HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH
Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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Letter from the Mayor

MAYOR MARK DESIRE

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH everyone the very best in 2016. We started this year off with quite a storm. January's blizzard tested our small town emergency response system and resources. While touring the streets during the storm, I was happy at how well the residents all came together and followed the new parking regulations. This allowed our Public Works to plow the streets without the additional hazards of parked cars. I want to also thank you for looking out for your neighbors.

Once again, you all have proven how much High Bridge folks care about each other and have shown selflessness in making sure your neighbors were safe during the storm. If you haven't already, please sign up for the High Bridge Public Service Announcements at hbpsa@highbridge.org; the Borough sends out emergent and event info on a regular basis and is the quickest way to get information about your Borough.

As you have noticed, our Main Street continues the revitalization process. New buildings are replacing run-down ones. Empty lots are seeing growth not witnessed in 40 years. We can now say High Bridge has a higher occupancy rate for its store fronts than most towns in New Jersey. Finding new businesses that support our small town charm, and ones that will survive in these tough economic times is paying off. This will also allow us to explore the development of a Transit Village. This creates incentives for towns to redevelop or revitalize the areas around transit stations. This helps to create attractive, vibrant, pedestrian safe neighborhoods where people can live, shop, park, work and play.

> **"With revitalization comes more revenue for the Borough. Like many small towns, this is not something that we have seen in quite a few decades. We continue to make our financial future stronger and keep taxes stable. However, the growth has to fit our small town life.**

One of my goals when I became Mayor was to give the residents more say in how their tax dollars were spent. We witnessed this during the past Road Referendum. The voters approved and allowed funding to exclusively go towards road maintenance activities, include paving, resurfacing and reclamation. This will allow a big boost to our yearly road improvement projects. We are always looking towards the future in High Bridge, as short-term fixes are not our method of solving issues. Our Finance Committee is working hard to bring this investment to our roadways without seeing an increase in taxes. It can be done.

2016 will be an exciting and active year for High Bridge. We continue to add events and programs for all ages to enjoy, all at no cost to the tax payer. Get out and enjoy all the fabulous things your Borough has to offer. Remember, we are always here to listen to your ideas or issues. Contact us anytime you want. We love High Bridge too.

THANK YOU,
Mayor Mark Desire

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BOROUGH HALL
71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829
908-638-6455 | www.highbridge.org
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Public Works & Borough Announcements

Spring brush collection

WEEK OF APRIL 25TH | WEEK OF MAY 23RD

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

Spring leaf collection

WEEK OF APRIL 18TH

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

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. This year, the application period is October 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

For Further information on LIHEAP or to locate the nearest application agency, call 1-800-510-3102. Additional information about LIHEAP and USF, including an application, is also available at www.energyassistance.nj.gov

Reminder: High Bridge Tax & Utilities Due

Taxes	Utilities
FIRST QUARTER: February 1	**FIRST QUARTER:** February 29
SECOND QUARTER: May 1	**SECOND QUARTER:** May 31

POST DATED CHECKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

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

Payments are also accepted at:
INVESTORS BANK | 55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809

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

HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH HALL | 71 Main Street, High Bridge NJ 08829
For Credit Card and Electronic Payments visit www.highbridge.org

PERSONAL SERVICE

IS WHAT YOU DESERVE!! I DON'T THINK OF MY CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS AS A NUMBER, BUT AS INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR OWN WANTS AND NEEDS.

DOING ALL I CAN TO MAKE YOUR SALE OR PURCHASE AS SMOOTH AND PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE. DECIDING TO MAKE A MOVE CAN BE BOTH STRESSFUL AND EXCITING.

LET ME HELP GUIDE YOU THRU THE PROCESS.

JOYCE LINDABERY

SALES ASSOCIATE

WEICHERT REALTORS

CLINTON OFFICE

40 YEARS REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE

Joycelindabery@weichert.com

PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU ARE THINKING OF MAKING A MOVE.

I'D APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU AND GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

Equal Housing Opportunity

2016 Annual Dog Registration

Dog licenses are mandatory for all dogs six (6) months 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. To be licensed, you must be eighteen (18) years of age and submit all necessary documents together. If you have previously licensed your dog in High Bridge, and your proof of valid spay/neutering has been recorded, then it is not necessary to resubmit with each renewal unless requested.

Note: Free High Bridge Rabies Clinic - December 10th, 2016, 9am to 11am
Rescue Squad Building, 95 West Main St., High Bridge NJ, 08829

Documents required:

- Proof of valid rabies vaccination through November 1st of the licensing year
- Spay/neuter proof to receive reduced licensing fee
- Payment in check (made out to "High Bridge Dog Fund", blue or black ink) or cash
- Completed application (blanks can be found online at www.highbridge.org or at Borough Hall)

Payment calculation if renewed <u>BEFORE March 1, 2016:</u>

- Spayed/neutered dogs are $10.00.
- Non-spayed/non-neutered animals are $15.00.

Payment calculation if renewed <u>March 1, 2016 or later:</u>

- **S**payed/neutered dogs are $10.00 plus late fees (see below)
- Non-spayed/non-neutered animals are $15.00 plus late fees (see below)

Late fees:
A late fee of $10.00 will be added for all renewals starting March 1, 2016 and $5.00 shall be added to the total fee due on the first (1st) of each month after that.

Application submission: Applications can be dropped off or mailed to:
Borough Hall – Clerk's Office, 71 Main Street, High Bridge NJ, 08829

Questions: Please email Adam Young at ayoung@highbridge.org or call (908) 638-6455 x4

