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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hey High Bridge-

Welcome to the new normal. High Bridge, Hunterdon County, and all of New Jersey have taken extraordinary steps to do our part to flatten the curve. The closing of the schools, municipal buildings, parks, and restaurants may all seem extreme, but these drastic measures are necessary if we are to manage this virus, protect our seniors and immunocompromised individuals, and reduce the stress to our hospitals and long term care facilities.

We are all feeling the disruption to our lives, and at least as of this writing, we should expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.

I am in awe of our first responders who continue to place themselves in harm's way in order to keep us safe throughout this pandemic. While most of us have been able to protect ourselves by staying home, practicing social distancing, and wearing face masks, those who have chosen public service as their calling often do not have that same luxury.

Whether it is fighting fires, patrolling our neighborhoods, providing emergency health services or fixing a water line, maintaining physical distance to protect themselves is not an option for our front-line workers. At times of crisis, they do what needs to be done in the service to others, often placing themselves at risk in the process. As Mayor, I am humbled by and grateful for their dedication.

A lot has happened since the Governor's first Executive Order. It seems like ages ago that learning was in a classroom and not at home. As I reflect on this, I would like to give a special thank you to our schoolteachers and leaders for seeking creative ways to connect with parents and students in High Bridge, especially given such short notice. I know we are all anxious to return to normal, but until then, engaging students through technology seems to be working.

Our local business owners and operators have always supported High Bridge, and they are now working diligently both to stay in business and help make our lives as comfortable and as normal as possible. Let us all continue to do our part and help them back, shop local and keep the dollars here.

As more testing becomes available, and we have seen a steady increase in positive tests, a new debate on when, and how to reopen the parks and businesses that have been temporarily shut down is underway. While I still believe that the current Stay at Home order is necessary, it is also a good time to look forward to what life will look like after the Executive Order is lifted. The safety of our residents will always be the number one priority.

Changing gears, I would like to remind everyone that every 10 years the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the

United States. Data from the Census provides the basis for distributing \$675 Billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs such as housing, education, transportation, employment, healthcare and public policy.

Responding to the Census is not only our civic duty, it also affects the amount of funding our community receives. Everyone should have received their Census in the mail, but now for the first time ever you can also respond online at www.My2020census.gov in less time than it takes to drink a cup of coffee.

One thing I have been uplifted by daily these last two months is the broad sense of community within our Borough during this crisis. The outreach of neighbors stepping up to volunteer to do shopping, sew masks, make donations of Personal Protective Equipment or food to our local foodbanks has been more than encouraging. It shows who we really are, and how we work together for the common good. It brings me hope and confidence in our future. Stay safe and stay strong High Bridge!

Michele Lee, Mayor



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

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PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST!

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

97 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

908-638-6455 | www.highbridge.org

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

TAXES, UTILITIES & FINANCE

REMINDER: TAX & UTILITIES DUE

3rd Quarter Taxes : August 1
4th Quarter Taxes: November 1

3rd Quarter Utilities : August 31
4th Quarter Utilities : November 30

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:

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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55 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ 08809

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BOROUGH HALL**

Homestead Benefit Program
Credits have not yet been released by the State.

Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233
www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml

Property Tax Reimbursement Program

Applications for the 2019 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: **November 2, 2020.**

Applications are also available on the Borough website www.highbridge.org if you did not receive one in the mail.

The Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program, now in its twenty-second year, reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the applicant's "base year" and the property taxes for the current year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.

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

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<> Removals <> Minor Grading / Surface Drainage
<> Lawn Repair <> Storm / Seasonal Cleanup <>

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HIGH BRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police

120-9. LICENSE AND TAG REQUIRED; PLACING TAG ON DOG.

[AMENDED 2-28-2008 BY ORD. NO. 2008-3]

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age, that is, which has obtained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth, shall for current year starting on January 2 and no later than June 30 to avoid a late fee, apply for and procure from the Clerk of the Borough of High Bridge or other official designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs in the Borough a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

120-30. RUNNING AT LARGE.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets or in any public park, in any public building or in any other public place within the municipality or on the private property of any person other than the dog owner.

