAL &amp; ELECTRONICS RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Borough Offices Closed	<b>13</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>RECREATION MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PLANNING BOARD MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	<b>20</b> <b>C&amp;H COMMISSION MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>21</b> <b>EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>22</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>23</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>24</b> <b>NATURAL &amp; ELECTRONICS RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>CULTURE &amp; HERITAGE LECTURE</b> 7:30-8:30pm Reformed Church	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>PUMPKIN CARVING DISPLAY FOR CONTEST</b> Drop Off at Borough Hall	<b>31</b> <b>HALLOWEEN</b> 3pm   Halloween Parade Meet at Commons Park 2:45pm Trick or Treat 5pm - 8pm

## OTHER

Open Air Farmer's Market: October 3rd, 8:30am-12:30pm  
Riverside Parking Lot on Main Street

Natural and Electronics Recycling Saturdays  
High Bridge Commons

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES DUE	<b>3</b> ELECTION DAY  EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE MTG. 8:00-9:00pm 4 Jane Lane, High Bridge	<b>6</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>7</b> VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 11:00am-11:30am Veterans Park  THEATER PROJECT 2:00pm - 3:30pm Solitude House
<b>8</b> THEATER PROJECT 2:00pm - 3:30pm Solitude House	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>11</b> VETERANS DAY Borough Offices Closed	<b>12</b> COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> THEATER PROJECT 2:00pm - 3:30pm Solitude House
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<b>22</b> CIVIL WAR FLAG DISPLAY & LECTURE 1:30pm - 3:00pm Solitude House	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> THANKSGIVING DAY Borough Offices Closed	<b>27</b> Borough Offices Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4TH QUARTER UTILITIES DUE	<b>DEC 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

## OTHER

Natural and Electronics Recycling Saturdays 9am-1pm  
(also on November 7, not listed on Calendar)

High Bridge Commons

Please note the area will be closed from November 22 through March 5.

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOV 29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE MTG. 8:00-9:00pm 4 Jane Lane, High Bridge	<b>4</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>5</b> COOKIES WITH SANTA 1:00pm - 3:00pm Borough Hall ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING 6:00pm Main Street
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE Borough Offices Closed by Noon	<b>JAN 1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY Borough Offices Closed	<b>2</b>

## OTHER

# HIGH BRIDGE *presents*

## Community Day 2015

Saturday, September 19 - Union Forge Park - 1-5 PM



\* Live Music by IDB  
& 3Stone

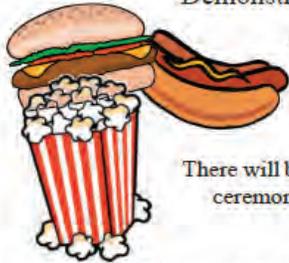
\* Games \* Activities &  
Attractions

\* EMS Displays &  
Demonstrations \*



\* Civic Groups \*

\* Complimentary Food  
& Drinks \*



There will be a brief welcome and recognition  
ceremony at 1PM, with games and activities  
immediately following.

Community groups, athletic teams, civic organizations,  
Borough departments and volunteer committees will all be represented.

Join us in celebrating High Bridge!

## Covered Dish Social

*September 22, 2015*

Please join the High Bridge Women's  
Group for this fun-filled event!

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At the High Bridge Emergency &  
Rescue Squad Building at 6:30 pm.

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For information please call  
Carol Loozen at 638-6740.



## Outdoor Art Show & Silent Auction

### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2-5pm

Rain date October 4th\*

**at Riverside Wines on Main Street**

**Original Artwork | Live Music | Refreshments**

**Be sure to follow us on Facebook for  
the latest news and photos!**

**\*If raining on the 4th, show will move to the Solitude House.**

# HIGH BRIDGE *p r e s e n t s*

## CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST

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## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Display your creative skills by bringing a carved pumpkin to the steps of Borough Hall located at 71 Main Street on **Friday, October 30 between 5-7pm.**

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



Pumpkins will be on display through the 31st and can be picked up after the parade.

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



**Parade starts at 3pm;  
Saturday, October 31st**

**Line up at The Commons park at  
2:45pm sharp.**

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

Light refreshments will be served.

