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HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Michele Lee

Happy New Year High Bridge! I hope each of you have enjoyed your holidays and the start of 2020.

There have been so many great things happening in our Borough and our Main Street is thriving. Many thanks to the High Bridge Business Association for their annual tree lighting ceremony and the first annual Main Street Christmas Party. High Bridge continues to be a great place to visit, start a business, live and raise a family.

The members of Council and I remain fully engaged in our community. Great communities are built and maintained on hometown pride and a spirit that encourages volunteerism and generates tremendous contributions. When people feel connected to something good, they engage in it, invest in it, believe in it, and do all they can to nurture and protect it, and encourage its growth. That is what we continue to build here together in High Bridge.

Our continued success depends, first and foremost, on the continued en-

gagement with our residents. Be on the lookout for our Volunteer Fair coming this May. Many of the committees have openings and need your help!

We finished out 2019 on a high note with two grants. The first, from NJ Department of Transportation, was for \$240,000 which will be used to finish the remaining portion of Washington Ave through to Watergate. This was the largest grant awarded by the DOT in all of Hunterdon County. The second grant received was from Hunterdon County Economic Development and was for \$4,500. This application was submitted by the volunteers in our own HB Economic Development Committee and will be used to redesign our website.

The long-awaited Streetscape project will finally begin this Spring and we look forward to a freshly paved road, improved parking and a new entrance to the Commons.

On a sad note, we said good-bye to Borough Administrator Mike Pap-

pas. Mike was deeply committed to our Borough and we wish him well in his new endeavor in Bridgewater. Our long-term Chief Financial Officer, Bonnie Fleming, has stepped up to take over the Borough Administrator responsibilities, and we will look to further develop several of the other dedicated Borough employees.

Don't forget to sign up to receive important emails from the Borough! Join the email list at www.highbridge.org.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as mayor over the last year. I am proud to continue to work alongside the six members of Council and to embrace the contributions of all our citizens. Our diversity strengthens and energizes us all.

Cheers!

MICHELE LEE, MAYOR



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908-638-6455 | www.highbridge.org

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

TAXES, UTILITIES & FINANCE

REMINDER: HIGH BRIDGE TAX & UTILITIES DUE

1st Quarter Taxes: February 3
1st Quarter Utilities: February 28

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

2nd Quarter Taxes: May 1
2nd Quarter Utilities: May 29

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

The Post Office will no longer forward mail addressed to our old location.

Payments are also accepted, for current accounts, with quarterly stub, at:

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Homestead Benefit Program

The Deadline to File Your 2017 Application was December 2, 2019.

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233

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

Property Tax Reimbursement Program

Information regarding the 2019 Application is not yet available. Applications are typically mailed to the last address you filed with. Allow several weeks for mailing. If you do not receive your booklet by March 1, contact:

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

Other Property Tax Benefits

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

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 UPDATE:

ORD# 2019-036 amended sections of the Snow Emergency Routes (SER) ORD# 184-36. The update provided for a definition of Snow Covered as overlaid, spread, or topped with frozen precipitation to include, but not limited to, snow, ice, etc. Additionally, subsection D was amended to: Vehicles parked on SER shall

be removed from the designated route once accumulation is as such that the road becomes snow covered. Should your vehicle be required to be removed from the roadway the ordinance provides for accommodations to 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.

*Brett J. Bartman
Chief of Police*



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

HIGH BRIDGE PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Emergencies happen and we all look to make sure we are ready for them. This article may fall into the arena of emergency management but has some important messages for the health and safety of family, friends and neighbors.

HOW READY ARE YOU FOR AN EMERGENCY?

FEMA has recommendations of supplies you should have at home as listed in www.ready.gov/. We recommend you print the list and have those items available at all times. You will also want to make sure friends and family are prepped and

ready. Pass this info on to them. It will make a difference if needed.

There is another important service that is provided in New Jersey for those that need extra assistance if an emergency occurs. The website to register is <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/>. If you or anyone else you know has a disability or a need for special assistance, please sign up on this site. Very important to note is you must renew this sign-up every year.

