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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Michele Lee



Mayor Michele Lee and winners of soap box derby; (left to right) Madison Silvestri; Vincent Columbus; Finn Speckin; Navio Delgado, seated in front: Caiden Shultz.

This summer flew by and was way too short, though I know I'm not alone in saying it's great being Back to School! Good luck to all the students, here's to the best school year ever! We've seen some changes in High Bridge over these last few months, new businesses, new community events and we are ready to kick off the fall and winter seasons.

Old Borough Hall was sold, and we are looking forward to the future OBH Pottery, a ceramic arts studio coming to Main Street. The highly anticipated Highrail Brewing Company was finally able to open their doors and serve some of the best craft beer in the County. We welcome both businesses and wish them the best of luck!!

The first ever High Bridge Adventure Race was small but mighty and gave an opportunity to compete and explore

the Borough's historical open spaces, mountain biking trail system and Solitude Lake.

The ever-popular Soap Box Derby and Pooch Parade drew hundreds to the Borough as usual. Congratulations to all the winners!

These events exemplify the small-town charm of High Bridge and would not be possible without the hard-working volunteers and employees of the Borough. A big THANK YOU to the Masons, the High Bridge Emergency Squad, CERT and the Department of Public Works.

Over the spring and summer our DPW dropped a whopping 300 tons of blacktop to fill potholes and make road repairs across the Borough. Roadwork on Washington Avenue (Phase I and II) has been underway on Washington Avenue and we have a new playset in Union Forge Park. Beautification and groundskeeping projects are taking place at all the parks for our kids and youth sports organizations to enjoy.

The long-awaited Streetscape project on Main Street has officially been approved and we are hoping this project will begin early 2020. Unfortunately, the much-needed water main and road repairs to McDonald Street have been held up by a series of delays, though we remain hopeful this project will begin shortly.

The Jersey Off-Road Bicycling Association (JORBA) has begun their fundraising efforts and planning for the future bike park located on the property just north of the Commons behind the pump track. Donations can be made by heading to www.jorba.org and clicking the donate button. From the PayPal link you can select Commons High Bridge. Every dollar helps and JORBA will match up to \$15,000.

Many of you participated in the Open Space Survey conducted by our Borough Planner. We are eagerly waiting on the results and look forward to putting some of the recommendations on the map.

What's your passion? There's a Committee for that! The Borough is looking for citizens interested in joining our Events, Recreation and Economic Development Committees, Historical Committee, and Environmental Commission. Please reach out to anyone on Council if you would like to get involved and donate some of your free time.

Congratulations again to the 2019 award recipients:

- Longevity Award: Doris Schuetz. Resident of High Bridge for 98 years!!
- Citizens of the Year: Mike & Crissy Darmstadt. Thanks for your community service and good luck in CO!
- Ambassador of the Year: Jared Crampton. Thank you for your service, you make us proud in High Bridge!
- Volunteer of the Year: Greg Lindgren. Videotaping and posting our Council meetings for all to view.

Have a neighbor or friend who you'd like to nominate? Please send an email to me or one of the Councilmembers, contact info for us all is on page 3.

Check out page 11 for the fall and winter events! I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the year and has a safe and happy holiday season.

Michele Lee, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Lee".

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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. 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 administrator@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 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.



Councilwoman Leign Ann Moore passing out refreshments at the Soap Box Derby.



Karyn Gove and Council President Chris Zappa helping out at the Soap Box Derby.

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, on the right side bar, or send an email to administrator@highbridge.org.

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Borough Hall

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

TAX & UTILITIES

REMINDER: HIGH BRIDGE TAX AND UTILITIES DUE

4th Quarter Taxes : November 1
4th Quarter Utilities : December 6
Annual Tax Sale : October 18

Payments may be deposited in the Blue Lock Box in front of Borough Hall.

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:

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Payments are also accepted at:

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

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED AT BOROUGH HALL

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM

Eligible applicants will receive a credit on the November 1 property tax bill.

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

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

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Applications for the 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.**

The Division of Taxation has begun mailing checks to qualified applicants on July 15, 2019.

Only applicants whose 2018 income did not exceed \$89,013 are eligible to receive a reimbursement payment, provided they met all the other requirements.

Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597
www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/



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HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEP 29	30	1 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	2	3	4 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	5 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am SOLITUDE HOUSE FUNDRAISER EVENT
6	7	8 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	9	10 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	11 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	12 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
13 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT	14 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	15 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	16	17 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00pm	18 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ANNUAL TAX SALE	19
20	21 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	22 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	23	24 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	25 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	26 TRUNK OR TREAT COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
27	28 SPEAKER SERIES - HISTORICAL COMMITTEE GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	29 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	30	31 TRICK OR TREAT 5:00pm	NOV 1	2

Weekdays, October 2019

Leaf Pickup

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

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

Friday, October 4, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Solitude House Fundraiser Event
9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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

Thursday, October 10, 2019

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Solitude Open House/Event

Monday, October 14, 2019

Borough Hall Closed

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, October 17, 2019

6:00pm - Recreation Committee Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup
Annual Tax Sale

Monday, October 21, 2019

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Trunk-or-Treat
9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling

Monday, October 28, 2019

Speaker Series - Historical Committee
7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

