

Why Municipal Government is Important to Me

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Without municipal government, every business and all the things that have to do with towns running well would fall apart. There are many different pieces to the municipal government that I'll share, plus a few reasons why I think town government helps me.

First, the police department helps keep order. Without them, if there is an argument between people, there would be nobody to take care of that. It would be lawlessness, like the Wild West, and that could be murderous. Also, the police department has control of the streets, and work with the crossing guards by schools. Without crossing guards, when kids walk to school or on the popular "Walk to School" days, it would be chaotic if there were not any police cars or crossing guards to direct crowds. Police also make sure cars don't speed and High Bridge has five speed monitors to track what streets people break the speed limit. It feels safe to me that the police can know what roads people drive fast so they can take care of it.

Next is the Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW plows the roads if it snowed, keeps park equipment from getting messed up, and cuts the grass on public property. They also pick up fallen branches and clean up brush. Overall, DPW helps maintain roads and keeps public areas looking nice and clean.

Other groups that keep High Bridge safe are the fire department and EMS. For example, the fire department save lives by getting them out of the house and putting the fire out. Then the EMS takes care of everyone else who gets injured.

Finally, there is Borough Hall, which takes care of the budget, some town events, and taxes. They are also very important because they help make our town a better place. They also pay the towns taxes and make sure they have enough money to do projects and events in town. Also, all of the council people have other jobs so they have to sacrifice their time to help run the town. The team in Borough Hall helps Council and the mayor to do their municipal jobs.

In conclusion, my municipal government helps me because it provides safety, keeps order, and gets things done.

How My Municipal Government Helps Me

By Scarlett Borchin

My municipal government helps me. One part of the municipal government that helps me is the High Bridge Police Department. One thing they do is to assign crossing guards to help us safely cross the street. The police department also has five speed monitors in High Bridge to help citizens be more aware of what speed they are driving. They also help to enforce the law in High Bridge to keep the citizens safe.

The High Bridge Department of Public Works (DPW) helps me by salting the roads when it snows. They also plow the snow in the winter and fix the roads. The DPW also keeps our parks neat and clean by picking up litter and mowing the forty-seven acres of grass in public places. They also clean our drinking water so it is safe for us to drink.

The High Bridge Fire Department helps me by putting out fires in town and in the surrounding areas. They have an engine truck that provides the water they need to put out fires. If the engine truck runs out of water, they can use water from fire hydrants or the South Branch of the Raritan River, which runs through our town. They also have a ladder truck so when they need to, they can rescue people or pets that are stuck in high parts of buildings or even trees!

The High Bridge EMS helps me by being there when there is a medical emergency. They have an ambulance which has many supplies to help when someone is badly hurt or very sick and cannot get to a doctor or hospital by themselves. Inside the ambulance there is a gurney to help move the person from wherever they are to the ambulance. They also have oxygen tanks and other necessary first aid items.

Finally, a very important place that helps me in High Bridge is Borough Hall. Borough Hall is the place where most of the people who help run our town work. Mr. Adam Young, the town clerk, keeps our town organized. He writes down every vote the town council makes, registers dogs and landlords, and gives orange stickers for garbage bags. Ms. Bonnie Fleming is the town treasurer. She collects money to pay the bills and makes the budget for our town. The town council meets twice a month and they help make important decisions about what our town needs. The people on the town council are citizens of High Bridge that get voted in by the people in town. The mayor, the town administrator, and council people run the town council meetings and citizens can also go to state their opinion on town issues.

These are all reasons how my municipal government helps me. I am grateful for everything the High Bridge municipal government does for me!