High Bridge is a community that is lucky to have a very active emergency services community. The fire

department, rescue squad, CERT, DPW and police department all work together to provide excellent response to emergencies we may have in town. They also get a list of those that have signed up on the emergency registry to ensure their safety.

It doesn't take much time to do basic preparations for the unexpected. Please take a moment to review the list. You will find you have much of it already. Also, please think of any family member, friend or neighbor that could use an extra assist and help them register on the emergency list.

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN 26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING 7:30pm	5	6	7 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	8
9	10 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	11 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	12	13 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	14 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	15
16	17 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED	18 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	19	20	21 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	22
23	24 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	25 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	26	27 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	28 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	29

Tuesday, February 4

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

Friday, February 7

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, February 10

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 13

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, February 14

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, February 17

BOROUGH HALL CLOSED

Tuesday, February 18

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Friday, February 21

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, February 24

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Thursday, February 27

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, February 28

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING 7:30pm	4	5	6 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	7
8	9 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	10 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	11	12 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	13 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	14
15	16	17 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	18	19	20 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	21
22	23 SPEAKER SERIES	24 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	25	26 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	27 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	28
29	30 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	31 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	APR 1	2	3	4

Tuesday, March 3

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

Friday, March 6

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, March 9

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 12

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, March 13

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Tuesday, March 17

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Friday, March 20

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, March 23

Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 24

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Thursday, March 26

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, March 27

6:30am - Recycling and garbage
pickup

Monday, March 30

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 31

6:30am - Garbage pickup

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAR 29	30	31	1	2	3 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	4
5	6	7 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING 7:30pm	8	9 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	10 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	11 EASTER EGG HUNT
12	13	14 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	15	16	17 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	18 RIVER CLEANUP
19	20 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	21 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	22	23 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	24 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	25 BOROUGH LITTER CLEAN UP DAY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT 8:30am
26	27 SPEAKER SERIES GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	28 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	29	30	MAY 1	2

Friday, April 3

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Tuesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 9

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, April 10

BOROUGH HALL CLOSED
6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Saturday, April 11

Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 14

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

Friday, April 17

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Saturday, April 18

River Cleanup

Monday, April 20

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Thursday, April 23

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, April 24

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Saturday, April 25

Borough Litter Clean Up Day
8:30am - Electronics Recycling Event

Monday, April 27

Speaker Series
7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

6:30am - Garbage pickup

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APR 26	27	28	29	30	1 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	2
3 SOLITUDE OPEN HOUSE	4	5 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING 7:30pm	6	7	8 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	9
10	11	12 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 7:30pm	13	14 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	15 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	16 TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE
17	18 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	19 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	20	21	22 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	23
24	25 BOROUGH HALL CLOSED GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:30pm	26 GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	27	28 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm	29 RECYCLING & GARBAGE PICKUP 6:30am	30 CONCERT IN THE COMMONS
31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5	6

Friday, May 1

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Sunday, May 3

Solitude Open House

Tuesday, May 5

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

Friday, May 8

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Tuesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 14

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, May 15

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Saturday, May 16

Town-wide Garage Sale

Monday, May 18

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Friday, May 22

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Monday, May 25

BOROUGH HALL CLOSED
7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 26

6:30am - Garbage pickup

Thursday, May 28

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, May 29

6:30am - Recycling and garbage pickup

Saturday, May 30

Concerts in the Commons

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Did you know?

School board members have to go through a criminal background check before taking office. This is a mandate that no other elected officials must go through. Before taking office, we undergo a criminal background check to ensure we haven't been convicted of crimes that would disqualify us for school board service. We have to adhere to a code of ethics. The Code of Ethics for School Board Members says, among other things, that board members will not administer schools but see that they are well-run; that board members will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed would injure individuals or the schools; and that board members will make decisions based on the educational welfare of children. Here is the entire code of ethics: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/ethics/coe.htm>

Board of Education Goals for 2019-2020

Goal 1 - Finalize a three year Strategic plan for the district with involvement/contribution from all stakeholders.

