

# HIGH BRIDGE

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## UPCOMING HIGH BRIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

**CREGAR ROAD WILL** see the completion of Phases 5 and 6 of the paving projects; when finished this fall the entire length will be newly paved. The Federal Department of Transportation provided approximately \$160,000 of funding for each of the phases.

The remainder of Streetscape on Main Street is still being planned – currently the design is under review by the Department of Transportation and we hope to begin work in the fall. Also, the County will be paving Main Street sometime in 2017. Both projects will make our

Main Street more attractive for businesses and residents alike.

High Bridge was also awarded a \$175,000 Federal Department of Transportation Grant to pave and repair the sidewalk of Mill Street from Church Street to MacDonald in 2017. This will make the road safer for our children to walk as well as easier to drive. Mill Street is also designated as a Truck Route; heavy trucks have contributed to its deterioration over the years.



In April, the County funded and completed paving of Fairview Avenue from the elementary school to Main Street. This ties in nicely with the work we have done on Cregar Road and the planning for Mill Street.

The Borough also will have access to the Pothole Patcher, a machine that allows for quick and resilient patching of potholes, ruts and cracks in the road. This cuts down on the number of man hours needed to do spot repairs.

Currently we are accepting bids to reclaim the lower half of Mine Road, Academy Street, and Hillcrest Lane; when the bids are opened council will determine how to move forward.

If you have questions, please visit a Council Meeting or contact Councilman Chris Zappa.

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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



## Fall brush collection

WEEKS OF JUNE 13TH | SEPT 19TH | OCT 24TH\* | NOV 14TH\*

**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.

## Property Tax Reimbursement Program

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2015** property tax reimbursement (Senior Freeze) were mailed in February to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible for the program. The deadline for filing the application is June 1, 2016.

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 eighteenth 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.

Residents applying for the 2015 reimbursement must have total

income that was \$85,553\* or less for 2014 and \$87,007\* or less for 2015. These limits apply for all applicants, regardless of marital/civil union status. However, applicants who are married or in a civil union and living in the same household must report combined income of both spouses/civil union partners. (\*Subject to change by State Budget.)

The Division also will mail applications to certain residents who may qualify to file for the 2015 reimbursement under the modified residency requirements for those who moved to a new home and who applied and were eligible for reimbursements before their change of residence. Eligibility requirements for these applicants are available at: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr2year.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr2year.shtml).

**PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT HOTLINE: 1-800-882-6597**  
**WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/TAXATION/PTR/**

## Reminder: High Bridge Tax & Utilities Due

Taxes **3RD QUARTER: August 1** Utilities **3RD QUARTER: AUGUST 31**

**POST DATED CHECKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE**

Office Hours:  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mon–Fri

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 St, High Bridge NJ 08829

For Credit Card and Electronic Payments visit [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

## Homestead Benefit Program

**2015 HOMESTEAD BENEFIT CREDITS** were reflected on your May Property Tax Bill. You will receive a check (or direct deposit) only if:

- Your home was a unit in a co-op or a continuing care retirement community; or
- You indicated that you no longer owned your home.

If you did not receive a check or an adjusted bill reflecting this credit please call: **Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233**

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml)

## Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

**2015 Eligibility Requirements\***

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2014, or, if under age 65, you were actually receiving Federal Social Security disability benefit payments on or before December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2015;  
and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2004, 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, 2011, or earlier;  
and
- You paid the full amount of the 2014 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2015, and paid the 2015 property taxes by June 1, 2016;  
and
- Your total annual income for 2014 did not exceed \$85,553\* and for 2015 did not exceed \$87,007.\* **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 2015 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2016.



### For Additional Information

Visit our website: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml)  
Call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

# 908.638.5006

2 Driftway Dr., High Bridge, NJ 08829

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REMODELING

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PLASTERING

PAVERS

DESIGN

CABINETS

MASONRY

WINDOWS & SIDING

# High Bridge Community Calendar

## JUNE 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE</b> Borough Hall Closed	<b>31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>4</b> <b>SOAP BOX DERBY</b> 8:30 am - 1:30pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>EDC MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm	<b>10</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS</b> Rain Date: June 11	<b>11</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>15</b> <b>EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>16</b> <b>RECREATION MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>17</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS</b> Rain Date: June 18	<b>18</b> <b>POOCH PARADE</b> Rain Date: June 19
<b>19</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>20</b> <b>PLANNING BOARD MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	<b>21</b> <b>C&amp;H COMMISSION MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm	<b>24</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS</b> Rain Date: June 25	<b>25</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm <b>SHRED EVENT</b> 9am-11am Commons Park
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>2</b>

