A Message from Our Mayor

This past winter certainly was challenging on many levels. Record snowfall, temperatures and increased plowing translates into fixing our roads and infrastructure after the storms have passed. We appreciated your patience this past season with all the snow removal and repairs that needed to be done. Your Borough is now asking for your continued patience throughout the summer, but this time your patience will be needed to endure short-term inconvenience to allow for long-term improvements. Multiple projects will be started throughout High Bridge in the next few months. Please take care and use the proper detours as needed. We are working with the construction officials to make things go as smoothly as possible. However, with an old, historic town like ours, you never know what challenges lie ahead.

Cregar Road will undergo its second phase of construction this summer. From the midpoint to the end at Route 513, the road will be resurfaced. Additionally, the existing water main will be replaced and storm water management will be vastly improved. The final phase, from midpoint to the Golf Course, will be scheduled in the future. We thank the New Jersey Department of Transportation for several grant awards to complete this project, reducing the burden to our High Bridge taxpayers. As always, we hold each taxpayer dollar sacred, and we are sure to seek out every available funding opportunity.

Our Main Street will see much activity starting this summer, continuing through the year into next year. The second phase of our Streetscape Project was funded by the State to replace sidewalks and curbing and to install lamp posts. The train station bridge and underpass will be painted and have additional work done. The County will then repave this entire section and paint new crosswalk lines. The idea of converting Main Street to single-side parking was discussed, which would allow more room for vehicles to pass each other and make snow removal easier. We would love to hear your opinion on bringing single-side parking to Main Street. There will also be some demolition taking place; the unused building on the corner of Main and McDonald has been scheduled to be taken down and replaced with a new structure. The new building will further beautify the area and bring new businesses to town.

The Mine Road Bridge will be replaced this year by the County. We will make sure to properly protect the waterline that runs along side it from future unwanted breaks – something that wasn’t always possible in the past.

Five streets will be resurfaced with chip and seal this year. This will not only fix the roads, but make them safer during adverse weather conditions. The roads to be completed are Mill, Jersey, Walnut, Taylor and Wilson. Many more roads are in the queue and will hopefully be scheduled next year.

Although not noticeable by most, our Public Works underground storage tank was replaced with a new, safer, above-ground tank. Removal of the old tank will take place this summer. This is a big project to keep our Borough vehicles running, but by replacing the tank with an above-ground tank, it is also doing what is best for the environment.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer. Please let us know if you have questions or ideas on these or any other topics.

Thank you,
Mayor Mark Desire
mdesire@highbridge.org
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**Brush Collection**

**Weeks of June 23, September 22, October 20* and November 17**

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 pick up anything until the next collection date.

*These dates fall outside the scope of this newsletter but are included here for planning purposes.

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**Attention Water Customers**

The water system will be flushed during the month of September. The flushing will be done between September 8 and September 25 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Please note that some discoloration and cloudiness may occur from the flushing. These conditions are not harmful to humans or animals. The flushing may seem inconvenient, but is necessary to provide our customers with quality drinking water.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

*Michael Hann, Water Operator*

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**Trash Collection**

Trash is picked up on Tuesdays or Fridays and your area is scheduled for one of the two pick-up days. If you are unsure of your collection day, please call the Borough Hall at 638.6455.

Every bag of garbage must have a Borough of High Bridge Solid Waste sticker on it. Each sticker can be used for 34 gallons or 50 pounds of garbage. If you use garbage cans, place the sticker on the top of 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), as well as televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the “2014 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2014” information sheet. If you do not have a “2014 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2014” 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.

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**Borough Hall, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829**

**Telephone:** 908.638.6455; **Fax:** 908.638.9374

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**High Bridge Emergency Squad**

PO Box 14, High Bridge, NJ 08829

**High Bridge Fire Department**

PO Box 232, High Bridge, NJ 08829
# Calendar: June and July 2014

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**June 28:** 9-11 Document Shredding and 9-12 Rigid Plastic Recycling: both Union Forge Park; 9-1 Natural/Electronic Recycling: The Commons Farmers’ Market Begins! 8:30 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Riverside Wines & Liquors

**July 26 Activities:** 9-1 p.m. Natural/Electronic Recycling: The Commons; 1-5 p.m. HBFD Annual Picnic: Union Forge Park; Concert in The Commons, 6 p.m.
### Calendar: August and September 2014

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Note: Water system flushing will be done September 8 - 25 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday (see page 2 for details).
The Borough has streamlined its curbside recycling collection process.

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 - 7, any size and any shape.

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

- place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container*
- bag commingled recyclables in clear plastic bags, or
- 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 have blown out of their containers.

Pizza boxes are not recyclable.

Curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does make a difference in our environment. Our goal is to keep all recyclables out of the trash flow.

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**No recycling pickup July 4; recycling will be picked up Saturday, July 5.**

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**Veterans Signage Visibility**

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

Thank you for being respectful of this special place.

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**Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regs**

Be aware that State-mandated storm water management regulations state that grass cuttings cannot be left in the street or placed in any storm drain. For more information refer to High Bridge Ordinance No. 2006-24.

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Councilwoman Lynn Hughes
Environmental Committee Liaison
Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2013 Eligibility Requirements*
You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2012, or if under age 65, you were receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013;
  
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2002, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;
  
- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you own) since December 31, 2009, or earlier;
  
- You paid the full amount of the 2012 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2013, and paid the 2013 property taxes by June 1, 2014;
  
- Your total annual income for 2012 did not exceed $82,880* and for 2013 did not exceed $84,289.*

*Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2013 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2014.