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

Thursday, October 31, 2019

5:00pm - Trick or Treat

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT 27	28	29	30	31	1 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am 4TH QUARTER TAXES DUE	2
3 PAINT OUT 2:00pm	4	5 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	6	7	8 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	9 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am RABIES CLINIC 9:00am
10 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT	11 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	12 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	13	14 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	15 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	16 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
17	18 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	19 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	20	21 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00pm	22 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	23 COMMONS NATURAL RECYCLING CENTER 9:00am
24	25 SPEAKER SERIES - HISTORICAL COMMITTEE GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	26 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	27	28 THANKSGIVING BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	29 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	30

Weekdays, November 2019
Leaf Pickup

Friday, November 1, 2019
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup
4th Quarter Taxes Due

Sunday, November 3, 2019
2:00pm - Paint Out

Tuesday, November 5, 2019
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Friday, November 8, 2019
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, November 9, 2019
9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling
9:00am - Rabies Clinic

Sunday, November 10, 2019
Solitude Open House/Event

Monday, November 11, 2019
Borough Hall Closed

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:30am - Garbage Pickup
7:30pm - Environmental Commission
Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019
7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, November 15, 2019
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, November 16, 2019
9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling

Monday, November 18, 2019
7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, November 21, 2019
6:00pm - Recreation Committee Meeting

Friday, November 22, 2019
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Saturday, November 23, 2019
9:00am - Commons Recycling Center
Open - Natural Recycling

Monday, November 25, 2019
Speaker Series - Historical Committee
7:30pm Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, November 28, 2019
Borough Hall Closed

Friday, November 29, 2019
6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup
Borough Hall Closed

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 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 4TH QUARTER UTILITIES DUE	7
8	9	10 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	11	12 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	13 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	14
15 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE/EVENT	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 - HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	24 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	25 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	26	27 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	28
29	30 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP	31 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am BOROUGH HALL CLOSES AT 12:00PM	JAN 1	2	3	4

Weekdays, December 2-13, 2019

Leaf Pickup

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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

Friday, December 6, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup
4th Quarter Utilities Due

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Solitude Open House/Event

Monday, December 16, 2019

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:00pm - Recreation Commission
Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, December 23, 2019

Speaker Series - Historical Committee

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

6:30am - Garbage Pickup
Borough Hall Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Borough Hall Closed

Friday, December 27, 2019

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, December 30, 2019

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting
Christmas Tree Pickup

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

6:30am - Garbage Pickup
Borough Hall Closes at 12:00pm

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEC 29	30	31	1 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	2	3 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	4
5	6 CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP	7 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am EDC MEETING 7:30pm	8	9 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	10 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	11
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19	20 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	21 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	22	23 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	24 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	25
26	27 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP	28 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	29	30	31 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	FEB 1

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Borough Hall Closed

Friday, January 3, 2020

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, January 6, 2020

Christmas Tree Pickup

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, January 10, 2020

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting
Christmas Tree Pickup

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

Thursday, January 16, 2020

6:00pm - Recreation Commission
Meeting

Friday, January 17, 2020

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, January 20, 2020

Borough Hall Closed
Christmas Tree Pickup

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, January 24, 2020

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

Monday, January 27, 2020

Christmas Tree Pickup
7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Friday, January 31, 2020

6:30am - Recycling and Garbage Pickup

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rick Roll, CPWM / Director of Public Works

We are headed to the Fall/Winter season once again. Coinciding with the many road projects that have been ongoing this past year we now gear up for what we call our busiest time of year. Be sure to visit the Borough website www.highbridge.org for important updates and information regarding the services of the Department of Public Works.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION: Will be starting near the end of September and run through the middle of December. This year we will be introducing to residents a map of the Borough that separates areas into sections and running two leaf vacuums in each section. This will enable us to start and finish a section and continue with the many other functions of DPW. Obviously, we cannot control nature. If the leaves do not fall in a specific section, we will adjust the schedule to a section that has. Please be patient as this will be a new schedule and process. As in the past, if you place bagged leaves in front of your house please call or send me an email and they will be picked up.

Please remember that we will NOT pick up any plastic bags or bags that contain rocks, wood products or plastic pieces. These items make it extremely difficult to grind up and makes the mulch dirty. Additionally, leaves are not allowed on the street within 10 feet of any storm drain. Leaf piles should not contain any sticks, brush or grass clippings, even small sticks can clog the vacuum collection tube.

FALL BRUSH COLLECTION: Has been temporarily suspended for the 2019 season. We have adjusted the dates and hours for drop-off at the Commons for the remainder of the year. The following dates are available to the residents of High Bridge: September 14, 21 and 28. October 5, 12, 26th. November 9, 16, 23. The area is open from 9a – 1p on each of these dates.

This drop-off is a service we provide to our residents, please adhere to the following guidelines: Only brush and tree branches (3 in or less in diameter) may be brought to the area. Do not leave items in plastic bags. No pic-

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es of lumber/wood. No grass clippings or leaves. It is unlawful to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1000 and 90-days jail/community service. (Ordinance No. 2006-3; 2011-21; 2011-23). We ask if anyone 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 at 638-6500.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: Christmas Trees will be collected on Mondays from December 30th through January 27th. Please have your tree out on the street by 7am as once we pass your house we will not return until the following week. A tree will NOT be picked up if there are any ornaments, lights, or any other object that could damage our equipment.

SNOW: Once the snow starts to fall, we will be plowing and salting the streets. Stay informed by visiting the Borough's website for updates and messages regarding snow/ice removal.

DUMPING ON BOROUGH PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED

§ 343-42 Littering and dumping prohibited.