# High Bridge Community Calendar

## JULY 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE 26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>2</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>5</b> <b>SUMMER RECREATION</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm  <b>EDC MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>6</b> <b>SUMMER RECREATION</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm	<b>7</b> <b>SUMMER RECREATION</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm	<b>8</b> <b>SUMMER RECREATION</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm	<b>9</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b> 9am-1pm
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# High Bridge Community Calendar

## AUGUST 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>AUG 1</b> <b>3RD QUARTER TAXES DUE</b>	<b>2</b> <b>EDC MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm	<b>12</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>3RD QUARTER UTILITIES DUE</b>	<b>SEPT 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b>

# High Bridge Community Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUG 28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>3RD QUARTER UTILITIES DUE</b>	<b>SEPT 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>EDC MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm	<b>9</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PLANNING BOARD MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm High Bridge Rescue Squad	<b>20</b> <b>C&amp;H COMMISSION MTG.</b> 7:30-8:30pm Borough Hall	<b>21</b> <b>EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG.</b> 7:30-9:00pm Borough Hall	<b>22</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:30-9:00pm	<b>23</b> <b>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>OCT 1</b> <b>NATURAL BRUSH RECYCLING</b>

# High Bridge Events Committee

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## 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBY

JUNE 4 @ 8:30AM

We are looking forward to continuing this fine tradition in High Bridge. Remember, Main Street will close approximately at 7am, so please plan accordingly. Main Street businesses will be open; food will be available and there will be a face painter for all ages! Calling all racers!! Registration and Rules/Regulations are available [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)



*If you would like more information, please contact Jamie Taylor 892.0746. We hope to see you there!!!*

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## FREE MOVIES IN THE COMMONS

Once again we are offering our free summer movie series. Held under the stars, the films will begin at dusk approximately around 8:30 PM. Rain Dates are the following night. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in this lovely outdoor venue. Popcorn sold by the HB Recreation Committee. Candy and soft drinks sold by the Girl Scouts. For more information contact: Lynn Hughes 638-8887.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 – MINIONS** – Animated Comedy; 91 minutes; Rated PG; 2015; Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlet Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17 – PAUL BLART: MALL COP 2** – Action; 94 minutes; Rated PG; 2015; Paul Blart and his daughter Maya fly to Las Vegas for a security-guard expo. When a band of menacing art thieves attempts a daring heist, Blart attempts to stop them with the help of the cynical casino security staff who once ridiculed him. Meanwhile, Blart contends with a rival.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24 – HARVEY** - Classic Comedy; 104 minutes; Not Rated; 1950; Due to his insistence that he has an invisible six-foot rabbit for a best friend, Elwood a whimsical middle-aged man (staring Jimmy Stewart) is thought to be insane, but he may be wiser than anyone knows.

## COMING SOON TO HIGH BRIDGE THIS SUMMER...

OUR FIRST SALSA NIGHT IN THE COMMONS!"

**Tentative date- Saturday evening, July 9th. Live orchestra!**

Bring your dancing shoes! Free salsa lessons prior to concert.

Please check the Borough website for updates, [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)



# Events Continue in 2016!

## POOCH PARADE

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

A High Bridge tradition, this year's Pooch Parade theme is "Dogs at the Movies." Costumes can be ANYTHING to do with movies, i.e. famous movie stars, famous animals in movies, famous directors, snacks found at movie theater concession stands, movie cameras, etc. Let your imagination run wild! Pooches are encouraged to put on their favorite costume and get their owners to compete for prizes in several different categories. Bring the whole family for this fun-filled event!

*This year's prize categories are:*

**BEST SMALL DOG COSTUME**

**BEST MEDIUM DOG COSTUME**

**BEST LARGE DOG COSTUME**

**SILLIEST COSTUME**

**MOST CREATIVE COSTUME**

**BEST MOVIE SNACK COSTUME**

**POSHEST PUP**

**BEST SUPPORTING ROLE** (RUNNER UP, ADULT-AGES 13 AND OLDER)

**BEST SUPPORTING ROLE** (RUNNER UP, CHILD-AGES 12 AND UNDER)

**AND THE WINNER IS....ADULT** (1ST PLACE) AGES 13 AND OLDER

**AND THE WINNER IS....CHILD** (1ST PLACE) AGES 12 AND UNDER

All category winners will receive canvas canine goodie bags sporting the 2016 Pooch Parade logo filled with canine treats, toys and prizes.

*Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the parade starting at 10:00 a.m.* Registration is \$5.00 per dog (please bring exact change). All entrants will receive a complimentary 2016 Pooch Parade t-shirt (sizes may be limited so arrive early). Only registered dogs can participate in the parade. Please note that although High Bridge appreciates all types of pets, for the safety of participants, the Parade must adhere to a "Pooches Only" policy. Dress up your pooch, dress up yourself or just come out and watch the Parade. If there is inclement weather, the parade will be held the next day, Sunday, June 19th at the same time. If you would like to set up a vendor table or volunteer to help at the parade, please contact Ruby Reuter at 908-638-8904.

## CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS

The Summer Concerts in the Commons is a wonderful evening of family fun! Bring your lawn chairs, picnic dinner, frisbees, dogs (leashed), children (free range), hula hoops, glow sticks, etc. There is nothing better on a summer evening than talented local musicians under the stars in our beautiful Commons Park. All concerts are FREE to the public. See you there!

**SATURDAY, JULY 2 - CB RADIO:** Returning to the High Bridge Summer Concert Stage, CB Radio!!! Country Rock in the Creedence Clearwater/Marshall Tucker Tradition! Show starts at 4:00 pm.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - CHROME CITY:** Born out of an era of big chrome, street corner sounds and rock and roll dreams! Chrome City cruises into town with the sole intention of delivering the most entertaining, Rocking 50's / Fratting 60's style show on the planet! Opening acts All Hands on Deck and Jukebox Robbers start at 5 pm, main show at 7pm.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, - SIORA:** SIORA features the dynamic presence of vocalist/guitarist Phyllis Chapell rounding out the ensemble are Dave Posmontier (keys), Rob Swanson (bass), and Jimmy Coleman (drums). Drawing from many of the great music traditions of the world- Brazil and Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern and Western Europe – the group plays with originality, authority and most of all, with heart. Show starts at 7 pm Sunday night.

**SATURDAY AUGUST 20 - CHRIS WESTFALL:** Chris' style finds a balance of 'acoustic folk'. The clear tenor voice moves gently from familiar folk tunes to original interpretations of artists such as James Taylor and John Denver, and then his own heartfelt compositions. Opening act Jack Tannehill starts at 6 pm, main show at 7 pm.

# Events Continue in 2016!

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## CALLING ALL BACKYARD COOKS!

Do you think you have what it takes to out BBQ your neighbors? Then assemble your team and sign up for the first annual High Bridge Backyard BBQ competition.

**Where:** Union Forge Park

**When:** September 17th (That's right, it's happening @ Community Day!)

**Fixins:** Amateurs Only

Teams up to four people

All cooking done on premises

Registration \$25.00

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

First prize \$100.00, and a year's worth of bragging rights

Limited number of teams, so sign up early

Rain or Shine

*For complete rules and information, or to register contact Chris Zappa ([czappa@highbridge.org](mailto:czappa@highbridge.org)).*

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## HIGH BRIDGE PAINT OUT OCTOBER 8

Join us in celebrating five years of plein air art in High Bridge! Artists will spend a week outdoors painting scenes of High Bridge and will then display their work at a silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 8.



2015 1st Place Winner, "Yellow Flags in Spring"  
by Tricia Lowrey Lippert

Meet the talented regional artists who create these fine and stunning works of art. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase original art at reasonable prices. The show is open and FREE to the public. Live music by jazz musician *Arturo*; light refreshments will be served.

**CALL TO ARTISTS:** Registration forms and Prospectus can be found at [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org).

Registration is \$25. This is a juried competition with cash and prizes awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Many thanks to the local businesses and organizations who contribute generously towards these substantial prizes!

A 20% commission is retained on all sales; which is used toward future Borough art programs and events.

We are very pleased to announce that the North Branch Library in Clinton, NJ will be displaying art from this year's show afterwards in November.

For more info about this event, visit the High Bridge Paint Out Facebook page or email [hbpaintout@yahoo.com](mailto:hbpaintout@yahoo.com)

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# Events Continue in 2016!

## CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the 2016 EASTER EGG HUNT!

AGES 0-2: **KAILIA MCCARTHY AND EMMA TORCIVIA**

AGES 3-4: **CHARLES TOYE AND MIKALYA KNOPSE**

AGES 5-6: **AJ DIMEO AND JACOB ROSALES**

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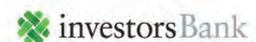
**THE EVENTS COMMITTEE** would like to THANK all of the volunteers that make all these events happen. Without the support of our community none of this would be possible. We are also grateful for the generous and continued financial support of the local business and individuals. Without these sponsors, we would not be able to bring you all these fine events. No tax dollars are used to produce any of these events!

