HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH
Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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2015 Events Continue!

The 2015 year promises to be another busy and exciting year in High Bridge.

The weather is warming up and we are starting to spend more time with outdoor activities. During this time, our event committee volunteers and council turn their attention to planning family fun events such as Soap Box Derby, Pooch Parade, Movies in the Park, Summer Concert Series, Community Day, Plein Air Paint Out and much more.

As this year marks the 20th Anniversary of our Columbia Trail, a special committee was formed to organize even more family fun events highlighting and celebrating one of town's finest outdoor recreational assets. Events include naturalist walk along the trail, historical guided walk, biking, and a dedication ceremony for a new sign in the entranceway of the Columbia Trail.

Many of our local businesses play a vital role in making our events happen. Through their generous support, we run the events without a cost to the taxpayers. The generosity of our businesses, such as Premier Sponsor, Custom Alloy, and the hard work and dedication of many volunteers make the events happen for our community. Working hard to make our community special! There is something magical about our little town: the people, the businesses, and the community spirit! What a wonderful place to live!

Come celebrate how special our town is and come to one of our great events!

See you there!

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We are here to listen and assist you in any way we can!

If you do not use email and would like to call any of your local officials, please contact Borough Hall. They will help you get in touch!

Public Works Announcements

PUBLIC WORK CONTACTS

If you have trouble or concerns, please contact the Borough Administrator John Gregory at 908-638-6455–Ext 26.

TRASH COLLECTION

COLLECTION OUT & IN REQUIREMENTS

Trash containers should be placed curbside from **7 pm the night before** collection day to avoid missing an early pick up.

Containers must be brought back from the curb by **9 pm on the day of collection. Residents will be subject to penalties for empty containers left out overnight after collection.**

Upon conviction for violation of any provision of this Code or other ordinance of the Borough of High Bridge, the maximum penalty shall be one or more of the following: a fine not to exceed $2,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days, and/or a period of community service not to exceed 90 days. [Amended 6-13-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-13]

Each and every day upon which a violation of any provision of this Code or other ordinance exists shall constitute a separate violation.

TRASH STICKER REMINDER

Due to the unusually frigid temperatures this winter, some garbage stickers fell off the bags.

The trash provider still picked up at least one of the bags.

This "grace" period is over and all trash must have a sticker or it will NOT be picked up.

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

Spring Brush collection commenced in April and will continue through June. The scheduled days for pick up in May and June are: **MAY 18 | JUNE 22**

- Brush must be ready for pick- up the Sunday before collection begins.
- Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm water management regulations.
- Please do not place brush on the roadways.
- 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. Call us if you have any questions regarding the pick-up in your area! 908-638-6455 Ext 26.

Michael Hann, Director of Public Works

High Bridge Commuity Calendar — May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 26	27	28	29	30	1 2nd Quarter Property Tax Due	2 Natural and Electronics Recycling Guided Columbia Trail Tour
3 *(week 19)*	4	5 EDC Meeting	6	7 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	8 RECYCLING	9
10 *(week 20)* Mother's Day	11	12 Environmental Meeting	13	14 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	15	16 Natural and Electronics Recycling
17 *(week 21)*	18 Spring Brush Collection	19 C&H Commission Meeting	20 Events Committee	21 Recreation Meeting	22 RECYCLING	23 Memorial Day Ceremony: 11:30
24 *(week 22)*	25 Memorial Day, Borough Offices Closed	26	27	28 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	29	30
31 *(week 23)*	June 1	2	3	4	5	6

High Bridge Commuity Calendar — June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31	1	2 EDC Meeting	3	4 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	5 RECYCLING	6 Soap Box Derby - 8:30 am Steelworkers Historic Greenway Tour - 9:30 am
7 *(week 24)*	8	9 Environmental Meeting	10	11 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	12	13 Natural & Electronics Recycling Pooch Parade 10am Movies in the Park Paddington Bear 8:30pm
14 *(week 25)*	15 Planning Board Meeting	16 C&H Commission Meeting	17 Events Committee	18 Recreation Meeting	19 RECYCLING Movies in the Park Alexander & the Terrible Day 8:30pm	20
21 *(week 26)* Father's Day	22 Spring Brush Collection	23	24	25 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	26 Movies in the Park ET - 8:30pm	27 Natural and Electronics , Rigid Plastic Recycling 9am-12pm Document Shredding 9am-11am Concert in the Park - Time TBD
28 *(week 27)*	29	30	July 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

High Bridge Commuity Calendar — July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28	29	30	1	2 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	3 RECYCLING Independence Day Observed	4 Independence Day
5 *(week 28)*	6	7 EDC Meeting	8	9 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	10	11 Natural and Electronics Recycling
12 *(week 29)*	13	14 Environmental Meeting	15 Events Committee	16 Recreation Meeting Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	17 RECYCLING	18
19 *(week 30)*	20 Planning Board Meeting	21 C&H Commission Meeting	22	23	24	25 Natural and Electronics Recycling Fireman's Annual Picnic 1-5pm
26 *(week 31)*	27	28	29	30	31 RECYCLING	August 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

High Bridge Commuity Calendar August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 26	27	28	29	30	31 RECYCLING	1 3rd Quarter Property Tax Due
2 *(week 32)*	3	4 EDC Meeting	5	6 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	7	8 Natural and Electronics Recycling
9 *(week 33)*	10	11 Environmental Meeting	12	13 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	14 RECYCLING	15
16 *(week 34)*	17 Planning Board Meeting	18 C&H Commission Meeting	19 Events Committee	20 Recreation Meeting	21	22 Natural and Electronics Recycling
23 *(week 35)*	24	25	26	27	28 RECYCLING	29
30	31	Sept. 1	2	3	4	5

EVENTS CONTINUE IN 2015!

SOAP BOX DERBY

Saturday, June 6th (Rain or Shine)

Start time – 8:30 am on Main Street!

Calling all racers!
The High Bridge Soap Box Derby is on. Registration & Rules/Regulations is available on www.highbridge.org.

We hope to see you there!
Check out our Derby's Facebook page and like it!
http://www.facebook.com/pages/High-Bridge-Annual-Soap-Box-Derby

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 13th
(Rain date Saturday, June 14th)
PADDINGTON

Friday, June 19th
(Rain date Saturday, June 20th)
ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

Friday, June 26th
(Rain date Sunday, June 28th)
ET: THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL

Starting times at dusk – approximately 8:30 pm

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in this lovely outdoor venue. Popcorn 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.