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

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
THIRD QUARTER TAXES
DUE AUGUST 1, 2014

THIRD QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE AUGUST 25, 2014

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
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.

Homestead Benefit Program
Most eligible homeowners will receive their homestead benefit for 2012 as a credit applied to their AUGUST 2014 property tax bills. 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. The deadline for filing 2012 applications was January 31, 2014.

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

Property Tax Reimbursement Program
Applications for the 2013 property tax reimbursement (Senior Freeze) were mailed in February to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible for the program. The deadline for filing the application is June 2, 2014.

Applications are also available from the Tax Office if you did not receive one in the mail.

The Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program, now in its sixteenth year, reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the applicant’s “base year” and the property taxes for the current year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.


Bonnie Fleming, High Bridge Tax Collector

Electronics Recycling Container
We are pleased to continue offering residents of High Bridge a place to recycle electronic items, televisions, and computers on a regular basis. There is no need to wait for our 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 items 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the same weekends as the brush drop-off Saturdays; the dates are listed on page 5 of this newsletter and are noted on the website at highbridge.org.

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

No Freon containing items (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) and no white goods (washing machines, dishwashers, stoves) will be accepted in this container. These items are collected only at our one-day Electronics Recycling Event held each spring.

SAMR ensures that all data on any hard drives or other media will be secured and/or destroyed. All materials will be properly recycled in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws.

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

High Bridge Library
I hope everyone will check out our summer programs, which will include craft programs and maybe a story hour. Call the Library after June 15 to be put on the reservation lists.

Miss Terry, High Bridge Library
Don’t forget! There are lots of great things to see and do in High Bridge this year. All events take place at Borough Commons Park on Main Street unless otherwise noted. Please check the Borough website for detailed information about each event.

**7th Annual Soap Box Derby - June 7 on Main Street**

We’re looking forward to continuing this fine tradition in High Bridge. Remember, Main Street will close at approximately 7 a.m., so please plan accordingly.

Main Street businesses will be open; food will be available and there will be a face painter for kids of all ages! For detailed information, contact Borough Hall.

**Friday Night Flicks (and one on a Saturday!)**

All movies start at approximately 8:30 p.m. Rain dates are the following night.

**June 14 (a special Saturday Evening presentation) - Despicable Me 2**  Animated Family Movie; 98 minutes; Rated PG: Computer-animated comedy film and the sequel to the 2010 animated film Despicable Me. A secret laboratory near the Arctic Circle is stolen by a mysterious vehicle using a giant magnet. The Anti-Villain League recruits former super-villain Gru to investigate.

**June 20 - Saving Mr. Banks**  Family Adventure; 125 minutes; Rated PG13: When Walt Disney’s daughters begged him to make a movie of their favorite book, P. L. Travers’ “Mary Poppins,” he made them a promise — one that he didn’t realize would take 20 years to keep. Stars Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson.

**June 27 - WALL-E**  Animated Classic; 98 minutes; Rated G: What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? The year is 2700 and WALL-E is a robot still spending every day doing what he was made for. Soon he is visited by a sleek robot named EVE whom he chases across the galaxy with a pet cockroach and a heroic team of malfunctioning misfit robots.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in this lovely outdoor venue. Popcorn will be sold by the High Bridge Recreation Committee. Candy and soft drinks can also be purchased. For more information contact: Borough Hall 638.6455 or Lynn Hughes 638.8887.

(continued on next page)
A High Bridge tradition, this year’s Parade theme is “Bone-Appétit.” Pooches are encouraged to put on their favorite costume and get their owners to compete for prizes in several different categories. This year’s prize categories are:

- Best Small Dog Costume
- Best Medium Dog Costume
- Best Large Dog Costume
- Best Team Costume
- Silliest Costume
- Best Main Course Costume
- Best Side Dish/Appetizer Costume
- Best Dessert Costume
- Best in Parade-Adult (1st Place) Ages 13 and older
- Best in Parade-Child (1st Place) Ages 12 and under

All category winners will receive canvas goodie bags sporting the 2014 Parade logo filled with canine treats, toys and prizes. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the Parade beginning at 10 a.m. Registration is $5 per dog (please bring exact change). The first 50 people to register their pets will receive a complimentary 2014 Pooch Parade T-shirt. Shirts are limited, so please arrive early! Any dog may participate in the Parade, but only registered dogs can win prizes.

Please note that although High Bridge appreciates all types of pets, for the safety of participants, the Parade must adhere to a “Pooches Only” policy.

Dress up your pooch! Dress up yourself! Or just come out and watch the Parade. Rain date is June 22. If you would like to set up a table or volunteer at the Parade, please contact Ruby Reuter at 638.8904.

### Concerts in The Commons

Now expanded to four concerts in July and August! Start times vary according to the day’s lineup. The Summer Concerts in The Commons is a wonderful evening of family fun. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic dinner, Frisbees, dogs (leashed), children (free range), hula hoops, glow sticks, etc. There is nothing better on a summer evening than talented local musicians under the stars in our beautiful Commons Park! See you there!

**July 5 — Citizens Band Radio** presents their Fourth of July Picnic and Jamboree!! Be prepared for a full evening of great original music, and some of your country, western and southern rock favorites. The music will begin at about 4 p.m. and continue until???

