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## HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Michele Lee

**Happy Spring!** The trees are starting to bloom, the sun is shining, and High Bridge is coming alive as a destination place for all lovers of the outdoors.

With spring comes all important pothole, curb and road repair projects which are being prioritized by our Public Works and Engineering departments. Brush and leaf pickup have been scheduled and announced via email.

Be sure to sign up for our email alerts to be advised of any updates to the pickup calendar, road closures or emergencies and please do not hesitate to contact Borough Hall to report any immediate concerns.

#### Important Announcements

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to rebid the work on McDonald Street which will unfortunately result in that project being delayed. We remain hopeful the road work will be completed before the end of the summer and will keep you updated on the progress. Phase 1 of Washington Avenue is expected to be undertaken late Spring or early Summer with Phases 2 and 3 to follow at a later date.

High Bridge and the Town of Clinton have come to an agreement of terms to settle the 4+ years' running sewer litigation. A portion of the escrow funds have been returned to the Borough enabling us to lower sewer rates and to replenish our surplus account. We anticipate the remaining escrow funds to be returned to High Bridge before the summer which will be used to fund future capital projects.

#### Exciting News and Events

Resident's Appreciation Day will take place at the golf course on May 3rd in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of High Bridge Hills. This is a family friendly event which offers free food, golf, prizes and games for the kids.

Mark your calendars for Soap Box Derby on June 1. Registration forms and rules can be found on the Borough website. The fun continues into the night with the season opening of our concert series at 6pm in Commons Park.

Movies in the Park begin on June 7th with The LEGO Movie 2, followed by our famous Pooch Parade on June 8th. The theme this year is zoo animals.

These are entirely volunteer run events that bring our community together. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please email [events@highbridge.org](mailto:events@highbridge.org).

The Environmental Committee received a floodplain reforestation grant from The Watershed Institute's Roots to Rivers program through Sustainable Jersey. The committee will plant up to 120 new trees along the South Branch River that runs through the arches and along Jericho fields. Trees help filter the water, absorb flooding and cool the river for fish. Want to help? Reach out to Councilwoman Lynn Hughes at [lhughes@highbridg.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridg.org).

Council passed a Resolution in support of the Raritan Valley Mayor's Alliance which is a bi-partisan group of 32 Mayors advocating for fair and equitable service for the 23,000 users of the Raritan Valley Train Line which begins in High Bridge. Currently the daily commute from High Bridge is painfully long and doesn't include a one-seat ride to New York or any train service on the weekends. This has a di-



Left to right: Councilmembers Lynn Hughes, George Columbus, Leigh Ann Moore, Natalie Ferry, Mayor Michele Lee, Council President Chris Zappa, Councilman Steve Strange

rect negative impact on the economic development in High Bridge and I encourage all residents to get informed by reviewing the website, [www.rvlmayors.org](http://www.rvlmayors.org) and take action by signing the online petition and contacting our representatives.

Finally, as many have already noted, we have been lucky to have a volunteer videotape each of our Council meetings and posting them to the High Bridge Community Facebook page. The feedback we have received has been 100% positive, and the ability to make Council meetings more accessible is priceless. To that end I have been working to develop a social media policy which would allow further streamlining of communication within our community and the development of an official Borough page. In the meantime, you can follow me on Facebook @MayorMicheleLee to keep up with important announcements and community events. My email, [mlee@highbridge.org](mailto:mlee@highbridge.org), will remain the best way to communicate with me directly.

Michele Lee, Mayor

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#### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

In addition to a hard copy, this newsletter is also available online at [highbridge.org/documents-and-forms/newsletters](http://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](mailto:thebridge@highbridge.org).

#### 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](http://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 at [administrator@highbridge.org](mailto:administrator@highbridge.org).



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**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST!** We have email addresses for only a small number of residents, and it helps us to better communicate weather advisories, Borough news and events, road closures and more. You can sign up on the Borough website, [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org), on the right side bar, or send an email to [administrator@highbridge.org](mailto:administrator@highbridge.org).

# BOROUGH CONTACT LIST

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## Borough Hall

97 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

908-638-6455 | [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

# TAX & UTILITIES

## REMINDER: HIGH BRIDGE TAX AND 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 on-line 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:

**INVESTORS BANK**

**55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809**

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

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED AT BOROUGH HALL

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

### PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Applications for the 2018 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, 2019.

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 twenty-first 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/](http://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



**2018**  
**Eligibility Requirements:\***

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2017, or, if under age 65, you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2017, and also on December 31, 2018;  
*and*
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2007, 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 have owned since December 31, 2014, or earlier;  
*and*
- You paid all 2017 property taxes by June 1, 2018, and all 2018 property taxes by June 1, 2019;  
*and*
- Your annual income did not exceed \$87,268\* in 2017 and \$89,013 in 2018.\* **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, 2019.

**For Additional Information:**  
Visit our website: [www.njtaxation.org](http://www.njtaxation.org) and select "Senior Freeze"  
Call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

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# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SOAP BOX DERBY 8:30am CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS
2	3	4 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	5	6	7 FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS (rain date 6/8) Lego Movie 2 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	8 NJ FREE FISHING DAY AT SOLITUDE DAM COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am POOCH PARADE 9:00am
9 ADVENTURE RACE (HBAR) 12:00pm	10	11 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	12	13 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	14 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	15 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT
16	17 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	18 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	19	20 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00pm	21 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	22 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
23	24 SPEAKER SERIES - CULTURAL AND HERITAGE GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	25 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	26 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLF COURSE	27 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	28 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	29 DOCUMENT SHREDDING 9:00 - 11:00am RIGID PLASTIC RECYCLING 9:00 - 11:00am

