

HIGH BRIDGE

BOROUGH

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Mark Desire

High Bridge Mayor and Council hope you have a great summer. Our Borough has so many wonderful activities to enjoy right here at home. We continue to offer Summer Rec for kids, historical tours, movies and concerts in the park, endless trails for hiking and biking for all ages, and an award-winning golf course. We always welcome new businesses to our already vibrant Main Street. Having an occupied Main Street is not common at all. The hard work of private investors and those wanting to start something special has paid off. Please patronize all of our restaurants and businesses. There is a lot to love about our Borough.

We will see a number of projects happening in the next few months. As always, we stretch every tax dollar and are able to do more with grant funding and collaboration efforts with the county and state. Hillcrest Lane will be completely rebuilt. Main Street will get the final phase of streetscaping, complete with sidewalks, lamp posts and a new crosswalk at the Columbia Trail. This will be done in time for the County to pave Main Street and the rest of Route 513

from Church Street to Route 31. Included in this project is a walking and biking lane from Main Street to Gronsky's. Hart Street will be repaved as well.

So far this year, our Borough has honored a number of very special people that have gone above and beyond in service to our community. Their dedication and efforts help to make High Bridge a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Those that have been recognized recently are the following:

Our *Citizen of the Year* recognizes Matt Henderson who exemplifies the characteristics of volunteering in a small town. Matt has been consistently working towards the development of the many trails and outdoor life that makes High Bridge both a destination and fun place to enjoy the outdoors. He uses his own equipment and national experience in building these trails. Matt also helped rescue one of our residents that was severely injured while mountain biking.

The High Bridge School Music Teacher, Jeff Thompson, was presented with the *Friend of High Bridge Award*. Jeff has spent an amazing amount of time organizing and bringing music to our Borough

holiday celebrations. The High Bridge students come together and play at our outdoor events, bringing joy to visitors and residents alike. Jeff also plays at our Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Services in our beautiful Veteran's Park.

Our *Volunteer of the Year* was given to High Bridge Historian Nancy Hunt. Nancy has been Chair of our Cultural and Heritage Committee. She provides us with historic talks and presentations from well know speakers on local history. Last year Nancy organized and managed the biggest event High Bridge has seen, the 275th Anniversary of Taylor Wharton. This was quite a celebration, attracting folks from all over the country and bringing home historical artifacts that were then donated to the Borough for display.

We express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for all that they and the many other volunteers do.

Borough Council and I, along with our employees, pledge to continue to work hard on your behalf. As always, please contact us if you are in need of any assistance and we will be there. Thank you for the privilege to serve you.

HIGH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY STUDENT CHRISTIAN VENTURA NAMED HUNTERDON COUNTY JUNIOR HISTORIAN

The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission holds an annual historic research contest for all fourth graders. Students are asked to research one historic place in their town and write a report. These reports are submitted to the county and judged by retired teachers. The winners are announced at the May Freeholders meeting which is held in the Historic County Courthouse. Congratulations to the 2018 Hunterdon County Junior Historian Christian Ventura, a 4th grader at High Bridge Elementary School.

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In addition to a hard copy, this newsletter is also available online at highbridge.org/documents-and-forms/newsletters. We continue to welcome your ideas and suggestions for content! The Bridge is published by the Borough of High Bridge and is distributed to residents.

If you have questions or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email thebridge@highbridge.org.



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STAY IN THE KNOW:

To receive emergency information, updates on road closures, and other changes, subscribe to High Bridge's Public Service Announcement email by visiting www.highbridge.org and signing up on the right-hand column. This will add you to the distribution list. For any questions, please contact our Administrator, Michael Pappas.

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2018

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Economic Development Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018

Borough Hall CLOSED

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018 | 6:00 P.M.

Summer Concert Series - July Jubilee

JULY 9-13, 2018 | 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Summer Recreation Program - High Bridge Elementary School

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Environment Meeting - Borough Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018

Friday Night Flicks: Despicable Me 3

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Planning Board Meeting - Emergency Squad

JULY 16-20, 2018 | 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Summer Recreation Program - High Bridge Elementary School

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Events Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Council Meeting - Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018 | 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Cultural & Heritage Meeting - Borough Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018 | 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Resident Appreciation Day - High Bridge Hills Golf Club

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Green Team Meeting - Borough Hall

AUGUST 2018

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018 | 6:00 P.M.