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

**If raining, the parade will take place inside the Middle School Gymnasium.  
Check [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org) for more information.**

## ANNUAL TRICK OR TREATING



**OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
5:00PM - 8:00PM**

**Please remember to go only to homes  
with their outside lights turned on!**

*Thank you and be safe!*

The High Bridge Business Association  
invites you to the

# 10th Annual CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 5th  
6PM

*Main Street, High Bridge 08829*

Christmas Carols  
Hot Chocolate & Cookies  
Santa on a Fire Truck  
Good Cheer  
Good Neighbors  
Great Town

## High Bridge Women's Group

### Cookies with Santa – December 5, 2015

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 5th, from 1:00pm until 3:00 pm.***

***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.***



### 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 17th. Any letter received that has a return address, will receive a hand-written response from Santa before Christmas.

### General News

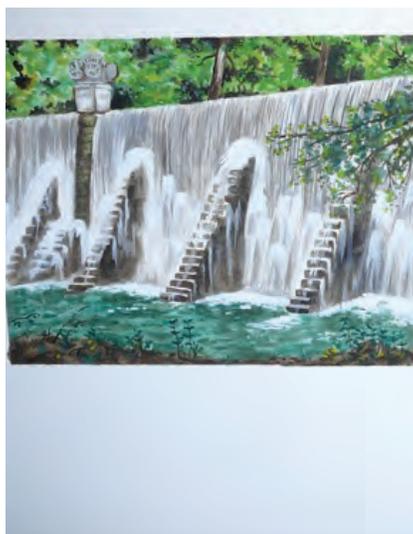
One of our newest activities takes place at our November meeting when we write Holiday Cards to the residents of Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner.

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.

# MURAL PROJECT



The mural project was designed to celebrate art and to beautify the wall of the parking lot on McDonald Street. Artists were asked to submit a sketch or painting representing three subjects: The American Hotel, The Rialto Theatre, or an architectural or natural scene that identifies with High Bridge. Submissions were accepted through April 30, 2015. Artwork was juried by members of the High Bridge Joint Committee for the Beautification of Main Street. Final selections were announced May 15th, 2015. The artwork submitted by Eileen Bonacci (pictured on this page) was selected for the mural. Paintings will begin in September. We look forward to the completion of this art wall to proudly display what makes our town special. The High Bridge School Art Club students will also be creating a mural on the lower wall on the other side of the parking lot to show what High Bridge means to our borough youth.



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## Saturday, November 7, 2015 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial Park

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### World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month

in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States national

security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served—not only those who died—have sacrificed and done their duty.

*Please bring a chair and join us for a time of remembrance.*

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

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### PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK SIGNAGE FREE

If your borough organization has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of Veterans Park rather than directly in front. Signs should not be up longer than a week before the event and should be tak-

en down right after the event. This area is for non profit organization signs only. Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

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### INFORMATION ABOUT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

This park was made possible by a generous donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. Chat Hoffman. (Chat's dad was a charter member of Post 188 and an army veteran of WW1) The park was created through the efforts of American Legion Post 188 and Eagle Scout Robert Batch. Engraved bricks that are placed at Veterans Memorial Park are still being sold. Contact Borough Hall for brick purchasing information.

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

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

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## EDC NEWS

It's been another productive season for the EDC! We've welcomed a new business to Main Street—Center Cut Pilates, Peking Wok will be joining the Main Street business landscape with many new traditional and modern offerings, and a new business is looking into locating on Main Street very soon.

The EDC is also excited to be sponsoring its first Small Business Administration Seminar! On September 30th, 2015, 7:00pm at the High Bridge Fire House location on 7 Maryland Ave, High Bridge.

This is a great opportunity for small businesses to gain important information and guidance on financing for their start up or for existing businesses to obtaining more capital funding. The SBA will be available to provide free counseling, advice and a host of information on how to successfully start, improve or expand an existing small business. If

you're considering starting a small business or are ready for new expansion possibilities to your existing business, be sure to stop by. There will be many resources available this night, including the Hunterdon County Division of Health Services. So spread the word and don't miss this great opportunity! For further information about the SBA, RSVP to [Claudia.yarborough@sba.gov](mailto:Claudia.yarborough@sba.gov) or call 973-645-3572.