All movies are rated PG.
For a description of each movie, turn to next page!

POOCH PARADE

Saturday, June 13th
(Rain date - June 14th)

Start time – 10am at Commons Park!
(9am is registration)

This year's theme
"ANYTHING GOES"!

All dogs can participate in the parade but only registered dogs can win a prize.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 27th
(More Dates TBD)

On June 27th Citizens Band Radio returns once again to High Bridge.
The Concert in the Commons is a wonderful way to spend an evening. All are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic dinner, children and dogs. What could be a better way to spend a summer evening under the stars?

COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, September 19: 1pm-5pm

The event is free to the community. This year we are planning another fun day! Music, food, face painting and inflatables. The event is brought to you by dedicated volunteers and supported by generous donations from local businesses.

If you are interested in making a donation please go to:
http://highbridge.org/government/events-committee/annual-events/community-day/

EVENTS CONTINUE IN 2015!

Bunny Fabulous!

Meet our 2015 Easter Egg Hunt Winners

0-2: Ronen Shough and Avery Polanco, 3-4: Justin Thomas Smith and Ashlynn Poles, 5-6: Cole Norberg and Cailey Gilligan, 7-8: Arya Norberg and Christian Ventura, 9+: Katie Taylor and Zackary Black

On behalf of all the members of the High Bridge Event Committee, I want to thank our local businesses, community & friends for their generous donations towards High Bridge Events.

Without such kind contributions, we could not be so successful! Thank you for making a difference!

Sincerely,

Karen Scarcia
HB Events Council Liaison

MOVIE SUMMARIES

Paddington

Genre: Animated Family Movie **95 minutes** **Rated PG**

Adapted from Michael Bond's enduring children's book series. As the story opens, Peruvian bear Paddington (voice of Ben Whishaw) makes his way to the big city, where he quickly gets lost until being taken in by the benevolent Brown family. Meanwhile, as the curious cub settles into his new life of domestic bliss, a scheming museum taxidermist embarks on a personal mission to get him stuffed and mounted.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Genre: Family Adventures **81 minutes** **Rated PG**

Judith Viorst's acclaimed children's book is brought to the big screen. The tale recounts a day in the life of a grumpy young boy who has everything go wrong, all in one day.

ET: The Extra Terrestrial

Genre: 1982 Classic **115 minutes** **Rated PG**

A sci-fi adventure that captures that moment in youth when the world is a place of mysterious possibilities and the universe seems somehow separate from the one inhabited by grown-ups.

This outdoor art event "wows" audiences every year

with fine art work created by artists who paint en plein air (French for "in the open air").

An exciting new format is on tap for 2015, where after checking in at the Harvest Café on May 30th, artists will paint through June 6th using various forms of media. The subject matter can be of anything within the Borough of High Bridge as well as the Ken Lockwood Gorge. Then on Saturday, October 3rd (rain date on the 4th) the artwork will be exhibited to the public at an outdoor show and silent auction at Riverside Wines & Liquors parking lot. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity to purchase quality art created from well established artists at very affordable prices.

Registration is still open at the time of submitting this article for publication. If interested in participating, **email: hbpaintout@yahoo.com.**
Be sure to "like" the High Bridge Paint Out Facebook page for the latest updates and news about this event.

HBYS
HIGH BRIDGE YOUTH SOCCER

2015 HBYS Registration Starts in Late Spring

Season Runs from September 5, 2015 to November 21, 2015

Register On or Before July 24, 2015: $60.00
Register After July 24, 2015: $70.00
Pre-K Registration: $40.00

Families with 3 or more players: Maximum fee is $120 before July 24 and $140 after July 24.
All children aged 3, 4 & Kindergarten through the 8th grade
Shin guards are MANDATORY
Summer Kickoff Clinics will be held at Union Forge Fields on weekday evenings in August prior to the start of the season for Grades 2 -8 only.
All players parents/guardians will be contacted by their coaches during the last week in August 2015. At that time, parents will be informed about their practice/game times for the first Saturday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – Assistant/Head Coaches, Referees, Concession Stand Help, Field Preparation and SPONSORS

NEW Pre Wee Division..Pre-K (3 &4 year olds)
Pee Wee Division.....Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Junior Division ....2nd and 3rd Grade
Intermediate Division..4th and 5th Grade*
Senior Division..... 6th, 7th and 8th Grade*

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

All registration is to be performed online at
www.hbyouthsoccer.org
All major credit cards accepted

Email questions to : **info@hbyouthsoccer.org** or call Alan Schwartz at (908) 343 0039

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HIGH BRIDGE *Women's Group*

The Women's Group was incorporated in 1980 and continues to be a supportive link in the High Bridge community. You'll always see our members at Community day, the Halloween Parade, and the Easter Egg hunt; we're there to assist.

In addition to these events we serve the community by making donations to our service organizations and students at the high school and middle school. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Rescue Squad Building.

Please contact Chris Marx for information 638-4146 or csmarx@comcast.net.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

We are High Bridge's local Cub Scout pack. We consist of boys from the High Bridge area who are in 1st - 5th grade.

We've had a terrific year so far. 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 outgoing leader Dave Gove for his 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:

- Camping at Round Valley
- Spring Food Drive
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- US Flag Retirement
  (*If you have a flag that needs retirement, please contact us)*
- End of Year Picnic (at the last meeting)

Please visit the Pack's website http://highbridgepack149.wix.com/pack-149 for details about the pack and upcoming events.

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 3rd Monday of the month from 6:45 - 8:00 pm at the Elementary School Gym. *NOTE - The last meeting until fall is June 8th. *

Thank You,

Jon Valenta
Pack 149 Cubmaster
highbridge.pack149@gmail.com

SUMMER RECREATION

The Summer Recreation Program welcomes High Bridge children who have completed grades K-7.

The program will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. and will be held July 6 – July 17.
Enroll your child or children for one session or both weeks.
The program will be located at High Bridge Elementary School.
We encourage all participants to bring their own water bottle & a healthy snack each day.