Progress - The strategic planning team continues to meet monthly.

Goal 2 - Create and implement an in-house training plan/mentoring program for new, current and future BOE members in all areas.

Progress - We are gathering information and training materials.

Goal 3 - The Board will work toward meeting the requirements to become a certified board through New Jersey School Board Association.

Progress - The board continues to meet with our NJSBA rep for trainings.

Goal 4 - Continue to research shared services opportunities.

Progress - The board continues to meet with neighboring districts.

High Bridge Board of Education 2020 Meeting Dates

January 6, 2020	Reorganization/Work Session
February 3, 2020	Work Session
March 9, 2020	Work Session
April 6, 2020	Work Session
May 11, 2020	Work Session
June 1, 2020	Work Session
August 10, 2020	Work Session
September 14, 2020	Work Session
October 5, 2020	Work Session
November 9, 2020	Work Session
December 7, 2020	Work Session

January 13, 2020	Regular Session
February 10, 2020	Regular Session
March 16, 2020	Regular Session/ Tentative Budget Approval
April 20, 2020	Regular Session - Public Hearing / Final Budget Approval
May 18, 2020	Regular Session
June 8, 2020	Regular Session
July 6, 2020	Regular Session
August 17, 2020	Regular Session
September 21, 2020	Regular Session
October 13, 2020	Regular Session (Tuesday)
November 16, 2020	Regular Session
December 14, 2020	Regular Session

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Current Board & Expiration of Terms of Office

Erin Delgado	December 31, 2020
Cindy Sharkey	December 31, 2020
Michele Corley	December 31, 2021
James Garner	December 31, 2021
Mindy Manahan	December 31, 2021
Karyn Gove	December 31, 2022
Robert Imhoff	December 31, 2022

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

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

We are very excited to start another school year. The HBSD believes in providing our students the best educational experience possible. We are proud of the academics our students achieve, not only here in district, but of the continued success at the high school level. High Bridge students are consistently named to the Honor Rolls at North and Voorhees High School. We are equally proud of the multiple opportunities available to our students outside the classroom, such as sports, music, and drama.

One of the most exciting changes this year is that High Bridge now offers res-

idents a free, full day preschool program, fully funded by the State of New Jersey. We are the only district in Hunterdon County to be awarded the state aid to fund this program.

We had a strong fall season for our student athletes. Our cross country team had a great showing at the Meet of Champions and our girl's volleyball team took home the Hunterdon County A Bracket Championship trophy this year. It should be noted, we are the only school in the Voorhees sending district to offer volleyball at the middle school level.

Our students give back to the community with activities such as the annual HBMS

food drive for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Student Leadership holiday decorating of Main Street, and HBES Environmental Club Columbia Trail clean-up.

We continue to invest in our students by offering programs such as TREP\$, which recently culminated in a very successful inaugural holiday marketplace.

As the year progresses, we will continue to aggressively seek out grants and programs that provide our students with the high level of education we all expect.

For more information, please visit our district website at hbschools.org.

High Bridge Elementary School

Our Elementary school has really been a busy place since our students returned in September. We continue to practice navigating our town safely with our monthly walk to school with our staff and students. We have had almost 65% of our students participate. We completed our mural project highlighting individual differences with each student and staff member painting a section. The school and community came together for our annual community day event, with many visitors com-

ing in to share all of the wonderful services we have here in High Bridge!

The day culminated in a Color Fun Run as our fundraiser for our amazing PTO organization. The teachers have continued their work with the Rutgers Center for Literacy to continue to refine our writing curriculum. We are all looking forward to our Family Reading Challenge for the winter - sponsored by our PTO.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

High Bridge Middle School

The 2019-20 school year has gotten off to an outstanding start at High Bridge Middle School. We continue to provide a rigorous and challenging academic experience for all of our students. Our primary academic focus this year is to strengthen our math, ELA and science programs. In order to achieve that goal we have been analyzing data and identifying areas of focus. One important highlight has been an emphasis on developing financial literacy skills. This year the middle school has implemented an after school entrepreneurial program called TREP\$. Through this program the students are challenged to design a product or service, market it

to the community and then sell it at a marketplace event.