**Saturday, June 1**

8:30am - Soap Box Derby  
Concerts In The Commons

**Tuesday, June 4**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Economic Development Committee Meeting

**Friday, June 7**

Friday Night Flicks  
Lego Movie 2 (rain date 6/8)  
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, June 8**

9:00am - Commons Natural Recycling Center  
9:00am - Pooch Parade  
NJ Free Fishing Day at Solitude Dam

**Sunday, June 9**

12:00pm - Adventure Race (HBAR)

**Tuesday, June 11**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Environmental Commission Meeting

**Thursday, June 13**

7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, June 14**

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, June 15**

Solitude Open House/Event

**Monday, June 17**

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

**Tuesday, June 18**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Thursday, June 20**

6:00pm - Recreation Committee Meeting

**Friday, June 21**

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, June 22**

9:00am - Commons Natural Recycling Center

**Monday, June 24**

Speaker Series - Cultural and Heritage  
7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

**Tuesday, June 25**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Wednesday, June 26**

20 Year Anniversary of the Golf Course

**Thursday, June 27**

7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, June 28**

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, June 29**

9:00-11:00am  
Document Shredding

9:00-11:00am

Rigid Plastic Recycling

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 30	1	2 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	3	4	5 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	6 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/ EVENT - INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT
7	8	9 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	10	11 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30pm	12 FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS How To Train Your Dragon 3 (rain date 7/13) RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	13
14	15 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	16 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	17	18 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	19 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	20 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
21	22 SPEAKER SERIES - CULTURAL AND HERITAGE	23 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	24	25	26 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	27
28	29 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	30 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	31	AUGUST 1	2	3

**Tuesday, July 2**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Economic  
Development Committee  
Meeting

**Friday, July 5**

6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, July 6**

9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center  
Concerts In The Commons  
Solitude Open House/Event  
- Independence Day Event

**Tuesday, July 9**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Environmental  
Commission Meeting

**Thursday, July 11**

7:30pm - Recreation  
Committee Meeting

**Friday, July 12**

Friday Night Flicks - How  
To Train Your Dragon 3  
(rain date 7/13)  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Monday, July 15**

7:30pm - Planning Board  
Meeting

**Tuesday, July 16**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Thursday, July 18**

7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, July 19**

6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, July 20**

9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center -

**Monday, July 22**

Speaker Series - Cultural  
and Heritage

**Tuesday, July 23**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Friday, July 26**

6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Monday, July 29**

7:30pm - Green Team  
Meeting

**Tuesday, July 30**

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 28	29	30	31	1	2 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	3 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS
4	5	6 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	7	8 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30pm	9 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	10
11	12 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT	13 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	14	15 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	16 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	17 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
18	19 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	20 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	21	22	23 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	24
25	26 SPEAKER SERIES - CULTURAL AND HERITAGE GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	27 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	28	29	30 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	31 CONCERTS IN THE COMMONS COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am

**Friday, August 2**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, August 3**  
Concerts In The Commons  
9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center

**Tuesday, August 6**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Economic  
Development Committee  
Meeting

**Thursday, August 8**  
7:30pm - Recreation  
Committee Meeting

**Friday, August 9**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Monday, August 12**  
Solitude Open House/Event

**Tuesday, August 13**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Environmental  
Commission Meeting

**Thursday, August 15**  
7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, August 16**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, August 17**  
9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center

**Monday, August 19**  
7:30pm - Planning Board  
Meeting

**Tuesday, August 20**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Friday, August 23**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Monday, August 26**  
Speaker Series - Cultural  
and Heritage

7:30pm - Green Team  
Meeting

**Tuesday, August 27**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Friday, August 30**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, August 31**  
Concerts In The Commons  
9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center

# HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	4	5	6 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	7 COMMUNITY DAY
8 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT	9	10 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	11	12 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	13 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	14 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
15	16 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	17 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	18	19 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00pm	20 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	21
22	23 SPEAKER SERIES - CULTURAL AND HERITAGE	24 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	25	26 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	27 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	28 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am SALSA NIGHT SIZZLE 4:00pm
29	30 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4	5

**Tuesday, September 3**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Economic  
Development Committee  
Meeting

**Friday, September 6**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, September 7**  
Community Day

**Sunday, September 8**  
Solitude Open House/Event

**Tuesday, September 10**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup  
7:30pm - Environmental  
Commission Meeting

**Thursday, September 12**  
7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, September 13**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, September 14**  
9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center

**Monday, September 16**  
7:30pm - Planning Board  
Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Thursday, September 19**  
6:00pm - Recreation  
Committee Meeting

**Friday, September 20**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Monday, September 23**  
Speaker Series - Cultural  
and Heritage

**Tuesday, September 24**  
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**Thursday, September 26**  
7:30pm - Council Meeting

**Friday, September 27**  
6:30am - Recycling and  
Garbage Pickup

**Saturday, September 28**  
9:00am - Commons Natural  
Recycling Center  
4:00pm - Salsa Night Sizzle

**Monday, September 30**  
7:30pm - Green Team  
Meeting

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2019 Events Calendar High Bridge Events Committee Presents...

**Soap Box Derby... June 1<sup>st</sup> (Rain Date Sept 14<sup>th</sup>) at 8:30 AM... Main St**

**Concerts in the Commons:**

June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Rain Dates: next day)

**Friday Night Flicks in the Commons:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*  
July 12<sup>th</sup> *How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World*  
(Rain Dates: next day)

**Pooch Parade... June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM... Commons Park**

**Community Day... September 7<sup>th</sup>... Time TBD... Commons Park**

**Salsa Night Sizzle... September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM... Commons Park**

**Trunk or Treat... October 26<sup>th</sup>... Time TBD... Union Forge Park**

**Paint Out... November 3<sup>rd</sup>... Time & Place TBD**

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBY SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2019 @ 8:30AM, MAIN ST.