Register on line at www.HIGHBRIDGE.ORG

Veteran's Page

Memorial Day Ceremony

Saturday, May 23
11:00 AM
at CK Hoffman Memorial Park

Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day and honored men who had died in the Civil War. It now honors servicemen and servicewomen who died in any war. Come join with the American Legion Post #188 and the Cultural & Heritage Committee as we remember all American Service people who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING OUR VETERANS!

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

Bring a chair.

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 taken down right after the event. This area is for non-profit organization signs only.

Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

In Loving Memory

The following April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 deceased Post 188 American Legion members will be honored at this year's ceremony:

Arthur C. Buddy Adler – Army, Korea

Thomas J. Devine – Navy WW2

Raymond L. Housel – WW2

Arthur F. Winstanley – Army, Korea

FROM CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

High Bridge is rich in History and Culture. Join the Cultural and Heritage committee and help peel back the years. We are looking for committee members to serve our borough and its citizens, and also friends who want to come and lend a hand. Whether your interest is art, poetry, music, architecture, sculpture, literature or any other cultural entity, we would love to have your contributions.

If you are handy with a rake or a hammer, our historic properties are in constant need of tender loving care which you can provide. Research and grants are also crucial to our work; we would like your help there, too.

Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at borough hall. You can drop us a line at heritage@highbridge.org for more info or any questions comments or concerns.

-Eric Erb
Chair, Cultural and Heritage committee

With the current working title of In Solitude, High Bridge native Kaitlin Overton has been working on a new site-specific, devised work of theatre that will be based on interviews conducted with the community of High Bridge.

The piece will be centered around Solitude House and explores the community's personal experiences with their own hometowns, communities, and uprooting to High Bridge.

The piece will be produced by No Dominion Theatre Co., of which Kaitlin is a co-founder, and is set for early to mid November of this year. Performance will be at Solitude House.

For more information,
please visit kaitlinoverton.com.

FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

It's Time For Lyme

As we enter spring, please keep in mind the following
Lyme information and prevention tips:

* Ticks become **more active** once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees F
* **Daily** tick checks are crucial elements in Lyme disease prevention.
* Tick repellants 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.

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

JUNE 27TH

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

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.

JUNE 27TH

RIGID PLASTIC RECYCLING EVENT

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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)

- Large plastic toys
- Laundry baskets
- Plastic pet carriers
- Kitty litter buckets
- Plastic storage containers
- Plastic garbage & recycling containers
- Empty & dry plastic paint cans
- Plastic shelving
- Plastic outdoor furniture w/o PVC pipes
- 5-gallon buckets without metal handles

Unacceptable Items - Do not recycle with large rigid plastic

- Plastic bottles & metal cans
- PVC # 3
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) # 6
- Flower pots & flower trays
- Bags
- Computers & electronics
- Electric appliances
- Electric toys
- Battery-operated items
- Metal - remove from items
- 55-gallon drums
- Liquids
- Chemical or motor oil containers
- Coolers
- Tool boxes
- Wheels - remove from items
- Tires
- Water hoses
- Vacuum hoses
- Drain pipes
- Plastic sheets or film
- Vinyl siding
- Fiberglass
- Rubber items
- Cardboard & other paper
- Wood
- Glass
- Dirt, rocks, mud
- Medical or hazardous waste
- Clothing
- Garbage

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. No pieces of lumber/wood.

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

COMMONS E-CONTAINER

Electronics Recycling Container

We are pleased to offer residents of High Bridge a place to recycle electronic items, televisions, and computers on a regular basis. No need to wait for our recycling event if you need to get these recyclable items out of your home or office. By law televisions and computers cannot be recycled at curbside.

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 9am -1pm on the same weekends as the brush drop off Saturdays. Check the calendar at highbridge.org for dates.

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 (refrigerator, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) and No white goods (washing machine, dishwasher, stove) will be accepted in this container.

We will continue to hold 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.

SAMR ensures that all data on any hard drives or other media is secure 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.

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Enjoy our Open Space

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

- Walk or bike the Columbia or Nassau Trail.
- Relax with a good book in the quiet area of the Commons.
- Take the kids to Union Forge Park for active recreation.
- View the Solitude Falls from the sitting area off the Columbia Trail.
- Follow the well marked Taylor Steel Workers Historic Trail to the historic Forge

Check out all our open space by viewing the Open Space Brochure created by Girl Scout Troop #243 at our town web site: highbridge.org

It's a great time to get out of your house and enjoy your town's open space!

* Remember to do a tick check every time you return from enjoying the outdoors.

Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration

The Borough Environmental Commission and the High Bridge Elementary School Environmental Club will be celebrating Arbor Day and Earth Day on May 15 by weeding and planting in Commons Park. The two groups meet annually to beautify this community gathering area. If you would like to donate a deer resistant plant for us to plant, please contact Lynn Hughes at 638-8887.

Beautification Project McDonald St. Parking Lot

The Environmental Committee will be continuing their efforts to enhance the appearance of the McDonald St. parking lot area. Some planting was started last fall and will continue this year using the remainder of the 2014 garden grant received from Somerset Hills Garden Club. We are also working with other committees to sponsor a mural painting project on the retaining wall around the parking lot area. Through this project, we will pay homage to our town's history.

"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. Check out past Green Award recipients on the environmental committee page of our town web site at highbridge.org

The environmental committee presents this Green Award yearly. We have two nomination categories: one for adults or organizations and the other for youth. Nominations for the annual Green Award should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

Environmental Committee
High Bridge Environmental Committee

FARMER'S MARKET

High Bridge will once again be holding our Farmers' Market on Saturdays this summer and fall from 8:30-noon on Main Street in the parking lot of Riverside Wines. Make plans to join your neighbors and help us celebrate 28 years of what has become a High Bridge institution.

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

By: Environmental Committee

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

WET WIPE AWARENESS

Wet wipes, long used for baby care, have grown popular with adults. Some of the products are labeled as "flushable" — a characterization contested by wastewater officials. Flushable wipes are marketed in a variety of ways, such as "breaks down like toilet paper" and "safe for sewer and septic."

The problem is that they appear to take longer to break down when compared to traditional toilet paper, and as a result have caused major blockages in sewer systems. Wet wipes, which do not disintegrate the way traditional toilet paper does, often combine with other materials, like congealed grease, which can clog and damage plumbing. Wipes that clog pipes can lead to blockages that can cause sewage overflow into basements or streams.