Summer Concert Series - August Jam

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Economic Development Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018

Friday Night Flicks: Beauty and the Beast (2017)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Environmental Meeting - Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Events Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Council Meeting - Borough Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Planning Board Meeting - Emergency Squad

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 | 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Cultural & Heritage Meeting - Borough Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Green Team Meeting - Borough Hall

SEPTEMBER 2018

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 | 6:00 P.M.

Summer Concert Series - Labor Day Picnic Concert

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Borough Hall CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Economic Development Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Environmental Meeting - Borough Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Council Meeting - Borough Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Planning Board Meeting - Location TBA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Fall Curbside Brush Cleanup - Emergency Squad

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Events Committee Meeting - Borough Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 | 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Community Day - Union Forge Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Green Team Meeting - Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 | 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Cultural & Heritage Meeting - Borough Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Council Meeting - Borough Hall

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Summer Concert Series



**July Jubilee,
Saturday July 7**

Magnificent Mancini Brothers, 6pm
Ross Griswold & Second Line, 7pm



**August Jam,
Saturday August 4**

Badjac, 6pm
Chrome City, 7pm

**Labor Day Picnic Concert,
Saturday September 1**

Suburban Relics, 6pm
Nash East, 7pm

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

DESPICABLE ME 3

Friday, July 13

BEAUTY & THE BEAST (2017)

Friday, August 10

Community Day

Saturday September 22

12-5pm
Union Forge Park

SALSA NIGHT SIZZLE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 4 PM

FREE CONCERT!

SWING SABROSO RETURNS!

HIGH BRIDGE COMMONS
Third annual concert at 79 Main Street!
FREE DANCE LESSONS!
LOCAL FOOD VENDORS!

The poster features a red and black silhouette of a couple dancing salsa against a blue and red background.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween Movie

October 26 | Movie for kids starts at 7 p.m.
Movie for all ages starts at 9 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27 | Start Time: TBD

Concert in the Commons

October 27 | Start Time: 6 p.m.

5k/Fun Run Trick or Trot

October 28 | Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

Resident Appreciation Day is Back!

We're celebrating our residents on Friday July 27, 2018.

All are invited to play golf for \$1 from 1 - 6 p.m. and a Miniature Golf Course will be set up for players of all ages, as well as a Golf clinic from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. for beginners.

All residents are invited for a FREE BBQ and live entertainment from 5-7 p.m.

Mark your calendars and Save the Date!

TAX & UTILITIES

REMINDER: HIGH BRIDGE TAX & UTILITIES DUE

3rd Quarter Taxes: August 1

3rd Quarter Utilities: August 31

Payments may be deposited in the blue lock box in front of Borough Hall.

4th Quarter Taxes: November 1

4th Quarter Utilities: November 30

POST DATED CHECKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

If you are making payments online through your bank, send at least 10 days prior to payment due date. Please update your records to reflect our new mailing address:

97 West Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829

Payments are also accepted at:

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55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809

For Credit Card and Electronic Payments, visit www.highbridge.org

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM

Eligible applicants received a credit on the May 1 property tax bill.

Homestead Benefit Hotline:

1-888-238-1233

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

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Applications for the 2017 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 **October 31, 2018**.

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 twentieth year, reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the applicant's "base year" and the property taxes for the current year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.

Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline:

1-800-882-6597

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/

Other Property Tax Benefits:

- **Annual Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons:** Annual deduction of up to \$250 from property taxes for homeowners 65 or older or disabled who meet certain income and residency requirements. This benefit is administered by the local municipality.
- **Annual Deduction for Veterans:** Annual deduction of up to \$250 from property taxes due for qualified war veterans or veterans who served in peacekeeping missions and operations. This deduction also is available to a surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner who has not remarried. This benefit is administered by the local municipality.
- **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans:** Full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for certain totally and permanently disabled war veterans and veterans who served in peacekeeping missions and operations. This exemption also is available to a surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner who has not remarried. This benefit is administered by the local municipality.