Dog's Name: _____ | **Dog's age (yrs):** _____ | **Dog's sex (m/f):** _____

Dog's Hair (short, medium, long) _____ | **Spayed/neutered (y/n):** _____

Rabies shot given (date): _____ | **Dog's Breed:** _____

Rabies shot expires (date): _____ | **Dog's Color(s):** _____

Owner's last name: _____

Owner's first name: _____ | **Owner's phone number:** _____

Owner's address: _____

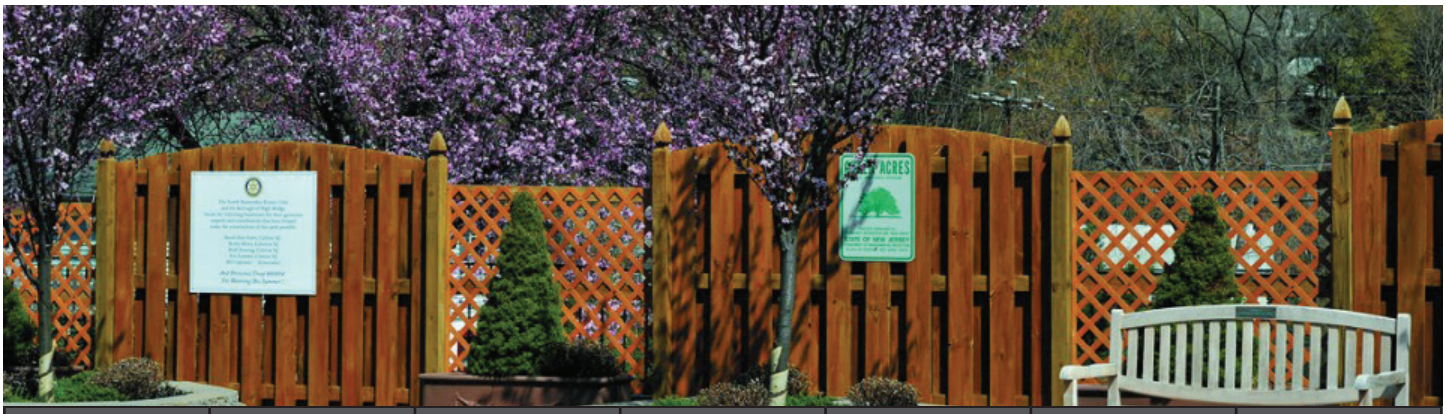
High Bridge Community Calendar

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN 31	1 1ST QUARTER TAXES DUE	2 EDC MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	3	4	5	6 NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING 9am-1pm
7	8	9 ENVIRONMENTAL MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	10	11 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	12 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	13
14	15 PRESIDENTS DAY Borough Hall Closed	16 C&H COMMISSION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	17 EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	18 RECREATION MTG. 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	19	20
21	22 PLANNING BOARD MTG. 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	23	24	25 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	26 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	27
28	29 1ST QUARTER UTILITIES DUE	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5

High Bridge Community Calendar

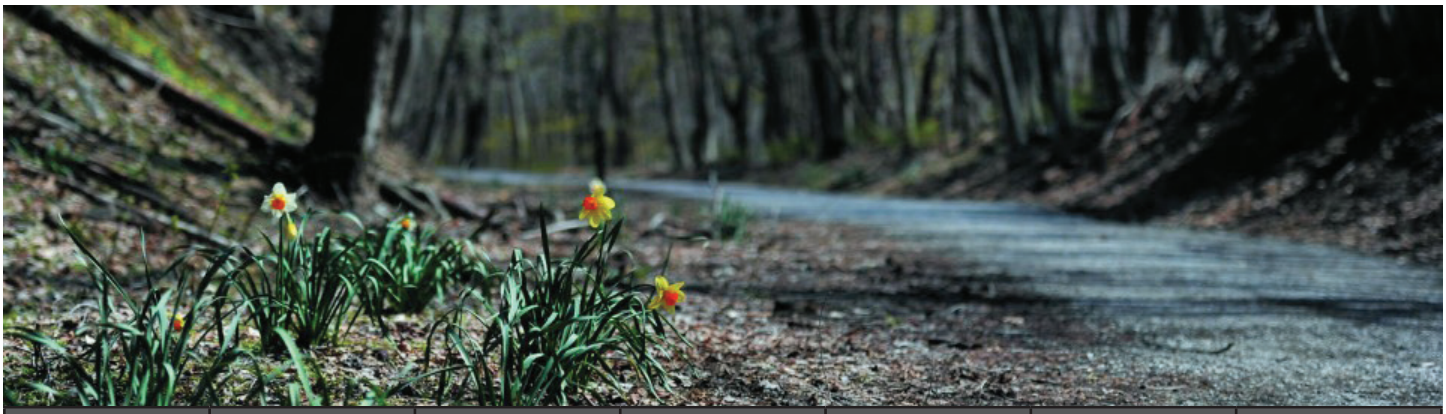
MARCH 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB 28	29	1 **EDC MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	2	3	4	5 **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING** 9am-1pm
6	7	8 **ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	9	10 **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	11 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	12
13	14	15 **C&H COMMISSION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	16 **EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	17 **RECREATION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	18	19 **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING** 9am-1pm **EASTER EGG HUNT** 11am Union Forge Park
20	21 **PLANNING BOARD MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	22	23	24 **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	25 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING** **GOOD FRIDAY** Borough Hall Closed	26
27 **EASTER**	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2

High Bridge Community Calendar

APRIL 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 27	28	29	30	31	1	2 **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING**
3	4	5 **EDC MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	6	7	8 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	9
10	11	12 **ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	13	14 **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	15	16 **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING** **RIVER CLEAN UP DAY** 9:00 am - 11:00 am Union Forge Park
17	18 **PLANNING BOARD MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	19 **C&H COMMISSION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	20 **EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	21 **RECREATION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	22 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	23
24	25	26	27	28 **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	29	30 **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Union Forge Park **TOWN WIDE LITTER CLEAN UP DAY**

High Bridge Community Calendar

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **2ND QUARTER TAXES DUE**	**2**	**3** **EDC MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	**4**	**5**	**6** **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	**7**
8 **MOTHER'S DAY**	**9**	**10** **ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	**11**	**12** **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	**13**	**14** **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING**
15	**16** **PLANNING BOARD MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	**17** **C&H COMMISSION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	**18** **EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.** 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	**19** **RECREATION MTG.** 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	**20** **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	**21**
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** **COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30-9:00pm Fire House Maryland Ave	**27**	**28** **NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING** **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** 11:00 am - 11:30am
29	**30** **MEMORIAL DAY** Borough Hall closed	**31** **2ND QUARTER UTILITIES DUE**	**JUNE 1**	**2**	**3** **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**	**4** **SOAP BOX DERBY**

High Bridge Events Committee

THE HIGH BRIDGE EVENTS COMMITTEE is proud to announce our schedule of events for 2016. Once again, we have an ambitious schedule of events and we're seeking additional volunteers to help make these events a success. Watch for more details in future issues of The Bridge, on the Borough website, and in the local papers. Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and get ready to have some fun! Events take place at various locations throughout the Borough including the Commons Park, Union Forge Park, and on Main Street.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 19th (Rain date March 26th). Bunny-hop your way to Union Forge Park at11am sharp!