### BUILD A CAR AND RACE!

**THE RACE IS OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-14**  
(ANYONE TURNING 8 ANY TIME IN 2019 QUALIFIES)

**REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

**OPENINGS ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 32 ENTRANTS**

DETAILS INCLUDING FORMS, RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND MORE:  
<https://highbridge.org/2018/03/annual-soap-box-derby-2018/>

EMAIL [EVENTS@HIGHBRIDGE.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@HIGHBRIDGE.ORG) FOR QUESTIONS

*Rain date: September 14<sup>th</sup>*

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## 2019 Summer Recreation Camp Program

Due to unforeseen construction at the Elementary School the High Bridge Summer Recreation program will be located at the Union Forge Park on Washington Avenue for the 2019 program.

We are fortunate that High Bridge is home to this wonderful asset. The location, size and ample shade provided at Union Forge Park makes it is a perfect alternative due to the Elementary school's unavailability. The Program will be held July 8th through July 19th and will run Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Please be assured that although the location may have changed, our staff has worked hard to ensure that the 2019 Summer Recreation program will be a fun and safe experi-

ence for your child. We have some new events and trips planned and are excited for another fun Program!

We will have use of the restrooms at the Huskies field, (which children will be escorted to and from by a Counselor). There will also be a registered Nurse on site for the duration of the program. In the event of rain, the program will be relocated to the Middle School on Thomas Street.

Due to the increase in minimum wage it is necessary that the Program fees be increased in order to cover the increase in Counselor wages.

Please also be advised that the deadline for registration is June 30, 2019. Any registrations received



after June 30th will incur a \$25.00 late fee per child. This year we are pleased to announce that we will be offering 2 trips during the Program. Roller Skating at Villa Roller Rink will be the first week on July 11, 2019, and Bowling at Oakwood Lanes will be the second week on July 16, 2019. Trips will cost \$12 per child per trip. Space is limited and advanced registration for trips is recommended. Online registration and payments are STRONGLY encouraged for both the camp and the trips.

# YOU'RE INVITED

June 24, 2019



Hosted by



On Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> The Sekula Invitational will be held at High Bridge Hills Golf Club. The golf outing is held to honor the life and memory of Jonathan Sekula. Jonathan was a local resident & 1998 graduate of Voorhees High School. Proceeds from the golf outing benefit the Jonathan Sekula Memorial Fund, which was established by his family to provide support to others primarily within the community in the form of scholarships and other awards.

12:30pm Tee Off  
4 Person Scramble  
\$139 Registration

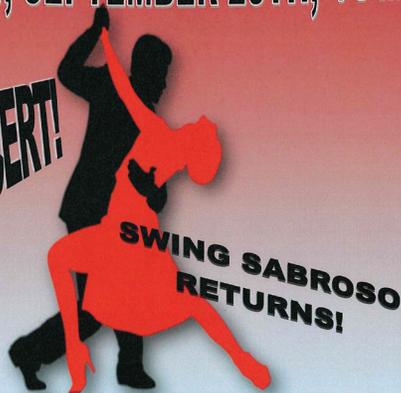
Includes:  
Golf, Prizes, Lunch  
& Pig Roast Dinner!

For tournament  
registration & donation  
information please visit  
[highbridgehills.com](http://highbridgehills.com)  
or call 908.638.5055.

## SALSA NIGHT SIZZLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 4 PM

FREE CONCERT!



SWING SABROSO  
RETURNS!

## HIGH BRIDGE COMMONS

4th annual concert at 79 Main Street!

FREE DANCE LESSONS!

LOCAL FOOD VENDORS!

## Hawk Rock Yard Works

(908) 391-3608 High Bridge, NJ



- <> Planting <> Trimming <> Edging <> Mulching
- <> Removals <> Minor Grading / Surface Drainage
- <> Lawn Repair <> Storm / Seasonal Cleanup <>

License #13VH08559800



# HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Lynn Hughes / Councilwoman

## Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration

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

## 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.

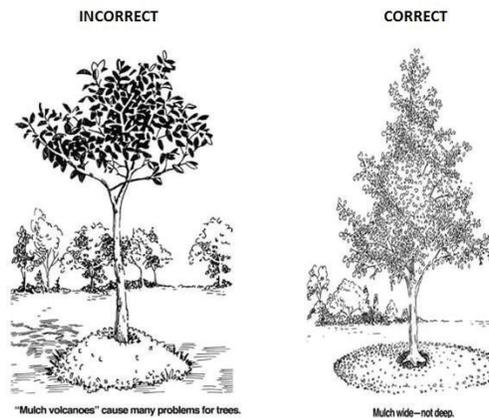
Proper mulching is very beneficial to trees. Spread mulch 2-4 inches deep to the drip line of the tree if possible; do not let the mulch touch the trunk. The mulch should form a flat, not mounded, donut, with the trunk in the center. Organic mulches (bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, etc) are preferred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

Please educate your neighbors and landscapers about this ill-informed practice.



## Wildlife Habitat Community

High Bridge is one of two NJ towns and the only Hunterdon County town to earn recognition as a Wildlife Habitat Community. We have received recognition from the National Wildlife Federation and are held up as a model community for our success with transforming our community into a place where both people and wildlife can flourish.

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## Tree City

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. High Bridge is one of 3,400 communities that have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City. We achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

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## Townwide Litter Clean Up Day Saturday, June 29, 2019

Sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Commission in conjunction with our community document shredding and rigid plastic 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. If you find any large items, too heavy to carry, please notify Borough Hall at 638-6455.