No person shall throw, place, deposit or dump ashes, garbage, cinders, shells, straw, shavings, dirt, dirty water, filth or rubbish in or on any publicly owned property, including any street or public way, or allow or permit dirt, ashes, garbage, coal, crushed stone or similar substances to fall or scatter from any truck, wagon or any other vehicle in or upon any street or public way.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or suffer imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, or by a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or all, for each such violation. Each day in which this article is violated shall constitute a separate violation.

TRASH COLLECTION DURING COLD WEATHER

High Bridge has instituted a garbage sticker program to encourage more recycling. Each sticker can be used for 34-gallons or 50 pounds of garbage. Each year residents and businesses are sent 110 stickers for the year, equating to two bags a week. The stickers will be sent every November for the following year. These are not dated stickers, so they can be used throughout the year.

In cold or inclement weather, please make sure to attach

your solid waste sticker securely with alternate means, such as stapling, to the bag. Stickers should not be placed on the garbage can.

Every bag of garbage must have a sticker on it. If you use garbage cans, place the sticker on the top item in the can so it is plainly visible when the lid is removed by the collector. For cleanup items, use one sticker for each 50 pounds of weight.

Landlords: Please advise your tenants of the regulations and distribute the stickers to your tenants in a timely fashion. If you do not disperse the stickers, solid waste will not get picked up and, as owners, you will be fined.



HIGH BRIDGE EVENTS

**Salsa Night, Saturday, September 28, 4-7 pm
at The Commons**

**Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 26
at Union Forge Park, Time TBD**

**Plein Air Paint Out: November 3
Location and Time TBD**

For Event and Volunteer Opportunities

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GOOD NEWS FOR VETERANS

On July 30, 2019 the old rule to be an American Legion member has changed. The old membership rule only allowed veterans that served during a time of war to become members of the American Legion. The revised rule states, applicants had to serve during any period of time from December 7, 1941 to present. Applicants also have to be honorably discharged.

The American Legion was founded in November of 1919 and will celebrate their 100 year anniversary in November of this year.

Our next meeting will be held September 17, 2019 at 7pm, at the High Bridge Borough Hall, 97 West Main Street. Stop by for a visit and ask questions. American Legion Post-188 of High Bridge meets four times a year in the

months of March, June, September, and December. We are a small post, but very active. If you have any questions, please contact one of our members.

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

**Saturday, November 9, 2019
11 AM at Veterans Memorial Park**

World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States

national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

Please bring a lawn chair and join us as we honor our veterans.

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

Please help keep our Veterans Memorial Park signage free.

Thank you for being respectful of this special area.

Information about Veterans Memorial Park

This park was made possible by a generous donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. Chat Hoffman. (Chat's dad was a charter member of Post 188 and an army veteran of WW1)The park was created through the efforts of American Legion Post 188 and Eagle Scout Robert Batch. Engraved bricks that are placed at Veterans Memorial Park are still being sold. Contact Borough Hall Bill Gooley at 908-399-3658 for brick purchasing information.

Post 188 also accepts monetary donations to help with the upkeep of this special area. Donations may be made to American Legion Post 188 and mailed to Borough Hall at 97 West Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829.

We are always looking for new members. Contact Bill Gooley at 908-399-3658 or the Clerk's office at Borough Hall for brick purchasing information.

HIGH BRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Our library is part of the Hunterdon County Library System?
2. You can order books, movies and magazines from the county and pick them up at High Bridge?
3. We have 2 computers for your use?
4. We have a great children's section and a small play area?
5. We have pre K- 4 th grade book readings and activities?
6. There is a special book cart for children during special occasions?
7. We have a summer reading program?
8. There's a table with puzzles and word games for children?
9. The county will be buying our library 10 new books in September, October, November and December?
10. You can find library information by going to www.highbridge.org and hover over the "About High Bridge" button, then click on the "High Bridge Library" button?

FOODSTOCK CHALLENGE



During the first two weeks in July, Borough employees participated in a FOODSTOCK challenge with the Town of Clinton to see who could collect the most food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry.

FOODSTOCK NJ was formed in 2010 to assist with the needs of our less fortunate community members who are struggling to put food on their tables.

It provides an opportunity for municipalities to join forces in a community wide event collecting non-perishable food to donate to a local food pantry.

Drop boxes were set up at various locations around High

Bridge, including Gronskey's, Scout's, Hilltop Deli, the Library and High Bridge Hills Golf Course. Custom Alloy employees also participated in the collection process at their Califon and High Bridge facilities. Along with assistance from Maser Consulting P.A., the Borough's Professional Engineering firm, High Bridge was able to collect over 2600 pounds of food.

Our friendly challenge with the Town of Clinton resulted in over 5500 pounds of food collected to stock the shelves at the Open Cupboard. Although Clinton beat us by just over 200 pounds in this first annual event, we look forward to another challenge in 2020.

FOR HIGH BRIDGE

Stephen Strange



In 1978, some committed Hilltoppers started a group named “I’m for High Bridge”. Dick Kushner, the Conroys, the Brutons, the Branflicks, Bill Anderson, the Loozens and many others worked to help improve our little town of High Bridge. They cleaned up and built parks, started sports programs, and spearheaded town events. Many of the things and traditions we know and love about High Bridge, like the Easter Egg Hunt, High Bridge Youth Soccer, and even Union Forge Park itself started with the members of the I’m for High Bridge group.

