

HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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The Columbia Trail's 20th Anniversary



The beautiful Columbia Trail starts from the center of our town and spans seven miles among some beautiful scenery beginning in High Bridge, traveling through Califon, to the Morris County Line.

The trail provides passive recreation for our town and the surrounding communities through hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary since the opening of the Columbia Trail. A special committee has been formed to plan some great events throughout this year.

Happy Anniversary Columbia Trail!

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

TRASH COLLECTION

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

Every bag of garbage must have a Borough of High Bridge Solid Waste sticker on it. Each sticker can be used for 34 gallons or 50 pounds of garbage. If you use garbage cans, place the sticker on the top item in the can so it is plainly visible when the lid is removed by the collector.

For cleanup items ("bulk" items), use one sticker for each 50 pounds of weight. Reminder: Only one large bulk item such as a sofa, chair, etc., per week. White goods (i.e., a stove), as well as televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the "2015 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2015" information sheet. If you do not have a "2015 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2015" information sheet, contact the Borough Hall.

Place your trash out the night before as collection begins early in the morning. Bring trash receptacles back into your yard by the end of the collection day. Thank you for your cooperation!

LEAF COLLECTION

WEEK OF APRIL 13TH

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 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 the Cregar Road Bridge), Hart Street, Union Avenue, Central Avenue, and all of Center Street.

Michael Hann, Director of Public Works

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

Spring Brush will be picked up on the following weeks:

APRIL 22 | MAY 18 | JUNE 22

- Brush must be ready for pick-up the Sunday before collection begins.
- Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm water management regulations.
- Please do not place brush on the roadways.
- Please have cut ends of the brush facing the street.

DO NOT place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Once we have passed your residence we will not be back until the next collection date.

Michael Hann, Director of Public Works

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 <i>(week 6)</i>	2	3 EDC Meeting	4	5 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	6	7
8 <i>(week 7)</i>	9	10 Environmental Meeting	11 Optical Academy Middle School 11am -8pm	12 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	13 RECYCLING	14
15 <i>(week 8)</i> Buffet Breakfast Blood Drive	16 Presidents' Day Borough Offices Closed	17 C&H Commission Meeting	18 Events Committee	19 Recreation Meeting	20	21
22 <i>(week 9)</i>	23 Planning Board Meeting	24	25	26 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	27 RECYCLING	28
Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1 <i>(week 10)</i>	2	3 EDC Meeting	4	5 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	6	7 Natural/ Electronics Recycling 9 am - 1 pm The Commons
8 <i>(week 11)</i>	9	10 Environmental Mtg.	11	12 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	13 RECYCLING	14
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29 <i>(week 14)</i>	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4

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Mar 29	30	31	1	2 I'm for High Bridge Meeting	3 Good Friday Borough Office Closed	4 Natural/Electronics Recycling: 9 am - 1 pm The Commons Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date
5 (week 15) Easter	6	7 EDC Meeting	8	9 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	10	11
12 (week 16)	13	14 Environmental Meeting	15 Events Committee	16 Recreation Meeting	17	18 Natural/Electronics Recycling: 9 am - 1 pm The Commons Raritan River Clean Up: Union Forge Park
19 (week 17) Buffet Breakfast Blood Drive	20 Planning Board Meeting	21 C & H Commission Meeting	22	23 Council Meeting Firehouse: 7:30pm	24 RECYCLING	25 Annual Electronics Recycling, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Union Forge Park
26 (week 18)	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Easter Fun



Annual **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Bunny-Hop Your Way
to Union Forge Park



11 AM
Saturday, March 28th
RAIN DATE: April 4th

Columbia Trail 20th Anniversary Event

Guided Nature Walking Tour along the Columbia Trail!

SATURDAY
MAY 2ND

10 am and 11 am

Meet at the Commons Park by the Stage

Walk given by Hunterdon County Park Naturalist
Sponsored by the Environmental Committee

Events Continue In 2015!

The High Bridge Events Committee is proud to announce our schedule of events for 2015. 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 28th (Rain date April 4th). Bunny-hop your way to Union Forge Park for 11 am!

Soap Box Derby - Saturday, June 6th. 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 13th (Rain date June 14th). This Year's Theme is "Anything Goes". Stay tuned in future issues of the Bridge and Borough Website for more information and event details.

Friday Night Flicks: June 13th, 19th, 26 th. 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 19th. 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 3rd (Rain date October 4th). A great success in 2014, the Paint Out will return for its fourth year. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of the Bridge and the Borough website

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.

Jaime Taylor, Chair
High Bridge Events Committee



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for artists who are interested in painting a mural on the McDonald Street municipal parking lot wall. The subject matter must pertain to High Bridge with two areas on the wall subject specific to the American Hotel and the Rialto Theatre, which are no longer in existence.

Submissions must be sent in by April 30, 2015.

Contact lhughes@highbridge.org or visit highbridge.org for more information.