If you are concerned about whether flushable products are causing a problem to your system, stop flushing the items in question. Instead, bag them and place them in your garbage for collection. When in doubt, just because an item says it can be flushed doesn't mean it should be.

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.

Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regulations

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 HB Ordinance No. 2006-24.

By: Environmental Committee

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Please Recycle

We are asking our residents to help us reduce the amount of recycling that goes into our garbage collection. Besides helping us to meet the state mandated 50% recycling rate you will be helping the environment. Did you know that we are eligible for state recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports?

Curbside Recycling Collection

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.

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
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

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.

Recycling Dates & Collection Process

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.

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. `

***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.**

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

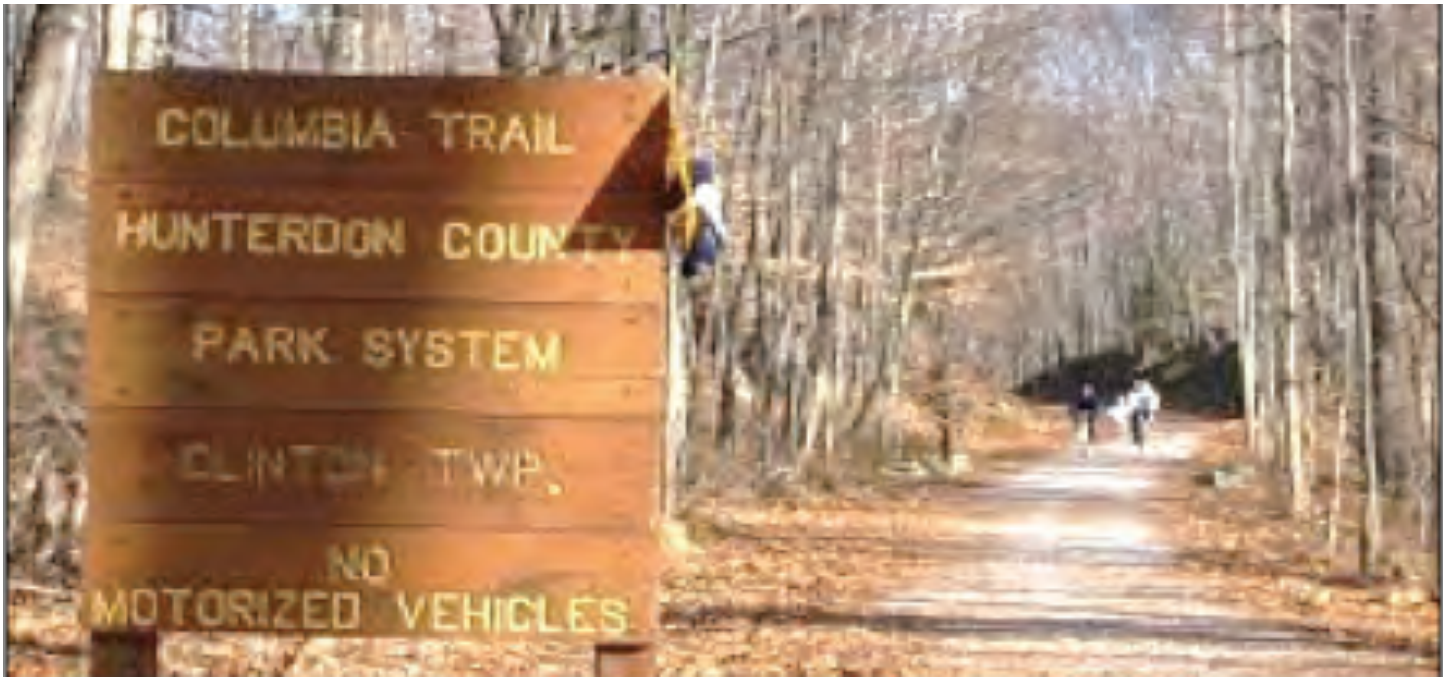
Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the town web site: highbridge.org

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

COLUMBIA TRAIL 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



This year marks twenty years of walking, riding and exploring on the Columbia Trail. A Trail Anniversary Committee has been formed and several fun events are planned. If you would like to be a part of the events, have an idea for an event, or would like to sponsor/schedule one of your own, please contact Councilwoman Adrienne Shipps at ashipps@highbridge.org. Following is the schedule as of April:

Saturday May 2nd – Two Nature Walks by Hunterdon County Park Naturalist, sponsored by the Environmental Committee - 10am and 11am – Meet by the Stage in the Commons Park, Main St. RSVP to lhughes@highbridge.org

Saturday June 6th – Celebrate National Trails Day with a guided tour of the Taylor Steelworkers Historic Greenway, an offshoot of the Columbia Trail, sponsored by the Union Forge Heritage Association (stewards of the 7 mile long trail) – 9:30 am – Meet at Union Forge Park – RSVP to ufhanj@hotmail.com

The trail entranceway dedication ceremony is scheduled for a day in June – details upcoming. We have several committee members working on the design of

an archway to frame the Trail entrance at Main Street. Want to be involved? Contact us!

Early October – Bike the Columbia Trail – Organized ride along the 15 mile stretch of the Columbia Trail, being planned by avid mountain biking resident, Keir Loiacono, and the Harvest Cafe.

Stay tuned to the High Bridge Website for more information!

The History of the Columbia Trail

It Started With a Railroad

The history of our beautiful stretch of trail begins a long time ago, with the railroad. The High Bridge Branch of the Central NJ (CNJ) Railroad started as a privately owned line 1.24 miles long belonging to Lewis Taylor of Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company. It opened in 1876 and ran from High Bridge to Port Oram (now Wharton). Its purpose was to haul iron ore from mines in several towns in Morris County to the Taylor Iron Works located at the current site of Custom Alloy Corporation. The service eventually expanded to haul other goods as well as passengers. Trains also carried mail, and by 1883, 250 pounds of mail a day were carried on the High Bridge Branch. During the First and Second World Wars, the line was used to bring ammunition from the Picatinny Arsenal to staging areas along the East Coast. The line grew to a total length of almost 23 miles, counting the branches in Chester. Central New Jersey railroad reported spending over $1.4 million on the line.