As the EDC, we continue to support projects which improve the face of our community, with initiatives that present High Bridge as an attractive location for businesses to thrive and for people to enjoy. There's always something in the works! We meet the first Tuesday of each month and welcome new members. We are open to hearing new ideas and you can make a difference. If you are interested, please email us at [EDC@highbridge.org](mailto:EDC@highbridge.org).

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## THINK LOCAL FIRST! SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

When you are thinking of running out to a large chain store, selecting a restaurant or deli in another town, having a drink or cup of coffee, searching for a special service, think about one of High Bridge's local businesses first. High Bridge has restaurants, shops, and services that will have what you need!

## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR HIGH BRIDGE!

# THE GARDEN CLUB OF HUNTERDON HILLS

## NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, September 23, 9:30 AM**  
**High Bridge Emergency Squad Building**  
**95 West Main St. High Bridge, NJ 08829**

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills invites anyone in the northern Hunterdon County area who shares an interest in gardening, horticulture, agriculture and conservation to join us on Wednesday, September 23rd

at 9:30 AM at the High Bridge Emergency Squad Building, 95 West Main St., High Bridge NJ 08829.

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

Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month through June with the exception of the November and December meetings.

For specific information about our club, visit [www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com](http://www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com)

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Amy Nirchio**

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## Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. SENIOR PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

**TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:** Call 908-284-0735 or visit our website: [www.mowih.org](http://www.mowih.org) or visit us on [facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon](https://www.facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon).

## FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND UTILITIES OFFICE

### 2014 PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Division of Taxation has extended the application deadline from June 1, 2015 to October 15, 2015.

Only applicants whose 2014 income did not exceed \$70,000 are eligible to receive a reimbursement payment, provided they meet all the other requirements. That means residents whose income was between \$70,001 and \$85,553 will not receive checks for 2014. The Division will notify those applicants that they are not eligible. Those residents can establish a "base year" for future reimbursements for which they may be eligible by filing an application by the due date. This also ensures that the Division will mail them applications in 2015.

**Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597**

### REMINDER: HIGH BRIDGE TAX & UTILITIES DUE

**FOURTH QUARTER TAXES:** DUE NOV 2, 2015

**FOURTH QUARTER UTILITIES:** DUE NOV 30, 2015

**OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday

POST DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.  
PAYMENTS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED AT:

**INVESTORS BANK**

55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809

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

**BOROUGH HALL:** 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Credit Card and Electronic Payments Now Being Accepted For Tax & Utility Charges. Visit [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org) For Details

Annual Tax Sale To Be Held October 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.,  
High Bridge Borough Hall

# FROM THE CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

## NO DOMINION THEATRE CO. PRESENTS

The Solitude House Theatre Project, a new devised theatre piece about finding your place in the world, based on interviews with the community of High Bridge, New Jersey; Three Sisters and The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov; and poetry selections by Walt Whitman and Henry David Thoreau. Created, directed, and produced by High Bridge Cultural and Heritage Committee member and co-founder of No Dominion Theatre Co., Kaitlin Overton.

This piece is still a work in progress, just like we all are; it doesn't even have an official title yet. Or a script. But we are all working together to create one from many different source materials that, while different in context, address similar themes and ideas, and those that this

piece explores, too: home, roots, and beginnings; leaving that home and transitioning to something or some place new; the obstacles and doubts we face while making that move or transition; the hopes and dreams we have for our futures; and the people we meet along the way. This piece is about that journey.

*Created and Directed by Kaitlin Overton*  
*Script Composition by: Kaitlin Overton, Gillian Holmes, and Carrie O'Dell*  
*Dramaturgy by: Carrie O'Dell*  
*Featuring: Michael Joel, Victor Carinha, Katie Frazer & Christine Bennett*  
*November 7, 8, 14, 15, 2015 at Solitude House, 7 River Road High Bridge, NJ 08829*  
*Visit our website for more information: [www.nodominiontheatre.org](http://www.nodominiontheatre.org)*

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with the production! This includes, but is not limited to, box office assistants, technical assistants, and those individuals looking to get involved in any capacity possible, as well as those who would like to stick around for our future productions and endeavors. If you fit any of these, please email [nodominiontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:nodominiontheatre@gmail.com).