SENIOR FREEZE (PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT)

2017 Eligibility Requirements: *

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2016, or, if under age 65, you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2016, and also on December 31, 2017;
and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2006, 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, 2013, or earlier;
and
- You paid all 2016 property taxes by June 1, 2017, and all 2017 property taxes by June 1, 2018;
and
- Your annual income did not exceed \$87,007* in 2016 and \$87,268 in 2017* **Note:** With few exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.
- **Eligibility rules, income limits, and benefits may be changed by the State Budget that will take effect on July 1, 2018.**

For additional information:

Visit www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml

Call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

HIGH BRIDGE MARKET ON MAIN

The High Bridge Market on Main is now running every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The 20-week outdoor market that promotes local makers and growers will be open rain, snow or shine through October 31.

Four Fields Farm, Anythyme Farm, Two Barn Farm and Jaklamas Farm are offering fresh breads, eggs, meats, produce and seasonal flowers in addition to Community Supported Agriculture offerings for those who have enrolled.

Silver Birch Kitchen + Gourmet Market has grab-and-go dinners, soups and more, while Krakus Polish Deli is selling pierogi, kielbasa, soups and stuffed cabbage for you to eat on the spot.

Local silkscreen company Good Toy Print Lab will have a table on select market dates, selling High Bridge-inspired T-shirts and art. You may have seen their work, including the "Stuck in High Bridge" shirt, for sale at Scout's Coffee Bar + Mercantile.

If you are a local maker or grower who would like to participate in the market, please contact Nicole@scoutscoffeebar.com or Rachael@favoredlife.fit.

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

Did you know that we are eligible for state recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports?

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.

Curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. To make recycling as convenient as possible, we have curbside collection every other week.

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including unbroken glass, 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 website for updates.

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

High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place.

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

FALL CURBSIDE BRUSH CLEANUP

The Fall curbside brush cleanup dates are scheduled for the week of September 17, 2018. Brush must be ready for pickup the Sunday before collection begins. Brush is not to be placed in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per Storm Water Management Regulations. Do not place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left.

Brush will NOT be picked up if it is larger than three inches in diameter and NO stumps will be picked up. If you have any questions, call the Department of Public Works at (908) 638-6588 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDER

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 on the day of collection. Residents will be contacted if empty containers are left out overnight after collection day on a consistent basis. [Amended 6-13-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-13]

DRY OUT PAINT TO PLACE IN REGULAR TRASH

1. **Check the label for lead or hazardous materials.** Check County web site for their hazardous waste collection.
2. **Remove the lid and let the paint air dry in the can.** To speed up the process, stir in an absorbent material such as clay kitty litter, sawdust, or leftover concrete mix.
3. **Look to see when the paint is completely dry and shows no moisture whatsoever, wrap the dried clump in newspaper and place into your regular trash.** Do not place the lid back on the can. Wrap the lid and can separately in newspaper for disposal. This option works best for latex paints because oil based paints require an extensive time to dry.

* **If you need to get rid of a lot of latex paint, you may want to consider purchasing “waste paint hardener”** (Google it). A cup or so of this powder mixed in with a gallon of paint will cause it to harden up within hours.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

If you missed our annual April electronics recycling event, check the Hunterdon County website for dates and times of the county electronics recycling.

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



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ENJOY OUR OPEN SPACE

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

- Walk or bike the Columbia, Commons, or Nassau Trails.
- 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 SteelWorkers Historical Greenway to the historic Forge and on to Solitude House.
- Hike our newly created hiking trail that runs from the Commons parking lot up to Larrison Rd. / Cregar Avenue (streets behind the Deli)

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

VOLUNTEER GAZEBO CARETAKERS NEEDED

High Bridge is lucky to have a gazebo enhancing the beauty of both Commons Park and Union Forge Park. Each Gazebo is an important feature of our town. Over time the gazebos suffer from the elements as well as periodic vandalism. The environmental commission is looking for an individual or a group who would "adopt" one or both of the Gazebos. It would involve a bi-monthly walk around each gazebo, informing borough hall of any vandalism, taking notice of when painting or repair is needed, making small repairs if possible, and keeping the environmental committee informed of the status of each gazebo. Having carpentry skills would be beneficial to making the necessary repairs. If you are interested in helping us maintain our gazebos, please contact lhughes@highbridge.org

GARDEN GRANT RECEIVED

The High Bridge Environmental Commission applied for and received a \$1000 grant from the Garden Club of Somerset Hills to continue beautification efforts at Borough Hall.