To contribute or volunteer, please contact Borough Hall at 908.638.6455. Let us know what events 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**

*We would like to THANK our general  
sponsors for their generous donations:*



# Cultural & Heritage Committee

## Veterans Park Signage Visibility

**IF YOUR BOROUGH** non-profit organization has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of Veterans Park rather than directly in front. Signs are to go up no earlier than one week before the event and taken down the day after the event. No business signs allowed. Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

**SATURDAY, MAY 28 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.*

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# 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](http://www.mowih.org) or visit us on [facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon](https://www.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.*

## 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.

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# Registration is now open for the Voorhees High School 2016 Summer Baseball Clinic!

**THE CLINIC** will be held at Voorhees High School July 18-21 from 8 am - 12 noon for \$50 per participant. The clinic is run by VHS Coach Cory Kent and JV and Varsity Players. Enrollment is open to all incoming 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Visit [taa-sports.org](http://taa-sports.org) to create a free account and register under 2016 Voorhees Baseball Summer clinic. You may also visit our website for more information, see "Forms" <https://sites.google.com/site/vhsvikesbaseball/home>.

## Voorhees High School Baseball Summer Clinic 2016



**WHO:** All incoming 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th graders

**WHAT:** Baseball clinic led by VHS Coach Cory Kent & JV and V Players

**WHEN:** Monday, July 18th - Thursday, July 21st 8AM-12noon/ \$50 for the 4 days

**WHERE:** Voorhees High School baseball field

**HOW:** Register by creating a free account on the TAA website [taa-sports.org](http://taa-sports.org) and register under "2016 Voorhees Baseball Summer Clinic"

*\*\*Register by 6/15/16 and get a t-shirt! \*\*Bring drinks and a snack*

**Questions?** email Beth Urbanski at [elizurb@aol.com](mailto:elizurb@aol.com) or Coach Kent at [ckent@nhvweb.net](mailto:ckent@nhvweb.net)

# The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills

**Wednesday, September 28th 9:30 AM**

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

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills invites anyone in the northern Hunterdon County area who shares an interest in gardening, horticulture, agriculture and conservation to join us on Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30 AM at the High Bridge Emergency Squad Building, 95 West Main St., High Bridge NJ 08829.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9:30 AM Coffee

10:00 AM Business Meeting

## NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

At 11:00 AM

Members please bring a hot or cold lunch dish to share. Hostesses will provide dessert and beverages. Guests are welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**AMY NIRCHIO**

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Lebanon, NJ 08833

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# From the Environmental Committee

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## 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 13 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 OF 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 garden grant received from Somerset Hills Garden Club. We are also working with volunteer artist Eileen Bonacci as she continues the mural painting project on the retaining wall around the parking lot area. Through this project, we will pay homage to our town's history and celebrate what makes High Bridge so special.

## WET WIPES 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.

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## Garbage Collection Reminders:

### STICKERS REQUIRED

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.

### COLLECTION OUT & IN REQUIREMENTS

Trash containers should be placed curbside 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. [Amended 6-13-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-13]

## 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](http://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

# From the Environmental Committee

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## Curbside Recycling

**WE ARE ASKING** all our residents to please 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 is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does make a difference in our environment.

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.

The Borough has streamlined its curbside recycling collection process.

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including unbroken glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 – 7, any size and any shape. Pizza boxes are not recyclable.

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

1. place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container\*
2. bag commingled recyclables in clear plastic bags, or
3. tie separated paper product recyclables in bundles

as follows: cross-tie newspapers, magazines, single-ply cardboard (such as cereal boxes and gift boxes), corrugated cardboard, and junk mail (not shredded) in separate bundles 8 to 12 inches high placed next to other recyclables in containers or clear plastic bags

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

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

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

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

High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place. Check them out on our town web site.

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

*Thank you for making an effort to recycle! You do make a difference!*

**Councilwoman Lynn Hughes**

# From the Environmental Committee

## Double Recycling Events JUNE 25

### DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

June 25, 2016 - 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.

### RIGID PLASTIC RECYCLING EVENT

Date: Sat., June 25 Time: 9:00 am - noon  
Location: Union Forge Park

### What are large rigid plastics?

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

### How do I recycle large rigid plastic items?

Large rigid plastic items are NOT acceptable for curbside collection. They are acceptable only at our town's recycling event. Carefully read the list of acceptable large rigid plastic items before putting anything into the collection container.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (REMOVE ANY WHEELS & METAL)

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

#### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS (DO NOT RECYCLE WITH LARGE RIGID PLASTICS)

- 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

## Commons Park Donation Opportunity

We are looking to add a few more picnic tables and park benches in our Commons Park. If you are a High Bridge business or organization and want to donate an item, we will be happy to place a nameplate on the item purchased.

If interested in making a donation, please contact Councilwoman Lynn Hughes at [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org)

## "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](http://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](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org).

# From the Environmental Committee

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## Commons E-Container

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING CONTAINER

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

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.