SOAP BOX DERBY – Saturday, June 4th. We're looking forward to continuing this fine tradition on Main Street. Stay tuned in future issues of the Bridge and Borough Website for sign up information and event details!

POOCH PARADE – Saturday, June 18th (Rain date June 19th). Stay tuned in future issues of the Bridge and Borough Website for more information and event details.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS - June 10th, 17th, 24th. All movies start at approximately 8:30 pm. Rain dates are the following night. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of the Bridge and Borough Website.

CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS - Concerts run throughout the summer. Start times vary according to the day's lineup. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and pop-ups are welcome! Stay tuned for dates and times in future issues of the Bridge and Borough Website.

COMMUNITY DAY – September 17th. As with last year, the day will commence at 1 pm in Union Forge Park. Once again, there will be fun activities for kids, live music, EMS displays and demonstrations, food and drinks, and community fun for all! Stay tuned for more information in future issues of the Bridge and the Borough website.

PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT – October 1-8. Celebrating its 5th year, artists will paint in the outdoors throughout the week and will conclude with an exhibition and silent auction of their fine artwork at the Solitude House. More info will be posted in future editions of The Bridge and on the Borough's website. Also be sure to "Like" the High Bridge Paint Out Facebook page for the very latest news and photos.

These events are produced through the work of dedicated volunteers, and we are always looking for more folks to lend a hand. We are also grateful for the generous and continued financial support of local businesses and individuals. Without these sponsors, we would not be able to bring you these fine events. No tax dollars are used to produce these events. To contribute or volunteer, please email us through the link on the Events page, or 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.

Jamie Taylor, Chair
HIGH BRIDGE EVENTS COMMITTEE

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HIGH BRIDGE presents
the annual
Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 19th*
Time: 11am SHARP!
Where: Union Forge Park

Open to kids aged 0-12 years old. Be sure to bring your own basket to put eggs in.

Find the silver and golden eggs and win a prize!

Scheduled appearance by the Easter Bunny!

***Rain Date Saturday, March 26th. In the event of inclement weather, please check highbridge.org.**

Events Continue in 2016!

SOAP BOX DERBY

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH | (RAIN OR SHINE)

Start time – 8:30 a.m. 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

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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?

Dates and bands will be announced soon. Check the website for more information.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH | (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH)
FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH | (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH)
FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH | (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH)

All movies TBD soon. Please check website for updates.

Starting times at dusk – approximately 8:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
1:00 P.M. TILL 5:00 P.M.

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/

POOCH PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH | (RAIN DATE- JUNE 19TH)

Start time –10am at Commons Park!
(9:00 a.m. is registration)

This year's theme, "Dogs at the Movies".
Please check website for updates.

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

HIGH BRIDGE PAINT OUT

OCTOBER 1-8

Celebrating 5 years of outdoor art in High Bridge!

This year's event will conclude with a silent auction on Oct. 8th featuring the fine artwork of plein air artists at the Solitude House. If interested in participating, email hbpaintout@yahoo.com or visit www.highbridge.org.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Saturday, May 28, 2016 | 11:00 AM
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.

Come and remember with us.

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

Veterans Park Signage Visibility

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 nonprofit organization signs only. Private business signs will be taken down.

Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

Information about Veterans Memorial Park

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

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

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

Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills

NEXT MEETING

Wed, February 24, 9:30 AM

High Bridge Emergency Squad Building

95 West Main St. High Bridge, NJ 08829

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills invites anyone in the northern Hunterdon County area who shares an interest in gardening, horticulture, agriculture and conservation to join us on Wednesday, February 24th at 9:30 AM at the High Bridge Emergency Squad Building, 95 West Main St., High Bridge NJ 08829.

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

Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month through June with the exception of the November and December meetings. For specific information about our club, visit www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com. Call President Pat Tillisch [908-236-6666] or email us at info@gardenclubhunterdonhills.com.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS & PRESENTERS IN 2016

FEBRUARY 24TH

- 9:30 AM | General membership meeting
- 11:00AM | Lessons from Linden Hill - Jerry Fritz will give solid garden advice and planning pointers.

MARCH 23RD

- 9:30AM | General membership meeting
- 11:00AM | How to Prune Properly – Craig Stock of Craig Stock Landscape Design, Westfield, NJ will speak about pruning techniques for abundant blooms.

APRIL 27TH

- 9:30AM | General membership meeting
- 11:00AM | Garden Trunk Exchange and Garden Clean Up
  Pack your used garden tools, containers and books. We will exchange with each other after the meeting.

MAY 25TH

- 9:30 AM | General membership meeting
- 11:00 AM Creating a Winter Garden
  Master Gardener Ruth Claus will speak about sculptural shrubs, winter bloomers and bright fruits.

JUNE

- Garden & House Tour Date TBA – A yearly tradition not to be missed.

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Lebanon, NJ 08833
908-236-6548
anirchio@embarqmail.com

Men and Women's Health

CANCER AWARENESS SERIES

FREE PRESENTATIONS BY

Janet Acosta-Hobschaidt, MPH,
Community Health Educator for Huntredon NJCEED
Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center

WHERE

High Bridge Emergency Squad
95 Main Street, High Bridge NJ 08829

WHEN

Cervical Cancer Awareness: Know Your Risks
January 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Colorectal Cancer Awareness:
Risks Factors, Screening & Prevention
March 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Breast Cancer Awareness:
Know Your Risks, Screenings & Prevention
May 13, 2016 at 7:00pm

Prostate Cancer Awareness: Know Your Risks
June 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm

For more information and to attend, please contact:
Miriam Ramirez at (908) 237-7039

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon

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.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is always in need of volunteer drivers. Please contact us if you are interested in delivering meals to homebound seniors. We request a once a month commitment to drive, with the delivery route taking approximately one to one and a half hours. Please call or visit our website for more information.

High Bridge Women's Group

THE GROUP IS PLANNING the annual Townwide Garage sale, which will be held Saturday, May 21st, rain or shine. Please see the article on the next page for additional information and registration form.