ORDINANCE #2013-21

A. Degree of control required.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public or private streets or in any public park/open space area unless such dog is accompanied by a person and is securely confined and controlled by a leash, cord, or chain so that the dog does not come in physical contact

with any person or pet without the consent of the person or, in the case of a pet, the consent of the person responsible for or who has control of the pet.

184-10.1 TRAILER PARKING.

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

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

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

- Child and Booster Safety checks are held at the High Bridge Police Department (99 West Main Street) by appointment for High Bridge Borough residents. Contact Patrolman Jeffrey Andruczyk at (908) 638-6500 or email hbpdan-druczyk@comcast.net to schedule an appointment. This is a free service offered to residents.
- Planning a vacation? House check applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department. Residential property checks are a free service offered to residents.

- Temporary Parking placards are issued for 6 months, with one 6 month renewal allowed. Applications are available at the High Bridge Police Department or http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Temp.pdf All completed applications must be submitted to the municipal police department and are approved by the Chief of Police.
- The High Bridge Police Department has partnered with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs in an effort to halt the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs through the installation of a permanent prescription drop off box at police headquarters. We invite members of the public to utilize our Project Medicine Drop site and dispose of any unused prescription medications anonymously 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Materials Accepted: Household medications i.e. pills, capsules, patches and pet medications. Please remove any prescription labels prior to the disposal. Materials NOT Accepted: Liquids, syringes, mail and trash. More info: www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop. Location: High Bridge Police Department 99 West Main Street, High Bridge, New Jersey 08829



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

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 31	JUNE 1	2 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Economic Development Meeting 7:30pm	3	4	5 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	6 Free Fishing Day -TBD
7	8	9 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Environmental Commission Meeting 7:30pm	10	11 Council Meeting 7:30pm	12 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	13 Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
14	15 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	16 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	17 Events Committee Meeting	18	19 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	20
21	22 Speaker Series	23 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	24 Historical Committee Meeting	25 Council Meeting 7:30pm	26 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	27 Borough Litter Clean Up Day Commons Recycling Open 9:00am Paper Shredding Event 9:00am-Noon
28	29 Green Team Meeting 7:30pm	30 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	JUL 1	JUL 2	JUL 3	JUL 4

Tuesday, June 2

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

Friday, June 5

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, June 6

Free Fishing Day - TBD (Lake Solitude)

Tuesday, June 9

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

Thursday, June 11

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, June 12

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, June 13

9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Monday, June 15

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 16

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, June 17

Events Committee Meeting

Friday, June 19

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Monday, June 22

Speaker Series

Tuesday, June 23

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, June 24

Historical Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 25

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, June 26

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, June 27

Borough Litter Clean Up Day
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open
9:00am-Noon - Paper Shredding Event

Monday, June 29

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUN 28	JUN 29	JUN 30	1	2	3 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	4 4th Of July Celebration
5	6	7 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Economic Development Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	11 Concerts in the Commons Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
12 Solitude Open House	13	14 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Environmental Commission Meeting 7:30pm	15 Events Committee Meeting	16 Council Meeting 7:30pm	17 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	18 High Bridge Day at Somerset Patriots
19	20 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	21 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	22 Historical Committee Meeting	23	24 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	25 Electronics Recycling Event 8:30am-Noon Concerts in the Commons Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
26	27 Green Team Meeting 7:30pm	28 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	29	30	31 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	AUG 1

Friday, July 3

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, July 4

4th Of July Celebration (Commons Park)

Tuesday, July 7

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

Friday, July 10

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, July 11

Concerts In The Commons
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Sunday, July 12

Solitude Open House

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

Events Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, July 17

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, July 18

High Bridge Day at Somerset Patriots

Monday, July 20

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, July 22

Historical Committee Meeting

Friday, July 24

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, July 25

Concerts In The Commons
8:30am-Noon - Electronics Recycling Event
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Monday, July 27