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## High Bridge Junior Historians

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

*Congratulations to the 2015 High Bridge Junior Historians.*

**School District 1st Place: Miranda Corley**  
**School District 2nd Place: Samantha Guerriero**  
**School District Honorable Mention: Dylan Bauer**

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

## "Historic Main Street" Walking Tour

**Saturday, October 3 at 11:00am**

*45-minute tour begins in front of the library. Cancelled if raining.*  
Join members of the Cultural & Heritage Committee for a tour of the historic sites located along our very own Main Street. Learn the history of the many places you pass by daily.

## REMINDER

*The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee accepts donations of historic High Bridge artifacts. C & H is always in need of volunteers to help do research, work at events, and assist with projects. If interested contact [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org)*

*The Cultural and Heritage Committee has been active at Solitude House as well as in exploring grant opportunities and continuing plan development for historic properties in the Borough.*

**C&H is proud to present the following this Fall:**

### **Sept 25 - Solitude Fundraiser - 7pm-9pm**

Enjoy an evening at Solitude House of live music plus art work from local artists - proceeds go to No Dominion Theatre Co. in support of Solitude House.

### **November 7 & 8 and 14 & 15 - 2pm**

Performance of "The Solitude House Theatre Project" at Solitude House by No Dominion Theatre Co. This dynamic performance makes creative use of our historic location - attendees will appreciate the rich history of Solitude and High Bridge woven into this artistic production.

### **November 22 - 1:30pm**

The High Bridge American Legion Post 188 will provide an informative talk at Solitude House regarding their recently discovered 34-star Civil War flag. If you are a history buff, you can't miss this one!

### **October - May**

The Cultural and Heritage Lecture Series is back! Funded by the County, the Reformed Church will host a presentation on history-themed subjects relevant to High Bridge and Hunterdon County. Light refreshments will be served. Quite the line-up is planned - please join us (Fourth Mondays of the month - check the Borough calendar for exact dates in Nov and Dec).

Solitude Open House days are also planned for the remainder of the year. Tours of the entire House are available, so please check the Borough calendar for upcoming days.

The Cultural and Heritage Committee is seeking both members and volunteers. Whether your interest is long term, you have a knack for research or grant writing, or if you'd prefer to help us sustain our properties by providing care and upkeep, we have a way for you to lend a hand. What better way to be part of the history of High Bridge than to touch and preserve the properties that have been standing for centuries!

Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall. You can drop us a line at [heritage@highbridge.org](mailto:heritage@highbridge.org) for more information.

**-Cultural & Heritage Committee and Lynn Hughes, Committee Liaison**

# FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

## RECYCLING BRINGS REWARDS

The State Department of Environmental Protection requires us to reach a 50% recycling rate. High Bridge's 2014 residential recycling percentage was 20 % for curbside recycling and 30 % brush collection. When you add in other vendors who collected from recycling events and road projects the rate increases to a 75 % recycling rate.

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

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

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

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

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

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including unbroken glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 - 7, any size and any shape. These commodities do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open or closed containers of your choice. Please rinse out items and remove lids and bottle caps. Labels can remain. Not acceptable items: aluminum pie plates, ceramic cups, mirror & window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, plastic flower pots, styrofoam, plastic bags, oil jugs, scrap metal. No Pizza boxes.

### **There are three options to prepare commingled and combined recyclables for collection:**

1. Place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container\*
2. Bag commingled recyclables in clear plastic bags, or
3. Tie separated paper product recyclables in bundles as follows: cross-tie newspapers, magazines, single-ply cardboard (such as cereal boxes and

gift boxes), corrugated cardboard, and junk mail (not shredded) in separate bundles 8 to 12 inches high placed next to other recyclables in containers or clear plastic bags

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

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

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

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

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the town website: [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org).

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

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

## **2015 Farmers Market Buy Fresh, Buy Local**

**Saturday mornings through October • 8:30am -12:30**

*Located in the Riverside parking lot on Main Street. Fresh local produce and baked goods*

# FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

## COMMONS E-CONTAINER

### Electronics Recycling Container

No need to wait for our electronics recycling event if you need to get these recyclable items out of your home or office.