We were happy to host Cookies with Santa last December at Borough hall. Many children came to see Santa and were lucky to enjoy a story read by our elf, Isabel Nasi. Thanks to her for a job well done! In addition Violet Kelly won the delicious gingerbread man cake and Abbie Torcivia won the ornamented Christmas tree cake. We look forward to hosting this merry event again in December. We are looking forward to a springtime event, the Easter Egg hunt before that. See you there.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE FORM ON NEXT PAGE >>

2016 HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

JOIN US!!
Your support will be welcome

The 29th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday, May 21, *RAIN OR SHINE*. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. sharp and will be advertised in local newspapers. Maps showing all participants will be available on the day of the sale at the High Bridge Library.

The donation for a home sale will be $10.00, and all contributions will benefit the High Bridge community.

Space will be again be available at THE COMMONS where a mini flea market will take place. The charge for this space is $15. If you decide to sell there, please bring your *own tables and needed supplies*.

Participants should pick up their garage sale bags (containing balloons and maps) at the High Bridge Library during library hours on Wednesday, 5/18; Friday, May 20 and at 7 a.m. on 5/21. Maps are available to everyone.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted any time before 5/06 to ensure inclusion on the map list. For additional information call: Claire Knapp at 638-8926.

(✂ detach and mail the following - **FORM DEADLINE: 5/06/16**)

2016 HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

YOUR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE: _____

CHECK OFF (✓) BOXES THAT APPLY:

CLOTHING		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	TOYS	FURNITURE	AUTO/ TOOLS	RECORDS, BOOKS, DVDS
ADULT	CHILD					

OTHER ITEMS:

_____

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I WILL BE HAVING A HOME SALE (COST IS $10): YES ☐

I WILL BE BRINGING MY TABLES TO THE COMMONS (COST IS $15): YES ☐

P*lease mail with a check payable to the High Bridge Women's Group, 18 Super Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829. Thank you for your support!*

Cultural & Heritage Committee

THE CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE has been actively preparing for 2016. Here are some of the things to look forward to:

Cultural and Heritage Lecture Series! We will be holding a series of lectures throughout the year. Presentations include history-themed subjects relevant to High Bridge and Hunterdon County! Announcements for upcoming lectures will be posted on the events page on highbridge.org !

Solitude House will be opened for events, exhibits and the popular house tours! We are currently working on our 2016 calendar, so please check the events page for our schedule.

Art Shows- Solitude House is opening its doors to some great artwork. We will host the Plein Air Paint Out Art Exhibition and Silent Auction, a Children's Art Event, and more. Stay tuned for announcements for various events!

Grant Opportunities and Fundraising – We will be exploring grant and fundraising opportunities as we continue plans for development of our historic properties in the Borough.

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

Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall. You can email us for more information at nhunt@ptd.net or kscarcia@highbridge.org.

Cultural & Heritage Committee

Karen Scarcia, Committee Liaison

Economic Development Committee

LAST YEAR ON MAIN STREET was very active with the opening of 3 great businesses.

- Center Cut Pilates, LLC, opened at 38 Main Street, suite 103
- Peking Wok reopened at 62 Main Street
- Inside / Out reopened at 73 Main Street

We are proud of all of our High Bridge Businesses and would like to congratulate all for their continued success! Thanks for making High Bridge a great place to live, shop, and eat!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2016?

We're optimistic that 2016 will be just as successful as 2015!

High Bridge will have its very own Dental Office coming very soon to Main Street! We are excited for this opportunity for the community. Stay tuned for announcements of the opening!

SBA Seminar! Last year the Economic Development committee hosted a seminar for local business owners facilitated by the Small Business Administration. The seminar was so well received by the attendees, that we decided to host a follow-up seminar this year. We are currently working on coordinating dates and will be back soon with details of this great event!

The EDC committee continues to support all High Bridge businesses. We strive to maintain a business friendly environment in town and we are here to help! If you would like to learn more about the EDC committee or are interested in joining, please contact our chair,

Joe Ahern at judoja1@aol.com!

Think Local First!

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

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

Where we shop, eat and have fun—all of that makes our community a Home.

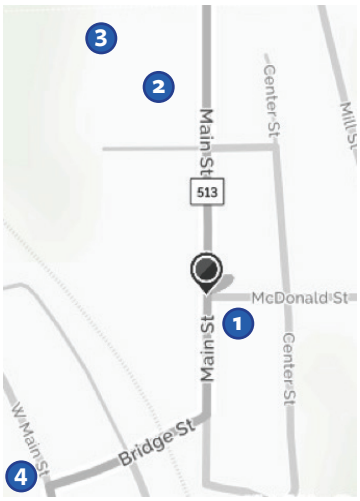
YOUR SUPPORT – MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HIGH BRIDGE - THINK LOCAL!

Main Street Parking!

DID YOU KNOW? You have several additional parking options when visiting Main Street? All of these options are a hop, skip, and a jump to your destination!

1. McDonald Street Parking Lot
2. Borough Hall Parking Lot
   71 Main Street
3. Commons Park Parking Lot
4. New Jersey Transit Parking Lot
   West Main Street



Become a Volunteer for a Town Committee!

Our Committees Need You!

DO YOU WANT to do something that is satisfying and of great service to our community? Become a volunteer on a town committee!

There are many benefits to volunteering for a town committee – networking with fellow members, meeting new HB neighbors and new friends, developing leadership skills, and the ability to create additional opportunities for you, your family, and for the town. We encourage you to get involved in a town committee to start making an impact on our community through volunteerism! There are many opportunities to suit your interests, level of effort, and available time commitment!

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE!

Looking to become more involved? The committee is established to advise the Borough Council on the cultural and historical needs of the town. It focuses on the development of programs to promote interest in local history, arts, and community culture and heritage. Programs include establishing museum(s), fine arts and performing programs, historical research, historical preservation, and architectural and genealogical research. There are many ways your skills can be applied to the committee! Some supportive roles include: Committee Secretary, Solitude House Museum Volunteers, Lecture Series and Event Coordinator(s), Grant Writer(s), Construction/Contractors, Architects, Historic Researcher(s)!

If you would like to offer your assistance, contact us! Nancy Hunt at nhunt@ptd.net or Karen Scarcia at kscarcia@highbridge.org. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE!