We would very much appreciate an email left on our town website as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found. Email: [jhar-rington@highbridge.org](mailto:jhar-rington@highbridge.org)

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## 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@high-bridge.org](mailto:lhughes@high-bridge.org) or call borough hall 638-6455

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## 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 [Emerald-dashborer.nj.gov](http://Emerald-dashborer.nj.gov)

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## Commons Mulch Area

Being able to bring your yard brush to the commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only brush and tree branches (3 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**

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## 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](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org)

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# HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Double Recycling Events on June 29

### Document Shredding Event

June 29, 2019

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Union Forge Park

Watch as your documents are shredded.

High Bridge Residents, businesses, schools, anyone who works in the Borough, Voorhees High School staff

### Rigid Plastic Recycling Event

Date: Sat., June 29, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Union Forge Park

#### What are large rigid plastics?

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

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

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

#### Acceptable items: (remove any wheels and metal)

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

#### Unacceptable Items -

Do not recycle with large rigid plastics:

- Plastic bottles & metal cans
- PVC # 3
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) # 6
- Flower pots & flower trays
- Bags
- Computers & electronics
- Electric appliances
- Electric toys
- Battery-operated items
- Metal - remove from items
- 55-gallon drums
- Liquids
- Chemical or motor oil containers
- Coolers
- Tool boxes
- Wheels - remove from items

- Tires
- Water hoses
- Vacuum hoses
- Drain pipes
- Plastic sheets or film
- Vinyl siding
- Fiberglass
- Rubber items
- Cardboard & other paper
- Wood
- Glass
- Dirt, rocks, mud
- Medical or hazardous waste
- Clothing
- Garbage

For more information, contact Collection Coordinator, lhughes@highbridge.org

### Electronics

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.

# HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## Curbside Recycling

We are asking all our residents to please help us reduce the amount of recycling that goes into our garbage collection. Besides helping us to meet the state mandated 50% recycling rate, you will be helping the environment. Did you know that we are eligible for state recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports?

Curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does make a difference in our environment.

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

The Borough has streamlined its curbside recycling collection process.

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

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

1. Place commingled recyclables in a single, reusable container, securing the contents in the container so they cannot blow out of the container\*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional recycling opportunities

may be found on the town website: [highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org)

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

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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 Steel Workers Historic Trail** to the historic Forge and on to Solitude House.
- Hike our recently 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 on our town website:[highbridge.org](http://highbridge.org).

It's a great time to get out of your house and enjoy your town's open space!

*\*Remember to do a tick check every time you return from enjoying the outdoors.*

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

## Garbage Collection Reminder:

### Collection Out & In Requirements

Trash containers should be placed curbside the night before collection day to avoid missing an early pick up. Containers must be brought back from the curb 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]

## Storm Water Management

Look for storm drain markers in your neighborhood with the message: "No Dumping, Drains to River". These markers will serve as a reminder that our storm drains lead directly to the South Branch of the Raritan River and that we all play a part in the solution to water pollution!

### What can you do to help?

It's simple! Dump nothing on your property or down the storm drain that you wouldn't swim in or drink!

Here are a few changes we can make to ensure a clean water supply for years to come:

- Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
- Use less fertilizer.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Compost garden trimmings.
- Take motor oil to the recycling center.
- Pick up litter in the street.

## Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regulations

Be aware that state mandated storm-water 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.

## Dry Out Latex Paint to Place in Regular Trash

**Check the label for lead or hazardous materials. Hazardous items cannot be dried and placed in trash.** Check County web site for their hazardous waste collection.

1. **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.
2. **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.

## It's Time for Lyme

As we enter spring, please keep in mind the following Lyme information and prevention tips:

- Ticks become more active once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees F
- Daily tick checks are crucial elements in Lyme disease prevention.
- Tick repellants should be worn when in Lyme habitats.
- Remember: It is not the tick that you find that is likely to cause Lyme disease, it's the one you never find.

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## 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](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org)

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## Water Conservation

What is meant by water conservation? For many, it is simply saving water. Something as easy as buying a water efficient appliance or turning off the tap when brushing your teeth. But water conservation is more complex than that. It also involves changing the way people think about water use. It involves developing a new way of living where water conservation is central. It also involves encouraging the development and use of best practices.

### Water Conservation Awareness Facts

#### *Toilets, Taps, Showers, Laundry, and Dishes*

- On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.

- If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you also save energy and keep dollars in your pocket.
- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe.
- All of those flushes can add up to nearly 20 gallons a day down the toilet. If you still have a standard toilet, which uses close to 3.5 gallons a flush, you can save by retrofitting or filling your tank with something that will displace some of that water, such as a brick.
- Most front-loading machines are energy- and water-efficient, using just over 20 gallons a load, while most top-loading machines, unless they are energy-efficient, use 40 gallons per load.
- Nearly 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on your machine to the proper load size.
- Dishwashing is a relatively small part of your water footprint—less than 2% of indoor use—but there are always ways to conserve. Using a machine is actually more water efficient than hand washing, especially if you run full loads.
- Energy Star dishwashers use about 4 gallons of water per load, and even standard machines use only about 6 gallons. Hand washing generally uses about 20 gallons of water each time.

#### *Yards and Pools*

- Nearly 60% of a person's household water footprint can go toward lawn and garden maintenance.
- The average pool takes 22,000 gallons of water to fill, and if you don't cover it, hundreds of gallons of water per month can be lost due to evaporation.
- Visit the environmental page of the borough website for more information.