With a continued emphasis on a well-rounded education, fun and exciting activities have been plentiful. In October the Student Leadership representatives along with Wingman advisors attend Camp Bernie as a means of bonding, and developing skills related to teamwork. We also brought back the Halloween parade which is a student and staff favorite. In November the first Middle School Dance was held for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. We brought back our proud tradition of conducting an 8th grade vs Faculty Volleyball game

and we continued the tradition of our annual Lip Sync contest. From a sports perspective we celebrate our Volleyball and Cross Country teams who both had outstanding years and look forward to our winter Basketball seasons.

As we head toward Spring we look forward to other traditional outstanding opportunities including Field Trips, Concerts, the Annual Musical – which this year will be The Lion King Jr. and we're already planning for end of the year 8th grade activities such as the Lock-In, Dinner Dance, Washington DC and Graduation.

HIGH BRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Are you interested in the history of High Bridge? Would you like to help preserve the rich heritage of High Bridge for the future? The High Bridge Historical Committee needs you!

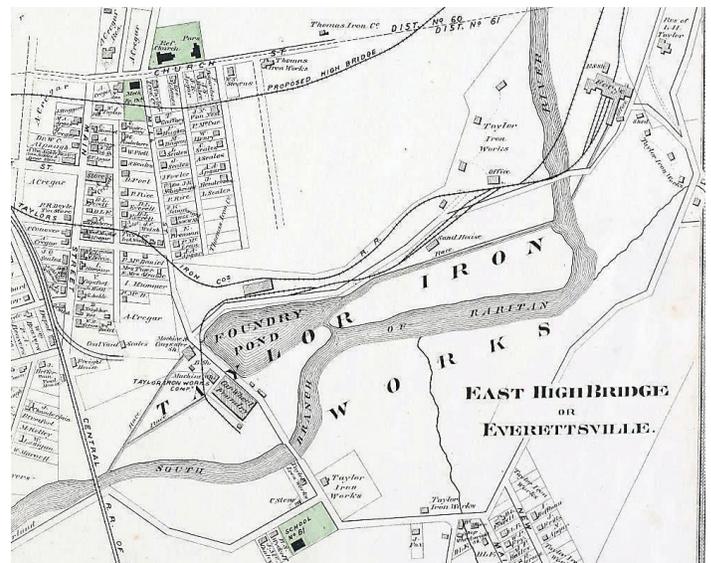
The Committee helps to maintain High Bridge historic properties including Solitude House. We endeavor to preserve and display historic artifacts, including a Taylor-Wharton dredge bucket, TISCO foundry patterns, items from Exact Level and Tool Manufacturing Company and more. We present a speaker series on High Bridge and other local history throughout the year.

Planned topics for 2020 include:

- New Discoveries about High Bridge History
- History of High Bridge – 1742 to today
- Flying Saucers Over High Bridge: Howard Menger, a forgotten citizen
- and more!

Recent events at Solitude House have included a model railroad display and an antique clock display.

You can help with research, site maintenance, developing and running events and more. There are many opportuni-



ties for community service hours and projects. There's lots to learn and do: develop new skills and meet your neighbors. You could become a regular member as well as be a "friend" of the committee. Volunteers are welcome!

Come join us at one of our regular Committee Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Borough Hall, 7:00-9:00PM. Contact us at: heritage@highbridge.org.

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Lynn Hughes / Councilwoman

Caught Being Green

2019 Award Recipients - Robert and Susan Haake



Robert and Susan Haake are hereby the recipients of the annual **Borough of High Bridge Environmental Commission's 2019 Green Award** in recognition of their active volunteer involvement in the borough's Green Team activities.

They were instrumental partners with our Roots for River project assisting with the removal of invasive trees and shrubs, preparation and proper plant selection, as well as placement and planting. They also assisted with The Commons Bike Trail project by assessing the area and developing a restoration plan.