You have what it takes! If you are interested in economic development, supporting local businesses, grant seeking and writing, bringing new ideas and events to develop or improve the local economy, dissemination of borough information including press releases, newsletters, and internet communications, and more, email Joe Ahern judoja1@aol.com at or Karen Scarcia at kscarcia@highbridge.org.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like to speak directly to someone for information about the Cultural & Heritage or EDC committees, please contact Karen Scarcia at 908-638-9960

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Do you have a passion for the environment? Do you enjoy ″hands on″ activities like walking our ″open spaces″, weeding gardens, and assisting at community recycling events? There are opportunities to become a regular member as well as to be a ″friend″ of the committee. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Borough Hall from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

GREEN TEAM

This is a sub committee of the Environmental Committee. You do not have to be on the Environmental Committee to be on the Green Team. We research and work on actions to meet goal requirements for different levels of a state program called Sustainable Jersey. Most of the work is completed at home and shared at the meetings. We meet the last Monday of each month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Borough Hall.

For information about the Environmental Committee and/ or the Green Team contact Lynn Hughes at 908-638-8887or e-mail lhughes@highbridge.org

Farmers Market 2016

THERE ARE SOME EXCITING CHANGES coming to the High Bridge Farmers Market this season!

Now under the management of the High Bridge Business Association, they look to create a destination for their local community. There will be live music every week, along with kid-friendly activities for the whole family. In addition to the wonderful organic producers of fruits and veggies, there will also be local artisans and crafters with one-of-kind goods you can't find anywhere else. From local meats to fresh baked treats, the market will have it all!

The High Bridge Business Association is still looking for vendors to join the market! But there won't be too many spots for too long. Please contact Lindsay Shannon of the Harvest Cafe for more information about joining our market!

From the Environmental Committee

Please Recycle

The Environmental Committee reminds all our residents to please help us reduce the amount of recycling that goes into our garbage collection.

Besides assisting us to meet mandated recycling goals, you can generate income to the borough, while you are helping our environment.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

BY LAW televisions and computers cannot be recycled at curbside.

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.

In order to prepare your commingled and combined recyclables for collection, you have three options:

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 8-12 inches high placed next to other recyclables in containers or clear plastic bags.

Pizza boxes are not recyclable (see website for reasons).

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 AND COLLECTION PROCESS

To make recycling as convenient as possible, curbside collection occurs every other week. The recycling dates are listed on the town website and those recycling dates from now until the end of May are noted to the right. Take a few minutes to copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder.

Put recycling out the night before your pick-up day.

Collection begins early in the morning. If your recycling is not out when the truck goes by, please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day. Bring recycling receptacles back into your yard by the end of the 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 next day to pick them up.

*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.

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!

By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

Raritan River Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Union Forge Park

Meet at Union Forge Park to sign in
Pick up bags, gloves, snacks, and a tee shirt.

Event Coordinator, Diane Seals
Environmental Committee

Townwide Litter Clean Up Day SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

Sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Committee in conjunction with our Electronics Recycling day.

We ask everyone to take a few minutes of your day to walk a section of your street and pick up any litter you see. Separate recyclables from trash and please place the items collected out on your next scheduled recycling or trash collection day. If you find any large items, too heavy to carry, please notify Borough Hall at 638-6455.

We would very much appreciate an email left on our town website as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found.

Email: lhughes@highbridge.org
Environmental Committee

From the Environmental Committee

Commons Natural Recycling Center

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

The area will be open on the following 2016 dates:

Saturday, March 5
Saturday, March 19
Saturday, April 2
Saturday April 16
Saturday, April 30
Saturday, May 14
Saturday, May 28
Saturday, June 11
Saturday, June 25
Saturday, July 9
Saturday, July 23
Saturday, August 6,
Saturday, August 20
Saturday, September 3
Saturday, September 17
Saturday, October 1
Saturday October 15
Saturday, October 29
Saturday, November 12
Saturday, November 26

Please do not leave items in plastic bags.
Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons.

Remember: It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to $1,250/90 days jail/ community service.
Ordinance No. 2011-21 and 2011-23.

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

By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

Commons E-Container Notice Electronics Recycling Container

We will no longer be accepting electronics for recycling in the commons collection area.

We just found out the 2016 cost for the commons recycling container has increased to $1475 per container with a minimum contract of 3 containers per year. This has been a special convenience we have provided our residents for five years, but no longer feel we can afford $4425 to supply. We will continue to search out other possible sources to bring this back at some future date.

For now, please hold your electronics for our annual April Electronics Recycling event. (April 30th, 2016) Along with all electronics, freon containing items and white goods will be collected at this one day spring event.

You can also take electronics to the County Electronics Recycling collection days. Check County web site for dates and times.

By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

Hunting Awareness

Hunting season began in September. Please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. Check borough web site for the exact locations or phone Borough Hall (908.638.6455).

Deer hunting season runs through mid-February.

Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on wildlife management areas and on private property ONLY. The legislative change does NOT include any firearm hunting on Sundays.

The spring 2016 wild turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

For a complete listing of all NJ hunting rules and regulations, refer to http://njfishandwildlife.com.

From the Environmental Committee

One Day Electronics Recycling Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 FROM 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, we will be holding our annual Town-wide Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Union Forge Park.

This one-day event is for High Bridge residents only. You will have to bring proof of residency to drop off items (drivers license or utility bill with street address).

Employees of HB businesses may also participate. Bring proof of work address.

Location: Union Forge Park Parking Lot

Sponsored by: The High Bridge Environmental Committee using Clean Communities Grant Money

Recycling Provide by: Supreme Computer & Electronics Recycling Inc.

** Important: There will be a $10 fee per freon item.

This covers the removal and recycling of the freon from each appliance and providing the necessary recycling certificates. If you are bringing freon items, please bring exact cash or a check made out to the Borough of High Bridge.

We will accept any item with a plug that is non- hazardous.