Please hold your electronics for our annual April electronics recycling event. Along with all electronics, freon containing items and white goods will be collected at this one day spring event.

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

*Reminder: computers and televisions as well as white goods cannot be recycled curbside and are not allowed in weekly trash collection.*

**By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes**

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## Commons Mulch Area

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

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**

## 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 & Stormwater Regulations

Be aware that state mandated stormwater management regulations state that grass cuttings can not be left in the street or placed in any storm drain. For more information refer to HB Ordinance No. 2006-24.

# HIGH BRIDGE HILLS GOLF COURSE HOSTS High Bridge Resident Appreciation Day

**THE HIGH BRIDGE APPRECIATION DAY** at the Golf Course is set for July 16, with a 1pm start. The day begins with a clinic from 1:00-1:45pm to get beginners on their way to enjoying the day. High Bridge Hills is pleased to offer either 9 holes of golf or 18 holes of Footgolf. Footgolf is a great way to get beginners, families or anyone with soccer experience out on the course and enjoying the links. There will also be a mini golf course set up on the putting green, which is great for players of all ages. Never played before? Attend the clinic! The day wraps up with a BBQ dinner and live music starting at 4pm. Bring your family and your sunscreen and join your neighbors and friends for a great time out

on the course. All residents of High Bridge are welcome to attend this free annual event!

Rain date is July 23, with same times and activities. Please visit [www.highbridgehills.com](http://www.highbridgehills.com) for the most up to date info about High Bridge Hills programs and schedules of events.

High Bridge Hills has great programs for new and young golfers, including a player development program with unlimited range and practice facility use, Get Golf Ready clinic, Advantage Cards and Resident Specific Pricing, Footgolf Parties, and June/July camps with PGA professionals. Check the website for all programming and schedules.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The golf course has hosted artists from High Bridge's Plein Air Paint Out for the last five years who have been captivated by it's beautiful views and scenery; check the High Bridge Events schedule for this year's Paint Out dates.

We recently re-designed one of our holes to improve playability and improve safety in the neighborhood area surrounding the 17th hole of the golf course. The improvement offers a new experience for your next round at High Bridge Hills, as well as offering a natural area which can be used for different agronomic purposes, including turf-grass research and a designated nursery area.

As a Billy Casper Golf course, High Bridge Hills was part of the 2015 World's Largest Golf Outing, which raised over \$1 million for Veteran's Programs.

## Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Day



**THE ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** invite golfers to participate in their 3rd Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, June 10 at the High Bridge Hills Golf Club. The proceeds from the event will help us accomplish our charitable goals in the High Bridge and Hunterdon County community. To participate, please contact Kevin Loughney at 797-0061 or Don Branflick a 638-4215.

For additional details, see [www.kofc10627.org/news--information.html](http://www.kofc10627.org/news--information.html)

## Economic Development Committee

**THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** continues to further its main goals of supporting businesses and helping to develop business friendly policies that will be conducive to economic growth, primarily on Main Street. We function in an advisory capacity to Mayor and Council, researching a myriad of Borough issues and initiatives.

EDC is in the process of planning a second annual Small Business Seminar, in collaboration with the Small Business Administration. Last year's fall seminar was successful and well received; September 29 is the planned date for 2016. Other seminars are also being investigated.

The EDC continues to collaborate with the High Bridge Business Association, a key informative resource and sounding board

for the EDC. Additionally, members attend Council meetings as well as County meetings regarding transit, open space, and development.

The High Bridge Economic Development Committee is seeking additional members to help us continue the momentum towards a thriving town. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall and are open to ideas and discussion. If you are interested in finding out more about the High Bridge Economic Development Committee or attending a meeting to share an idea or discuss an issue, please contact Adrienne Shipps (EDC Council Liaison) at [ashipps@highbridge.org](mailto:ashipps@highbridge.org) or Joe Ahern (EDC Chair) at [judoja1@aol.com](mailto:judoja1@aol.com).

# High Bridge Police Department

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

## **§ 120-9. License and tag required; placing tag on dog.**

[Amended 2-28-2008 by Ord. No. 2008-3]

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age, that is, which has obtained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth, shall for current year starting on January 2 and no later than June 30 to avoid a late fee, apply for and procure from the Clerk of the Borough of High Bridge or other official designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs in the Borough a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

## **120-30. Running at large.**

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to run at

large upon the public streets or in any public park, in any public building or in any other public place within the municipality or on the private property of any person other than the dog owner.

## **ORDINANCE #2013-21**

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

**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 [hbpandruczyk@comcast.net](mailto:hbpandruczyk@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](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*

# Office of Emergency Management

*This article is a continuation of the National Preparedness Goal introduction posted in the WINTER/SPRING 2016 newsletter.*

## **CAPABILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS GOAL\***

In the face of disaster, Americans come together with courage, compassion and unity and ask, "How can I help?"