HEADS UP FOR SENIORS!

Are you caring for an elderly relative? Are you a senior citizen looking to plan your future? Would you like some answers to your daily questions and concerns? The High Bridge Green Team (part of the High Bridge Environmental Committee) is planning to hold a community-wide presentation on caring for the elderly. Presenters will be experts in the field, such as members of the Hunterdon Medical Center.

Targeting senior citizens, as well as children and friends of seniors, the event will cover topics such as health problems for the elderly. We will discuss different living arrangements: nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health aides, and live-in help. We will also provide information on legal issues and the services for seniors offered through Hunterdon County.

Our event is slated for spring or summer 2015. Look for more information coming later this year.

HIGH BRIDGE *Women's Group*

The Women's Group was incorporated in 1980 and continues to be a supportive link in the High Bridge community. You'll always see our members at Community day, the Halloween Parade, and the Easter Egg hunt; we're there to assist. In addition to these events we serve the community by making donations to our service organizations and students at the high school and middle school. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Rescue Squad Building. *Please contact Chris Marx for information 638-4146 or csmarx@comcast.net.*



2015 HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 27th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday, May 16, *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, 5/13; Friday, May 15 and at 7 a.m. on 5/16. Maps are available to everyone.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted any time before 5/04 to ensure inclusion on the map list. For additional information call: Margaret Lipani at 638-4962.

(✂ detach and mail the following - **FORM DEADLINE: 5/04/15**)

2015 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: _____

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

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

Please enclose a check, made out to the High Bridge Women's Group, and mail to: High Bridge Women's Group, 50 Beavers Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. Thank you for your support!

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

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

Even though the scouting year is half over, we still have many fun things left to do. Some of which are:

- **Aviation Museum Overnight**
- **Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain**
- **Pinewood Derby**
- **Nursing Home Visit**
- **Blue & Gold Crossover**
- **River Clean-up at Union Forge Park**
- **Food Drive with Troop 149**
- **US Flag Retirement** (*If you have a flag that needs retirement, please contact us*)
- **Camping at Round Valley**

Please visit our new website for additional details about the pack and upcoming events at <http://highbridgepack149.wix.com/pack-149>. The website will be updated and added to as the year goes on.

Thank You,

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

Does your son like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with his peers? If so the pack is always open for new boys, ages 6 - 11 to join us at any time of the school year. Simply come to one of our pack meetings and sign up. Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month from 6:45-8:00 pm at the High Bridge Elementary School Gym.

We would like to congratulate
DYLAN WYLIE
& ZACH FORTIER
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!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HUNTERDON HILLS

Attracting Pollinators in the Garden

Wednesday, February 25th

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

High Bridge Emergency Squad Building

95 West Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills invites members of the public to attend their monthly meeting at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 25 at the High Bridge Emergency Squad Building.

Jeannie Geremia, chair of the Butterflies and BeeGAP program for the Garden Club of NJ, will make a presentation about the importance of attracting and retaining pollinators in the garden. She is considered an expert on many species of butterflies as well as native plants and habitats which support pollinators. A noted speaker who is passionate about gardening and supporting ecology, Ms. Geremia is spearheading an effort to raise awareness about pollinators. The Butterflies and BeeGAP (GAP stands for Gardeners Adding Pollinators) aims to educate NJ residents about the importance of pollinators by promoting pollinator friendly practices in the home and garden.

For more information about the Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills, please visit www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com or call President, Pat Tillisch at 908-236-6666.

DOG LICENSES

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be licensed, have current valid rabies certificate which is valid until at least October 31, 2015. The last day to purchase dog licenses without Penalty is **March 31, 2015**.

Guitar Lessons

by Jonathan Teich

All ages welcome
Acoustic & Electric
Lessons cover chords, scales & tablature
Lessons at my home or yours
267-593-1762
jonathanteich@hotmail.com

Veteran's Page

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

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

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING OUR VETERANS!

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

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

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK SIGNAGE FREE!

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

Signs should not be up longer than a week before the event and should be taken down right after the event. This area is for non-profit organization signs only.

Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

INFORMATION ABOUT CK HOFFMAN 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. At present we are trying to save up \$3000 to have the park's brick perimeter professionally reinforced for stability. **Donations may be made to American Legion Post 188 and mailed to Borough Hall at 71 Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829.**

HISTORY OF HIGH BRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION POST 188

The American Legion was founded in 1919 to assist families of veterans who were not returning from service and to help injured returning veterans. Post 188 was chartered in 1920. Meetings continue to be held upstairs in Borough Hall.

Most legion posts are named in honor of a veteran. Did you know that our post 188 is named the Herbert Cawley Post? Herbert Cawley (1894-1918) was the first of eight children to enlist in the US Navy on March 29, 1918 at Allentown, PA as a second class baker. He is buried behind the church in Asbury, NJ.