Note: No light bulbs accepted

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

For more information:
Visit highbridge.org
Call Borough Hall 638-6455
Call Lynn Hughes, project coordinator at 638-8887

LIST OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS THAT WILL BE RECYCLED

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Computers
- Mice
- Monitors
- Printers
- Scanners
- Cables
- TV's
- Personal Digital Assistants
- Stereos
- VCR's
- DVD players
- Video equipment
- Radios
- Flat panel displays
- Video game players
- Copy machines
- Fax machines
- Phones
- Cell phones
- Answering machines
- Tape recorders
- Reel to reel tape players
- Medical electronics
- Surveillance equipment
- Toasters
- Microwaves

FREON ITEMS

- Refrigerators
- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers * with $10/ item fee
- Essentially anything with a plug that is non-hazardous

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

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

Caught Being Green

"CAUGHT BEING GREEN" 2015 AWARD RECIPIENT

Youth Category
DANIEL PAVAN

Daniel Pavan was "Caught Being Green" for his ongoing environmental actions to preserve and protect honeybees. Daniel started his first hive in 2012 at age 12 after two years of reading and researching many bee books and realizing the importance of the honeybee. He took responsibility to build the hive, paint it and find a suitable location, and then hive the bees when they arrived. He protects them during the winter after feeding them, and makes sure the colony is disease free. Daniel enjoys sharing information about how beneficial honeybees are and even provided an observation hive for his 8th grade science class. He has extracted honey three years in a row, selling most of the 2015 yield at the HB Farmers Market. For 2016 Daniel is adding two more hives in a continued effort to preserve and protect the industrious honeybee.

The Environmental Commission recognizes that Daniel is a role model for our youth to be environmentally responsible citizens.

This annual award was started in 2007 by the Environmental Commission to recognize High Bridge residents who have been observed on a regular basis going out of their way to be environmentally responsible citizens. Visit highbridge.org for past award recipients.

Nominations are open for the 2016 "Caught Being Green" Award.

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

Environmentally,
High Bridge Environmental Committee

Pedestrian Safety Checklist

- Walk facing traffic.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Be aware that sun glare reduces driver visibility
- Wear white clothing or reflectors or carry a light when walking at night.
- When driving, be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones and be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.
- **Reminder:** when walking through the Arches tunnel stay close to the side as it is difficult for drivers to see walkers in the tunnel.

For more pedestrian safety information visit www.harttma.com

SAVE THE DATES!

Looking Ahead

Memorial Day Ceremony | Saturday, May 28 11:00 a.m.
Free Movies in the Commons | June 10, 17, 24
Document Shredding Event | Saturday June 25 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Rigid Plastic Recycling | Saturday June 25 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Local Knights Of Columbus Council Receives Top Award

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL Knights of Columbus Council 10627 in High Bridge has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award.

The Star Council award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities.

The award was presented by District Deputy Wayne J. McKay. Council Grand Knight Kevin J. Loughney of High Bridge accepted the award on behalf of the membership. "Receiving this Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We're extremely proud of this accomplishment," said Loughney.

In addition to performing various ministries at local parish churches, members of the St. Joseph Council support numerous area charitable activities such as volunteer service at the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, annual collections for the ARC of Hunterdon, assisting US veterans at the VA campus in Lyons and Veterans Haven North in Glen Gardner, assisting US military through Operation Shoebox, supporting pregnancy centers Life Choices in Phillipsburg and the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington, awarding annual scholarships to high school seniors and conducting annual youth soccer and basketball tournaments. Please visit their website, www.kofc10627.org.

*With more than 1.7 million members, the **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. With more than 1.8 million members in over 15,000 councils worldwide, the Knights of Columbus annually donates more than $170 million and 70 million hours of volunteer service to charitable causes. Readers are encouraged to visit their website at www.kofc.org for more information.*

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 out new membership. 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 take advantage of 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 Vice President

Knights Of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Champions

(Greg Boyle Photo) Front row: Alina Staten, Natalie Bavos-Chen, Toni Ann Brezina. Michael Bradow, Maya Wurst, Joseph Furka, Ian Carlson, Cameron Croghan and Maansi Patel. (Missing from photo: Mark Walker D'Angelo Elijah Creagh and Molly Parsons.) Back row: Knights Andrew Kin, Chris Denis, Kevin Loughney and James Codd.

SINCE 1972, local Knights of Columbus councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

The St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus Council 10627 in High Bridge began sponsoring the event locally soon after the council was chartered in 1991 and consider it one of their best service opportunities to assist youth. Competition is open to girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 14. This year, at the suggestion of council Youth Director Chris Denis who also serves as President of the High Bridge Youth Basketball (HBYB) program, the local Knights tried something different. Whereas previous competitions were held on a single night at one of the High Bridge schools, this year, the competition was expanded to four nights at each of the HBYB practices and Lebanon Township Athletic Association (LTAA) practices. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. An additional night was set aside for participants who do not participate in the HBYB or LTAA programs. Final tie breaker 'shootouts' for the highest scorers in the HBYB, and LTAA programs and other participants were conducted on final night when winners were also recognized. For 2016, participation more than tripled, with 125 competitors in all brackets resulting in some very impressive contests.

Twelve girls and boys from High Bridge, Lebanon Township and the surrounding area emerged as local champions for 2016. Nine-year-old champions were Maansi Patel in the girls' bracket and Michael Bradow for the boys. Maya Wurst was the 10-year-old girls' champion. (Michael Bradow and Maya Wurst had also been named champions in the Knights Soccer Challenge last September!) Ian Carlson was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Alina Staten was the girls' champion and Joseph Furka was the boys' champion. Twelve-year old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Toni Ann Brezina and Cameron Croghan. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Natalie Bavos-Chen and the boys' by Mark Walker D'Angelo. Fourteen-year-old champions were Molly Parsons in the girls' bracket and Elijah Creagh in the boys'. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition in February to be held in High Bridge with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

St. Joseph Council Grand Knight Kevin Loughney and Chris Denis awarded certificates and prizes to each of the winners. Loughney thanked the youths who participated and thanked their parents adding, "This was our best Free Throw event ever and could not have been successful without the wonderful cooperation of the High Bridge Youth Basketball and Lebanon Township Athletic Association, and the many Knights who helped during the full week of competition. We've had some state finalists before, so it will be great if some of our winners reach that level this year."

Office of Emergency Management

The National Preparedness Goal defines what it means for the whole community to be prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies. The goal itself is: ***"A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk."***

WHOLE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The National Preparedness Goal follows a whole community approach to preparedness. It recognizes that everyone can contribute to and benefit from national preparedness efforts. The Goal, itself, is a result of contributions from the whole community, including individuals, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations and all levels of government (local, regional/metropolitan, state, tribal, territorial, insular area and Federal).

The above information was copied directly from the FEMA website: https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-goal

With that said; It is extremely challenging for your local Emergency Management staff to address those aspects of an event that do not fall under the direct responsibility of our local emergency response agencies. Our emergency responders are tasked to the limit during major emergency events and life safety issues are given first priority.