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Friday, July 31

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUL 26	JUL 27	JUL 28	JUL 29	JUL 30	JUL 31	1
2	3	4 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Economic Development Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	8 Concerts in the Commons Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
9 Solitude Open House	10	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 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	18 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	19 Events Committee Meeting	20	21 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	22 Concerts in the Commons Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
23	24 Speaker Series	25 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	26 Historical Committee Meeting	27	28 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	29
30	31 Green Team Meeting 7:30pm	SEPT 1	SEPT 2	SEPT 3	SEPT 4	SEPT 5

Tuesday, August 4

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

Friday, August 7

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, August 8

Concerts In The Commons
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Sunday, August 9

Solitude Open House

Tuesday, August 11

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

Thursday, August 13

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, August 14

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Monday, August 17

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, August 19

Events Committee Meeting

Friday, August 21

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, August 22

Concerts In The Commons
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Monday, August 24

Speaker Series

Tuesday, August 25

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, August 26

Historical Committee Meeting

Friday, August 28

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Monday, August 31

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUG 30	AUG 31	1 Garbage Pickup 6:30am Economic Development Meeting 7:30pm	2	3	4 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	5
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 Community Day Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
13 Solitude Open House	14	15 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	16 Events Committee Meeting	17	18 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	19 Town-wide Garage Sale 9:00am-Noon
20 Rain Date: Town-wide Garage Sale 9:00am-Noon	21 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	22 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	23 Historical Committee Meeting	24 Council Meeting 7:30pm	25 Recycling & Garbage Pickup 6:30am	26 Salsa Night Sizzle Commons Recycling Open 9:00am
27	28 Green Team Meeting 7:30pm	29 Garbage Pickup 6:30am	30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3

Tuesday, September 1

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

Friday, September 4

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Tuesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 10

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, September 11

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, September 12

Community Day (Union Forge Park)
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Sunday, September 13

Solitude Open House

Tuesday, September 15

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, September 16

Events Committee Meeting

Friday, September 18

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, September 19

9:00am-Noon - Town-wide Garage Sale

Sunday, September 20

9:00am-Noon - Rain Date: Town-wide
Garage Sale

Monday, September 21

7:30pm - Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

Wednesday, September 23

Historical Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 24

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday, September 25

6:30am - Recycling And Garbage Pickup

Saturday, September 26

Salsa Night Sizzle (Main Street/Commons
Park)
9:00am - Commons Recycling Open

Monday, September 28

7:30pm - Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

6:30am - Garbage Pickup

**FOR A LIST OF ALL 2020 EVENTS,
VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR AT HIGHBRIDGE.ORG**

Historical Speaker Series: August 24 and October 26

Solitude Open Houses: July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 6, December 13

Town-wide Garage Sale: September 19 (Rain Date: September 20)

Concerts in the Commons: July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22

Soap Box Derby: TBD

Adventure Race: TBD

Pooch Parade: October 10, Commons Park (Rain Date: October 11)

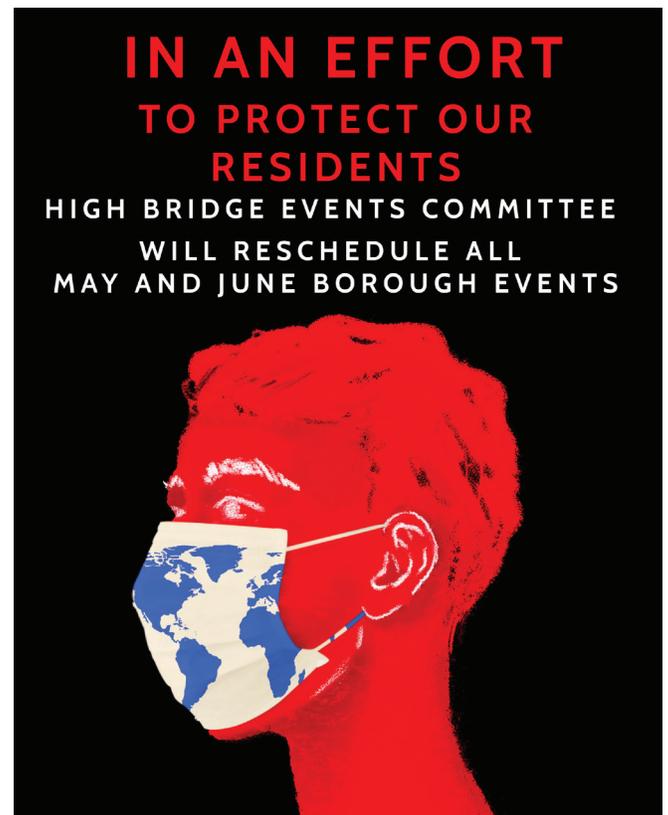
Community Day: September 12 (Rain or Shine) Union Forge Park