At present High Bridge Post 188 has 51 members:

WW2 - 11
Korea - 12
Vietnam - 21
Lebanon-Grenada - 1
Panama - 1
Persian Gulf - 5

In 2014, a 60-year service pin was given to Marc Farley and a 25-year service pin to Ron Huttemann. This year, a 70-year service pin will be given to Sanford Grondyke and Fedrick Simoniz.

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

Written by:

Bill Gooley, American Legion Post 188

FROM CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Things are happening in High Bridge!! From the reopening of the historic Solitude House to the public in July, Plein Air Art event in October, the 20th Anniversary of the Columbia Trail in 2015, new businesses downtown and the expansion of Custom Alloy. High Bridge is hopping!

The Cultural and Heritage Committee of High Bridge is proud to be able to open the Solitude House once again to the public. Last July, in conjunction with Hunterdon County's 300th anniversary, Solitude house was re-opened and exhibits on the High Bridge Fire Department, the Exact Level and Tool Manufacturing Company and Solitude House were presented. Upper floor tours were given, offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at the formerly private second floor, and a peek into the mysterious attic spaces of the 3rd floor. To top off the event, members of the New Jersey Blacksmith's Association came to demonstrate their skills and the ring of hammer on anvil was heard once again near the site of the old forge that gave rise to the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company, which the Borough of High Bridge grew around.

The old Springside farmhouse has been battened down to help protect it from the weather, and cleanup of the site continues. (A new roof is still desperately needed!)

The Cultural and Heritage Committee has sponsored lecture programs and presented slide shows on various topics, including Solitude House, High Bridge railroad history, heritage tourism, historic preservation and historic house research.

C&H organizes work days for the cleanup of Solitude House, Springside Farm and the grounds around the TISCO office building. The Committee is also involved in pursuing grants for the purposes of protecting, repairing and restoring our historic sites.

Donated items are gratefully accepted. Since both the exterior and the interior of Solitude House reflect the late 19th century when the last major renovation was done, we are especially looking for household items and furnishings from the 1860's. However, items, documents and photographs of relevance to the history of the town and the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company from any period are welcome. We can also accept gift cards for Home Depot, Lowes, Ace or Wall-Mart in any amount. These will all go to the repair and upkeep of our community's historic buildings.

Join in the camaraderie and help our worthy cause. Come help. Be a part of the Future of the Past in High Bridge!

Eric Erb, Chair
Cultural and Heritage Committee

Meals on Wheels

Home Delivered:

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

Congregate:

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

Lunch N Learn:

A nutritional education program designed to discuss healthier eating while enjoying a meal at the Flemington Café.

Counseling:

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

To Register for Programs:

Call 908-284-0735 or visit our website:
www.mowih.org or visit us on:
facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon.



How can YOU help?

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

FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Optical Academy

On February 11, 2015 the High Bridge Teachers' Association is sponsoring a program called Optical Academy. Optical Academy is open to people of all ages and you do not have to be a High Bridge resident. Optical Academy is a mobile vision screening and eye care service. The eye screenings and eye ware are provided at a reasonable cost. Eye exams cost \$30.00 if contact lens exams are provided add \$30.00 to the cost. Frames and lens start at \$29.00. All insurances are accepted. Optical Academy's philosophy is that no child's learning should be compromised because they can't see. They are endorsed by NJEA.

WHERE: HIGH BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEN: FEBRUARY 11, 2015

TIME: 11:00AM-8:00PM

To register go on line to www.Optical-Academy.com. Begin by clicking on the on-site calendar to book your appointment. Another registration option is to call Optical Academy at 1-800-530-2370.

If you have further questions regarding this valuable program please contact Kim Terzuolo, President, High Bridge Teachers' Association at terzuolok@yahoo.com.

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

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

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 Saturdays:

March 7, 2015	July 25, 2015
March 21, 2015	August 8, 2015
April 4, 2015	August 22, 2015
April 18, 2015	September 5, 2015
May 2, 2015	September 19, 2015
May 16, 2015	October 10, 2015
May 30, 2015	October 24, 2015
June 20, 2015	November 7, 2015
July 11, 2015	November 21, 2015

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

Electronics Recycling Container

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

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

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

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

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

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

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

By: Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Dates to Remember

Raritan River Clean Up Day

Sat, April 18, 2015 • 9am -11am
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**

Town wide Litter Clean Up Day SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

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 e-mail left on our town web site as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found.

lhughes@highbridge.org

One Day Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 25, 2015 • 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Union Forge Park Parking Lot

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.

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

Recycling Provided 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.

List of Acceptable Items that will be recycled:

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

For more information: visit highbridge.org or call Borough Hall 638-6455 or call Lynn Hughes project coordinator at 638-8887.



The YMCA Active Older Adult Center
Located at 285 County Road 513

**Offering Exercise, Bridge, Chair Exercise,
Mah-Jong, Walking Club & Trips!**

Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Please call 908-638-6515

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

“CAUGHT BEING GREEN” 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ADULT ORGANIZATION:

David Schweidenback for his Pedals for Progress organization founded in 1991.