We have contracted with SAMR ( the same company that does our one day event) to have a shipping container placed in the commons brush area. The container will be available to accept electronic items only 9am -1pm on the same weekends as the brush drop off Saturdays. Check the calendar at highbridge.org for dates. Nov. 21, 2015 is the last open date for this year.

\*No freon containing items ( refrigerator, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) or white goods ( washing machine, dishwasher, stove)

will be accepted in this container. Save them for our annual April electronics recycling event. Along with all electronics, freon containing items and white goods will be collected at this one day spring event. April 30, 2016 is the next event.

You will need to show proof of High Bridge residency or High Bridge place of work in order to take advantage of this recycling.

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

**By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes**

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## COMMONS MULCH AREA

Being able to bring your yard brush to the commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only brush and tree branches ( 3 in or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on designated Saturday mornings from 9AM to 1PM. Check the calendar on our web site for dates. Nov.21, 2015 is the last open date for this year.

The area will be closed from November 22 through March 5. Council will approve the 2016 Saturday schedule in January. The new schedule will be posted on the town web site and published in the Borough Newsletter.

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

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

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

**By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes**

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## HUNTING AWARENESS

### Hunting Season

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

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

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

Deer hunting season runs from September through February. During the season there will be no deer hunting permitted on Sundays. Permits may be picked up at the Clerks office during regular office hours.

Deer Management Hunting Application is available online at highbridge.org **By: Environmental Committee**

# FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

## “CAUGHT BEING GREEN”

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

**Environmentally,**  
Lynn Hughes Council liaison  
High Bridge Environmental Committee

## HART Awards Announced

High Bridge received several community awards at the annual HART Awards meeting on August 6, 2015.

NJ SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BRONZE RECOGNITION:  
High Bridge Elementary School

NJ TRANSIT VILLAGE RECOGNITION:  
HB Borough for initial planning

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CHAMPION:  
Lynn Hughes

NJ SMART WORKPLACES:  
Custom Alloy and Glassman High Voltage Inc.

## Storm Water Management

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

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

- Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
- Pick up litter in the street.

### *What can you do to help?*

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

## FREE INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

*Presented by Hunterdon Health Care Center  
for Healthy Aging*

### TOPICS:

- 1. Caring for the Caregiver** - learning how to take care of yourself while you're taking care of others
- 2. Where are my Keys?** - a focus on memory loss

**Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015**  
**High Bridge Firehouse**

7pm - 7:45 pm • Caring for the Caregiver  
8:00pm - 8:45pm • Where are my Keys ?

Come for one or both workshops.

*Organized by the High Bridge Environmental  
Committee Green Team*

# FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

## HIGH BRIDGE HILLS GOLF COURSE



One of the largest areas of open space in High Bridge is the High Bridge Hills Golf Club. It has 93.4 acres in High Bridge and less acres in Lebanon and Clinton Townships.

The land originally was part of the Cregar family farm, which extended all the way from Fairview Avenue. The Matthews family purchased the land

from Abram J. Cregar and later sold it to the Uhlig family in the 1930's.

High Bridge bought this land from the Uhlig family in 1999 to keep open space as a full 18-hole golf course. The red barn still stands as a reminder of this land's past history.



Uhlig Farm before it became High Bridge Hills Golf Course



Charter Members and others got together for an anniversary celebration of the Golf course. The groundbreaking ceremonies occurred in 1999 with an official opening of 2000. Pictured in the photo from left to right: Ken Newman, Mark Desire, Jay Palmer, Jan Stalnaker, David Stalnaker, Tom Demola, Brett Bartman, John Musumeci, Harvey Gold

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GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.



# FROM OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## IMPORTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

### **What is the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)?**

CDC's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency (terrorist attack, flu outbreak, earthquake) severe enough to cause local supplies to run out. Once Federal and local authorities agree that the SNS is needed, medicines will be delivered to any state in the U.S. in time for them to be effective. Each state has plans to receive and distribute SNS medicine and medical supplies to local communities as quickly as possible.

### **What should you know about the medicines in the SNS?**

- The medicine in the SNS is FREE for everyone.
- The SNS has stockpiled enough medicine to protect people in several large cities at the same time.
- Federal, state and local community planners are working together to ensure that the SNS medicines will be delivered to the affected area to protect you and your family if there is a terrorist attack.