Salsa Night Sizzle: Dance and Live Orchestra, September 26, Commons Park

HBBA's Annual Howl-O-Ween Market and Parade: October 31 (Rain Date November 1), Commons Park

Paint Out: November 8, Location TBD

Some rescheduled event dates have yet to be determined...



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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The 2019-20 school year may not be winding down in our traditional fashion but we have much to highlight about the remaining school year:

- We are very proud and excited to announce that High Bridge was the only school district in Hunterdon County to be awarded a grant to fund a full day preschool program free to High Bridge residents. Children must reside in High Bridge and be 3 or 4 years old by October 1, 2020. Please see our website for more information.
- Danielle Weber, Middle School English/Language Arts teacher and Bhavna Sharma, Elementary School Instructional Paraprofessional were recognized as High Bridge's Educators of the Year.
- We answered the call from our community for donations. HBSD was able to donate masks, gloves and other vital supplies to the High Bridge Police Department and Hunterdon Medical Center.

This brings us to our current situation. As you know in March, Governor Murphy ordered all NJ public school buildings to be closed. While the district had plans for this possibility, the order was put into effect sooner than anticipated. With less than a day to prepare, our april teachers transitioned from in-person, face to face teaching to a new socially distant, virtual learning world. They rose to the challenge - adapting lesson plans, using technology and social media to keep our students engaged. Thank you High Bridge teachers for continuing to show why we have such a strong district. Thank you to our staff who work to assure that our families in need are receiving meals, to our custodial staff who continue to keep our buildings safe and clean, ready to reopen as soon as possible. And finally, a heartfelt thank you to our parents, students and community for your patience and cooperation throughout these unprecedented times. We hope to see you back in the classrooms soon!

Please remember to check our website www.hbschools.org or our visit our district Facebook page for up to date information.

High Bridge Board of Education

The High Bridge Board of Education is thankful to our staff, administration and parents who have risen to the challenge of providing the best education possible for our students during this challenging time due to Covid-19. Everyone has had to deal with a new way of teaching and learning and, as always, High Bridge has come together as a community to ensure that our students are engaged and learning. The Board continued to work with administration and held virtual board meetings. On April 27th the board passed the budget for the 2020-2021 school year. The budget presentation is available on the district website. The Board and NJ School Boards Association stay in close contact. The Board is able to attend county meetings and training virtually as we await updates from Governor Murphy in regards to schools . We hope by the time our article is posted in the Bridge that we will be returning to the new normal. Until then the Board will continue to meet virtually bimonthly. Information on these meetings is on the district website and is sent out via email blast. Questions or concerns for the Board should be directed to the Business Administrator once proper chain of command has been followed.

www.hbschools.org/hbs/

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

High Bridge Elementary School

These past few weeks have been challenging for all of us, but the staff here at the elementary school is doing their best to keep the students engaged and learning, and supporting the families as they transition to distance learning. Before this unprecedented shift our primary students were preparing for their musical production of **Bugz**, we are still hoping to get back to school to allow them to show off their singing and dancing skills. Our 3rd and 4th graders were working and studying in preparation for their state testing in May, which has now been cancelled for the year. As students and families have made the transition to distance learning our teachers have also met and exceeded what any of us felt would be possible. We wish the entire High Bridge Community well, as we anxiously await the students return to our buildings!

High Bridge Middle School

As we move through these unprecedented and challenging times we wanted to take a minute to let the community know how High Bridge Middle School students and teachers have been leading the way in promoting distance learning. While many other schools have struggled with this challenge the High Bridge team has been incredibly successful in this endeavor. Each day the teachers share thoughtful and creative assignments with their students. In many cases these are based on project based learning activities with an emphasis on student discovery. In addition teacher led instruction has continued to flourish as teachers and students continue to meet virtually using video casting such as Google Meet and Screencast software. We will continue to support the community and work through these challenging times in a positive and successful manner. As a school we wish you and your family good health and look forward to a return to our traditional ways.