This organization rescues bicycles destined for overburdened U.S. Landfills and ships them to developing countries where they are sorely needed and highly valued. P4P bikes are put to work not only as a basic transportation, but are used as a supplement to school and community programs.

YOUTH CATEGORY:

The High Bridge Elementary School Environmental Club Members

High Bridge Elementary School Environmental Club (Fall 2013), for having their group recycling poem chosen as one of the twelve 2014 winners in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection annual recycling poetry contest. The 21 club members each contributed a line or a few words to create the club poem.:

Owen Honeycutt, Emily Wescott, Lily Kucharski, Sophia Desire, Stephanie Rechowicz, Lindsay Kinsky, Owen Sharkey, Meg Conroy, Jacob Chalfant, Emanuel Marquez, Zachary Black, Ricky Strange, Mia Abramo, Tyler Zappa, Alison Angley, Cameron Croghan, Gabe Mantecón, Kaitlyn Columbus, Joseph Speidel, Kate Rinehart, Roland Wurst

“CAUGHT BEING GREEN!”

Nominations are open for the 2015 “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 votes on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org by Dec. 1st. Check out past Green Award recipients on the environmental committee page of our town web site at highbridge.org.

Environmentally,
Lynn Hughes Council Liaison
High Bridge Environmental Committee

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.

PAST AWARD WINNERS:

2007 Sharon Apperson

Providing a trash receptacle along the Columbia Trail and maintaining its upkeep.

2008 Linda L. Lucas

Voluntarily picking up litter along several borough streets and replacing garbage bags along the fishing area of the Raritan River since 1999.

2009 John and Denise Hickson

Promoting environmentally responsible business behaviors. They recycle 90% of their garbage, recycle cooking oil, use eco-friendly products such as containers, cups, straws, garbage bags, use LED lights, and are working towards solar panels.

2010 Wayne Hall

Dedication to picking up litter along several borough streets and completing a spread sheet on the litter types and location since 2005.

2011 Antonio Martinez

An example of someone who loves nature and continues to appreciate it, even after the vitality of the tree or vine has ceased. A conscientious trail-keeper who makes rustic designs in his backyard workshop. Benches, chairs, etc. are created with just a hammer, nails, and handsaw. Two of which he donated to the Solitude Falls overlook.

2012 Gregory Cooper

An environmentally conscientious commuter, Gregory picks up litter as he walks from the NJ Transit parking lot at 5:45 am and again on his return to HB at 4:45 pm.

2013 Ellie Curtin

An environmentally conscientious fifth grader, Ellie made her contribution to our town in a quiet way not looking for any recognition or thank you, just taking pride in our town and doing her part to keep High Bridge a nice place to live. Inspired by the school's environmental club, Ellie organized other youth to spend time this summer volunteering to clean up their community.

Looking Ahead: Save the Date

Saturday, June 27th

Document Shredding Event • 9am - 11am
Rigid Plastic Recycling • 9am - noon

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Please Recycle

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

Curbside Recycling Collection

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items including unbroken glass of any color, aluminum, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 - 7, any size and any shape. These commodities do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open or closed containers of your choice. Please rinse out items and remove lids and bottle caps. Labels can remain.

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

1. Place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container*
2. Bag commingled recyclables in clear plastic bags
3. Tie separated paper product recyclables in bundles as follows: cross-tie newspapers, magazines, single-ply cardboard (such as cereal boxes and gift boxes), corrugated cardboard, and junk mail (not shredded) in separate bundles 8 to 12 inches high placed next to other recyclables in containers or clear plastic bags

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

Recycling Dates & Collection Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Environmentally,

*The High Bridge Environmental Committee
Lynn Hughes Council Liaison*

Union Forge Park – Baseball Memories



May 9th, 1942 Dedication of Baseball Field Union Forge Park, High Bridge. Pictured: Left to right are Alfred Robinson (HB) and Russel Breese (HB), Mayor Morris Alpaugh (HB), George R. Hanks (Taylor Wharton President & President of Tri-County League), Senator Wesley L. Lance, Frank Synder (Clinton)



From a Pond to a Ball Field – Memories of Bill Gooley

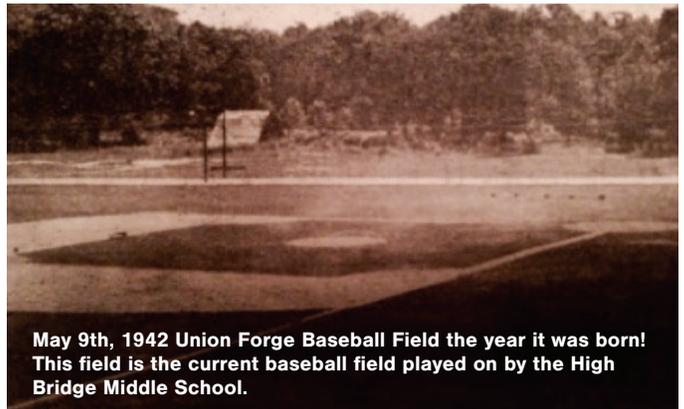
Draining of the foundry pond and grading occurred in the early 1940's and took about two years to complete. After the pond was drained, black sand remained and additional sand was used to fill in the pond leaving about 20 inches from the top. Fill dirt was trucked in, which was removed from behind the double houses on Wilson Ave. The dirt was leveled, seeded, and sod was planted. The project was completed in 1942.