### **How will you get your medicine if the SNS is delivered to your area?**

- Local communities are prepared to receive SNS medicine and medical supplies from the state to provide to everyone in the community who needs them.
- Find out about how to get medicine to protect you and your family by watching TV, listening to the radio, reading the newspaper, checking the community Web site on the Internet or learning from trusted community leaders.

The SNS Program is part of a nationwide preparedness training and education program for state and local health care providers, first responders, and governments (to include federal officials, governors' offices, state and local health departments, and emergency management agencies). This training not only explains the SNS Program's mission and operations, it alerts state and local

emergency response officials to the important issues they must plan for in order to receive, secure, and distribute SNS assets.

### **Training & Education**

To conduct this outreach and training, CDC and SNS Program staff are currently working with HHS, Regional Emergency Response Coordinators at all of the U.S. Public Health Service regional offices, state and local health departments, state emergency management offices, the Metropolitan Medical Response System cities, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Department of Defense.

On June 23, 2015 High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) participated in a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) distribution exercise conducted by the Hunterdon County Health Department.

We found that waiting in line to complete the drug interaction form causes bottle necks in the distribution process. As a result of that we are making improvements to expedite the process. Distributing the form ahead of time so residents could pre-fill the necessary data and consult with their physician if required provides this opportunity for improving the POD throughput.

Soon there will be a step you can take (prefill the form & keep it handy) to expedite the delivery of your emergency medication if a Point of Distribution (POD) was activated in Hunterdon County. You will soon be able to obtain the drug interaction form at borough hall, or download it from the borough web site. You may also want to consult your physician regarding the interaction questions you will see on the form. Keep the form in a location where you could find it quickly. Bring the completed form to the POD and you could avoid waiting in line through the lengthy query process.

### ***Enjoy the Fall while you prepare for Winter!***

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

# HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Winter Preparation

As the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Daylight savings time is always a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. Please ensure that they are in good working order and free of any dust.
2. Please ensure that hydrants are clear of snow and ice. This will help us as well as you and your neighbors.
3. Check to make sure your heating system is in good working order and properly maintained.
4. Remember to have your chimney cleaned at least once a year to prevent the buildup of combustible material.
5. Please remember to keep driveways easily accessible for large fire apparatus and keep them clear of any snow and ice.

## Fire Safety Tips

- In the event of a fire, exit the structure immediately and call for help.
- Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of your home. Specific areas include inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms once a month. If they're not working properly, change the batteries.
- Have a fire escape plan in place and practice that plan with other household members twice a year.

## Annual Picnic

We would just like to thank everyone for coming out this past July to support the High Bridge Fire Department at our annual picnic. We hope everyone had a good time and will come again next year! As always, please remember to purchase your tickets for next year's picnic in advance. Tickets go fast!

## Used Clothing Shed

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

## New Members Needed

The High Bridge Fire Department is always looking for new members. Anyone is welcome to apply. If interested in learning more or applying please stop by the firehouse on a Monday night at 7pm or go online to [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org). All of the required training will be provided by the High Bridge Fire Department.

*Article Submitted by: Andrew Finer*

# FROM THE HB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

### § 343-35. Snow and ice removal.

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

### § 343-36. Treatment of ice.

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

**Brett J. Bartman**  
*Chief of Police*

# FROM OUR SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Each year, the Board creates two sets of goals, one set for itself and another set for the district. As we develop these goals, we consider the successes and accomplishments of the past year, the direction and performance of the school and its students, and the input of parents, students, and school staff.

**For the 2015-2016 school year, the Board has the following goals for itself:**

- To continue to provide meaningful opportunities for community engagement and expanded, timely communication with all stakeholders
- To evaluate and implement the necessary changes to improve communication between board committees and communication between and among board members
- To reach a fair and equitable settlement with the High Bridge Teachers' Association that meets the needs of students and staff while remaining accountable to our community.