**July 19 — Boonescuttle5:** Relive the British Invasion!!! Vintage music played on vintage instruments. With Special Guests, to be announced, taking the stage at 6 p.m.

**July 26 — New Road Band:** Our own local heroes playing Groovin’ Great Tunes - With Special Guests, also starting at 6 p.m.

**August 16 — Long Hill String Band:** Making their first appearance on the Commons Stage this year, with Special Guests starting at 6 p.m.

Keep checking the Borough website for updates.
Community Day - September 20 at Union Forge Park

After a fantastic day in 2013, we’re planning on expanding the games and attractions for an even better event in 2014. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. in Union Forge Park. We are planning on more games for the kids, live music, EMS displays and demonstrations, food and drinks, and community fun for all! Will the helicopter be back? You’ll have to be there to find out!

Evening reception and auction location is TBD at this time, so keep checking the website for details.

The Events Committee

The Events Committee is also exploring several new events. Additional events and dates will be added to the Borough calendar as details are finalized.

All of these events are produced through the work of a dedicated group of volunteers. We are always looking for new ideas for events and more folks to lend a hand. We are also grateful for the generous and continued financial support of local businesses and individuals and would like to acknowledge our Annual Sponsors for 2014: Gold - Custom Alloy, Silver - Roselle Savings Bank, and Bronze - Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis. Other contributing sponsors include: Glassman High Voltage, High Bridge Stone, Shop Rite of Hunterdon County, The Knotts Company, Skylands Energy, South Branch Veterinary, Hilltop Deli, J&M Manufacturing, Crown Veterinary, and Reflections Salon. Since no tax dollars are used to produce these events, without our sponsors, we would not be able to bring you these fine events. To contribute or volunteer, please contact Borough Hall at 908.638.6455; let us know what event or events you would like to help with, and you will be directed to the appropriate Event Coordinator.

Bill Miller, Chair, High Bridge Events Committee

Ruby Reuter & Michele Davis — Pooch Parade
Lynn Hughes — Friday Night Flicks
Victoria Miller — Concerts in The Commons
Jamie Taylor — Soap Box Derby & Community Day

Michele Schwartz — Plein Air Paint Out and Recording Secretary
Maryann Hagan — Carved Pumpkin and Gingerbread House Displays
Samantha Wenrich — Budget Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE! The 3rd Annual High Bridge Paint Out will take place Saturday, October 4th. For this one day juried event, artists paint en plein air (French for “the outdoors”) and then later bring their artwork to a gallery area where the public can view and buy the original art via silent auction.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this anticipated and well attended event or to get more information about participating, visit our website at highbridge.org/en-plein-air-paint-out.
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### Rigid Plastic Recycling Event

**Date:** Saturday, June 28  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - noon  
**Location:** Union Forge Park

#### What are large rigid plastics?
They are harder and thicker plastics than the plastic bottles you have been recycling. Large, rigid plastics will be baled and sold to manufacturers who recycle them and make new products.

#### How do I recycle large rigid plastic items?
Large rigid plastic items are NOT acceptable for curbside collection. They are acceptable only at our town’s recycling event. Carefully read the list of acceptable large, rigid plastic items before putting anything into the collection container.

#### Acceptable Items
*(remove any wheels and metal)*
- 5-gallon buckets without metal handles
- Empty & dry plastic paint cans
- Kitty litter buckets
- Large plastic toys
- Laundry baskets
- Plastic garbage & recycling containers
- Plastic outdoor furniture without PVC pipes
- Plastic pet carriers
- Plastic shelving
- Plastic storage containers
- Soda & milk crates

#### Unacceptable Items -  
*(Do NOT recycle with large rigid plastics)*

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### Document Shredding Event

**Sponsored by the Environmental Commission**

**June 28 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
**Union Forge Park**

**Watch as your documents are shredded.**
High Bridge Residents, Businesses, Schools ~ Anyone who works in the Borough 
Voorhees High School

High Bridge proof of residency or work will be required.
OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES
Animal Control .................................................................................. 537-7663
High Bridge Hills Golf Club .............................................................. 638-5055
High Bridge Municipal Court, 1370 Route 31 N., Annandale............. 735-3730
Hunterdon County Transfer Station ............................................... 236-9088
Premier Disposal ............................................................................... 638-0005

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOLS
School Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month
Superintendent: Gregory A. Hobaugh .............................................. 638-4103
Business Administrator: Michele McCann ....................................... 638-6552
Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue ....................................... 638-4105
Middle School, 50 Thomas Street .................................................... 638-4101
Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 513, Glen Gardner .......... 638-6116

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

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

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
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Hunterdon County Democrat, weekly .............................................. 782-4747
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Star Ledger, daily ................................................................................ 888-782-7533

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

2014 DIRECTORY
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829
Telephone: 638-6455 Fax: 638-9374
www.highbridge.org

Hours: Monday – Friday | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Tom Flynn (tflynn@highbridge.org) ................................................... 638-6929
(*Planning & Engineering)
Lynn Hughes (lhughes@highbridge.org) ......................................... 638-8887
(*Solid Waste/Recycling, Open Space, Environmental/Public Health)
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(*Emergency Services, Education, High Bridge Municipal Court)
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(*Department of Public Works, Recreation)
Karen Scarcia (kscarcia@highbridge.org) ........................................ 638-9960
(*Information, Economic Development, Cultural & Heritage)
Michael Stemple (mstemple@highbridge.org) .................................. 638-4246
(Council President, *Finance, Golf)