When the last few members decided that it was time to call it quits in late 2017, Pablo Delgado and I thought that maybe we could continue the idea of residents gathering together to help our town, but in a slightly different way. So in April of 2018 we formed “For High Bridge” a NJ Non-Profit Corporation. Our plan was fairly simple, host fun social events which highlight some of the special places and features of High Bridge while raising money to use for projects around our town. Like the group before us, we would not

be paving roads, or raising buildings, but we hoped to be able to tackle some of the smaller jobs around town that sometimes don’t get prioritized, like fixing the gazebo (which was built by I’m for High Bridge), repaving the basketball court, or fixing up the fishing dock at Lake Solitude.

We hosted our first event, a rum tasting featuring Carribean food in Oct of last year. While a local band “Amy and a Side of Freys” played, representatives for Bounty and Clement mixed drinks and explained everything anyone could want to know about rum. Despite the rain that night (it was an outdoor event) everyone had a good time. For many people it was their first time visiting the Solitude House Annex and in the end For High Bridge was able to donate \$1000 to the town’s Historic Preservation fund for Solitude House.

On a Sat. night his past March you may have noticed our “Hot Drinks on a Cold Night” in Union Forge Park. With 7 fire pits going, a coffee bar, hot buttered rum, a huge pot of community “Watchchagot” soup/stew, hot dogs over the fires and more, it was a warm, terrific way to spend a cold snowy evening in High Bridge.

While there is a long list of projects around town that we hope to contribute to in the near future, this summer we started small. The fishing dock at Lake Solitude, originally a boat house, has been in need of some help for a while. Years of exposure to the elements, and some fools who set fires on it at some point, left it in bad shape. So, in July, representatives of For High Bridge, replaced deck boards, reinforced weak places and completely rebuilt the two benches. This fall, as the leaves begin to change, everyone should take the short trip over to it and try out the new benches. They’re comfortable, and now you won’t get splinters in your behind while you look at the fall leaves.

As we move ahead, our plan is to keep having fun, unique events that bring our residents together in new settings, and to keep repairing, fixing, and improving High Bridge in any way we can. We hope to see you at our events, because, aren’t we all For High Bridge?

For more information on For High Bridge, to check our upcoming events, to see how you can help, or even to donate, visit us at www.forhighbridge.org.

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Lynn Hughes / Councilwoman

RECYCLING

The State Department of Environmental Protection requires us to reach a 50% recycling rate. High Bridge's 2018 residential recycling percentage was 25% for curbside recycling and 30 % brush collection. When you add in other vendors who collected from recycling events and road projects the rate increases to a 75% recycling rate.

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

Did you know that we are eligible for state recycling grants based on the amount of our annual recycling tonnage reports? The DEP's recycling tonnage grant program is intended to provide municipalities with incentives to reduce trash disposal and increase recycling. It is funded through a state-imposed fee added to waste transfer station tipping fees.

The grants are based on annual recycling tonnage reports submitted by municipalities and determined by the fees collected statewide. This revenue is used to offset borough recycling expenses. It is utilized in the annual budget to cover the cost of cleaning up the commons natural recycling area, i.e. tub grinding and the labor costs associated with this

project. Your local government uses this grant money to continue to build even stronger recycling programs as we all work to improve our recycling efforts. High Bridge has recycling ordinances in place. Check them out on our town website.

Reminder: curbside recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service to boost our recycling percentage and to cut the amount of solid waste we generate.

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.

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

Unacceptable items: aluminum pie plates, ceramic cups, mirror & window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, plastic flower pots, styro-foam, plastic bags, oil jugs, scrap metal. **No Pizza boxes.**

For other recycling questions call Republic Services (908) 730-7800.

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.

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HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

RECYCLING CONTINUED

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.

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

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

THE PIZZA BOX

Lori Brown, Earth 911 staff member

Many people assume that pizza boxes are recyclable. In fact, most boxes have recycling symbols on them and are traditionally made from corrugated cardboard. They are, in and of themselves, recyclable.

However, what makes parts of them non-recyclable is the hot, tasty treat that comes inside them, specifically, the grease and cheese from pizza that soil the cardboard.

Food is one of the worst contaminants in the paper recycling process. Grease and oil are not as big of a problem for plastic, metal and glass, as those materials are recycled using a heat process. But when paper products, like cardboard, are recycled, they are mixed with water and turned into a slurry. Since we all know water and oil don't mix, the issue is clear.

Grease from pizza boxes causes oil to form at the top of the slurry, and paper fibers cannot separate from oils during the pulping process. Essentially, this contaminant causes the entire batch to be ruined. This is the reason that other food related items are non-recyclable (used paper plates, used napkins, used paper towels, etc).

Many people admit to trying to "sneak" in their pizza boxes with cardboard boxes and such. In reality, this does more harm than good as the contaminated cardboard could ruin the whole recycling batch.

Please keep pizza boxes out of the recycling stream.

DEAL WITH ICY AREAS

An environmental consideration in winter is the use of ice-melting substances. Salt is corrosive and kills trees. Calcium chloride is easier on nearby vegetation than salt. One way to reduce the need for deicing chemicals is to fix any ice-creating drainage problems before winter begins. For example, patch the gutter that leaks onto the front steps or redirect downspouts away from walkways. If you can't achieve necessary safety levels by shoveling early

and often, or by having someone do it for you, use de-icing products only as directed. More isn't better! Whatever you do, make sure you sweep it up once the surface is clear.

information on sources of lead, home safety tips, consumer resources, and a list of certified lead abatement companies www.leadsafenj.org

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

HUNTING AWARENESS

HUNTING SEASON

The Environmental Commission would like to remind everyone that hunting season typically begins in September. While New Jersey has an extremely low incidence of hunting-related accidents, please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. The following properties have been designated Borough Wildlife Management Areas with hunting by permit only: only bow hunting is allowed.