The first two goals reflect the continuing need to improve communication more broadly. The district has made important strides in this direction over the past year through adding more comprehensive phone and texting alerts, implementing an online grade reporting system, and holding three community meetings. We have also obtained our school board certification from the New Jersey School Boards Association. The certification indicates that Board members have received training to improve their effectiveness on topics such as finance, ethics, student achievement, and governance. Despite this progress, we still see a need for improvements with communication. In addition, the Board recognizes the need for teachers, the district, and the community to establish a contract for teachers that all sides can agree is fair; hence, our addition of the third Board goal.

**For the 2015-2016 school year, the Board has established the following goals for the district:**

- To develop a 5 year plan in English Language Arts for all students in High Bridge;
- To prepare for implementation of Next Generation Science Standards; and
- To promote fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency.

The past year, we made significant gains in improving staff's and students' access to technology, in part to meet the requirements for student testing and to improve student achievement. We want to capitalize on those gains and continue to focus on student achievement by improving the schools' English programs and incorporating newly proposed science standards. The third goal is a continuation of a previous year's goal as we continue to improve the district's fiscal responsibility, accountability, and transparency.

The Board welcomes you to attend and participate in its meetings, which will be held at 7 PM at the elementary school library on the following dates: Tuesday, September 1, 2015; Monday, October 19, 2015; Monday, November 9, 2015; Monday, December 14, 2015; and Monday, January 4, 2015.

**High Bridge Board of Education**

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:

I am pleased to announce that I, Dr. Gregory Hobough will be the elementary school principal. I am excited about working with the students and staff and taking this opportunity to strengthen our relationships. Mrs. Helen Meissner will also be joining me at the elementary school.

We have been working hard over the summer months to prepare for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Our custodial staff has also been hard at work preparing the building and grounds for our staff and students.

This year our 2nd grade classrooms will each have a classroom set of Chromebooks to enhance their educational environment. We have ordered a new intervention reading series for our struggling readers and we will be forming a committee to research a new K-4 reading series for the following academic school year.

All of our students K-4 will be receiving Spanish instruction once a week taught by Ms. Carla LaTorre who is new to our district.

We are going to expand our anti-bullying program by increasing the number of meetings and activities. Our annual theme will be "Linking for Success." A red carabineer "link" will serve as a symbol of the theme; teachers will discuss with students about the importance of working together.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you at our Back to School Night, September 15th at 7:00 pm. Starting at 5:30 we will be offering two HIB training sessions to make the process of volunteer training easier. Our PTO will also be providing you with information regarding membership and their upcoming events as well as having a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope to see you then.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

As we approach the start of a new school year, I am pleased to share several exciting opportunities that will be available this year.

First, we are excited to have hired a new foreign language teacher, Miss Carla LaTorre. Miss LaTorre will be teaching Spanish to our middle school students as a means of effectively preparing our students for high school. In addition, we are pleased to announce that all students in grades 5 - 8 will have a daily study skills period built into their schedules. This period will provide students with the time to begin homework as well as work with instructional specialists in area of need.

Once again, the Student Leadership advisors have many fun and

exciting plans for the upcoming school year. In September the newly elected Student Leadership representatives will be attending Camp Bernie as a means of developing strong interpersonal and governance skills. In addition, last year's successful Lip Sync contest will be back in October as this will now be an annual tradition. Finally, many exciting dances and activities are planned.

We look forward to an academically challenging and socially engaging school year. Be sure to attend Back to School Night and visit our website and classroom web pages often for exciting news and events.

*Sincerely,*  
**Gregory Hobough, Ed.D.**



## 2015/2016 Registration

[www.hbyouthbasketball.com](http://www.hbyouthbasketball.com)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 6, 2015**

HBYB is an independent, non-profit, coed recreational league for boys and girls in High Bridge and the surrounding communities. All practices and games take place at either the High Bridge Elementary or Middle Schools. Games begin in early December 2015 and conclude in early March 2016.

League divisions are as follows:

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

### Registration:

Online registration is available at [www.hbyouthbasketball.com](http://www.hbyouthbasketball.com) (select "online forms" from the main menu) and should be completed by **November 6, 2015**. Registrations received after this date will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement.

### Skill Assessments:

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

### Volunteers:

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

### Sponsors:

We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization run by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2015-2016 season and gaining additional exposure within High Bridge and the surrounding communities, please visit the "handouts" area of our website or contact Chris Denis, President, at 908-975-3272 or via email [cdenis02@yahoo.com](mailto:cdenis02@yahoo.com).