*Congratulations
to the High Bridge
2020 Graduates!*

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or at gtaiani.emeritus@pace.edu**

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PRESCHOOL

2020-2021 Registration—Open Now

High Bridge School District offers a free full day creative learning program for children ages 3-4

Children must reside in High Bridge, NJ and be 3 or 4 years old by October 1st, 2020.

Visit <http://www.hbschools.org/hbs/Elementary%20School/Preschool/> to complete registration forms now.



High Bridge Elementary School

40 Fairview Ave., High Bridge, NJ

Contact—Lisa Fallon at fallonl@hbschools.org
Or call 908-638-4512

CHILD FIND - If you are concerned your preschool child is developing or learning differently, you can call High Bridge School District Special Services to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services. For more information, call 908-638-4512.

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HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Lynn Hughes, Councilwoman

Events: Friday Flicks Cancelled

Due to lack of donations, we sadly must cancel our summer outdoor movie series for 2020.

It's Time for Lyme

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

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

Wet Wipes Awareness

Disinfectant wipes and baby care wipes cannot be flushed in the toilet! Some of the products are labeled as "flushable" — a characterization contested by wastewater officials. Just because an item says it can be flushed doesn't mean it should be.

Flushable wipes are marketed in a variety of ways, such as "breaks down like toilet paper" and "safe for sewer and septic." The problem is that they appear to take longer to break down when compared to traditional toilet paper, and as a result have caused major blockages in sewer systems. Wet wipes, which do not disintegrate the way traditional toilet paper does, often combine with other materials, like congealed grease, which can clog and damage plumbing. Wipes that clog pipes can lead to blockages that can cause sewage overflow into basements or streams.

Please do not flush these items. Instead, bag them and place them in your garbage for collection.

Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regulations

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

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 uses more fuel than restarting the engine.
- 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).

Take the No-Idling pledge!

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

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Mulch Volcanoes and the Threats They Pose to Valuable Trees

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

Volcano mulching may cause:

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

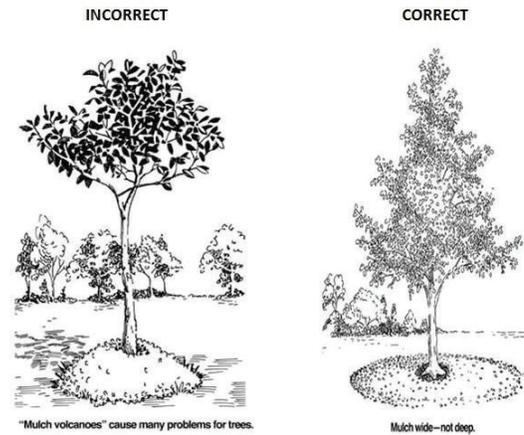
Proper mulching is very beneficial to trees. Spread mulch 2-4 inches deep to the drip line of the tree if possible; do not let the mulch touch the trunk. The mulch should form a flat, not mounded, donut, with the trunk in the center. Organic mulches (bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, etc) are preferred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

Benefits of mulch include:

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

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

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



Wildlife Habitat Community

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

To learn what you can do to support our efforts visit www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Home

Tree City

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. High Bridge is one of 3,400 communities that have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City. We achieved Tree City USA status in 2010 by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Help us maintain our Tree City Status by planting a tree.

Weeding Opportunities

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

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Curbside Recycling

Do's

High Bridge Recycling

Don'ts

Never place the following in the recycling container

Paper and Newspaper

Flattened Cardboard

Metal Cans

Plastic Bottle and Jugs

Keep all recyclable free of food and liquid. Empty. Clean. Dry.

Keep recycling loose. Never put recyclables in containers or bags.

Plastic Bags & Wrappers

Soiled Paper

Styrofoam

Clothing and Shoes

Pizza Boxes

Tools

Food

Toys

Electronics & Batteries

Construction Waste

Medical

Yard Waste

Diapers

Scrap Metal

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

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

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

The Borough has streamlined its curbside recycling collection process.