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report****High Bridge Borough Water Department**

For the Year 2019, Results from the Year 2018

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

<b>TEST RESULTS</b>						
Please see the following page for a list of terms and definitions used in this table.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants:</b>						
<b>Combined Radium 228 &amp; 226</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = ND – 1.5 Highest detect = 1.5	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Regulated Disinfectants:</b>						
<b>Chlorine</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Average: 0.5 ppm	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	Water additive used to control microbes.
<b>Disinfectant Byproducts:</b>						
<b>Haloacetic Acids [HAA5]</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = ND – 1 Highest detect = 1	ppb	N/A	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Total Trihalomethanes [TTHM]</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = 10 - 11 Highest detect = 11	ppb	N/A	80	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>						
<b>Barium</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = 0.01 – 0.08 Highest detect = 0.08	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Arsenic</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = 0.9 – 1.8 Highest detect = 1.8	ppb	N/A	5	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
<b>Fluoride</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = ND – 0.3 Highest detect = 0.3	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Copper</b> Test results Yr. 2017 Result at 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	N	0.21 No samples exceeded the action level	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
<b>Lead</b> Test results Yr. 2017 Result at 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	N	4 No samples exceeded the action level	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Mercury (inorganic)</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = 0.06 Highest detect = 0.06	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
<b>Nitrate</b> Test results Yr. 2018	N	Range = 1.5 – 2.4 Highest detect = 2.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminant	Level Detected	Units of Measurement	RUL
<b>Sodium</b> Test results Yr. 2018	Range = 10.9 – 50.6	ppm	50

We slightly exceeded the Recommended Upper Limit for sodium. For healthy individuals, the sodium intake from water is not important, because a much greater intake of sodium takes place from salt in the diet. However, sodium levels above the Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) may be of concern to individuals on a sodium restricted diet.

Secondary Contaminant- Substances that do not have an impact on health. Secondary Contaminants affect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. Secondary standards are recommendations, not mandates.

Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) – Recommended maximum concentration of secondary contaminants. These reflect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. RUL's are recommendations, not mandates.

Our water supply comes from five wells. The Fairview Wellfield consists of Wells #'s 2, 3, 4 and 5 which draw groundwater from a fractured gneiss aquifer, and range in depth from 230 to 330 feet. The Grayrock Well; Well #8, draws groundwater from a limestone aquifer and is 115 feet deep.

The High Bridge Borough Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data listed, though representative, is more than one year old.

**Definitions** - In the "Test Results" table you may see some terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

**Lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The High Bridge Borough Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Water Sources and Contaminants** - The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Monitoring Waivers** - The Safe Drinking Water Act regulations allow monitoring waivers to reduce or eliminate the monitoring requirements for asbestos, volatile organic chemicals and synthetic organic chemicals. The High Bridge Borough Water Department received monitoring waivers for asbestos and synthetic organic chemicals (pesticides).

**Source Water Assessment** - The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed and issued a Source Water Assessment Report and Summary for our water system, which is available at [www.state.nj.us/dep/swap](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap) or by contacting NJDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550. You may also contact the High Bridge Water Department to obtain information regarding the Source Water Assessment Program. Our water system's Source Water Assessment Summary Report is included.

The table below illustrates the susceptibility ratings for the seven contaminant categories (and radon) for each source in the system. The table provides the number of wells that rated high (H), medium (M), or low (L) for each contaminant category. For susceptibility ratings of purchased water, refer to the specific water system's source water assessment report.

The seven contaminant categories are defined after the table. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens, therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category. For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides are more of a concern for ground water than surface water. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating.

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels. As a result of the assessments, DEP may customize (change existing) monitoring schedules based on the susceptibility ratings.

Sources	Pathogens			Nutrients			Pesticides			Volatile Organic Compounds			Inorganics			Radio-nuclides			Radon			Disinfection Byproduct Precursors		
	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
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**Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.

**Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.

**Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.

**Pesticides:** Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.

**Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.

**Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.

**Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm> or call (800) 648-0394.

**Disinfection Byproduct Precursors:** A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

**Contact / Meetings** - If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Rick Roll, CPWM, Director of Public Works at 908-638-6588. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Borough Council meetings at Borough Hall, 71 Main Street. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday day of each month at 7:30 p.m.

We at the High Bridge Borough Water Department work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please call our office if you have any questions.

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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 semitrailer upon any highway, street, alley or other public roadway unless the trailer or semitrailer 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 semitrailer 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 semitrailer, 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 [hbpdandruczyk@comcast.net](mailto:hbpdandruczyk@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment. This is a free service offered to residents.
- Planning a vacation? House check applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department. Residential property checks are a free service offered to residents.
- Temporary Parking placards are issued for 6 months, with one 6 month renewal allowed. Applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department or [http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC\\_Placard\\_Temp.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Temp.pdf) All completed applications must be submitted to the municipal police department and are approved by the Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

Brett J. Bartman  
Chief of Police



# HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith / Fire Chief

[www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org)

## Did You Know?

Every 24 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

70% of all firefighters in the United States are volunteers and save taxpayers an estimated \$139 billion per year.

In the last 30 years the number of volunteer firefighters has dropped by 11%. In that same amount of time the number of calls has nearly tripled from 12 million to 32 million.

For more fire statistics please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/news-and-research/fire-statistics-and-reports/fire-statistics>

## Things to Keep in Mind this Spring

With the arrival of Spring please remember to clean-up all dead leaves and debris around your home. These can be fuel for a fire.

Make sure your house is accessible by large fire apparatus. This includes trimming trees to allow access. Make sure your address is visible from the street.

Do not use a chiminea on a deck or near any structure. Outdoor chimineas must have a protective wire mesh or screen to catch embers. Chimineas that don't have these are considered unauthorized burns. Persons using approved chimineas should only use hard woods or class A fuel.

Please remember to check tanks and hoses for leaks prior to doing any grilling. Use soapy water to check for leaks and do not use if any are found.

## Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing will be held on June 17th, 2019. Please contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or email [golf@highbridgefire.org](mailto:golf@highbridgefire.org) if interested in registering a group of four or sponsoring a hole.

## Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic will be held on July 13th, 2019 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 picnic will also feature a live band.

## Ticket Info

For tickets/information contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or visit our website at [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org). Ticket prices are as follows:

Kids 0-9 Free  
Ages 10-20 \$15 each  
Adults \$30 each

Tickets will sell out quickly so please remember to purchase them in advance. There are 500 adult tickets and 100 teen tickets available and tickets will not be sold at the event. Tickets may be purchased until Saturday, July 6th.

## New Members Needed

The High Bridge Fire Department is always looking for new members. Anyone is welcome to apply. If interested in learning more or submitting an application, please stop by the firehouse on a Monday night at 7pm or go online to [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org). All of the required training will be provided by the High Bridge Fire Department.

Article Submitted By: Andrew Finer

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Medical Countermeasures Continued

A joint task force comprised of nine North County Municipal Emergency Managers and Municipal Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) has been collaborating with the County Health Department to make available a Point of Distribution (POD) for North County residents. This will eliminate the need for north county residents to travel to another area of the county to receive emergency medications in the event of pandemic or intentional release of a biological or chemical agent.

We have recognized early on in the planning process that it will be a challenge to fill the need for POD workers.

Countermeasures must be distributed expeditiously and within the timeline specified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). With any large emergency event, we know many people will come forward and will want to assist.

However due to liability concerns; if you are not a vetted member of a CERT organization your valuable services cannot be accepted.

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## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program (From FEMA Website)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

At the same time, the CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits

their communities. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide, with more than 600,000 individuals trained since CERT became a national program.

In an actual health emergency requiring medical countermeasures, the location of the POD would be clearly communicated to the public.

### You should know:

- Allergies you or your family members have
- Medicines you or your family members are taking
- Serious illnesses you or your family members have
- If you have children, their age and weight.

At the link below you will find additional information and links to the drug interaction forms that can be completed ahead of time and saved in a safe place. Now is the time to understand the distribution process and to discuss any drug interactions with your personal physician.

<https://highbridge.org/government/public-safety/emergency-management/>

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- If you see a fallen tree, please do not go near it as there may be live wires tangled in it.
- As always please respect road closed signs, they are put out for a reason and SHOULD NEVER be driven around. When you see road workers out working on the roads, please treat them like your family because they also would like to go home to theirs.
- Come out and volunteer, take pride in your community and volunteer.

# HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Fun Fact

Did you know that school board members are the best trained elected officials in the state? New Jersey requires school board members to take training courses that cover topics such as policy, school finance, student achievement, labor relations and school law. These courses must be taken in the first, second and third years of a board member's first term in office. Then, in the first year of any reelected or reappointed term, the board member must undergo training on recent developments in school law. No other elected officials in the state are required to take such training.

In addition, High Bridge board members are typically the most represented at county school board trainings and many members attend the NJ School Boards annual workshop as well as full day and weekend trainings.

With the input of the community and staff, the district developed vision and mission statements.

**Vision Statement** - Create an environment that fosters a love of learning and critical thinking.

**Mission Statement** - The High Bridge School District, in partnership with parents and the community, is dedicated to providing a strong educational foundation that inspires all students to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens, while establishing a platform for students to participate in and serve the community.

### 2018 - 2019 High Bridge School District Board of Education Goals

- Communicate to our community the roles and responsibilities of the board of education.
- Research and actively discuss shared services with other school districts.
- Finalize the three-year strategic plan for the district.
- Review and address student achievement and progression across all subject areas with continued emphasis of Math, English and Language Arts, and Writing at every board meeting.
- Reach a fair and responsible contract with the High Bridge Education Association.

### The High Bridge Board of Education has made progress on these goals

- We have reached a tentative agreement with the High Bridge Education Association
- We have formed an ad hoc committee that is exploring sharing services with neighboring districts
- We have formed a committee to continue working on the strategic plan-stakeholders will continue to be invited to participate

*See below for information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the school board.*

The board operates under a committee of the whole structure, which involves two meetings per month; one work session and one action meeting. The public is welcome at both.

### Current Board & Expiration of Terms of Office

James Garner	2021
Michele Corley	2021
Mindy Manahan	2021
Robert Imhoff	2019
Karyn Gove	2019
Erin Delgado	2020
Cindy Sharkey	2020

### Upcoming Meetings

#### April 15 Work / Regular Session

*Public Hearing - Formal Action will be Taken, Final Budget Approval*

#### April 29 Regular Session

#### May 13 Work Session

#### May 20 Regular Session

#### June 3 Work Session

#### June 10 Regular Session

#### July 8 Regular Session

#### August 19 Work Session

#### August 26 Regular Session

#### September 16 Work Session

#### September 23 Regular Session

#### October 7 Work Session

#### October 15 Regular Session (Tuesday)

#### November 12 Work Session

#### November 18 Regular Session

#### December 9 Work Session

#### December 16 Regular Session

Please visit the school board tab on the district website for more information and a link to the school board brochure: [hbschools.org/hbs/\\_top](http://hbschools.org/hbs/_top)

Please visit the New Jersey School Boards Association Website to learn about the role of the school board: [www.njsba.org/news-information/parent-connections/school-board-basics-frequently-asked-questions/](http://www.njsba.org/news-information/parent-connections/school-board-basics-frequently-asked-questions/)

# HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## DISTRICT NEWS

As the 2018–19 school year begins winding down, I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments of the past year:

- Melissa Betz, Middle School Mathematics teacher, and Maria Monaco, Elementary School Special Education teacher, have been named as our Teachers of the Year. The District is extremely proud to have them on our team!
- The District recently completed the Department of Education's monitoring and district self-evaluation system for public schools. The New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) happens every three years and focuses on important factors that have been identified as key in effective school districts.
- High Bridge worked closely with NHVHS and the surrounding districts on bringing professional development programs to our staff and exciting new character education programs to our students.
- Sensory rooms in both schools have been completed, providing a calming atmosphere for social and emotional learning for pupils with special educational needs.
- We continued to analyze testing data to drive our curriculum development so that student achievement is maximized and the high quality of our educational programs are maintained.