There are many ways to Get Involved especially before a disaster occurs. The whole community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and communities safer from risks and threats. Community leaders agree the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of volunteers, a trained and informed public and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Major disasters can overwhelm first responder agencies, empowering individuals to lend support.

*So Get Involved before disaster strikes!*

## **HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

1. Volunteer to support disaster efforts

in your community. Get trained and volunteer with a Community Emergency Response Team, Medical Reserve Corps unit and/or other Citizen Corps Partner Program or Affiliate organization. Many local faith-based and community organizations have programs active in supporting disasters too.

2. Be part of the community planning process. Connect and collaborate with your local emergency planning group, Citizen Corps Council or local emergency management agency.
3. Join or start a preparedness project. Find an event or identify local resources, build a team, choose a project, set goals and serve your community by improving the preparedness of your friends, colleagues and neighbors.
4. Support major disasters by donating cash or goods which may help meet the needs of your community in times of disaster.

This represents only a few of the many ways that individuals and community organizations can Get Involved to help

communities lessen, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. If you have additional ideas or success stories, you may share them by posting them on <http://community.fema.gov>.

For additional opportunities that may be unique to our community, consider membership in the High Bridge Fire or Rescue Departments.

The nine members of the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) directly support first responder activities as needed. With minimal training, you would be ready to assist where needed during a major emergency.

We will continue to pass this information along in future newsletters until the series has been communicated.

*\*The information was copied directly from the FEMA website. <https://www.ready.gov/get-involved>*

# High Bridge Fire Department

## 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 dry grass, leaves, vines, fallen branches, firewood, and other flammable materials around your home. Mow your grass to keep it short, and never store rags with oil or gasoline near your home.

## GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

1. Do not wear clothes that are loose-fitting when cooking outdoors.
2. Always keep young children and pets away from any outdoor cooking areas.
3. Only grill outdoors in areas that are well ventilated. Never use a grill in any type of enclosed location.
4. Never pour or squirt lighter fluid or any type of fire starting fuel directly onto a lit grill. A flashback could occur causing serious burns to you or others standing nearby.
5. Thoroughly drain meat, poultry and vegetables of all marinades before placing them on the grill to prevent flames from shooting up.
6. If grill flames become too high or the grill gets too hot cut the oxygen supply to the flames by covering the grill. Never throw water onto the grill.
7. Thoroughly clean your grill and all of your grilling utensils when you are finished using them. Store your grilling utensils inside when they are not being used.

8. If you are using a gas grill make sure to check the connections on the propane tank between the fuel line and the tank.
9. Always follow the instructions of the manufacturer on the proper method of lighting your specific gas grill.
10. If you are using a charcoal grill allow the coals to cool completely before disposing of them. The best method is to cover them with water and mix to ensure all the coals are extinguished.

Please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/> for more fire safety tips.

## HELP FIREFIGHTERS FIND YOUR HOUSE

If firefighters need to get to your house, it's best if the property is clearly marked. Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street.

## FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

Beginning in May the fire department will be checking fire hydrants throughout town. This will include opening them up to ensure they are functioning properly.

## 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.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Picnic will be held on July 23rd, 2016 at Union Forge Field. The event will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. rain or shine. The picnic is a great way to support your local fire department and hang out with family and friends with clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, corn on the cobb, beer and birch beer, door prizes and more.

## TICKET INFO

For tickets/information contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or visit our website at [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org). Tickets are \$50 for two people and will sell out quickly. There are only 300 tickets and will not be sold at the event, so please be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time. Tickets may be purchased until July 16.

## 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*

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## From Our Schools **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**THE BOARD** celebrates four highlights this Winter and Spring.

1. Hats off to the students and teachers Courtney Shiffman and Jeff Thompson for the March Middle School performance of Bye Bye Birdie. The kids continue to amaze with their artistic and musical abilities on stage and off.
2. The High Bridge Middle School basketball team won the 2016 Boys North Hunterdon-Voorhees District Division B Championship. The whole team, accompanied by their Coach, Carl Katzenberger, was recognized by the Board at our March 14, 2016 meeting.
3. The Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with its Read Across America night. A big thank you to Emma

Alparone, Elementary School Supervisor, for her organization of the event, and for all of the staff and community members who came out to read to our students.

4. Big congratulations go to Katie Franks for being named the Hunterdon County Guidance Counselor of the Year.

**THE BOARD IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that we have earned our Board re-certification by meeting the high standards set by the New Jersey Schools Boards Association Board Member Academy as demonstrating "high regard for effective governance and student achievement."