- 1. The Dewey Avenue Property; Block 31 Lot 14.02;
Acres 44.3;**
- 2. The Commons (Pfauth) Property; Block 19 Lots 32;
Acres 3.11;**
- 3. The Springside Farm Property; Block 40 Lot 4;
Acres 36.54;**
- 4. The Nassau Property; Block 37 & 40 Lots 1 & 2;
Acres 82.66;**

To check on the exact locations, please refer to the Wildlife Management Application online at www.highbridge.org and our Tax Map available online for specific location information.

Deer hunting season typically runs from September through February. Permits shall be valid only during the applicable State-approved deer hunting season, as said dates may be amended by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Council. Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on wildlife management areas and on private property ONLY. The legislative change does NOT include any firearm hunting on Sundays.

Applications and approved permits may be picked up at the Clerk's office during regular office hours.

CAUGHT BEING GREEN

The Environmental Committee is looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any HB resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible. The environmental committee votes on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org

by Dec. 1st. Check out past Green Award recipients on the environmental committee page of our town web site at highbridge.org

Environmentally,
Lynn Hughes Council Liaison
High Bridge Environmental Commission

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

IDLE FREE BOROUGH

Idling your vehicle for more than 3 minutes is against the law in New Jersey.

That's because vehicle exhaust not only pollutes our air (it is the leading source of hazardous air pollution in New Jersey (source: NJDEP), but also puts people, especially children, at risk for asthma and other respiratory ailments, allergies, and possible long term problems. In addition, vehicles release potent greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

IDLING FACTS

- Idling for more than 10 seconds actually uses more fuel than restarting the engine.
- Tests show no more than 30 seconds is needed to circulate engine oil.
- The best way to warm up your vehicle is to drive it.
- Idling can actually damage engines because it is operating not at peak (or high) operating temperatures. It causes incomplete combustions and more harmful pollutants to be released into the air. Fuel residues also form and contaminate engine oil and damage engine parts. In addition, water can condense in vehicle's exhaust.
- Modern vehicles don't require any idling to warm them up. (Source: Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada)

HEALTH IMPACTS

- Vehicle related air pollution can cause asthma and other respiratory problems and allergies, especially in children who breathe at a faster rate than adults. Air toxics also contribute to heart disease and attacks, as well as higher cancer rates in high traffic areas (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency).
- Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization among children under the age of 15 (Source: American Lung Association).
- Up to 25% of NJ's school age children are asthmatic—the leading cause of school absenteeism and increased visits to the emergency room on hot summer days (Source: NJ Department of Environmental Protection).
- Diesel vehicles emit numerous cancer causing chemicals, including benzene and formaldehyde; all vehicle gas emissions account for as many as half of all cancers attributed to outdoor air pollution (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

TAKE THE NO-IDLING PLEDGE!

If you are going to be idling more than 30 seconds, turn off your vehicle.

STORMWATER 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! 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.
- Pick up litter in the street.
- Do not put grass clippings or leaves in the street (compost them instead)
- Do not let motor oil drain on the street. (take motor oil to a recycling center)

What can you do to help?

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

High Bridge has ordinances in place for Stormwater Pollution

Chapter 338-2

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

HIGH BRIDGE PLANTS OVER 100 TREES

The High Bridge Green Team and a handful of volunteers planted 128 native trees and shrubs near the banks of the South Branch of the Raritan River earlier this summer. The area chosen for the planting was overrun with invasive species and many of the existing trees had been destroyed and damaged due to storms often leading to flooding on the streets adjacent to the riverbank.

The project was funded by a Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant sponsored by the Nature Conservancy and Sustainable New Jersey. This program is part of the Nature Conservancy goal to plant 100,000 trees throughout New Jersey floodplains by 2020.

Planting native tree and shrub species along deforested stream banks provides a root system that stabilizes soil and filters out excess nutrients and pollutants from stormwater runoff. It also provides extra storage for flood waters and

supplies food and habitat for wildlife.

“Planting this number of trees was a first for me and initially a bit daunting,” said Mia Baldwin, Green Team Chairperson, “but I am grateful to have been a part of such an exciting and beneficial incentive. Restoring our landscape with native plants creates a sustainable environment and provides a good foundation for generations to come.”

The High Bridge Green Team was established in 2009 and, with the support of Sustainable Jersey, pursues sustainability programs throughout the community. The team is currently made up of members of the High Bridge Environmental Commission but any High Bridge resident with an interest in the environment is encouraged to join. If you would like to be part of the Green Team please contact them at lhughes@highbridge.org.

SKIP THE STRAW

The High Bridge Environmental Commission has joined the global “Skip the Straw” movement and asked our local businesses to pledge to reduce the use of plastic straws.

The commission is pleased to announce that 100% of the businesses serving drinks signed the pledge. Options for reducing plastic straw use included: provide straw only when requested, train servers to ask patrons if they want a straw, hang a sign (or print on menu) “straws available upon request”, and/or provide a compostable straw.

A very special thanks to the following businesses for taking the pledge:

- **Scouts Coffee Bar + Mercantile**
- **Mrs. Riley’s Public House**
- **Peking Wok**
- **Casa Maya**
- **Hilltop Deli and Catering**
- **Circa**

- **Gronsky’s Milk House**
- **High Bridge Hills Golf Course**
- **Carini’s Pizza and Pasta**

Show your support of these businesses through your continued patronage!