Environmentally conscientious residents, Robert and Susan make their contribution to our town in a quiet way not looking for any recognition, just taking pride in our town and doing their part to keep High Bridge an environmentally sustainable place to live. For example, as

they were passing by the Commons restoration project during a leisurely hike, Bob and Sue noticed work needed to be done, went home to get tools, returned and worked until sundown. Congratulations to the Bob and Sue Haake! We appreciate your volunteer spirit!

This annual award was started in 2007 by the Environmental Commission to recognize High Bridge residents who have been observed on a regular basis going out of their way to be environmentally responsible citizens. Visit highbridge.org for past award recipients.

Nominations are open for the 2020 "Caught Being Green" Award

The High Bridge Environmental Commission is always looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any HB resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible by Nov. 1, 2020. The environmental commission will vote on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

Enjoy Our Open Space

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

- Walk or bike the **Columbia Trail**, **Nassau Trails**, or the new **Commons 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 Solitude House

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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 commission. 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

Tree City

High Bridge is dedicated to protecting and increasing the Borough's stock of trees.

The High Bridge Environmental Commission undertakes activities necessary to obtain annual re-certification of the designation of “Tree City Community”. One of the activities is to hold an annual Arbor Day tree planting in April. We encourage residents to support this day by planting a tree. If you do not have room for a tree on your property, you can always donate a tree to the borough for one of our parks. Contact Councilwoman Lynn Hughes if you would like to donate a tree. lhughes@highbridge.org

Townwide Litter Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Litter clean up day is sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Commission in conjunction with our electronics recycling day.

We ask everyone to take a few minutes of your day to walk a section of your street and pick up any litter you see. Separate recyclables from trash and please place the items collected out on your next scheduled recycling or trash collection day. If you find any large items, too heavy to carry, please notify Borough Hall at 638-6455.

We would very much appreciate an email left on our town website as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found. lhughes@highbridge.org

Memorial Day Ceremony

Saturday, May 23, 2020 11:00 AM

CK Hoffman Memorial Park

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

Come and remember with us.

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

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 Emeraldashborer.nj.gov

Spotted Lanternfly is in our Town

What to do if you see egg masses: scrape them off, double bag and throw away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol, bleach, or hand sanitizer to kill them. Report only large masses of lanternflies or eggs. You can take a picture with your GPS function turned on and submit picture to SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov or if you can't take a picture, call and leave a detailed message of your sighting location and your contact information at 1-833-223-2840

Weeding Community Service 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. Union Forge Park, Commons Park, and Main St. mini park are the areas in need of weeding. For more information contact lhughes@highbridge.org

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 lawn and garden trimmings. Keep them off the streets.
 - Take motor oil to the recycling center.
 - Pick up litter in the street.
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HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Please Recycle

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

CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

** By law televisions and computers cannot be recycled at curbside.*

Please hold your electronics for our annual April electronics recycling event. (April 25, 2020) Along with all electronics, freon containing items and white goods will be collected at this one day spring event. You can also take electronics to the County Electronics Recycling collection days. Check the County website for dates and times.

All recyclable material, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail and cardboard, may be commingled and combined with other recyclable items, including glass of any color, aluminum: cans, CLEAN foil sheets and pans, tin, paper and plastic #s 1 - 7, any size and any shape. In order to prepare your commingled and combined recyclables for collection, you have three options:

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

PIZZA BOXES ARE NOT RECYCLABLE.

(see website for reasons)

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

RECYCLING DATES AND COLLECTION PROCESS

To make recycling as convenient as possible, curbside collection occurs every other week. The recycling dates are listed on the town website.

Take a few minutes to copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder.

PUT RECYCLING OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICK-UP DAY.

Collection begins early in the morning. If your recycling is not out when the truck goes by, please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day. Bring recycling receptacles back into your yard by the end of the 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 next day to pick them up.

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

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Please Recycle

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!