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION cont.

We are one of an elite group of schools boards earning this recognition since 2007. The Board will be honored at the Hunterdon County School Boards Association meeting on April 27.

The Board is currently undertaking a series of initiatives related to improving our decision making abilities and our internal and external communications. These initiatives include examining the Board's committee structure, re-evaluating the school district's mission, and considering metrics to inform the community about the school's performance.

The Board looks forward to reaching an agreement with the High Bridge Teachers Association that best meets the needs of our students, teachers, and community. Unfortunately, the process can take time, despite all the best efforts and intentions of those involved.

On Monday, May 2, 2016, the Board will meet to vote on the 2016-2017 school budget. As part of the Board's goal of increased communication with the community, we will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, May 3. At this meeting, we will discuss the final budget and its implications for the upcoming school year, as well as gather additional input from attendees about the direction that the school district is heading.

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: May 2, May 3 (a community meeting), and May 16. Check the school district's website ([www.hbschools.org](http://www.hbschools.org)) for dates after May.

### High Bridge Board of Education

## DISTRICT NEWS

AS WE APPROACH the end of a very successful school year we would like to reflect on some of the recent highlights from the past few months.

First, we are extremely pleased to announce that our middle school guidance counselor, Mrs. Katie Franks, was selected as the Hunterdon County Counselor of the year. Mrs. Franks, a former High Bridge student herself, is our current Governor's Educator of the Year for the Middle School and has now been recognized throughout Hunterdon County. We are so proud of Katie for all of her hard work and all she's accomplished!

Over the last few months several exciting opportunities have been provided in both schools. Highlights included Girls in Engineering program at the Middle School, and two PTO coordinated cultural arts programs at the elementary school, Mad Science and Art goes to School. Our Elementary School also hosted an exceptional Read Across America event in early March. And in the Middle School, our annual play was Bye, Bye Birdie. The students worked hard and practiced every day to prepare a wonderful production for your entertainment.

In an effort to make the district energy efficient and more environmentally friendly we have been in the process of conducting an energy audit and plan to work with the State to obtain grants for an Energy Saving Improvement Plan. Items in the plan are new boilers at our elementary school, automated controls, lighting and sealing window and doors. Future plans include CHP-Combined Heat & Power which reclaims the power from the boilers to power a small turbine which in turn power a small part of the building. The district is continuing to try to be more environmentally friendly and save cost where ever possible.

Going forward we are excited for several end of year celebrations including our annual 5th grade trip to Camp Bernie, our 8th grade trip to Washington DC and most importantly graduation in early June.

## 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)

Our Fall food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry will be in late Sept. - early Oct. Bags will be dropped off a few weeks prior to pick-up so please look for them. *Please consider placing a bag of food out for collection.*

The pack and the troop will both be participating in the 2016 ScoutFest held at Hunterdon Fairgrounds on October 7-9, which will

host about 4,000 scouts from NJ & PA.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 149

#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Battleship New Jersey Overnight**
- **153rd Gettysburg Campout**
- **Yukon Trail** ● **Pinewood Derby**

To fund our activities for the year Pack 149 raises money with our Annual Popcorn Fundraiser (September 1–October 31). We're a self-supporting, volunteer led, community youth organization. Without the money raised by popcorn sales we wouldn't be able to do all the fun things that help the scouts grow and learn each year. The scouts will be coming around town in the fall selling popcorn. *Please help the pack out by placing an order.*

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 149

#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Canoeing the Delaware**
- **First Aid Training**

- **Backpacking at High Point**
- **Bicycle Camping**

This summer the troop will attend Camp Rodney on the Chesapeake Bay for the week after school ends. The troop will be embarking on a lengthy backpacking trip in October in preparation for a week long backpacking trip through the White Mountains of New Hampshire next summer. We'll also be preparing for an 80 mile bicycle camping trip in the spring along the C&O Canal in Maryland.

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

Thank You,

**Jon Valenta, Pack 149 Cubmaster**

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I hereby allow consent for my child to participate in the HB Summer Recreation program which is sponsored by the High Bridge Recreation Committee and the Town of High Bridge. I acknowledge and understand that even with supervision and observance of rules, injuries or accidents may occur. In case of injury, accident or serious illness, I request the program director to contact me. If I am unable to be reached, I hereby authorize the program director to contact the physician listed above and follow their instructions. If it is not possible to contact the physician, the program director is authorized to obtain any necessary medical attention that is needed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email will be used to inform parents of any schedule changes due to weather during the program. Any emails sent will include the heading of **HB Summer Rec.** Please be sure we have your correct email!