Single use plastics like straws contribute to the estimated 8.5 tons of plastic debris polluting our oceans each year. We have become used to having a straw served in our drinks, but straws are only used for a few minutes and then thrown away. With a small change in behavior, we can reduce a significant source of plastic pollution.

The straw campaign is not just about straws but really about pointing out how prevalent single-use plastics are in our lives and shifting the way we think about plastic pollution—and our society’s disposable culture on a larger scale.

HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

HIGH BRIDGE PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Many in town may be unaware there is a Board of Public Health in High Bridge that meets periodically. We review and process food and beverage applications in town as one of our primary functions. Most of what occurs in the realm of public health is managed and run at the county level.

The Board will use this space to make town residents aware of the town and county health department provides in the area of awareness and support. The main website page (<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.html>) shows links to

what is going on here in Hunterdon. Check out news and events on the site (<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/news.html>).

On a specific note, High Bridge has a history of mining and one result of that is radon, which is a known carcinogen. We suggest reading and making use of the county's free radon testing program. Here is a link to that information: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/environmental/radon.html>

LEAD POISONING AWARENESS

What is Lead Poisoning?

Lead poisoning is a serious medical problem that occurs when too much lead accumulates in the body. When eaten or inhaled, lead is easily absorbed into the body and can cause developmental and neurological problems. Anyone can become lead poisoned, but children under the age of six and pregnant women are at greatest risk.

Today, the primary cause of lead poisoning in children is lead-based paint. Lead-based paint was banned from residential use in New Jersey in 1971 and nationally in 1978. However, housing built prior to 1978 may be contaminated. Houses built prior to 1950 present the greatest risk due to the high percentage of lead contained in older paint.

For more information go to the environmental page of the town web site under Public Awareness. For more information on sources of lead, home safety tips, consumer resources, and a list of certified lead abatement companies www.leadsafenj.org

FREE ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS

High Bridge will be hosting a free rabies clinic for New Jersey residents on Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 9 am to 11am at the High Bridge Emergency Squad at 95 West Main Street, High Bridge New Jersey.

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



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



Are you interested in history? What do you know about our town? Would you like to help preserve the heritage of High Bridge for the future? The High Bridge Historical Committee needs you!

The Committee helps to maintain High Bridge historic properties.

We endeavor to preserve and display historic artifacts, including the Taylor-Wharton dredge bucket, TISCO foundry patterns, etc. We work to research and document the activities of residents and the functions of historic buildings and infrastructure. We sponsor and present a speaker series the 4th Monday of each month on High Bridge and other local history. Past speaker topics have included:

- **History of the Lake Solitude Dam**

- **Flying Saucers Over High Bridge: Howard Menger, a forgotten citizen**
- **High Bridge Railroad History**
- **George W. Taylor, High Bridge's Civil War General, and more!**

You can help with research, site maintenance, event support and coordination, and more. There's lots to learn and do: develop new skills and meet your neighbors. You could become a regular member or be a "friend" of the committee. Volunteers are welcome!

Contact us for information on how you can help discover, preserve and celebrate High Bridge history and historic resources at: heritage@highbridge.org.

HIGH BRIDGE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The High Bridge Parent Teacher Organization is excited to kick off another amazing school year! Thanks to our members we are able to continue supporting cultural arts programs, classroom grants, Family Fun Nights, and Kids Night Out events. PTO Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Elementary School library. Membership information for the 2019/2020 school year will be sent to new and returning school families the first week of school. Visit us

during Community Day to participate in our 50/50 raffle or purchase Community Discount Cards. Discount Cards are \$20 and offer discounts at over 130 local businesses. Please contact HighBridgeSchoolsPTO@gmail.com with any questions or for membership information. Thank You!

Fall PTO Events

September

9/7 Community Day - 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser

9/17 September Meeting

9/20 Back to School Family Movie Night

9/14 Room Parent Meeting 7pm

October

10/15 October Meeting

10/17-18 Clothing Drive - Drop off in front of Elementary School 23rd Color Run

November

11/15 Elementary School Family Fun Night

11/19 November Meeting

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

As veteran board members will tell you, it is immensely satisfying to watch their district's school children at graduation, at a musical or theater performance, at an athletic event, or receiving some sort of recognition. Research has shown that the decisions that boards of education make can positively impact student achievement. Just knowing that their service on the board contributed to that child's success, makes all those

long evening meetings worth it!

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.

We will be formulating our goals for the upcoming year but here are the goals we have been working toward.

2019 - 2020 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 an agreement with the High Bridge Education Association
- We have formed an ad hoc committee that is exploring sharing ser-

vices 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 and 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

August 26, 2019	Regular Session
September 16, 2019	Work Session
September 23, 2019	Regular Session
October 7, 2019	Work Session
October 15, 2019	Regular Session (Tuesday)
November 12, 2019	Work Session
November 18, 2019	Regular Session
December 9, 2019	Work Session
December 16, 2019	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](https://www.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/

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

We are very excited to start another school year and have been busy over the summer preparing for the upcoming year. Some of the highlights have been -

We submitted a grant proposal to expand our preschool program to full day. We expect to hear back from the State in October.

We continue to actively pursue shared services with our surrounding districts to better maximize school resources.

Four (4) hallway doors were installed to conform to the updated fire codes, further ensuring the safety of our students.

To comply with the newly established Alyssa's Law, the district installed alarms with direct link to police dispatch as mandated by the State of New Jersey.