The volunteer members of the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) provide assistance to the residents of High Bridge during both civic and emergency events. Their mission is to provide logistical support to our local emergency response agencies, manage our pandemic plan and provide manpower to manage and operate warming and cooling centers when necessary. Our emergency services and CERT members would welcome additional membership or at minimum your assistance during times of extreme heightened risk.

If you don't have the time to join one of these agencies, consider assisting your community and our dedicated responders during a major emergency. If a catastrophic event should transpire, you can volunteer your services at a High Bridge emergency responder station house of your preference or call borough hall.

You can find more information on our local CERT initiative at the link below:

http://highbridge.org/government/public-safety/emergency-management/community-emergency-response-team-cert/

High Bridge Police Department

******ATTENTION RESIDENTS******

§ 343-35. Snow and ice removal.

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

§ 343-36. Treatment of ice.

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

Ordinance 184-19 and Ordinance 184-36 subsection 1. d & e are hereby vacated and Ordinance 184-36 subsections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are amended to read:
184-36. Snow Emergency Routes (SER)
Subsections 1.b., 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

1.b. Snow Covered shall mean snow accumulation >2 inches as measured at the High Bridge Police Department
2. All roads in the Borough of High Bridge are hereby designated as SER
4. Vehicles parked on SER shall remove their vehicles from the designated route within 2 hours of the start of a snow event.
5. Vehicle owners are hereby put on notice they are responsible for their vehicle and to be aware of any potential snow events.
6. Vehicles may park in the Commons Parking lot, if parking spaces are available, for the duration of the snow event and shall be removed within 36hrs from the end of the event.,.
7. Failure to remove vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20

1. Failure to remove permitted vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20
2. Violations and Penalties:
a. First Offence
$25.00 fine and Cost of Tow
b. Second Offence
$100.00 fine and Cost of Tow
c. Third and subsequent offenses - $500.00 fine, Cost of Tow,

Brett J. Bartman
Chief of Police

High Bridge Fire Department

DID YOU KNOW?

HEATING IS THE SECOND leading cause of home fires. Space heaters accounted for one-third of home heating fires and four out of five of home heating fire deaths, on annual average. Remembering to turn portable heaters off when leaving a room and keeping them at least three feet away from anything that can burn will prevent a possible fire from occurring.

Please visit http://www.nfpa.org/ for more fire prevention tips.

WINTER REMINDER

During the winter months please be conscious of snow covered fire hydrants and how they can delay fire services. A fire hydrant needs to have approximately a foot of clear space below the valve and another two feet of clear space all around it. This allows firefighters to attach hoses to the valve and rotate the hydrant wrench. Taking the time to dig out snow covered hydrants can save valuable time in the event of a fire emergency.

SPRING CLEANING

With the arrival of spring also comes brush fire season. Please remember to maintain a perimeter of at least 30 feet clear of leaves and other fuels fire can consume around your home. Keeping gutters clean and using care when dumping fireplace ashes are also effective ways of preventing brush fires.

2015 LINE OFFICERS

Chief - Jeff Smith
Deputy Chief - Mark Brong
Captain - Sean Smith
Lieutenants - Dave Banks, Rick Roll & Kevin Ritz

We look forward to serving the residents of High Bridge and the surrounding community!

GOLF OUTING

The Annual Golf Outing will be held on June 20th, 2016. Please contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 if interested in registering a group of four or sponsoring a hole.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to thank the residents of High Bridge and the surrounding community for supporting our fundraising efforts this past year. We will use your donations to provide our members with the most up to date training and equipment necessary to better serve the community.

USED CLOTHING SHED

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

Article Submitted by: *Andrew Finer*

Operations Report 2015

THE HIGH BRIDGE Fire Department from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, responded to 261 alarms, conducted 18 firematic training classes, participated in several mutual aid drills, and assisted with several community oriented events. The total man hours for the aforementioned as well as the various fundraisers, work details and meetings that were held totals 5,767.14 hours. The following are some examples of some of the activities for the year.

JANUARY 14
Peking Wok structure fire

JANUARY 21
Peking Wok After Action Review

MARCH 8
Fire Behavior Training Class

APRIL 19
Preplan Drill of Custom Alloy Corporation

JUNE 14
Annual Live Burn Refresher Training

JUNE 15
Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

JULY 24
Annual Picnic Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER 19
Attended High Bridge Community Day

OCTOBER 19
High Bridge Schools Community Day

Annual, Hose, Pump, Ladder, and SCBA Testing completed

The roof was replaced on the firehouse and with the exception of the antenna tower, the radio upgrade has been completed. We continue to maintain and upgrade our Personal Protective Equipment to ensure the safety of our firefighters. We took delivery of Phase 1 of our Air Pack Upgrade funded through Capital Appropriation. We continue to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and in 2014, we were awarded 22,299.40 dollars for replacement of our aging Breathing Air Compressor. In 2015 we applied for an AFG, for replacement of our aging Scott Air Packs, however were unsuccessful. Therefore we applied again this year for the same.

As a reminder, the High Bridge Fire Department does have a website and I invite everyone to check it out at: www.highbridgefire.org (there is a link from the Borough's website as well). The website is very informative and could answer questions and provide information about our various activities as well as guidance in an emergency situation. We have also created a Facebook page as well.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor, Borough Council, and the residents of High Bridge for your continued support of the High Bridge Fire Department and look forward to working with everyone for another year.

-JEFFREY SMITH, CHIEF

From Our Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE BOARD APPRECIATES the many contributions of Kay Daughters-Musnuff, who left the Board in December after seven years of service, and welcomes new Board Member Cindy Sharkey, who began in January. At the January Board meeting, Robert Imhoff was re-elected president and Todd Honeycutt was elected vice-president. Membership on the Board's committees (community relations, curriculum and instruction, finance and facilities, negotiations, personnel and management, and policy) was also reorganized.

Congratulations to the High Bridge School District teachers of the year, Katie Franks (Middle School) and Tricia Morris (Elementary School)! These teachers were selected for their outstanding work by a committee of parents, staff, administrators, and Board members, based on initial parent nominations.

One of the many highlights of the first part of the school year was our Elementary and Middle School winter concerts– many thanks to Courtney Shiffman and Jeff Thompson in their guidance of the students to developing their musical abilities.