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

There are two 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. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garbage Collection Reminder Collection out & in Requirements

Trash containers should be placed curbside the night before collection day to avoid missing an early pick up. Containers must be brought back from the curb on the day of collection. Residents will be contacted if empty containers are left out overnight after collection day on a consistent basis. [Amended 6-13-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-13]

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Townwide Litter Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Commission in conjunction with our community document shredding and rigid plastic recycling day.

We ask everyone to take a few minutes of your day to walk a section of your street and pick up any litter you see. If you find any large items, too heavy to carry, please notify Borough Hall at 638-6455.

Document Recycling Event

Saturday, June 27, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 am

Union Forge Park

Watch as your documents are shredded.

Open to: High Bridge Residents & Businesses

Anyone who works in the Borough High Bridge Schools and Voorhees High School staff

Sorry, **No Rigid Plastic Recycling Event this year.**

For more information contact collection coordinator lhughes@highbridge.org

Electronics Recycling

We had to cancel our annual April electronics recycling event due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Look for a public service announcement on a re-scheduled date.

You can also check the Hunterdon County website for dates and times of the county electronics recycling.

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

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

Enjoy our Open Space

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

- * Walk or bike the **Columbia, Commons, or Nassau Trails**.
- * Relax with a good book in the quiet area of the **Commons**.
- * Take the kids to **Union Forge Park** for active recreation.
- * View the **Solitude Falls** from the **sitting area** off the Columbia Trail.
- * Follow the well marked **Taylor Steel Workers Historic Trail** to the historic Forge and on to Solitude House.
- * Hike our recently created hiking trail that runs from the Commons parking lot up to Larrison Rd. / Cregar Avenue (streets behind the Deli)

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

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

Commons Park Donation Opportunity

We are looking to add a few more picnic tables and park benches in our Commons Park. If you are a High Bridge business or organization and want to donate a new bench or picnic table, we will be happy to place a nameplate on the item purchased. If interested in making a donation, please contact Councilwoman Lynn Hughes at lhughes@highbridge.org or call borough hall 638-6455.

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“Caught Being Green”

The Environmental Commission is looking for environmentally responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any HB resident you have observed going out of their way to be environmentally responsible. Check out past Green Award recipients on the environmental commission page of our town web site at highbridge.org

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

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!

What can you do to help?

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

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

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

Dry Out Paint to Place in Regular Trash

1. Check the label for lead or hazardous materials. Check County web site for their hazardous waste collection.

2. Remove the lid and let the paint air dry in the can. To speed up the process, stir in an absorbent material such as clay kitty litter, sawdust, or leftover concrete mix.

3. Look to see when the paint is completely dry and shows no moisture whatsoever, wrap the dried clump in newspaper and place into your regular trash. Do not place the lid back on the can. Wrap the lid and can separately in newspaper for disposal. This option works best for latex paints because oil based paints require an extensive time to dry.

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

Water Conservation

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

HIGH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Environmental Volunteer Opportunity

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

GREEN TEAM

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

For more information about the Environmental Commission and/or the Green Team contact Lynn Hughes at 908-638-8887 or e-mail lhughes@highbridge.org. Visit the environmental page of the borough website for more information.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rick Roll, CPWM, Director of Public Works

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

We appreciate all the assistance we receive from the residents of High Bridge. Along with the many road projects that have been ongoing this past year we now get to gear up for what we call our busy time of year.

Your Department of Public Works is comprised of hard working, dedicated employees and while we are working on the streets either repairing a water main, unclogging a sewer line, roadside mowing, performing Utility mark outs, repairing potholes or just picking up litter; PLEASE be aware of your surroundings and watch out for us. We try our best to place road signs and barricades where we are working. When we have a road closed it is for our SAFETY and yours.... We should not have to worry about cars driving around them just because.... Every year there are hundreds of Public Works Employees who are injured or killed by vehicles not obeying signs and posted speed limits. We all have families that we want to go home to every day or night when our job is completed. If you see our trucks with the yellow strobes flashing that means Slow Down, please do not try and pass us when we are out de-icing or plowing your road or street.