We expanded our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) program with the addition of our full time Media Specialist.

Our goal continues to be meeting our student's academic and social needs while instilling a sense of pride in themselves and their community.

HIGH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We at High Bridge Elementary are looking forward to a fantastic New Year! Teachers have been in working to make classrooms perfect for the first day, as well as focusing on ways to make instruction at each level even better than last year.

We will continue to focus on writing this year and are excited about expanding our Social/Emotional curriculum. Be on the lookout for family evening programs that will expand students learning while also engaging our parents in the process.

We will continue our monthly walk to school events, and we are hoping to retain our county wide award for highest percentage of walkers during Walk to School Week. We have also added a day for school-wide activities once a month that focus on kindness to each other and our community.

HIGH BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The staff of High Bridge Middle School is enthusiastic to begin another exciting school year. This promises to be a year filled with opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways to challenge our students.

This year we've strived to expand the opportunities available for all of our students. Some of the highlights include:

- Adding a Financial Literacy class for all students
- Expanding our Wingman Social Emotional Learning Program
- Reinvigorating our Student Leadership Program with an emphasis on giving back
- Incorporating a Law Adventure mock trial competition for grades 7 and 8
- Continuing the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program for our 5th grade

- Expanding our field trip plan to promote outstanding opportunities for our students

- Emphasizing writing in all subject areas

For students entering 7th and 8th grade our main focus will be to prepare the students for high school. The staff and I work closely with the educators and leaders at Voorhees and we view high school preparation as a vital role of the Middle School experience.

In addition to hard work and a rigorous educational program the 8th grade year includes a lot of exciting opportunities that celebrate the student's completion of Middle School. Some of these events include the Lock-In, Dinner Dance, the annual trip to Washington DC, the Awards Breakfast and of course Graduation.

HIGH BRIDGE GIRL SCOUTS

High Bridge Girl Scouts is recruiting incoming Kindergarten girls and parent volunteers to form a new Daisy Girl Scout troop this fall!

Consider giving your daughter the unique leadership experience that Girl Scouts offers, as well as think about volunteering as a troop leader, which is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your daughter and make a dif-

ference in other girls' lives.

Look for a flier this fall with an invitation to an interest meeting!

For more information about Girl Scouts, how to get your girl engaged, or what's involved in being a troop leader, please contact Holly Gilligan (holly_gilligan@hotmail.com) or visit our local council's website (www.gshnj.org).

HIGH BRIDGE BOY SCOUTS

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**

Our Fall food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry will be on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 10 am - 2 pm. Bags will be dropped off a few weeks prior to pick-up so please look for them. ***Please consider helping by placing a bag of food out for collection.***

Thank You,

Will Rayfield, Pack 149 Cubmaster
highbridge.pack149@gmail.com
www.highbridgepack149.wix.com/pack-149

Cub Scout Pack 149

The Pack 149 Cub Scouts have had some great summer activities including a night at the Somerset Patriots, and a fishing derby/campout at Teetertown Preserve. We have a very fun-filled year in store, starting with a family campout this October at Tinicum Park along the Delaware River. The Pack has monthly meetings to learn skills and play games, and each grade (Den) meets several times per month to work on building skills in nature, citizenship, physical fitness and much more. The Cubs will continue to be very active in community service such as food drives, Veterans Day ceremonies and the Wreaths across America activities. We will be having our annual popcorn fundraiser this fall, please consider purchasing to support local scouting!

Scouts BSA Troop 149

The troop also has a great year planned. We'll camp, hike and/or bike every month of the scouting year. This Fall we'll be enjoying various watercraft at Spruce Run for our training campout. In October we'll do a bike campout along the Delaware near Washington's Crossing. In November we'll camp and hike the battlefields of Gettysburg. In December we'll also do a day hike to the top of Mt. Tammany, which overlooks the Delaware River.

Judd Corley, Troop 149 Scoutmaster
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www.orgsites.com/nj/troop149/index.html

HIGH BRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brett J. Bartman / Chief of Police

§ 343-35. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.

The owner or tenant of land abutting upon the sidewalk of any street or avenue shall remove all snow and ice from such sidewalk within 12 daylight hours after same shall have formed or fallen thereon. If the sidewalk is covered with snow after it has been cleared, by forces other than nature, it is the responsibility of the owner or tenant to ensure that snow is removed.

§ 343-36. TREATMENT OF ICE.

The owner or tenant of land abutting or bounding upon the sidewalks of any street or avenue shall, when such sidewalks may become icy or otherwise slippery, place thereon calcium chloride, sodium chloride, ashes, sand, cinders, sawdust or other material designed to prevent pedestrians from slipping and falling, and shall at all times keep such sidewalks in a safe and passable condition.

Ordinance 184-19 and Ordinance 184-36 subsection 1. d & e are hereby vacated and Ordinance 184-36 subsections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are amended to read:

184-36. Snow Emergency Routes (SER) Subsections 1.b., 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

1.b. Snow Covered shall mean snow accumulation >2 inches as measured at the High Bridge Police Department

2. All roads in the Borough of High Bridge are hereby designated as SER

4. Vehicles parked on SER shall remove their vehicles from the designated route within 2 hours of the start of a snow event.

5. Vehicle owners are hereby put on notice, they are responsible for their vehicle and to be aware of any potential snow events.

6. Vehicles may park in the Commons Parking lot, if parking spaces are available, for the duration of the snow event and shall be removed within 36hrs from the end of the event.