INK JET RECYCLING

The High Bridge Elementary School Environmental Club collects used ink jet cartridges to recycle. A marked collection box is on the recycling shelf just inside the back door of the Borough library on Main Street.

The Environmental Commission will periodically collect the items from the collection boxes to recycle.

ONE DAY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Back by popular demand, we will be holding our annual town wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Union Forge Park.

This one day event is for High Bridge residents only. You will have to bring proof of residency to drop off items (drivers license or utility bill with street address). Employees of HB businesses may also participate. Bring proof of work address.

Location: Union Forge Park Parking Lot

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

Recycling Provided by: Supreme Computer & Electronics Recycling Inc.

This covers the removal and recycling of the freon from each appliance and providing the necessary recycling certificates. If you are bringing freon items, please bring **exact cash** or a **check** made out to the Borough of High Bridge.

We will accept any item with a plug that is non-hazardous.

Note: No light bulbs accepted

LIST OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS THAT WILL BE RECYCLED:

Electronic Equipment

Computers, Mice, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Cables, TV's, Personal Digital Assistants, Stereos, VCR's, DVD players, Video equipment, Radios, Flat panel displays, Video game players, Copy machines, Fax machines, Phones, Cell phones, Answering machines, Tape recorders, Reel to reel tape players, Medical electronics, Surveillance equipment, Toasters, Microwaves

Freon items

Refrigerators, Air conditioners, dehumidifiers * with \$10/item fee

Essentially anything with a plug that is non-hazardous

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

visit highbridge.org

call Borough Hall 638-6455

call Lynn Hughes project coordinator at 638-8887

**** Important: There will be a \$10 fee per freon item.**

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Veterans Park Signage Free

Thank you for being respectful of this special area and helping to keep it sign free. Private business signs will be taken down.

Pedestrian Safety Checklist

- ✔ Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- ✔ Walk facing traffic.
- ✔ Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- ✔ Be aware that sun glare reduces driver visibility
- ✔ Wear white clothing or reflectors or carry a light when walking at night.
- ✔ When driving, be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones and be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.
- ✔ Reminder: when walking through the Arches tunnel stay close to the side as it is difficult for drivers to see walkers in the tunnel.
- ✔ For more pedestrian safety information visit www.gohunterdon.org

It's Time for Lyme

Please keep in mind the following Lyme information and prevention tips:

- Ticks become more active once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees
- 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.

Raritan River Clean Up Day Volunteer Opportunity

Sat., April 18, 2020

9am – 11 am

Union Forge Park

Meet at Union Forge Park to sign in and pick up collection bags, gloves, snacks, and a free volunteer tee shirt. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Online registration at www.raritanheadwaters.org

Looking Ahead: Save the Date

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 2020 9AM - 11AM

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Finer

HIGH BRIDGE RESIDENTS

Please be sure to check your driveway to ensure that it is clear of all low hanging branches and vegetation. Please ensure that it is accessible to all fire apparatus in the event of an emergency. Any questions regarding driveway access may be directed to the High Bridge Fire Department at (908) 638-6383. Thank you for your cooperation.

DID YOU KNOW?

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February. Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.

WINTER REMINDERS

- Please ensure that hydrants are clear of snow and ice. This will help us as well as you and your neighbors.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.
- Plug only one heating appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least ten feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As you are cleaning out this Spring, don't forget about fire safety:

- Test your smoke alarms, and replace any alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.

- Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.

PET FIRE SAFETY

- Pets are curious. They bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

2020 LINE OFFICERS

Chief - Jeff Smith

Deputy Chief - Sean Smith

Captain - Kevin Ritz

Lieutenants - Tom Crampton, Tim Hinson, Brandon Frech, James Crampton

We look forward to serving the residents of High Bridge and the surrounding community!

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 helping those in need. All donations are tax deductible.

HUNTERDON HUSKIES FOOTBALL & CHEER

The Hunterdon Huskies Football and Cheer program call High Bridge their home. We welcome athletes from all over Hunterdon county to participate in our program that focuses on the development of each athlete both on and off the field.