Passenger services came to an end on the line in 1935 due to the growth of roads and industry. In March of 1971, as part of its "Blueprint for Survival" the CNJ divested itself of remaining branches in order to preserve the rail system and abandoned the High Bridge Branch. Conrail bought it and later deemed the branch redundant. Freight services were finally halted in 1976 and the tracks were dismantled in 1980.

High Bridge Gets Involved

When the track was removed much of the rail ties were discarded over the hillside. Others decided to use the area as a dumping ground for garbage and unwanted items. Over the years encroachment on to the trail occurred, with people parking vehicles and building stairs onto the right of way. During that timeframe (1988), volunteers and concerned citizens from High Bridge began cleaning up the abandoned rail bed, making it into something that began to be used by hikers and bikers. The I'm for High Bridge committee and many other volunteers hired a garbage truck to drive down the trail, cleaning up all types of debris, including washers and dryers. In the end, it took three trucks to remove the accumulated trash.

In the mid-1990's, the Columbia Gas Transmission Company gave the 100-plus acres comprising the trail right-of-way (surface rights) to the Hunterdon and Morris County Park Systems. The gas company had run a major gas line through NJ on this property primarily because there would be no condemnation due to it being the old CNJ rail line.

It was about this time the Borough decided to really get involved. Al Schweikert, who was the High Bridge mayor at the time, met with Rails –to-Trails, who advised to apply for grant money. During the process it was realized that Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation had done the same thing, and High Bridge then partnered to push for trail funding together.

Many Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation members were involved in the decision making and funding acquisition for the Trail. Tom Rosol, Bill Clother, and John Trontis of the Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation had the vision to help establish and finalize this corridor as a recreational trail.

The County, with the majority of support from Mr. Schweikert, including letters and attendance at meetings, applied for and received over $1.5 million in Federal grants. Approximately $500,000 went toward drainage before the trail itself could be worked on. To ensure safety, emergency vehicle access along the trail was advocated by High Bridge, making sure the bridges and access points were built to carry potential fire/rescue traffic to get to the properties off the trail.

The Trail Officially Opens

In 1995 the trail was opened as The Columbia Trail. Minutes of Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation meetings indicate that the county suggested the name "Columbia Trail."

In 1996, the Borough Boy Scouts honored longtime Scoutmaster Jon Cardenas and his wife Mary by dedicating the trail to them. High Bridge Boy Scout Troop 149 pledged to maintain the seven-mile stretch from High Bridge to Morris County. High Bridge resident and Scout Leader Mike Sebastiano created a special walking stick emblem of the trail for the Scouts (see picture).

COLUMBIA TRAIL – continued

Article Continued....

High Bridge is still recognized for allocating the largest parking area of any town along the trail. In 1996 the Borough purchased the 7 acre railroad yard, the "wye", from Conrail and transformed it into what we now know as The Commons. Currently the Borough is adding more parking to the Commons, and it is used by hundreds of trail visitors throughout the year.

The trail was resurfaced in 2001-2003 using funds from the Federal Highway Administration, administered through the state Department of Transportation.

High Bridge continues to stay involved in the trail. The borough Environmental Commission and the High Bridge Elementary School Environmental Club participate jointly in the Hunterdon County Park System "Adopt - a -Trail" program. We have adopted the first three miles of the Columbia Trail. It also continues to be recognized nationally: In October 2014, Rails to Trails Conservancy selected the Columbia Trail as its trail of the month, highlighting the large amount of visitor feedback in comparison to other trails across the country.

The name of the Trail presents a conundrum. Some say Engine # 112, which plummeted from the gorge bridge was called "Columbia." But the Columbia Gas Line also presents as a namesake. Which was it really named for? The High Bridge Library has several books on NJ railroads....one may hold the answer.

From the daffodils in Spring to the spectacular foliage in Fall and the coldly beautiful Winter views, the Columbia Trail has the power to invigorate, renew and refresh. Our little Borough has always been proud to be the starting point and a big part of the Columbia Trail history and its continued popularity. We look forward to celebrating this year in the form of special events focused on the trail, and to hosting visitors, new and old, for many decades to come!

A picture along part of the trail that cross over Ken Lockwood Gorge

A picture of the train tracks from back in the day going into what is now called Common's Park in High Bridge

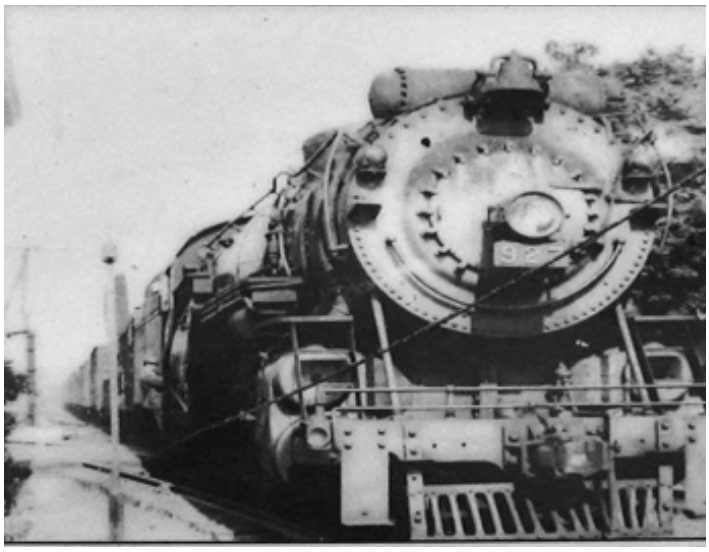
A Plaque for a walking stick previously given by Boy Scout Troup 149 for completing a hike

Members of the I'm for High Bridge Committee and High Bridge community lending a helping hand cleaning up the former trail after the rails were removed

Disaster at the Ken Lockwood Gorge – 130 Years Ago!

Have you walked the Columbia Trail far enough to get to the Gorge Bridge? The area very likely looks the same as it did 130 years ago, when a High Bridge-bound train met with disaster.