MULCH VOLCANOES AND THE THREATS THEY POSE TO VALUABLE TREES

Volcano mulching is an improper mulching technique where mulch is piled high against the trunk of the tree. Oddly enough, this is often seen in commercial landscapes. Mulch should never touch the trunk of the tree. The trunk was simply not meant to be covered and doing so invites decay and pests.

Volcano mulching may cause:

- Disease and decay due to moisture retention on the trunk
- Insect and rodent damage
- Soil that is too dry since rain may not penetrate the thick mulch layer
- Failure to develop a normal root flare which stabilizes the tree. These trees may be more likely to fall during a storm.

Proper mulching is very beneficial to trees. Spread mulch 2-4 inches deep to the drip line of the tree if possible; do not let the mulch touch the trunk. The mulch should form a flat, not mounded, donut, with the trunk in the center. Organic mulches (bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, etc) are preferred over stones or other inorganic products.

Benefits of mulch include:

- Retains moisture. This is especially beneficial in warm weather.
- Stops soil from washing away.
- Organic mulch improves the soil as it decomposes.
- Keeps soil temperature more consistent- insulates against cold and heat.

The natural mulch is leaf litter. The leaves contain nutrients that the plant has extracted from the soil and so are perfect soil amendments. Leaves are more likely to stay in place if they have been mowed or run through some type of shredder.

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 inches 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 website 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

FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH ASH TREES

All ash trees in NJ should be considered at high risk for Emerald Ash Borer. Work with a Certified (Licensed) Tree Expert or Approved Consulting Forester to help determine the condition of your ash trees. They will inform you whether or not your ash trees are good candidates for a treatment program, or whether tree removal is the most appropriate response. Reminder tree permits are required from the Borough of High Bridge before cutting down trees.

For more Emerald Ash Borer information go to Emeraldashborer.nj.gov

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.

GRASS CUTTINGS & STORM WATER REGULATIONS

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

ARBOR DAY & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The Borough Environmental Commission and the High Bridge Elementary School fourth graders celebrated Arbor Day and Earth Day on May 11 by weeding and planting in Commons Park. The two groups meet annually to beautify this community gathering area.

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 or call Borough Hall at 638-6455.

“CAUGHT BEING GREEN”

The Environmental Commission 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 commission page of our town web site at highbridge.org

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

ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

GREEN TEAM

This is a sub committee of the Environmental Commission. You do not have to be on the Environmental Commission to be on the Green Team. We research and work on actions to meet goal requirements for different levels of a state program called Sustainable Jersey. Most of the work is completed at home and shared at the meetings. We meet the last Monday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Borough Hall.

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

WEEDING OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone who would like to help the Environmental Commission weed in our borough parks during the summer months, please feel free to pull weeds anytime. For more information contact lhughes@highbridge.org

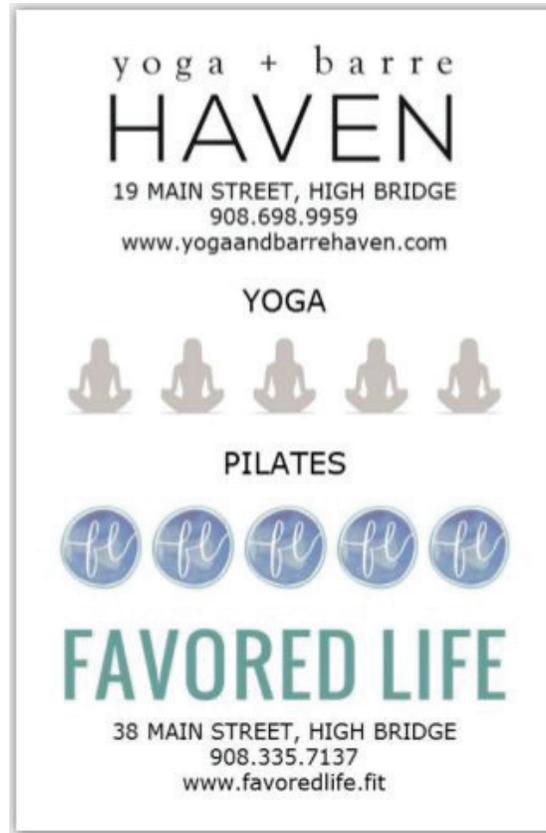


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LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: \$150 10-CLASS CARD

Main Street businesses Yoga + Barre Haven and Favored Life Fitness have partnered on a 10-class card that allows customers to visit both studios for one price. Cardholders may attend 5 YBH yoga sessions (reg. price \$20 each) and 5 FLF Pilates classes (reg. price \$15-\$25 each).