This year two of our cheer teams have placed in the Jersey Shore and Big East Regional Cheer Competition and are excited to travel to Florida for a shot at the National Title. Also, our 11U football team had the opportunity to advance to the playoffs.

Our registration for the 2020 season opens up in February - please visit hunterdonhuskies.org for more information. We will be holding information sessions in March and April for those interested in learning more about our athlete focused program.

High Bridge Adult Softball League

at Union Forge Park

Accepting New
Teams to Join the
2020 Adult
Softball season!

- Men's & Women's Leagues (run separate, no co-ed)
- Men ages 21+, April-July, Tues/Thurs @ 6:30 PM
- Women ages 18+, May-July, Mon/Wed @ 6:30 PM

Teams typically acquire local sponsor
to assist with team costs.

Contact Jen at JenTort@hotmail.com or (908) 816-7092

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4

Rain Date: April 11

Union Forge Park

High Bridge Community Night

at Somerset Patriots

Don't miss! Chorus to perform the 7th
inning stretch, "Take Me Out to the Ball
Game" and Fireworks!

May 16th

Discounted tickets purchased through the Group Portal <https://www.somersetpatriots.com/tickets/groupportal/> and use the password HIGHBRIDGE

HIGH BRIDGE 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**

In March is the Blue & Gold ceremony where the pack's 5th grade Arrow of Light scouts will bridge over to Troop 149 so they can continue their scouting path. The pack wishes them luck on their journey, and the troop looks forward to continuing their development towards independence and leadership as they start their path to Eagle Scout.

Our Spring food drive to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry will be on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Bags will be dropped off a few weeks prior to pick-up so please

look for them. We usually collect around 3,000 pounds of food per food drive, which is desperately needed by the pantry to be able to serve the needs of local families.

Please consider helping by placing a bag of food out for collection.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

The pack has had a great year of activities so far including a special forensics presentation by Lisa Desire from Prime Suspect. The Cubs have also been very active in community service projects such as the Veterans Day ceremonies and the Wreaths Across America activities. 2020 brings more fun such as a Winter Overnight trip on the Battleship New Jersey, our spring family campout at Echo Hill and of course the Pinewood Derby!

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 to earn awards. Thanks to all who supported our annual popcorn fundraiser.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 149

The troop just finished competing in the Hunterdon County Klondike Derby. It was a chance to compete with other scout troops in the area to demonstrate mastery of scoutcraft skills, as well as practice our winter camping skills. We also visited the Lyon's Veterans Home to spend time with the residents playing games and having refreshments. We have a winter campout in February complete with dog sledding in upper NY. Our annual cabin campout is coming in a few weeks, and we'll

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HIGH BRIDGE SCOUTS

spend the weekend practicing first aid skills. This will be followed by an early Spring multi-night backpacking trip in April along the AT by High Point State Park.

To help fund our activities each year we raise money with our Annual Pulled Pork Luncheon (\$8) during the town-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 16th (11-3). We'll be located at the High Bridge Rescue Squad with a satellite

location in the "flea market" section at Union Forge Park (weather permitting). We're a self-supporting, volunteer led, community youth organization. Without the money raised with this luncheon we couldn't do all the fun things that help the scouts grow and learn each year. Please help the troop out by stopping for lunch while you cruise the town's garage sale.

Thank You,

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Play Anytime Monday-Friday, Excluding Holidays, and after 12PM on Weekends and Holidays

\$1,950 Public | \$1,625 High Bridge Resident

WEEKDAY

Play Anytime Monday-Friday, Excluding Holidays

\$1,400 Public | \$1,175 High Bridge Resident

TWILIGHT

Play Any Day After 2PM In-Season, After 1PM Off-Season

\$1,200 Public | \$999 High Bridge Resident

ADD ONS TO ANY MEMBERSHIP

\$800 Spouse | \$350 Junior 17 or Under

VISIT THE GOLF SHOP FOR DETAILS!

*All Memberships expire 12/31 of stated year.
Benefits are non-transferable and non-refundable.*

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