*designates Chair for Council Committees

IN CASE OF FIRE, POLICE OR SQUAD EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

DOG LICENSING REQUIRED EACH YEAR

The Bridge Summer/Fall 2014
Borough Officials

Administrator: John Gregory ................................................ 638-6455 ext. 26
Attorney: Barry Goodman ......................................................... 638-6455 ext. 21
Auditor: Suplee, Clooney & Co ............................................ 638-6455 ext. 21
CFO/Tax Collector: Bonnie .....................................................
Zoning Officer and CCO Officer: John Barczyk** .............. 638-6455 ext. 73

Call for an appointment

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scout Troop #149/Scoutmaster – Richard Wylie ............................ 908-797-5197
Cub Scout Pack #149/Cubmaster – Jon Valenta ..................................... 908-200-5851
Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills ............................................................. 908-236-6666     President: Pat Tillisch
Girl Scouts/Organizer – Maryann Hagan ............................................... 908-638-4508
High Bridge Business Association ......................................................... 908-638-9459      President: Joe Dispenza
High Bridge Hills Golf Club ................................................................... 908-638-5055
High Bridge Hills Golf Association (www.hbhga.org) .......................... 908-507-5953
High Bridge Historical Society ............................................................. 908-638-6091      President: James Conroy
High Bridge Historical Marker – Mary Ann Heggen ........................................ 908-638-4508

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Patricia Birchenough, Hunterdon Business Services, LLC ........................... 638-1166
Council Liaison: Councilwoman Karen Scarcia

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Thursday as needed at 6:45 p.m. – Borough Hall
Chair: Todd Honeycutt .................................................................................. 638-6455

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
Chair: Todd Honeycutt

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
Chair: William Miller, 638-6455
Secretary: Vacant

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
Chair: Eric Erb

EVENTS COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
Chair: Gary Mills: email: coachmills42@aol.com ......................................... 638-4503
908-268-7501 (cell)

PLANNING BOARD/BORD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Chair: William Miller. 638-6455
3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm – Borough Hall

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Secretary: Vacant
3rd Monday at 7:30 pm – Shaw Building
Chair: Todd Honeycutt

NOTE: Robert Lee is appointed Borough Historian

CHURCHES

High Bridge Methodist Church, 36 Church Street ......................................... 638-8229
High Bridge Reformed Church, 638-6160
St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, 23 Church Street ................................ 638-6090

The Bridge Summer/Fall 2014
**Be Smart. Know Your Hazard**

Hurricanes have the power to cause widespread devastation, and can affect both coastal and inland areas. For more information, download the “How to Prepare for a Hurricane” guide from http://www.fema.gov/. The guide provides the basics of hurricanes, explains how to protect yourself and your property, and details the steps to take now so that you can act quickly at a time when every second counts.

**Hurricane Basics**

- **WHAT:** Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over water and move toward land. Threats from hurricanes include high winds, heavy rainfall, storm surge, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, and tornadoes. These large storms are called typhoons in the North Pacific Ocean and cyclones in other parts of the world.

- **WHEN:** The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October. The Eastern Pacific hurricane season begins May 15 and ends November 30.

- **WHERE:** Affected areas include all Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, parts of the Southwest, the Pacific Coast, and the U.S. territories in the Pacific.

**Know the Risk**

Your risk from hurricanes is based on where you live, the structure of your home, and your personal circumstances. People who live on the coast are most at risk for extreme winds and flooding from rain and storm surge. People who live inland are at risk for wind, thunderstorms, and flooding. Hurricanes also cause widespread power outages, which may be a risk factor for people who need power-dependent medical devices. Visit http://www.fema.gov/ to learn about your property’s projected risk to flood hazards.

**Additional Resources**

Decide where the members of your household will meet after the hurricane. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan for instructions on developing a Household Communications Plan.

For more information on protecting yourself from a hurricane and protecting your property and belongings, visit http://www.fema.gov/

*Joe Trilone, High Bridge Emergency Management*

*Source: www.fema.gov*

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**High Bridge Emergency Squad**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY . . .**

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

High Bridge Emergency Squad (HBES) is seeking new members. If you are the type of person who wants to make a difference in your world, becoming a volunteer might be the opportunity you are looking for. Many community members have answered the call for emergency services in High Bridge, and we are looking for motivated and dedicated individuals to join our ranks. If you want to help, HBES welcomes you.

Whether you are looking to volunteer a weekend, a month, or one night a week, your service is welcome. As a member you will have access to training in emergency medical and rescue services. There are multiple opportunities to learn new skills and challenge yourself. You can volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), where you will be providing emergency care for the sick and injured in our fleet of ambulances. As a Rescue Associate, you will be volunteering in a technical setting, extricating victims from car crashes, assisting in water rescue, or supporting local firefighting operations.

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

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

*Jessica Luteran, HBES President*
Greetings from the High Bridge Reformed Church! A while ago most of us experienced long days of power outages. Many were cold and in need of shelter. It occurred to the Church that with the size of our facility, we could provide some shelter, restrooms, hot food and a place to sleep. The decision was made to purchase a large generator, which would be turned on in times of lengthy power failures so we can open our doors to those who could use a warm place to stay.