While your class card is active, present the card at Scout's Coffee Bar + Mercantile for a 10% discount. Cards may be purchased at either YBH or FLF and expire six months from the purchase date.



HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

IT'S TIME FOR LYME

As we enter spring and summer, 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.

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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HIGH BRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brett J. Bartman / Chief of Police



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.

184-10.1 Trailer Parking.

A. No person shall park any trailer or semi trailer upon any highway, street, alley or other public roadway unless the trailer or semi trailer is at all times while so parked attached to a vehicle capable of moving the trailer or semitrailer between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

B. No person shall park any trailer or semi trailer attached to a vehicle upon any highway, street, alley or other public roadway for a continuous period of more than forty eight (48) hours.

C. No person shall park a trailer or semi trailer, attached or unattached, upon any highway, street, alley or other public roadway in such a way that it impedes or blocks traffic flow.

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 hbdandruczyk@comcast.net to schedule an appointment. This is a free service offered to residents.

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

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

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith / Fire Chief

www.highbridgefire.org

ANNUAL PICNIC

This year's Annual Picnic will be held on July 21st, 2018 at Union Forge Field from 3:00 p.m. 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 while enjoying clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, corn on the cob, beer and birch beer, door prizes and more. In addition, like last year, this year's event will also feature a live band.

TICKET INFORMATION:

For tickets/information contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org. Tickets are \$30 per person and will sell out quickly. There are 550 tickets available and tickets will not be sold at the event. Please be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time. Tickets may be purchased until Saturday, July 14th.

DID YOU KNOW?

The High Bridge Fire Department now has pet oxygen masks on our trucks to ensure that your pets receive life-saving care in the event of a fire. The masks come in different shapes and sizes to accommodate different types of pets.

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

With the summer here it is important to keep in mind some safety tips when grilling.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 10 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep matches, lighters and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use only barbecue mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect the chef from heat and flames when cooking.
- Periodically remove grease or fat build-up in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

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

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

It is important to have a family disaster response plan in place. Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

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HIGH BRIDGE BOY SCOUTS

We're High Bridge's local Scouts, and we consist of children from the High Bridge area. Does your child like the outdoors, helping the community, and having fun with their peers? If so the pack and troop are open for kids, ages 6-18, to join us as a scout. Simply come to a meeting and sign up. For more information including meeting times, how to join as a scout, our activities calendar, etc. please visit our website.

Things that the scouts will be doing are:

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

We'd like to thank all the scout parents who've helped us throughout the year with their time. We'd also like to thank outgoing pack leader, Chris Zappa, and outgoing troop leader, Todd Honeycutt, for their years of service

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

The cubs had a great year. They visited the Franklin Institute for an overnight, camped in both the fall and spring, went snow tubing, and competed against each other at the annual Pinewood Derby and again at the Cubmobile Race. The scouts can attend a week long camp in July at Round Valley. The scouts all had fun and learned much, as well as all earned their badges of rank for their grade. We'd like to say goodbye to our 5th grade Arrow of Light scouts who have bridged over to the troop to continue their scouting journey. We wish them well. We'd like to congratulate all our scouts on their hard work, and we look forward to a successful year in the fall.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 149

The troop has had a great, active year as well. We've camped or hiked every month of the scouting year with outings such as the Survival camporee, a 70 mile bike campout along the Delaware River Tow Path, a 2 night backpacking campout along the AT to Sunfish Pond, a 10 mile day hike with the webelos to The Pinnacle on the AT in PA. We competed with the other local troops in the annual Klondike Derby in January, which also allows us to practice our winter camping skills. We did a cabin campout in February at Stokes State Park.

We'd like to welcome the incoming leaders and scouts of Pack 149. We look forward to helping them along their scouting path. This summer the troop will again attend Camp Rodney on the Chesapeake Bay for a fun week of earning merit badges, swimming, boating, and biking. In July the older scouts of the troop will also be embarking on a 150 mile High Adventure bike trip along the Great Allegheny from Cumberland, MA to Pittsburgh, PA.

Thank You,

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