In late 1942, a celebration was held at Union Forge Field, the celebration was for the 200th year of the Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company also known to the residents as "Tisco". The former pond became a perfect place for celebrations and to hold a dedication for the baseball field, a provide lots of fun memories for all!

The First Baseball Game – Memories of Henry Hagen

The first ball game played at Union Forge Field was between High Bridge High School and Hampton High School in 1943. At the time, the current baseball field was not officially ready (even though they had the dedication in 1942) for play so the game was played on the softball field on the east end of the hard-ball field. Although Hampton won that game, playing ball for High Bridge High School was fun and a great honor.

During the 40's, Henry played on both High Bridge High School and High Bridge's Tri-County Baseball Team. Back in those days, everyone who was good at baseball played in this league which was a semi-pro baseball league. High Bridge joined the Tri-County League prior to 1940. The League was founded by Senator Wesley L. Lance. Henry was the 3rd baseman for this team. His last game in the league was in 1948. Some of High Bridge finest residents played baseball in this league.



May 9th, 1942 Union Forge Baseball Field the year it was born! This field is the current baseball field played on by the High Bridge Middle School.

Union Forge Field Dedication: May 9, 1942

A project long overdue in High Bridge, after many years (more than a decade) of planning, and discussion, the field was finally completed in 1942. The baseball diamond, laid out in the southwest corner of the field, is patterned after the Princeton University diamond where George R. Hanks, Taylor-Wharton President and head of the Tri-County League in 1942 went to school and played baseball.

At the dedication in 1942, it was said that the contribution by Taylor-Wharton to the "leisure-time activities of the community is an outlet to lessen the strain of the war period". It was said that the field is a tribute to the pioneer spirit which founded the community and steel plant 200 years before, and will serve as such a reminder for further generations.

The baseball field was used by High Bridge High School, the Tri-County Semi Pro League, and the community for many years after! Our High Bridge Middle School Hilltoppers enjoy the use of this field each spring!

Parts of the information presented above taken from the High Bridge Newspaper, October 15, 1942

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



The Economic Development Committee has had a very productive year as we continue to support both new and existing businesses in High Bridge and work to expand and create new policies to make High Bridge a thriving and exciting place to live, work and shop!

Builder Rob Fernandes has constructed a brand new combination retail/professional/rental space which is now move-in ready. Already 6 of 7 apartments are rented (in a manner of a week!). There is a potential new business for one of the first floor stores which will be great addition to our Main St. On December 17th, the Borough held an official ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance, Mayor Mark Desire, Freeholder Walton, Assemblyman Peterson, Hunterdon County Chamber President Chris Phelan, Councilwoman Karen Scarcia, Councilman Dean Rapp, members of the Economic Development Committee and HBBA and many community and local business members.

We continue to support the Main Street Streetscape project, further enhancing the aesthetics and key elements of our import-

ant downtown presence. Downtown Main Streets are becoming increasingly more important in creating a strong sense of community and economic stability. These well planned improvements will further enhance the beauty and importance of our historic buildings and thriving businesses. Watch for more exciting enhancements and improvements in the coming year!

Our members have been busily attending meetings to support the weekday "one-seat-ride" initiative with NJ Transit/Raritan Valley Rail Coalition. These meetings reflect serious discussions and considerations for a rail line where train commuters would not have to switch in Newark on their way to Penn Station NY. This project is key for easily connecting local residents to NYC jobs, further drawing people to the assets of living in the High Bridge community. Increased ridership during the week potentially brings us closer to weekend service. Stay tuned for more exciting information this coming year!

In 2015, we will continue to research other town's Master Plans regarding zoning and planning to uncover opportunities and policies for smart growth and appropriate planning that reflects the unique character of High Bridge. And we will continue to get more positive High Bridge press releases out to the community as important changes take place.

As you can see, the Economic Development Committee has had a very productive year and is continuing to improve all the time. Each member brings different perspectives and input and has a common goal to improve the community that we live in. We welcome all members of the community to join us - there are several openings in 2015 for new EDC members (three year terms). If you are interested, please contact Borough Hall and they can put you in touch with the EDC Chair, Brent Dugan.

*By Linda Gretta
Economic Development Committee*

HOST MASONIC LODGE No. 6

There are many activities happening at the Host Lodge coming up!