# CUB SCOUT PACK 149

We're High Bridge's local Boy Scouts, and we consist of boys from the High Bridge area. We are Cub Scout Pack 149, which covers 1st - 5th grade, and Boy Scout Troop 149, which covers 6th - 12th grade. Does your son like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with his peers? If so the pack and troop are open for boys, ages 6 - 18, to join us as a scout. Simply come to a meeting and sign up. Meeting times are listed below.

With the start of school comes the new scouting year. We both have a great year planned with lots of fun, educational things on the menu. Some things coming this year are:

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

## Cub Scout Pack 149

Additional activities include:

- Snow Tubing
- WWII Submarine Overnight
- Pinewood Derby
- Cubmobile Race

To fund our activities for the year Pack 149 raises money with our Annual Popcorn Fundraiser (September 1st - October 31st). We're a self-supporting, volunteer led, community youth organization. Without the money raised by popcorn sales we wouldn't be able to do all the fun things that help the scouts grow and learn each

year. The scouts will be coming around town in the coming weeks selling popcorn. Please help the pack out by placing an order. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month (6:45 - 8:00 pm) at the Elementary School Gym.

## Boy Scout Troop 149

Additional activities include:

- Canoeing
- First Aid Training
- High Adventure Trips
- Summer Camp

Our Fall food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry will be coming late Sept - early Oct. Bags will be dropped off a week prior so be on the lookout for them. Please consider placing a bag of food out for collection.

We meet every Thursday during the school year (7:00 - 8:30 pm) at the United Methodist Church (36 Church Street).

*Thank You,*

### Jon Valenta

Pack 149 Cubmaster

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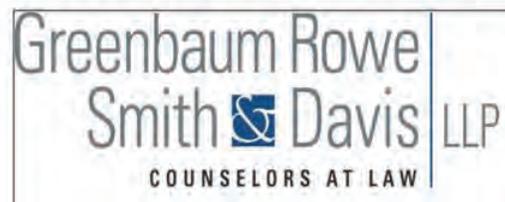
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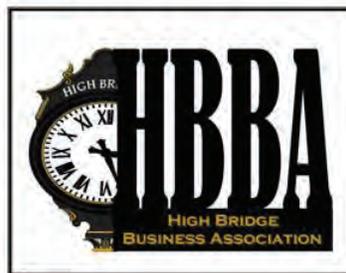
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## Take a Survey for High Bridge Events

The High Bridge Events Committee has been a committee for 3 years. The events we host consist of the Soap Box Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, Pooch Parade, Movies in the Park, Summer Concert Series in the Park, Community Day, Plein Air Paint Out, Halloween Parade & Costume Contest, and Pumpkin Carving Display / Contest. All of these events are produced through the work of dedicated volunteers. In order to run the events each year, we are grateful for the generous and continued financial support of local businesses and individuals. Without these sponsors, we would not be able to bring you these fine events. No tax dollars are used to produce these events. While the 2015 event season is coming to an end, we are focusing on setting goals and planning events for next year. We would like to know how you rate our events so we can make adjustments and plan for more fun and entertainment for our residents!

Please take a moment, answer this brief survey and **return to Borough Hall** before or by **December 31st**. If you would prefer, you can **email** the survey to [events@highbridge.org](mailto:events@highbridge.org).

For each item identified below, circle the number to the right that best fits your judgment of its quality.

Name	Age	Email or phone number:				
<b>Survey Item</b>		<b>Scale</b>				
		<b>E x c e l l e n t</b>	<b>Good</b>			<b>P o o r</b>
<b>1. Soap Box Derby</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>2. Easter Egg Hunt</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>3. Pooch Parade</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>4. Movies in the Park</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>5. Summer Concert Series in the Park</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>6. Community Day</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>7. Plein Air Paint Out</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>8. Halloween Parade &amp; Costume Contest</b>		5	4	3	2	1
<b>9. Pumpkin Carving Display / Contest</b>		5	4	3	2	1

If you would like to provide a comment or suggestion on any of our events noted above, please use space below:

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