7. Failure to remove vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20

Failure to remove permitted vehicle in compliance with this section shall result in the vehicle being deemed a nuisance vehicle under subsection 184-20

Violations and Penalties:

- First Offense - \$25.00 fine and Cost of Tow
- Second Offense - \$100.00 fine and Cost of Tow
- Third and subsequent offenses - \$500.00 fine, Cost of Tow.

Sincerely,

Brett J. Bartman
Chief of Police



Sign up for alerts from the High Bridge Police Department at <http://www.nixle.com/>



Officers receive Medal of Honor for their actions in the line of duty during a barricaded suspect incident in 2018

Right to left: Mayor Michele Lee, Patrolman Jeffrey Andruczyk (recipient), Sergeant Jared Skobo (recipient), Detective Matthew Lazier (recipient), Chief Brett Bartman.

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Finer

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year's National Fire Prevention Week is being held October 6th-12th and the campaign will be "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" The campaign's main focus this year is to educate people about the small, but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe:

- **Plan your escape route**
- **Test your smoke alarms**
- **Choose an outside meeting place**
- **Make a regular reminder**
- **Practice a home fire drill**

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week please visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw/index.html>

FALL/WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As the weather outside turns cooler please remember to keep the following in mind:

If you use your fireplace frequently it is important to have a chimney sweep done once a year. The burning of wood in your fireplace creates a compound called creosote which can ignite and start a chimney fire. When you burn wood, make sure it's dry and seasoned so that it produces more flame and less smoke. Chimney fires occur more frequently than one might realize during the fall and winter months.

Keep portable generators outside and away from windows. Ensure they are as far away as possible from your home.

Be sure to test your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms to make sure they are properly functioning. Additionally, make sure that you have your furnace inspected and serviced within the last year.

Please ensure that fire hydrants are clear of snow and ice.

This will help us as well as you and your neighbors in the event of a fire. You may also see some of our members going around and clearing hydrants after a snowstorm to ensure that there are no delays in accessing water for a fire related incident.

Please remember to keep driveways easily accessible for emergency vehicles and keep them clear of any snow and ice.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 64,100 – Estimated home structure fires due to heating
- 540 – Estimated civilian fire deaths due to heating
- 1,400 – Estimated civilian fire injuries due to heating
- \$943 million – Estimated direct property damage due to heating fires
- 16% – Percentage of home fires that are heating fires (second behind cooking)
- 75% of civilians killed in home heating fires died in fires that involved (stationary or portable) space heaters
- 50% of home heating fires occurred in December, January and February

ANNUAL SANTA RUN

The High Bridge Fire Department will be holding its Annual Santa Run again this year with deliveries on December 7th and 14th. There will be a \$25 donation per household. Additional information can be obtained by emailing HBFDsantavisit@gmail.com

ANNUAL PICNIC/GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out this past June and July to support our Annual Picnic Fundraiser and Golf Outing. We hope that everyone had a great time at both events and enjoyed the live entertainment at our Annual Picnic. We look forward to hosting these events again next year.

USED CLOTHING SHED

There is a used clothing shed located in the rear of the parking lot. Acceptable items include clothing, sneakers, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes and stuffed toys. Donations go a long way in helping those in need. All donations are tax deductible.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY AWARENESS & PREPAREDNESS

As we survived the oppressive heat of summer 2019, thanks to neighbors and friends checking on one another and yes thanks to the AC units that kept running; at least in most of High Bridge.

During the really hot days of summer, did any of you have a neighbor that you were compelled to check on, or at least thought that you should check on because of one concern or the other? PLEASE tell them about “NJRegister Ready” so we know to check them the next time in the event you are not home. <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/Signin>; it’s a database that Emergency Management can access to notify local emergency responders to pre-plan for residents that could or would be in jeopardy due to a number of high risk emergency situations that could, determined by risk analysis transpire in their neighborhood.

FEMA warns us to be prepared to care for ourselves for at least the first 72 hours of the start of an emergency event. I would not expect my elderly parents to wait days through a crisis before they received some type of safety check. This is what makes “NJRegister Ready” such a significant resource for residents or concerned out of town families of residents.

Yes there is value and pride when you are able to help an elderly or in need neighbor through an emergency. Get them registered in “NJRegister Ready” and know they will be considered during emergency situations in their neighborhood.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

There are 12 residents on our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) that volunteer their time to stay trained, connected and the best part for them being involved in the process of getting back to normal. The members all have their own special interests and that is what makes the team such a diverse response asset in crisis.

The CERT members work in conjunction with police, Fire or Rescue whenever their services are requested toward that goal of “normal”. Twenty hours of training with classes typically held during the winter months provides the basics needed to transform you into a safe knowledgeable and aware resource that can be called upon in a local emergency.

Get involved and make a commitment to help your neighbors help you when the chips are down. Follow the links below to find out how you can prepare to help in an emergency.

- <https://highbridge.org/government/public-safety/emergency-management/>
- <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

High Bridge Borough

JOIN THE PSA LIST

Get information and alerts emailed to you about important information, including:

- Road construction projects
- Road closings
- Free family events
- Emergency alerts
- Public policies

Join Our EMAIL LIST

Full Form

First Name

Last Name

Email

Yes, I would like to receive emails from Borough of High Bridge. (You can unsubscribe anytime!)

Sign up

By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from: Borough of High Bridge, 87 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ, 08829. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the SafeUnsubscribe@ link, found at the bottom of every email. ([View a sample of our emails here](#))

Sign up on the home page at www.HighBridge.org

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