BLOOD DRIVES:

February 15th and April 19th

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Host Masonic Center

2 Ridge Road, High Bridge NJ

Free Breakfast Voucher for Donors

For Information, please contact:

Richard Allen 908-616-1322

BUFFET BREAKFASTS

Every Third Sunday

January 18th • February 15th • March 15th, April 19th

7:30 am – 12:00 pm • Host Masonic Center

2 Ridge Road, High Bridge, NJ

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

Come check out our great WAFFLE BAR!

*Sincerely,
Richard Allen*



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FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND UTILITIES OFFICE

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM

Homestead benefits for 2012 are expected to be applied to May 2015 property tax bills. Homeowners who indicate when filing that they no longer own the property, or those whose principal residence was in a continuing care retirement community, will have their benefit issued in the form of a check.

The deadline for filing 2012 application was January 31, 2014.

**Homestead Benefit Hotline
1-888-238-1233**

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

REMINDER: BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE TAX & UTILITIES DUE

SECOND QUARTER TAXES
DUE MAY 1, 2015

SECOND QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE MAY 26, 2015

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday

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

INVESTORS BANK
55 Old Highway 22
Clinton, NJ 08809

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

BOROUGH HALL
71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829

FROM THE UNITED WAY

United Way's Free Tax Prep Service Helps You Keep More of Your Hard-Earned Cash

United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC) is once again offering free tax preparation services to individuals and families through its IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Building on past success, United Way is now partnering with several local businesses and organizations in the community to extend the reach of the program. As a result this year's program has expanded and now offers free tax prep services at a number of locations throughout the county.

The United Way tax program is completely free of charge – no hidden fees – and refunds can even be e-filed with the IRS in order to receive a rapid refund without any fees. Appointments are necessary but scheduling one is easy. For a complete list of sites and to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 or 877-652-1148; or visit uwhunterdon.org.

UWHC's VITA program has no income limit, but there is a complexity limit. Common complexities preparers are unable to assist with include rental income and businesses with inventory. Call if you have questions about your return.

Spanish-speaking preparers also are available upon request. If you prefer to do your taxes on your own, FREE online tax preparation is once again available. Go to myfreetaxes.com/uwhunterdon and you have access to assistance through a helpline provided by myfreetaxes.com in filing your return. A nominal fee may apply for household incomes of more than \$58,000. This income limit is only associated with myfreetaxes.com.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. The goals of this program are to provide savings on tax preparation fees as well as assist individuals and families in the claiming of tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), and to encourage putting some of your tax refunds into savings accounts. By claiming these credits and splitting refunds, individuals and families have more money to pay bills, pay down debt and achieve or maintain financial stability. Last year, more than \$1.25million in refunds benefited local families and the local economy!

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on income, health and education. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Change is happening! To become part of the change, visit www.uwhunterdon.org, LIKE United Way of Hunterdon County on Facebook or call 908-782-3414.

Contact: Amy Andersen
Phone: (908) 782-3414
E-mail: amy@uwhunterdon.org

HIGH EMERGENCY SQUAD



The High Bridge Emergency Squad would like to thank the 2014 Squad for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We hope 2015 will bring many more great things. The 2015 officers are:

PRESIDENT – Jessica Luteran, jessica.luteran@hbes.org

VICE PRESIDENT – Brian Luteran

CHIEF – JT Silliman, john.t.silliman@hbes.org

DEPUTY CHIEF – Melanie Ikenson

CAPTAIN – John Pat Silliman

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION DAY

On Friday, October 3rd, 2014 members of the fire department attended the annual fire prevention day held at High Bridge Elementary School. The event was both elementary and middle age students. The department answered many of the students questions about the fire service along with showing Ladder 14, Squad 14 and Special Services 14 and the many tools that the trucks have. The event was a great success and we look forward to next year.

WINTER PREPARATION

With wintery weather approaching, please check to ensure your heating system, wood burning stove and chimneys are properly maintained and ready for the cold season. Be sure to clear any snow away from fire hydrants near your home or business. Snow should be cleared off of driveways and accessible for fire apparatus.

2015 LINE OFFICERS

Chief – Jeff Smith
Deputy Chief – Mark Brong
Captain – Sean Smith
Lieutenant – Dave Banks and Brian Labuta

We look forward together to better serve our community!

The officers and members of the department would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our newest firefighter, Colin Runser for completing Firefighter 1. Colin spent over 250 hours of classroom and hands on training.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the residents of High Bridge, for your generous donations to ALL our fundraisers. The Annual Picnic is a great way to support your fire department and have a great time. All of your donations will be put to good use with providing us with necessary equipment and training.

Thank you again from all the members of the High Bridge Fire Department!

Article Submitted by: Jim Dietz

From the HB Police Department

ORDINANCE INFORMATION:

§ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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 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 placecards are issued for 6 months, with one 6 month renewal allowed. Applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department or http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Temp.pdf All completed applications must be submitted to the municipal police department and are approved by the Chief of Police.