A notable portion of the Columbia Trail is the Ken Lockwood Gorge, between Califon and High Bridge (2½ miles north of High Bridge). This was the site of a tragic accident on April 18, 1885, when an ore train, made up of five cars containing 90 tons of pig iron and 40 cars with 500 tons of ore, plummeted 60 feet into the gorge when the wooden trestle bridge gave way. According to accounts in the April 25, 1885 edition of the "Iron Era" (Dover's local newspaper), the train was moving along at 3 mph toward High Bridge. The locomotive (#112) and several cars got across when the center span of the bridge caved in. The couplings between the cars held, and the entire train was pulled down, its cars and contents filling the river below. The disaster occurred due to rotten timbers on the nine year old bridge, which had never been treated or painted to protect it from the elements. A brakeman was killed in the wreck; others jumped to safety. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, who leased the CNJ at the time, were charged with criminal negligence for not repairing the bridge. The damage to the locomotive, however, was slight; after being hoisted out of the gorge it continued in service another seventeen years. The next time you stroll out to the Gorge, imagine that bridge with no side rails, the trains that crossed it daily, and the history that is richer because of it.



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I'm for High Bridge Committee Members

Former Mayor Al Schweikert

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THINK LOCAL FIRST!

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSESS!

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!

YOU'RE SUPPORT – MAKING A DIFFERENCE - HIGH BRIDGE - THINK LOCAL!

Carini's Pizza
Circa Restaurant
Gronsky's Milk House
Mrs. Riley's Public House & Trattoria
Hilltop Deli
Harvest Café
Casa Maya
Riverside Wine & Liquor
Belsy's Tailoring
Carl & Company Hair Care
Cepka's Upholstering
Village Studio Photography
Naughright-Scarponi Funeral Home
Center Cut Pilates
Lucky You Consignment Shop
Reflections Salon
Inside Out
The Laundromat
Benjamin Franklin Plumbing
A Good Plumber
The Studio
AVON, Julie Mills
Country Club Self Storage
Cregar's Garage
East Side Auto Service
John Gaddy's Karate Studio
Pencil Points – tutoring
Rocky's Rod Shop
Portal Design
A & L Pool Service
Batch Building & Remodeling Inc.
General Paving Stones
CenturyLink
Steel Mill Studio
Attorney Jeffrey Raefski
Dispenza Financial
Harlan Ettinger, Attorney
Custom Alloy Corporation
Glassman High Voltage, Inc.
High Bridge Stone Company, Inc.
Independent Solar
J & M Manufacturing, Inc.

If you do not see your business or service on this link, please email thebridge@highbridge.org

HOST MASONIC LODGE No. 6

BUFFET BREAKFASTS

Every Third Sunday

May 17th • June 21st • July 19th • August 16th

7:30 am – 12:00 pm • Host Masonic Center
2 Ridge Road, High Bridge, NJ

Adults: $8 | Children (Ages 6-12): $4 | Children (Ages 5 and Under): FREE

Come check out our great WAFFLE BAR!

UNDERSTANDING REVALUATION

Revaluation what is it? Why do a revaluation? Does a revaluation increase my taxes? How is a revaluation done? These are question I am sure many of you have. I will discuss these topics below.

What is a Revaluation?

Revaluation is a process that a municipality uses to appraise all taxable real property within its boundaries to its current value. The goal of a revaluation is to spread the tax burden equally among the taxpayers.

The current value is an estimate of what a willing buyer would pay for a property from a willing seller, on October 1 of the pretax year.

Why Do a Revaluation?

A municipality's tax burden is divided up and charged to each taxable property owner based on the assessed value of each property. In order for each taxpayer to pay their fair share, the property value needs to be adjusted periodically to reflect changes in value, due to changes in market conditions.

Some of the reasons for a change in value are;

a) Changes in the economy.

b) Changes in the style and custom (size, style of home).

c) Changes in zoning.

d) Delays in processing of building permits, which delay tax assessments on new construction.

e) Changes in characteristics in areas or neighborhoods in the municipality and within individual properties.

Will a Revaluation increase my Taxes?

A revaluation does not necessarily increase your taxes. Assessments are used as a base to apportion the tax burden. The tax burden is the amount of money a municipality needs to raise for the operation of county and local governments along with the school system.

For a more detailed discuss of this topic go to the web site at the end of this article.

What is the revaluation Process?

Usually a physical inspection of each property is done, both interior and exterior along with building dimensions, number of bedroom, bathrooms, garages etc. are recorded. , except for income producing properties which are analyzed based on their income capabilities. All other relevant information that my affect the value of a property is gathered, reviewed and analyzed in order to determine the full and fair value of each property.

What is expected of the Property Owner?

Equitable revaluation depends on the cooperation of the taxpayer. In order to most accurately value a property an inspection of the interior is needed. This requires the permission of the property owner. The municipality and the company performing the valuation will work hard to cause the property owner the least amount of inconvenience. The type of data collected includes but is not limited to; number of bedroom, bathrooms, verifying measurements, interior and exterior finishes and an observation of the condition of the property to determine the effective age of the property.

A notice will be sent to each taxpayer advising them of the new appraised value prior to the new value being officially listed on the tax list. This notice will include information on how to arrange for a personal informal hearing to review the proposed assessment. If the taxpayer is still not satisfied after the informal hearing, they may file for an appeal with the County Board of Taxation.

You may obtain more information on revaluation at the following web site www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation, which was a source of information for this article.

Michael Stemple

High Borough Councilman

Chairman Finance and Golf Committee

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE and UTILITIES OFFICE

Homestead Benefit Program

Homestead benefits for 2012 were applied to May 2015 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 application was January 31, 2014.

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml

REMINDER:

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE TAX & UTILITIES DUE

THIRD QUARTER TAXES

DUE AUG 1, 2015

THIRD QUARTER UTILITIES

DUE AUG 25, 2015

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

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 to:

BOROUGH HALL

71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829

Attn: Bonnie Fleming

Property Tax Reimbursement Program

Applications for the 2014 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 applications is June 1, 2015.

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 seventeenth 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.

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

INTRODUCING

CREDIT CARD AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Now being accepted for
TAX and Utility Charges

Visit www.HIGHBRIDGE.ORG for Details.

ATTENTION

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES AND UTILITIES HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

Credit Card and Electronic Payment of Taxes and Utilities has been discontinued. Credit Card and electronic payment options are now available through the Borough Website.

ATTENTION

Summer Recreation & Special Events Registrations and Sponsorships can now be Paid Electronically.

Visit www.HIGHBRIDGE.ORG for Details.

Eileen M. Wallace

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Thinking About a New Home?