The Church will attempt to raise the necessary funding by holding a community golf outing at the High Bridge Hills Golf Course September 4 at 9:00 a.m. If you are willing to help out, please find the advertisement on the next page, and mail the form to The High Bridge Reformed Church, 23 Church Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829.

Blessings upon all in High Bridge, Pastor Steve

Help Establish and Promote Local Food Initiatives in Conjunction with the Farmers’ Market

The High Bridge Environmental Commission is interested in establishing and promoting local food initiatives in conjunction with the Farmers’ Market. We are looking for members of the community interested in helping to promote and grow the market. If interested, please call Borough Hall 908.638.6455.

Environmental Committee

Cub Scout Pack 149

We are High Bridge’s local Cub Scout pack. We consist of boys from High Bridge Elementary who are in 1st – 5th grade. The goal of Cub Scouts is to prepare the boys to make ethical and moral choices based on the values of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as to teach them to become responsible, participating adults. It also tries to develop a sense of community, physical fitness, fun, and a love and respect of the outdoors.

This year is moving along pretty well. We just had our Blue & Gold Ceremony where we bridged over our 5th graders into Troop 149 so they can continue their scouting path. We wish them luck on their journey. We’d like to thank the parents who’ve helped us throughout the year with their time. We’d also like to thank the outgoing leaders: Steve Croghan, Todd Honeycutt, Brian Sharkey, and Laura Carlson for their years of service.

As far as activities, the scouting year is almost done, but there are a few more things the Scouts have lined up:

• A spring campout near Lambertville, where we’ll be visiting a Civil War Reenactment.
• An end-of-year picnic (June Pack Meeting).
• A trip to the Somerset Patriots in August.

Does your son like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with his peers? If so, the Pack is always open for new boys, ages 6 - 11, to join us as a Scout at any time of the school year. Simply come to one of our Pack Meetings and sign up. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Gym. NOTE: The last meeting until fall is June 9.

Jon Valenta,
Cubmaster, highbridge.pack149@gmail.com

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September 4, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. (Range open 8 a.m.)

Scramble Format
Prizes for Longest Shot, Closest to Pin, Straightest Shot
Lunch Included (Lunch Only $15)

$115 per Golfer

Hole Sponsor: $25
Names Published

Supporter $5
Names Published

Fundraiser:
The High Bridge Reformed Church is installing an electric generator to provide emergency power at the church during power outages. The church will be open for public shelter during emergencies. The golf outing is sponsored by the High Bridge Reformed Church (Non-profit organization)

Contact Stephen Yon, 908-638-6160
Reservations by August 16
Checks made payable to: High Bridge Reformed Church
23 Church Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

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Player’s Name: ___________________________ Number of players? ______
Phone: ___________________ E-mail: __________________
Hole Sponsor ($25) – Name: ___________________ Phone: __________________
Supporter ($5) – Name: ___________________ Phone: __________________
Lunch Only ($15) – Number of Guests: _____________
Total Amount Enclosed: $ __________________________
The full registration form is available online at highbridge.org/documents-and-forms/forms.

**2014 HBYS Registration**

**Season Runs from September 6, 2014 to November 15, 2014**

**Register On or Before July 20, 2014: $60.00**

**Register After July 20, 2014: $70.00**

PeeWee Division (Kindergarten & First Grade) Registration Fee: $60.00
- Families with 3 or more players: Maximum fee is $120 before July 20, and $140 after July 20.
- Shin Guards are MANDATORY.
- Summer KickOff Clinic: Held on 2 weekday evenings, in early August (date to be determined), from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Grades 2-8 only. To be held at Union Forge fields.
- PeeWee Players will be contacted by their coaches the week of August 25, 2014. At that time, parents will be informed about their game times for the first Saturday on September 6, 2014.
- Players in Grades 2-8 will be contacted by their coaches approximately the week of August 4.

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

*Game Schedules: Intermediate and Senior Divisions Teams will have a limited number of home and away games.

You can also register online at www.hbyouthsoccer.org
All major credit cards accepted

Email questions to: info@hbyouthsoccer.org
or call Jake Krushinski, 908-872-6528

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**Garden Grant Received**

The High Bridge Environmental Committee applied for and received an $800 grant from the Garden Club of Somerset Hills to beautify the grass area around the parking lot on McDonald Street.

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**Eileen M. Wallace**
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"Caught Being Green"

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

The Environmental Committee presents its Green Award yearly. Nominations for candidates in either the adult/organization category or the youth category should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes
Environmental Committee Liaison

It's Time for Lyme

During the spring and summer months, please keep in mind the following Lyme information and prevention tips:

- Ticks become more active once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees F.
- Daily tick checks are crucial in Lyme disease prevention.
- Tick repellents should be worn when in Lyme habitats.

Remember: It is not the tick that you find that is likely to cause Lyme disease; it’s the one you never find.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes
Public Health

Storm Water Management

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

What can you do to help?

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

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

- Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
- Use less fertilizer.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Compost garden trimmings.
- Take motor oil to the recycling center.
- Pick up litter in the street.

Environmental Committee

Memorial Day Honorees

The following April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014 deceased Post 188 American Legion members were honored at this year's ceremony:

Russell (Rusty) Hoffman: U.S. Army WWII

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Cultural & Heritage Committee

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Solitude House, one of High Bridge’s most historic homes, has lain fallow over the difficult winter months and is now preparing for a rebirth with the arrival of spring.