Sincerely, Chief Bartman

FROM OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & CERT MEMBERS

With the arrival of winters freezing grip come hazards that are difficult to prepare for. An extended loss of power would result in freezing pipes and difficult living conditions. In the event of an extended outage, electronic equipment charging stations and warming centers are integrated into our emergency plan.

HOW WOULD WE COMMUNICATE THIS TO YOU?

We know that timely communication to residents during emergencies is difficult. Text messaging has proven to be one of the most reliable modes during extended power outages. Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for one of our Notification Systems.

- High Bridge Police deliver messages through a system called NIXLE. You can register for local communications or see previous messages at <http://local.nixle.com/high-bridge-police-department/>
- The County **EVERBRIDGE** notification system enables the Borough or County to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where; you pick how. Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Hunterdon Helpline at 908-735-4357 or 1-800-272-4630

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

If you or someone you know requires special needs during an emergency you can register with the State and NJregisterReady.gov. This information is available to local Emergency Services who will act accordingly to ensure appropriate actions are taken to address specific needs.

If you are already registered, your information will remain in the database for one year. Each year, you must re-register in order to keep the data in the system as accurate as possible.

If you have an elderly neighbor, please offer to help them get prepared or offer to take them in during an extended event. If you are a concerned resident and would rather have an Emergency Management personnel check in on your neighbor, please notify High Bridge Police Headquarters.

IMPORTANT

Once you provide your phone numbers and email, you **MUST** enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts. <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> or <https://www.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action>

Written communications will be posted on High Bridge Police Headquarters Front Door!

Learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency. Create an emergency plan for your family, create a disaster supply kit. Go to the FEMA web site <http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan> for additional information regarding emergency preparedness.

Joe Trilone Coordinator
High Bridge Office of Emergency Management

Local Church & Knights of Columbus Support Food Pantry

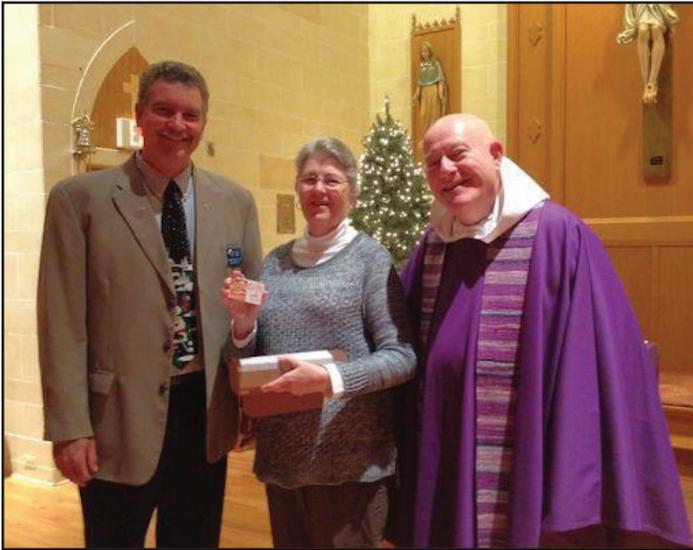


Photo: St. Joseph Council Grand Knight Kevin Loughney and St. Joseph Church pastor Rev. Maurice Carlton with Open Cupboard Good Pantry Executive Director Anne Underhill. (Photo by Donald Branflick)

The St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Parish in High Bridge recently presented more than \$2,000 in Shop Rite gift cards to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. The cards will be used to assist clients of the food pantry during the Christmas season. In addition to permitting the Knights to solicit donations in an annual parish collection, St. Joseph Parish conducts a monthly food drive which the Knights deliver to the food pantry.

High Bridge Knights regularly donate their time to the pantry with bi-weekly deliveries of food donated by the Shop Rite of Clinton and several Knights provide volunteer assistance at the food pantry assisting clients and performing other work. The group also maintains a separate collection spot at Shop Rite for customers to place donations of food products intended for the food pantry. The High Bridge Knights' local support for the food pantry has been ongoing for several years. In a recent 12-month period, the Knights donated hundreds of hours of their time and delivered nearly 33,000 pounds of groceries and baked goods to the food pantry.

The efforts are part of the Knights of Columbus "Food for Families Program" that encourages members to support local food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchens. The order-wide program supplements local efforts with additional financial support based on the amount of food and money contributed locally.

High Bridge Knights of Columbus Conduct Free Throw Championship



Photo: St. Joseph Council Grand Knight Kevin Loughney and Knights' Tournament Chairman Christopher Denis with champions (l-r): Joey Nolan (age 10), Akaska Raddalgoda (age 11), Caitlin Snee (age 12), Adam Silveira (age 13), Julia Hilty (age 13) and Garret Snee (Age 14). (Missing from photo Andrew Clucas (age 12 champion) - (Photo by Greg Boyle)



In 1992, the St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus began conducting Free Throw Championships for local youths. In recent years, the council has partnered with the High Bridge Youth Basketball program to conduct the events at local schools. Competition is open to boys & girls ages 9 - 14 with winners in each category advancing to Knights district, diocesan/regional and state levels. State Champions are invited to participate in the International Championship Tournament. Competitors are allotted a number of shots from a foul line adjusted for the age group and normal rules for basketball free throws are applied.