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

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

The first two goals reflect the continuing need to improve communication more broadly. To that end, we held a community meeting in January to receive input on school issues, changes, and directions. We also conducted a Board working session in January for all committees to discuss issues related to the remaining school year and upcoming budget. We anticipate holding another community meeting in late April or early May to discuss the final budget and its implications for the 2016-2017 school year. The third goal reflects the need for teachers, the district, and the community to establish a contract for district staff that all sides can agree is fair. We continue to meet with the High Bridge Teachers' Association to establish a new contract for district staff.

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

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

We continue to focus on student achievement by improving the schools' English programs and incorporating newly proposed science standards. We have developed and approved a new Middle School English Language Arts curriculum and are working on implementing the new science standards. The third goal is a continuation of a previous year's goal as we continue to improve the district's fiscal responsibility, accountability, and transparency.

The Board welcomes you to attend and participate in its upcoming meetings, which will be held at 7 PM at the elementary school library on the following dates: February 8, March 14, and April 11.

DISTRICT NEWS

HIGH BRIDGE School District is excited about the progress that we have made for the first half of the 2015-2016 school year. As a district we have set ambitious goals to improve our curriculum and offer students the programs that they need to be successful and prepared for future. We are currently building our 2016-2017 programs, looking at new and innovative ways to enrich each student's academic experience. Last year was the first year for PAARC testing, there were many concerns about the time necessary, the technology component and how best to prepare our staff and students. I am happy to report that through thorough planning and implementation our students met or exceeded our expectations.

I would like to welcome Mrs. Brande Grieder our new Assistant to the Business Administrator. Mrs. Grieder started on January 5, 2016. I would also like to welcome our new Business Administrator Ms. Heather Goguen who will join us on March 7, 2016. Ms. Goguen is a High Bridge resident with a history of serving the community.

We have a busy spring ahead of us with Parent/Teacher conferences in February, PARCC testing in April/May, our Annual Play at the Middle School in March, many class trips, various cultural arts programs, a second BOE sponsored Community Night in May and 8th grade graduation in June. Please visit our website www.hbschools.org for all current school activities.

Gregory A. Hobaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

From Our Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS SEEN AN EXCITING END TO 2015 AND MANY GREAT THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2016!

IN OCTOBER, our students participated in a walk-a-thon during our celebration of community day. The students raised over $12,000 for charitable organizations of their choosing, it was an awesome event! We also had our walking school bus during International Walk to school month and we are currently planning our winter walk for February 9th.

During the month of November we celebrated those who have served our country with our annual Veteran's Day Assembly, the students created wonderful decorations and tributes to our soldiers.

In December students from our environmental club took data and handed out information on the effects of leaving cars idling to parents at the bottom of the bunny trail, the students took this opportunity very seriously and did a wonderful job. Finally we had our Winter Concert to finish out 2015 in style.

In January we were proud to recognize Mrs. Tricia Morris as our Educator of the Year. Going forward into the spring we will begin the process of starting new seeds for our garden, a project all the students look forward to.

Emma Alparone, MA, BCBA
Supervisor of Elementary Education

MIDDLE SCHOOL

AS WE NEAR THE MID-POINT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE PLEASED TO REFLECT ON SEVERAL POSITIVE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM, led by Courtney Shiffman, Katie Franks and Kevin Jones have expanded on middle school traditions and have incorporated many exciting new opportunities.

In October we celebrated Community Day and expanded the project to include a hugely successful fundraiser – bringing in over $12000 for charity. We also expanded our Halloween celebration turning it into a fun filled, all day event.

November brought a celebration of 50's Day (the 50th day of School), a new twist on the annual 8th grade Volleyball fundraiser (7th verses 8th grade and students versus parents) as well as an emotional Veteran's Day assembly.

We also incorporated a new Teacher of the Month program for staff who go above and beyond. The first four recipients were Katie Franks (September), Kelly Grube (October), Melissa Betz (November) and Rachel Lazier (December).

Academically we have continued to excel with a record percentage of students earning Honor Roll in the first marking period. We also started a new tradition of "Student of the Month". This new program kicked-off right before the holidays and we are proud to announce that the inaugural recipients were seventh graders Sam Dispenza and Elizabeth Curtin.

In addition, we are proud to announce that the middle school recipient of the Governor's Educator of the Year Award is Mrs. Katie Franks. Mrs. Franks was a student in High Bridge herself, actually earning the prestigious "Blue and White Award" at her own 8th grade graduation. Congratulations Katie!

Finally, going forward we have many other exciting plans to look forward to including a big end of year celebration that is in the planning process.

Richard Kolton
Middle School Principal

High Bridge Boy Scouts

WE'RE HIGH BRIDGE'S local Boy Scouts, and we consist of boys from the High Bridge area. Does your son like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with his peers? If so the pack and troop are open for boys, ages 6 - 18, to join us as a scout. Simply come to a meeting and sign up.

THINGS THAT THE SCOUTS WILL BE DOING ARE:

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

First, we'd like to congratulate scouts Matt Krisanits & Robert Whitney of Troop 149 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. It took lots of hard work and dedication to achieve that goal, and we wish them well on their journey after the troop.

Sunday, May 15th (10–2) is our Spring food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Bags will be dropped off prior to the 15th so please look for them. Please consider placing a bag of food out on Sunday the 15th for collection.

We'd like to thank the parents who've helped us throughout the year with their time. We'd also like to thank outgoing pack leaders Trish Simpson-Curtin & Yvonne Stuck and troop leaders John Morello & Kathy Krisanits for their years of service.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Snow Tubing**
- **Rock Climbing Overnight**
- **Yukon Trail**
- **Cubmobile Race**

February is here and with it comes the legendary Pinewood Derby! We wish the scouts luck, and we'd like to thank the High Bridge Fire Department for hosting us again. In April is our Blue & Gold ceremony where our 5th graders will bridge over to Troop 149 so they can continue their scouting path. We wish them luck on their journey.

Boy Scout Troop 149

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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

To help fund our activities each year we raise money with our Annual Pulled Pork Luncheon ($8) on Saturday, May 14th (11–3) at the High Bridge Rescue Squad. We're a self-supporting, volunteer led, community youth organization. Without the money raised with this luncheon we couldn't do all the fun things that help the scouts grow and learn each year. Please help the troop out by stopping for lunch while you cruise the town's garage sale.

For more information, including meeting times, how to join as a scout, our activities calendars, etc. please visit our websites.

Thank You,

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