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee (C&H) and the High Bridge Historical Society (HBHS) are teaming up to refurbish the former home of the Taylor family, who operated the iron and steel company that became core to the development of High Bridge. The current goal is to make Solitude House an important focal point in the community in order to preserve and celebrate our community’s rich history.

We are readying some of the ground floor rooms for public use. There will be display areas for long-term and short-term exhibits with space for meetings. Rotating displays will be offered, each highlighting a different aspect of community life and history. The first exhibit, which we hope to open sometime in June, will tell the story of our all-volunteer High Bridge Fire Department, whose members have been an invaluable human resource for more than 100 years.

More is needed in order to make Solitude House a viable heritage site to be passed on to future generations. The support and help of High Bridge residents is needed to make this happen. Making Solitude House what it needs to be can be accomplished through your donations of time, materials, money and grants.

YOU CAN HELP! Can you swing a mop, wash windows, or brandish a cleaning rag? Your help is needed. We are looking for volunteers willing to help with general clean-up, yard work, painting, carpentry and masonry. Volunteers are needed to perform such functions as grant writer, operations manager, collections manager, curator, public programmer, exhibit designer, archaeologist and historic architect. Solitude House workdays are being set up. Dates will be published on the Borough website.

Do you have suitable historic items to donate? We are especially interested in items that were owned or used by members of the Taylor family or the Taylor Iron and Steel Company as well as items owned or used by former employees of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company.

Do you have items that could be useful in setting up the exhibit spaces, community spaces and building maintenance? Donations of money, antique furniture, display cases, display boards, shadow boxes, picture frames, lumber, paint - all are welcome.

For all items to be donated, PLEASE send a photo in advance to: solitudehouse@highbridge.org. We will get back to you with specific arrangements. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the capacities outlined above, please contact us with details at: solitudehouse@highbridge.org.

Come be a part of this significant project.

Cultural & Heritage Committee

HB Fire Department

Summer Safety
Remember barbecue safety: check your tank and hoses to ensure there are no leaks. Use soapy water to check for leaks and do not use the grill if any are found. Every year over 7,900 house fires in the U.S. involve grills. Outdoor chimneas must have a protective wire mesh or screens to catch embers. Chimneas that don't have these are considered illegal open burns. Persons using approved chimneas should only use hard woods or class A fuel. Note that pressure treated lumber can produce harmful vapors and that cedar produces a lot of creosote. Keep grills away from any structure.

Golf Outing
The High Bridge Fire Department will be holding its annual golf outing on June 16. If you are interested in registering a foursome or sponsoring a hole, please contact golf@highbridgefire.org.

Annual Picnic
We will be hosting our annual picnic on Saturday, July 26. This event is open to the public and is great opportunity to spend time with your neighbors and make new friends. NO one under 21 is permitted. Tickets are available from any member or via email to annualpicnic@highbridgefire.org (see ad page 21.) Tickets sell out fast so do not hesitate.

New Members Needed
Anyone interested in joining the High Bridge Fire Department is always welcome to stop by any Monday night and talk to us about how you can help High Bridge and the surrounding communities. You can also visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org.

Jim Dietz, President
High Bridge Fire Department
The Environmental Committee invites you to take advantage of our varied open space areas.

- Walk or bike the Columbia Trail.
- Follow the well-marked Taylor Steel Workers Historic Trail.
- View the Solitude Falls from the sitting area off of River Road.
- Check out the Nassau Multi-Purpose Trail.
- Relax with a good book in the quiet area of The Commons.
- Take the kids to Union Forge Park to use the playground or play ball.

For further info, check out the Borough website at highbridge.org. It’s a great time to get out of your house and enjoy your town’s open space!

Environmental Committee

The High Bridge School District seeks to locate resident children and young adults, ages 3 to 21 years old, with significant physical, cognitive, neurological, speech and language, medical needs, or other developmental delays of varying degrees of severity, who are not currently receiving services. Proof of residency is required.

For information, call The High Bridge School District, Department of Special Services, at 908-638-4512.

Lisa Fallon,
Director of Special Education,
High Bridge School District

Enjoy Our Open Space

High Bridge Fire Department Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 26, 2014
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Union Forge Field
Rain or Shine

Clams
Hamburgers / Hot Dogs
Barbecue Chicken
Corn on the Cob
Beer & Birch Beer

Door Prizes
Tickets are $50.00 for Two People
No One Under 21 Permitted
For tickets, contact any High Bridge Fire Department Member,
call 908-638-6383 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org.

Limited tickets available.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.
Support your Fire Department and have a great time.
Board of Education News

Announcements
The Board congratulates Lynn Hickey (Elementary School) and Rachel Lazier (Middle School) on their “Teacher of the Year” awards.

The Board recently passed its 2014-2015 budget. Highlights include:

- Expanding class sections to address increasing enrollment in some grades, while streamlining staff in other grades to maximize teaching time;
- Offering additional language choices in both the Elementary and Middle schools through online learning communities;
- Providing additional investments in technology;
- Ensuring sufficient funding for maintaining and repairing school facilities.

District Goals 2013-2014
1. To improve student achievement District-wide as measured by student growth percentages and student growth objectives.
   Progress toward goal:
   - The Board is updating the social studies and physical education curricula, with an orientation to the Common Core.
   - The Board committed to updating all curricula every five years.
   - The school adopted new math series for the Elementary and Middle schools.