Whether you're looking for more room, or less, a different setting, or planning for the future, please give me a call. I'll be happy to help you.

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HBBA High Bridge Business Association

www.hbbusiness.org

Property Tax Reimbursement
(Senior Freeze)

2014
Eligibility Requirements*

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2013, or if under age 65, you were receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2013, *and* December 31, 2014;

and

- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2003, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;

and

- 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, 2010, or earlier;

and

- You paid the full amount of the 2013 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2014, and paid the 2014 property taxes by June 1, 2015;

and

- Your total annual income for 2013 did not exceed $84,289* and for 2014 did not exceed $85,553.* **NOTE**: With very few exceptions, all income received during the year must be taken into account to determine eligibility (including social security, pension income, etc.)

*** Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2014 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2015.**

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

FROM THE I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE COMMITTEE

HIGH BRIDGE T-SHIRTS

Back by popular demand!

The "I'm for High Bridge Committee" is selling the original logo T-shirt. All proceeds will be used for High Bridge projects.

Cost $12.00 for 1 t-shirt and $20.00 for 2

You may choose a color of shirt and color of logo
Contact us for color availability

Sizes Available:

Children's S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)
Adult's S M L XL XXL

To order contact: Emily Bruton at ifhb44@gmail.com

WHO IS THE I'M FOR HIGH BRIDGE COMMITTEE?

The I'm for High Bridge Committee is an organization dedicated to making the Borough of High Bridge a better place to live. The Committee was formed in 1978 by a town councilman named Dick Kushner. The committee is a non-profit organization that has accomplished many things for High Bridge! This is a non-governmental committee. Strictly dedicated to improving High Bridge!

Pictured above from left to right: Bill Anderson, Jim Conroy (President), Don Branflick, Mary Branflick, Kathy Conroy, Emily Bruton and Paul Lipani. Charlie Bruton, also a member is taking the picture.

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- *Main Street Clean Up*
- *Painting the Railroad Trestle*
- *Founders of HB Youth Soccer Program*
- *Founders of HB Summer Recreation Program*
- *Creators of Union Forge Park (built Gazebo, fencing, soccer fields, monuments) and (got local firms to donate park benches, picnic tables, grills, slides, swings, and playground equipment).*
- *Recycling Program- Started program before recycling was a town program*
- *Clean up of Columbia Trail before it was a trail*
- *Original coordinators of Town Events - Easter Egg Hunt, Community Day, Decorating for Christmas, Halloween parade, Cookies with Santa, Flag Day Parade, and more!*

SPRING CLEANING TIPS AROUND THE HOUSE

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street.
- Maintain a clear 'fire zone' of 10' around structures.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure for proper wiring.
- Remove leaves and trash from carports and garages: Combustible materials are dangerous if they are exposed to heated automobile components, especially under the vehicle.
- Do not use a chimnea on a deck or near any structure. Outdoor chimneas must be properly secured in a safe area and have a protective screen to catch hot embers.
- Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.
- Let power equipment sit for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside to be sure there is no possibility of fire.

GOLF OUTING

The High Bridge Fire Department will hold its annual golf outing June 15th at the High Bridge Hills Golf Club. If you are interested in registering a foursome or sponsoring a hole, please contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383.

ANNUAL PICNIC

July 25th, the High Bridge Fire Department will be holding our annual picnic. The event will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. For tickets/information contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org. Tickets sell quickly and will not be sold at the door. The picnic is a great way to support your local fire department and to enjoy with family and friends. Anyone under 21 is not permitted.

USED CLOTHING SHED

The used clothing shed is located at the rear of our parking lot. Items accepted such as: clothing, sneakers, belts, purses, bedding, drapes, towels and stuffed animals. All donations are tax deductible and are very appreciated.

High Bridge Fire Department

Annual Picnic

Saturday July 25, 2015
1 PM – 5 PM

Union Forge Field – Rain or Shine

Clams
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
BBQChicken
Corn on the Cob
Beer & Birch Beer
Door Prizes

No One Under 21 Permitted

Tickets are $50 for 2 People

For Tickets Contact Any

High Bridge Fire Department Member

or call 908-638-6383

Tickets may be purchased
May 1st – July 18th

Only 300 Tickets Available
Tickets will not be sold at the door

FROM THE HB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 and recording makes, models and serial numbers 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.

Attention Residents:

39:4-36. Driver to yield to pedestrians, exceptions; violations, penalties.

a. The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks when the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals, or where otherwise regulated by municipal, county, or State regulation, and except where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided:

(1) The driver of a vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a marked crosswalk, when the pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of, the half of the roadway, upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning. As used in this paragraph, "half of the roadway" means all traffic lanes conveying traffic in one direction of travel, and includes the entire width of a one-way roadway.

(2) No pedestrian shall leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield or stop.

(3) Whenever any vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(4) Every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(5) Nothing contained herein shall relieve a driver from the duty to exercise due care for the safety of any pedestrian upon a roadway. Nothing contained herein shall relieve a pedestrian from using due care for his safety.

- 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 hbpdandruczyk@comcast.net to schedule an appointment. This is a free service offered to residents.
- 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 are issued for 6 months, with one 6 month renewal allowed. Applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department or http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Temp.pdf All completed applications must be submitted to the municipal police department and are approved by the Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

Brett J. Bartman

Chief of Police

FROM OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & CERT MEMBERS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Visit the FEMA web site below to learn how you and your family can get prepared

http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

"A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

HELP US COMMUNICATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION TO YOU

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

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how.

Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Hunterdon Helpline at 908-735-4357 or 1-800-272-4630

IMPORTANT – Once you provide your phone numbers and email in step #3, you MUST enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts.

http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html or

https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=1380761

Get local emergency information from the High Bridge Police by registering for NIXLE.

http://local.nixle.com/high-bridge-police-department/

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 or visit us on facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon.

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.

LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONDUCT A BABY SHOWER

St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus in High Bridge conducted a "Baby Shower" to obtain contributions intended for two area women's health centers. The Knights solicited items that would be useful for a newborn baby like blankets, clothes, baby formula, diapers, or even usable furniture. Monetary donations were also encouraged. The collection was conducted at St. Joseph Church in High Bridge. The 2015 event was the council's 5th annual Baby Shower.