Graduation will be here before you know it, so I'd like to offer my congratulations to all of our graduating students and wish them well in the future. Have a relaxing summer and we will see you in September.

Please visit our website [www.hbschools.org](http://www.hbschools.org) for the most current school activities.

**Gregory A. Hobaugh, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent**

## HIGH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The elementary school has been working hard all year and it shows!

The Kindergarten, first, and fourth graders are engaged in a program called Seed to Salad. We have teamed up with the Rutgers Master Gardeners to bring students through the process of planting, tending, harvesting, and then eating the vegetables that they have grown. The fourth grade students are excellent role models for our younger students. We love that the garden enables students to touch on all academic areas while learning about gardening!

The second graders are embarking on a letter writing adventure with the character Flat Stanley. They will be sending their own Flat Stanley's to addresses around the country. In addition to writing skills they will be identifying and mapping all of the places that

Stanley is able to travel, they are very excited!!

Last but not least our third graders have taken on the Splash Math Springboard challenge, they have set a goal of 20,000 points. The points are awarded for time spent and accuracy of responses. At the end of week three of the challenge, they have already accumulated close to 8,000 points.

As the year comes to a close we are setting up our annual walk-a-thon. It is a fundraiser that we have held in conjunction with our middle school over the past few years. This year we will be raising money for The Wingman Project and an internal project for our elementary school. The students always do a phenomenal job in raising money to support amazing programs and activities.

## HIGH BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we approach the end of another school year, we are pleased to reflect on another successful year.

Our Music Department led by Miss Courtney Shiffman and Mr. Jeffrey Thompson coordinated another outstanding musical performance. This year the students showcased a production of Aladdin Jr. to the delight of families and community members. The show was another huge success and a tribute to the talents of our students.

Academically our students showed tremendous achievement and growth. We continue to see a very high percentage of students working toward Honor Roll success. In addition the teachers have been working directly and in partnership with ELA and Math

coaches from the North Hunterdon Voorhees school district, High Bridge students continue to be among the best prepared and future ready among the sending districts.

Over the last few weeks of the school year the Middle School will continue to embrace and carry on our respected co-curricular traditions including the 8th grade lock-in and dinner dance, the 5th grade trip to Camp Bernie, the 8th grade trip to Washington DC, the end of year picnic and Graduation.

It has been an amazing and successful year in the Middle School and we look forward to continuing success in the future.

# HIGH BRIDGE BOY SCOUTS

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We're High Bridge's local Scouts BSA, and we consist of youth 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 youth, 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 calendars, etc. please visit our websites.

## *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 the residents of High

Bridge for helping with another successful food drive this past spring, as well as helping to support the scouts with their annual fundraisers.

## **Cub Scout Pack 149**

The pack has had an active 2018-2019 year, including two family campouts at Round Valley Youth Center, snow tubing at Blue Mountain, the annual Pinewood Derby and an overnight climbing sleepover at Doylestown Rock Gym. The Cubs have been active in community service, with two food drives, as well as the Stream Clean-up and the Veterans Day and Wreaths across America activities. The Pack will continue to be active during the summer months with a family picnic and fishing derby, plus more!

## **Scouts BSA 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 practicing paddleboards at Spruce Run, a beach campout at Assateague Island in

Maryland, a 10 mile hike along the Hudson River in Palisades Park, a 2 night backpacking campout along the AT in the Delaware Water Gap. We competed with other local troops in the annual Klondike Derby in January, which also allowed us to practice our winter camping skills. We did a cabin campout in Bucks County in February where the scouts practiced their cooking skills. We had a fun kayak campout along the wading river in the Pine Barrens.

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 August the older scouts of the troop will also be spending a week of high adventure aboard two 40' sailboats off the coast of the Florida Keys. There will be a side trip to Key West as well as an air boat tour of the Everglades. The trip is a STEM outing so in addition to marine based STEM activities they'll learn to sail, navigate, fish, cook, and snorkel.

Thank You,

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# HIGH BRIDGE GIRL SCOUTS

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The High Bridge Girl Scout troops concluded another charitable, rewarding, and fun year with a ceremony in May, celebrating the 'bridging' of several troops to the next level. This event followed an adventurous outdoor Camporee weekend at YMCA Camp Bernie in April. The troops enjoyed the beautiful weather and participated in many physically challenging, educational, and team building activities such as low ropes, archery, outdoor survival training, and a night awareness hike.

Also in April, 7 High Bridge Girl Scouts, ranging from 1st through 5th grades raced their custom designed pinewood derby style cars in the 2nd Annual Diana Derby Race. One of the girls placed 3rd out of over 40 Girl Scouts, who represented troops from across the local Service Unit. It was an exhilarating experience for all!

After capping off a successful season of Girl Scout Cookie sales, in March, High Bridge 6th and 8th grade troops 80001 and 80847 organized a weekend long winter cabin camping trip at Camp Lou Henry Hoover. A group of more than 40 Girl Scouts and Leaders worked on many different badges through activities such as teaching other troops how to make cinnamon rolls from scratch, participating in animal tracking and identification, local flower identification and conservation, and participating in many Girl Scout traditions. The nicest part was waking up to 5 inches of snow, which really made for a winter wonderland!

As part of another joint Service Unit activity, several troops from High Bridge organized and went on a brisk night hike in January, from Union Forge Park to the Solitude Falls, traipsing through another coat of freshly fallen snow. It was

an invigorating and unique outdoor adventure!