The local tournament was conducted at the High Bridge Middle School chaired by Knight Christopher Denis, assisted by Carol Vally from the High Bridge Youth Basketball organization and several Knights from the High Bridge Council in December. (One competitor, Julia Hilty age 13, won her fourth consecutive local championship!) Competitors had a grand time and winners will compete at the district tournament in January!

Greg Boyle,
gaboyler@comcast.com

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board congratulates Nicole Cahill (Elementary School) and Judy LaGreca (Middle School), who are recipients of the 2014-15 Governors' Educator of the Year Award. We also wish Linda Stecker the best for her retirement and appreciate her many contributions to the High Bridge School District over her 35 years of service.

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

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

On Tuesday, February 3, we will conduct another parent education session. In the upcoming session, we seek parent and other stakeholder input on school programs, performance, and goals. We will also provide a demonstration of the Genesis Parent Portal, a new online tool for parents to track student progress. The meeting will take place at the Elementary School library at 7 PM. This session complements a parent education session held in September, which provided information about recent program and curriculum changes, as well as information on testing and performance.

Board of Education meetings are open to the public and will be held on the following dates: February 9, 2015; March 16, 2015; and April 13, 2015. All meetings are held in the elementary school library at 7 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

High Bridge Board of Education

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

High Bridge Elementary School will be completing the second marking period at the end January. This year has been filled with many great events already. We had our first district wide ice skating event, our annual parent visitation day, an author visit, Veteran's Day assembly and our fantastic school concerts, just to name a few.

We have continued our school wide theme of believe in yourself by celebrating our successes and spirit days. We are celebrating the Healthy U program which is sponsored by the YMCA and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. Through this program we are promoting healthy living through exercise and good food choices.

The staff is continuing to grow through professional development activities. We have participated in learning activities this year and will continue as the school year unfolds. The staff is dedicated and committed to being lifelong learners. As the year continues we look forward to giving our students an authentic learning experience which includes the students, staff and community working together.

Brian Bizzoco, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams have kicked off their 2014/2015 season. They have worked hard with their coaches Ms. Lisa Kerr and Mr. Carl Katzenberger. Go Toppers!

I would like to thank the High Bridge PTO for providing additional uniforms for our cheerleading squad; our squad has grown to twenty four girls. The PTO also hosted our Annual 8th Grade v Staff Volleyball Game which raised funds for our music program. We are looking forward to the 8th Grade v Staff Basketball Game which will take place at the conclusion of our student's basketball season.

Our students put on another outstanding Winter Concert. Our 5th & 6th grade band, 7th & 8th grade band, Jazz Band and Show Choir practiced long and hard since the beginning of the school year. I would like to thank Mr. Jeff Thompson and Mrs. Courtney Shiffman for all their hard work.

The students have just completed the process of auditioning for our annual Drama Club's spring musical *The Wizard of Oz*. We hope you can join us to see one of the performances. This year we will have a performance for our senior friends and Elementary School at 1:15 on March 26th with a general admission at 7:00 and another performance on the 27th at 7:00.

I would like to recognize two long serving staff members who have recently retired. Mrs. Susan Johnson who worked as the assistant to the Middle School Principal for twenty five years and Mrs. Linda Stecker who taught Language Arts and Home Economics for thirty five years. Mrs. Johnson's last day was November 30th and Mrs. Stecker's last day was December 31st. I would like to thank you both for your many years of dedication and service to the students and community of High Bridge and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hobaugh, Ed.D.

Superintendent/Middle School Principal

HUNTERDON HUSKIES



2015 HUNTERDON HUSKIES FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION

Interested in your son or daughter joining a National Championship caliber football and cheer program? Would your child like to become a better athlete in general? The nationally recognized Hunterdon Huskies football and cheerleading program is now accepting registrations from area athletes for the upcoming 2015 season.

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

Huskies Meet the Coaches Day – March 21, 2015

Attend our annual Meet the Coaches Day – meet the coaches, ask questions, and register in person!

- Saturday March 21st
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- @ Huskies Field – Union Forge Field, 1 Washington Avenue, High Bridge;
Rain location – Custom Alloy, 3 Washington Avenue, High Bridge.

Register Today!

Registration Opens in February for the 2015 season! Team sizes are limited – register early! Visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com for more information and to register online for the 2015 season. Join today and start your child on a winning path. If you have any questions about the Huskies, please call our

**Head Football Commissioner, Jeff Mehl at 908-399-9407,
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