Organized by Culture of Life Director, Rich Mirocco, the Baby Shower coincides with the "International Day of the Unborn Child" celebrated on March 25, nine months before Christmas. This year's collection began with a Pasta Supper, hosted by the Knights, at which families were encouraged to bring a gift for the shower. When the collection period ended, the Knights had collected more than $1,000 in cash contributions and a considerable number of gift items from generous Knights and other parishioners at the High Bridge church. Bourbon Street Wine & Spirits donated the use of their box truck for delivery of the donated items to the Life Choices Pregnancy Center in Phillipsburg and the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington.

While the Knights have been very supportive of these women's health centers, residents now have a way to donate baby items all year long. Inspired by Manager, Kristen Bolek, the owners of Bourbon Street Wine & Spirits have designated their Hunterdon County stores as drop off points for donations of Baby Items to Life Choices of

Phillipsburg. Residents who are interested in helping can bring items, during normal business hours, to the Bourbon Street Stores in Califon on County Route 513, Clinton on NJ Route 31 North, Flemington on NJ Route 31 adjacent to Stop & Shop, and Lebanon on US Highway 22 West.

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council Culture of Life Director Rich Mirocco with some of the gifts collected at the Baby Shower.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Board congratulates all who participated in the High Bridge Middle School production of "The Wizard of Oz," particularly the hard work of Courtney Shiffman and Jeff Thompson in coordinating the production.

The school calendar for the 2015-2016 is posted on the school website (http://www.hbschools.org/). Three important changes will occur for the 2015/2016 school year.

- Because of the late date for Labor Day, the school year will begin before the holiday, with students returningto school on Tuesday, September 1. This will allow students to end the school year earlier in June than would be possible otherwise.
- The calendar includes five emergency closing days (up from three days in previous years), to reduce the need to make up missed days on holidays and spring break.
- The start and end times of the school day will differ. The elementary school day will be from 8:30 AM to 3:10 PM; the middle school day will be from 8:28 AM to 3:15 PM.

Our current board and district goals for the school year reflect the Board's commitment to improving communication across all education stakeholders.

- Our board goals include (1) becoming a certified board by the end of 2014-2015 and (2) evaluating and implementing the necessary changes to improve communication between board committees and communication between and among board members.
- Our district goals include the following: (1) to improve student achievement district wide; (2) to measure the effectiveness of technology infusion on student achievement; (3) to develop a systemic plan to engage our community in the education process in High Bridge; and (4) to promote fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency.

In February, we held the second of two parent information sessions for the year. Parents and staff provided opinions about recent school changes, input on decisions facing the Board, and comments on goals and activities the Board could take. Thanks to all who attended—your input is extremely helpful in completing our work. We plan to continue these sessions next year.

Board of Education meetings are open to the public and will be held on the following dates: April 27, 2015; May 18, 2015; June 22, 2015; July 13, 2015; August, 10, 2015; and September 1, 2015. All meetings are held in the elementary school library at 7 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

High Bridge Board of Education

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:

We had a long winter with many snow days again this year. Unfortunately, our annual Read Across America reading night had to be cancelled due to snow. The students in third and fourth grade participated in the first round of the PARCC Assessment. The implementation of the PARCC went extremely well for the students and staff. We will continue the final section of the PARCC Assessment in May.

Throughout this year we have continued with our class meetings, character words of the month, spirit days and All School Meetings. We began the Healthy U program which was sponsored by the YMCA and Horizon. Through this program we focused on making good choices through eating and exercise. These are great opportunities for us to show our High Bridge Spirit. We are currently completing the Third Marking Period and looking forward to a great spring. Currently, we are planting seeds in preparation for our school garden. It will be exciting to get them planted outside this year.

When we wrap up the year, we will encourage our students to continue to read and explore the world around us. Ask plenty of questions, take some time with friends and family and enjoy a great summer!

Brian Bizzoco, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

I would like to thank students and parents for their patience during our PARCC testing periods. Our staff worked hard preparing our students and ensuring the technology was operational to conduct successful assessments. Even with delayed openings and closings due to snow, testing went off smoothly thanks to our students and staff.

We have had a cold and snowy winter where we used seven snow days, five delayed openings and one early dismissal. Since we had three snow days built into our calendar and we made up a day in February (President's Day). We are making up three days during Spring Break and will be ending school on Friday, June 12th.

We have had an excellent year starting with our fifth graders moving from the elementary school. They have made a great transition to the middle school by bringing a positive energy, supplying us with talented performances on stage, as well as gifted athletes.

We are extremely proud of our community outreach as well as our building goal of better communicating with the parents. Our redesigned web page and parent portal have been an effective communication tool which we will enhance next year. Our district app has received many positive comments. Please continue to read our web page www.hbschools.org for up to date information.

Thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Sincerely,
Gregory Hobaugh, Ed.D.

HUNTERDON HUSKIES

2015 HUNTERDON HUSKIES YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION

Hailing from our home town of High Bridge, the nationally recognized Hunterdon Huskies youth football and cheerleading program is now accepting registrations from all area athletes for the upcoming 2015 season.

- **FOOTBALL** – For athletes ages 5 to 15 years old (as of 7/31/15), who weigh less than 160 pounds and have the desire and motivation to learn and play football at a high level of competition. Huskies Football earned National Championship titles in 2007 and 2006, 3rd in Nation in 2014, and was a National Finalist in 2005.
- **CHEERLEADING** – For athletes ages 3 to 15 (as of 7/31/15) with interest in learning high-energy tightly choreographed routines that incorporate cheer, dance, stunts, and tumbling. Huskies Cheer earned National Championship titles in 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2010, 2nd in Nation in 2014 and 2005, and 3rd in Nation in 2013 and 2012.
- **CONTENDER/INSPIRATION PROGRAMS** – We are proud to offer our community Huskies Inspiration Foo ball & Cheer teams. These awesome programs are open to all children with special needs of all abilities!

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is Now Open and prices increase for most teams on July 1st. Register quickly as team sizes are limited. Visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com for more information and to register online for the 2015 season. Join today and start your child on a winning path.

If you have any questions about the Huskies, please call our Head Football Commissioner, Jeff Mehl at 908-399-9407, or our Head Cheer Commissioner, Sue Lavigne at 908-304-4571.

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