2. To successfully prepare to implement PARCC in 2014-2015.
   NJ is moving to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests from the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) tests beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
   Progress toward goal:
   - The Board has purchased 83 Chromebooks this year and plans to purchase additional ones before the next school year. These acquisitions are necessary for students to access the PARCC tests, which are taken electronically.
   - The school is in the process of upgrading its Wi-Fi capability in both the Elementary and Middle schools as a requirement for PARCC. This will also improve its day-to-day education capacity.
   - In May, the school will field test the PARCC with eighth grade algebra and fifth grade math.

3. To promote fiscal responsibility, accountability, and transparency by:
   a) Promoting the successes of High Bridge School District in order to recruit and retain additional students to the District through the School Choice Program
   Progress toward goal:
   - School staff conducted outreach activities to advertise school choice opportunities.
   - The school added one school choice student for 2013-2014 (resulting in an additional $10,000 in State aid) and is seeking to fill three slots for 2014-2015.

b) Seek alternate streams of revenue to support the District
   Progress toward goal:
   - The school developed new shared services agreements with the Borough of High Bridge (for snow removal, resulting in reduced overtime and equipment costs for the District) and Delaware Valley School District (for information technology support).

c) Explore the creation of an education foundation
   Progress toward goal:
   - The Board met with community members to discuss the establishment of an educational foundation and is continuing to explore options in this area. The advantages of a foundation would be the ability to obtain funding as a nonprofit organization (with donations being tax deductible, and so potentially attracting financial support from businesses) and developing a set of activities around a specific issue.

Gregory A. Hobaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent/Middle School Principal

Elementary School News
We had a very busy March which began with our “Read Across America Celebration.” HBES hosted our annual Family Reading Night which was filled with smiling faces of students, parents, staff and community members.

I would like to thank the volunteers who came to share their love of reading with the children. The readers included Mayor Desire, Chief Bartman, Board Members Karyn Gove and Todd Honeycutt, Councilwoman Victoria Miller, PTO members Coleen Conroy and Cindy Sharkey, High Bridge Emergency Squad Member Maryann Hagan, Principal Bizzoco and the following HBES Staff members: Mrs. Mickel, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Cahill,
News from Schools (contd.)

Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Lawn, Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Dion and Middle School readers. This event would not be as successful without everyone’s support and participation.

The PTO along with the help of the community raised enough money to purchase a new swing set which was installed this spring. The High Bridge Council supported Earth Day along with the students of HBES by bringing us an assembly which was presented by Dave Street.

We have prepared all year for grades 3-5 to take the NJ ASK State Assessment. The students are ready and I am confident that they will do a great job. We are continuing to work with our students on becoming school community members through our Spirit Days and Morning Meetings. We are completing our first year with the Go Math and are continuing to develop our language arts, social studies, science and the arts programs for our students.

We are excited to begin the Fourth Marking Period!

Brian Bizzoco, Principal
High Bridge Elementary School

Middle School News

I would like to thank the BOE, parents and faculty members for their support during the 2013-2014 school year. The community and school joined together to demonstrate “Topper Pride” on multiple occasions throughout the year to ensure success for all.

I would like to acknowledge our winter and spring sport teams and the dedication they have to our co-curricular activities. I would also like to applaud our student performers and stage crew who presented The Little Mermaid Jr. In addition, our band and choir put on two outstanding performances this year.

On June 16 the High Bridge Middle School will hold our annual graduation ceremony where we will be graduating thirty students. We wish them the best as they start a new part of their educational journey at Voorhees High School.

School will reopen for all students on Tuesday, September 2. We will be welcoming thirty-eight incoming sixth graders. We will hold an open house for all incoming sixth grade students and students new to the Middle School on Tuesday, August 26 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. This event will provide the new Middle School students an opportunity to tour the building with their schedules in hand and locate/access their locker.

I am excited and look forward to introducing new programming changes to increase student achievement for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,
Gregory A. Hobaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent/Middle School Principal

I Remember When

Back when I was kid growing up at 85 West Main Street across from the Exact Level & Tool Co., there was a huge, long advertising billboard on the property next to ours. The billboard had a ladder and scaffold that ran the full length - at least 50-foot long or longer. It had electric lights running across the top that were aimed back at the billboard.

Now here is what always fascinated me. Every once in a while a man in a long, panel truck would show up. He would bring his scrapper and brushes attached to really long handles, along with buckets of paper glue. He would also bring over a stack of folded paper panels, which were to become the new billboard ad. Back then there were very few painted billboards - no LEDs or digital lights or rotating 3-sided, painted metal panels.

He would load everything up on the scaffold and start to scrape off most of the old paper advertisement; then he would slap on the paste or glue all over the billboard. Now for the fascinating part . . .

This man would take that long glue brush and catch the corner of one of these numbered paper panels with the new ad on it. He would start in the upper, left-hand corner of the billboard, and he would unfold this paper panel with the glue brush until it was completely unfolded. Then the man would take another brush and smooth out all the wrinkles. He would then take the next folded paper panel and place it under the one just put up and match it up perfectly.

It was amazing to watch. This man was really good at his job. He did the same thing until the new, all-paper ad was on the billboard. He would clean up the area; pack up his tools; and leave like he was never there. I would not see him again until next time whenever that next time was!

God Bless Our Brave and Courageous Military!