In November, several High Bridge troops organized and supported the Service Unit's November Food Drive at the Clinton ShopRite, helping to collect 3147 pounds of food and over \$1000 in ShopRite gift cards to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry.

Here are some other individual troop achievements to highlight:

**8th Grade Cadette Troop 80847**, led by Michelle Corley, worked on their silver projects. The girls split up into 2 teams. The first team built racks and boxes for the North Hunterdon Thrift Shop in Hampton NJ. They learned to reach out to get donations and got handy with power tools. To top it off, they held an open house at the Thrift Shop in May, for shopping and to show off their carpentry skills. The second team worked with an

outreach program to make stackables. These are smaller comforters that will fit in the cages for rescued animals. The first set of stackables were given to St. Hubert's and they love them. The girls are looking forward to continuing this great work.

**5th Grade Junior Troop 80060**, led by Terrie Sostorecz and Katy Ortiz, had a busy year, earning 8 different badges, including their Horseback Riding, Animal Habitats, Practice With A Purpose, Simple Meals, Junior First Aid, Junior Girl Scout Way, Flowers, and Eco Camper badges. They also achieved their Take Action Junior Leadership Journey Award and Junior Aid Award, as well as gave many hours of community service. Some of their volunteer work included providing comfort, companionship and grooming to rescue animals at Common Sense for Animals as well as hand crafting over 50 scarves which were donated to homeless veterans at Veterans Haven North. The troop also learned about various animal habitats and animal care through activities at

Whispering Lake Equestrian Center and Rizzo's Reptiles.

**3rd Grade Brownie Troop 80222**, led by Holly Gilligan and Tracy Kovacsofsky, earned their Brownie Quest Journey Award as well as their Pets badge this year. The troop also continued their annual volunteer work with the Feed My Starving Children organization, where they measured and filled nutritional meal packs to be shipped to the neediest children around the world. As part of their community service work and the 'take action' portion of the Journey Award, the troop 'adopted' the gazebo in the Commons and committed to the High Bridge Environmental Commission that they will continue to care for the gazebo for as long as they continue with the Girl Scouts organization. In the fall, the girls scrubbed the gazebo, weeded the garden, trimmed the shrubs and planted daffodil bulbs. In the spring, they put down weed barrier and planted deer resistant perennials. Their maintenance will

continue throughout the summer months to ensure that the community is able to enjoy this area during all the wonderful summer events hosted at the Commons.

**Finally, 1st Grade Daisy Troop 80594**, led by Suzy Supnet & Courtney Bolger, formed as a new troop this year, earning all of their Daisy petals in an amazing 6 short months! Some of the troop members also participated in their very first Camporee experience, which was a great introduction for them to many Girl Scout traditions.

*We are still forming new troops and would love to provide more girls with the unique leadership experience that Girl Scouts offers. For more information about Girl Scouts, how to get your girl engaged, or what's involved in being a troop leader, please contact the High Bridge GS Troop Organizer, Holly Gilligan ([holly\\_gilligan@hotmail.com](mailto:holly_gilligan@hotmail.com)), or visit our local council's website ([www.gshnj.org](http://www.gshnj.org)).*

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## HERBERT CAWLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 188

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Herbert Cawley American Legion Post was chartered in 1919 as American Legion Post 188, and re-chartered in 1920 as Herbert Cawley American Legion Post.

Herbert Cawley was a young sailor stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Station. He contracted pneumonia in December of 1918 and passed away. He is buried in Asbury, N.J.

Post 188 is a small, but busy, post with fifty members.

**Some of the things the Post does are listed below:**

- In March the Post gives a talk to fourth graders about High Bridge and World War 2.
- In May the Post replaces American flags in seven different cemeteries; three located in Cokesbury, three located at Fairmount, and one in Lower Valley located in Califon. The Voorhees High School Key Club assists with the Fairmount flag placements.
- Put on the Memorial Day service at the Veteran's Park in High Bridge
- In June the Post assist with awards for eighth grade girls and boys at

the High Bridge Middle School and Lebanon Township Middle School

- In September the Post assists with the Boys State program at Voorhees High School. With this program, two junior boys will go to Rider College for one week sponsored by Post 188.

**In 2019 events include:**

- The North Hunterdon Rotary Club and the High Bridge Reformed Church
- A fall coloring, essay, and poster contest held at the High Bridge Middle School and High Bridge Elementary Schools, judged by Post 188.
- In November, a talk to the fourth graders at the High Bridge Veteran's Memorial about the making of the memorial.
- The Veteran's Day even at the C.K. Hoffman Veteran's Memorial Park. This will start at 11:00 A.M.

**Members of note:**

The oldest member of Post 188 is Sandford "Sandy" Groendyke, who is a World War 2 veteran who served in the Army Air Corp in England flying

B-17 bomber aircraft. He is a 73-year member of Post 188 and will be 98 years old in November of 2019. Mr. Groendyke currently lives in North Carolina.

Mr. John Hansen joined the U.S. Navy in 1939 and is a survivor of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He is 95 years old and lives in Clinton, NJ.

To become a member of the American Legion you must have served during a war time era listed below:

WWII-7, Korea-7, Vietnam-26, Lebanon/Grenada-1, Panama-1, Persian Gulf (War on Terrorism)-8.

We meet four times per year in March, June, September, and December at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall, 97 West Main Street. Please stop by and meet the members.

Customized bricks are also sold to support the Veteran's Memorial. If you know someone who has served and would like to memorialize their name, please contact Post Commander Joe Fazio at 537-2176, Tom Carpenter at 537-4521, Ron Barber at 537-4143, or Bill Gooley at 475-5859.

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