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS AND PAYMENT BY June 13, 2015 to:**

High Bridge Recreation Committee, 71 Main Street, High Bridge NJ

Please make checks payable to High Bridge Recreation Committee.

PHOTO RELEASE: Photographs may be taken during the HB Summer Recreation Program. These photographs may be used in future brochures, slide programs, bulletin board displays, newsletters and local newspapers.

I do not wish my child to be photographed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The disclaimer below must also be signed in order for your child/children to attend the HBSR program. This a Board of Ed. Requirement so that we may use the school property for the program.

### High Bridge Use of Facility Release/Disclaimer

1. I acknowledge that I am in good health and physically capable of performing any activity to which I partake as part of the High Bridge Use of Facility after school programs. I understand that the High Bridge Board of Education is relying on this statement in allowing me to participate in any program at both schools.

2. I further acknowledge that I understand that there is an inherent risk of the activities in which I will participate and I voluntarily assume all risks associated therewith. I further agree to hold the Board of Education and it's employees harmless for any and all injuries and/or damages which I may incur as a result of my activities in the Program and waive my right to sue the High Bridge Board of Education for any such injuries and/or damages except where the injuries or damages are primarily caused by the negligence or wrong acts of the High Bridge Board of Education.

3. I understand and agree to the terms of this release/disclaimer.

Witnessed By \_\_\_\_\_

Program Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Program Participant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

# 37 Years and Going Strong

## HIGH BRIDGE YOUTH SOCCER



**IN ORDER TO** commemorate the founding of High Bridge Youth Soccer, we asked that some of the original members recall how and why the organization was created. Bill Anderson and Fred Loozen, both long time Borough residents and original members of High Bridge Youth Soccer got together and filled us in on some of the specifics.

“...It was in 1978 that then-councilman Dick Kushner urged residents of High Bridge to get involved to help the town whose big factory (Taylor-Wharton) had just been closed. He envisioned organizations committed to improving community life in High Bridge. That’s how the “I’m for High Bridge Committee” was born, an organization which has done many things for our borough in the past 38 years. Bill Anderson who was a member of the Committee, suggested that a soccer organization should be considered for the young people in our elementary and middle schools.

In the spring of 1979 he found several people interested in helping him, and in the fall of 1979 the first soccer season was organized. Bill became the president of the soccer organization. Charlie Bruton, Charles Hade, Bill Newell and Fred Loozen were the coaches of the first four teams. About 50 children had signed up; there were two junior and two senior teams. Chet Briggs made goals for the two fields out of wood and by his dimensions. Chet and Larry Johannson were

the first referees. Registration was \$5 in 1979 which paid for shirts and balls; nets were bought the following year.

The I’m for High Bridge Committee also built the gazebo and Emily and Charlie Bruton arranged for drinks and snacks for a number of years during the games. Emily also took care of the shirts. After the kids games, every Saturday a game was played by adults consisting of interested parents and coaches. Bill’s wife Donna made “shirts” consisting of front-and-back bibs held together by straps for the adult teams. For many years, the fields had to be cleared of metal on Saturday mornings before the games; metal pieces came out of the ground as this area was once owned by a company that dumped metal scraps there.

The soccer season was held at the same time in the fall as it is today. In the early years, end of the season parties were held at the Middle School. In the gym a slide show was held from season photos made by Jim Mahar, awards were handed out and refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

The above coaches did this for many years until their children went to high school. Many other coaches followed. After Bill Anderson had been president for four years, he continued for about 15 years with orientation of the newcomers (Pee Wees). Charlie Bruton has

remained involved in the “I’m for High Bridge Committee” for all the years of its existence. Fred Loozen had been the treasurer of HBYS for 25 years, and has now been coming to the soccer fields on Saturday mornings to see his grandchildren play the game that he grew up with in Holland...”

Youth Soccer in High Bridge is still going strong and brings much of our community together for family friendly competition and fun in the Fall of every year. In 2015 HBYS had 5 age divisions, 20 teams, 40(+) coaches, and over 220 players. We are open to every school age child from High Bridge and our surrounding communities who want to play soccer (Pre-K thru 8th grade). For our upcoming 2016 season registration will be open using our website starting the first week of June ([www.leaguelineup.com/hbys](http://www.leaguelineup.com/hbys)). Please visit our website and contact us if you want to volunteer as a HBYS coach or in any other capacity.

A sincere and heartfelt “thank you!” to Fred Loozen, Bill Anderson, Charlie and Emily Bruton, Charles Hade, Bill and Donna Newell, Chet Briggs, Larry Johannson, Jim Mahar and all of the parents, grandparents, and volunteers who have helped make HBYS a success for 37+ years. You created something that instills confidence and pride in our children and helps bind our community together in a truly positive way.

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