Arthur C. “Buddy” Adler, Former Longtime Resident & Still Active in the Community

High Bridge Women’s Group

Our small but dedicated group of civic-minded High Bridge women has been incorporated since September 1980. Through the donations for registration in our annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, we are able to give awards to Middle School and High School students as well as other volunteer organizations.

Our group meets casually over the summer months for an occasional dinner out. Regular meetings resume in September. Please consider joining us for our annual Covered Dish Social and first meeting of this club year on September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.

For more information call Chris Marx at 638-4146.

Chris Marx
The Hunterdon County Veterans Recognition Medal was first commissioned by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2002. The design for which was created by John N. Hatzikalfas, a Hunterdon County resident and Vietnam War Veteran.

**We Need Your Help!**

It is true that the total number of recipients of the Hunterdon County Veterans Medal now exceeds 1,400. However, it is estimated that there are more than 7,000 veterans in Hunterdon County alone. If you are a veteran or you know someone who qualifies, we encourage you to apply.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, on behalf of the citizens of Hunterdon County dutifully and gratefully acknowledge your personal sacrifice in the protection of our freedom, rights and the American people. And, as is appropriately emblazoned on the medal: “We Shall Never Forget.”

The last formal Medals Ceremony was conducted in 2009. Since that time, more than 900 Veterans have filed their DO Form 214, Certificates of Release or Discharges from Active Duty and may not have received their due recognition from the County.

We will continue this tradition on or about Veterans Day in 2014, in the year when we celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the County of Hunterdon; a tradition we hope will persevere until every Hunterdon veteran is duly honored.

To be eligible, you must be a veteran who received an honorable discharge (or a service-incurred injury or disability) and meet the conditions listed on the County’s website at:

http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/veteransmedalhowto.htm

Veterans and their families are entitled to various benefits. The County Clerk’s office records Honorable Discharges and DD-214’s free of charge. This document may be required as proof of eligibility for benefits. To find out which benefits may apply to you, visit www.va.gov. Under N.J.S.A 54:4-8.10 et seq, Veterans or a surviving spouse/domestic partner are entitled to claim a Property Tax Deduction. Download the form to claim your benefit.

We now offer a County Veteran Identification Card (download application). This card can be an easy reference that may be used at a future date to obtain a copy of your discharge papers. All discharge documents filed with the Clerk’s office are considered confidential and can only be accessed by veterans or their family members.

Applications for the Hunterdon County Veterans Recognition Medal are available at the County Administration office, 71 Main Street, 1st Floor, Flemington, New Jersey 08822. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or you can request an application be mailed to you by calling 908-788-1102.

Family members may apply on behalf of a deceased relative or a relative who is presently on active duty out of the area. Veterans must either be a current Hunterdon County resident or have resided in Hunterdon County at the time of their military service.

For additional information contact:

Matt Holt
Freeholder Director
mholt@co.hunterdon.nj.us
(908) 788-1102

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Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after April 30, 2014 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.

A. Degree of control required.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public or private streets or in any public park/open space area unless such dog is accompanied by a person and is securely confined and controlled by a leash, cord, or chain so that the dog does not come in physical contact with any person or pet without the consent of the person or, in the case of a pet, the consent of the person responsible for or who has control of the pet.

B. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article 120-31 shall, upon conviction, be punished with the maximum penalty being one or more of the following: a fine not to exceed $2,000, imprisonment in the county jail for the period not to exceed 90 days, and/or a period of community service not to exceed 90 days. Each time there is a violation of any of the provisions of this Article 120-31 shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

Adopted Ordinance October 24, 2013

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 2014 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs $11.20; unaltered dogs, $14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk
As warm weather approaches, residents are encouraged to take proper precautions to safeguard their homes and vehicles against burglary and theft.

- Entry points such as doors and windows should be secured prior to leaving to provide protection from unlawful entry.
- Do not store valued property in predictable locations.
- Recording the make, model and serial number of electronics and photographing jewelry makes it easier to identify stolen property.

Immediately report any suspicious activity to the High Bridge Police Department (908) 638-6500.

Child and Booster Safety Checks
Child and Booster Safety checks are held at the High Bridge Police Department (99 West Main Street) by appointment for High Bridge Borough residents.

Contact Patrolman Jeffrey Andruczyk at (908) 638-6500 or email hbpdandruzyk@comcast.net to schedule an appointment. This is a free service offered to residents.

House Checks by Police During Vacation
Planning a vacation? House check applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department. Residential property checks are a free service offered to residents.

Temporary Parking Placards
Temporary Parking placards are issued for six months, with one six-month renewal allowed.


All completed applications must be submitted to the municipal police department and are approved by the Chief of Police.

Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police

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**Host Masonic Center**

The Host Masonic Center, located at Ridge Road and Dennis Avenue in High Bridge invites you to join them for:

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**
Every third Sunday from 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon
June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21,
Waffle Bar!
Adults $8.00 Children (6-12) $4.00
Children under 5 FREE!

Richard Allen
Host Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons

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Home Delivered
A program designed to deliver a hot meal and an assurance check each weekday between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 a.m. and 1 p.m. 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.

How can YOU help?
No matter what your background or interests, Meals on Wheels has a volunteer opportunity that’s just right for you. Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals to their homebound neighbors. Site volunteers at Nutrition Sites help pack meals and assist drivers as they prepare for their routes. Join us today - call the main office for more information - 908-284-0735.

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