Water Meter Replacement:

Our water department will be out replacing the touch read meters to the new radio read meters. If you have any issues with your old meter, we will be replacing it with a new radio read. Please watch for mailings from the

Borough regarding scheduling a meter replacement.

Fire Hydrant Flushing:

The High Bridge Fire Department will once again be out flushing our Fire Hydrants over the summer months. This helps our Water Department with much needed inspections of the hydrants along with flushing our water mains.

Fall Leaf Collection:

will be starting near the end of September and will run through the middle of December. This year we will be running two leaf vacuums in each section of the Borough. Soon we will be introducing a Map of the Borough that will be separated into Sections and visible on the Borough website. By doing this we will be able to start and finish a section and still be able to continue with the many other functions of DPW. Like every other year, we cannot control Nature. If the leaves Do Not fall on a specific section, we will adjust the schedule to a section that has. I ask that everyone Please be patient this year since it will be a new schedule and process. Like the past few years, we will still be picking up bagged leaves on an as needed basis. If you place bagged leaves in front of your house, please send me an email or phone call and we will get out to pick them up. Please remember that we will NOT pick up any plastic bags or bags that contain any rocks, wood products or plastic pieces. All these items make it extremely difficult to grind up

and makes the mulch dirty. We will be offering leaf bags again this year and will be promoting Residential Composting.

Fall Brush Collection:

Just like with the Fall Leaf Collection, fall brush will be done in different sections on various weeks. As the season draws closer PLEASE pay attention to the Borough website for up to date scheduling. This year we are placing a size limit on the brush piles. Brush is the twigs and small branches that might fall onto your property. Brush is not trimming your bushes, removing a tree, or redesigning your landscaping. The size of your brush pile can not be any larger than a 4x8 sheet of plywood and no higher than 3 feet. All the butt ends must be facing the street and placed neatly. Piles that are larger than this will not be collected and up to the homeowner to remove.

BEING ABLE TO BRING your yard brush to the commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only brush and tree branches (3 in or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the fence at Commons Park on designated Saturday mornings from 9AM to 1PM. Check the calendar on our web site for dates. Please do not leave items in plastic bags. No pieces of lumber/wood. No grass clippings or leaves. It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1000 / 90 days jail/ community service. Ordinance No. 2006-3; 2011-21;

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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: 638-6500

The dates as of now will be:

- June 13th and 27th
- July 11th and 25th
- August 8th and 22nd
- September 12th and 22nd
- October 10th and 24th
- November 7th and 21st

All Dates are Weather Permitting.

Christmas Tree Collection:

Christmas Trees will be collected on Monday mornings from December 28th through January 25th. Please have your tree out on the street by 7am. Once we pass your house we will not return until the next week. A tree will NOT be picked up if there are any ornaments, stand, lights or any other object that could damage our equipment.

Please remember that Leaves are not allowed on the street within 10 feet of any storm drain and all Laws in accordance with Stormwater Management must be followed. Once our schedule is posted on the Boroughs Website and when we pass your house, we will not

be back until the next scheduled pick-up. This will allow us to continue the designated route and to be fair to the rest of the residents.

Once the snow starts to fall, we will be out plowing and salting the streets. Please stay informed by visiting the Boroughs website for any updates and messages regarding snow/ice removal.

The Borough website is www.high-bridge.org. On the site you will be able to find out much needed information about the services the Department of Public Works offer. Please visit the website on a regular basis to get the latest news and information so that you the resident can stay informed.



25th Annual High Bridge Pooch Parade

October 10, 2020
(Rain Date October 11, 2020)

This year's theme is:
"Dogs at Play"
(Toys and Games)

Please address any questions or inquiries to: events@highbridge.org



High Bridge Townwide Yard Sale

9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday
September 19, 2020

My Junk can be your Junk really cheap

HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Finer

SPRING CLEANING AND FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure you clean the lint out of your dryer vents to prevent the excessive buildup of lint. Excessive buildup can lead to a fire.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in the trays below the grill.
- Remove leaves, pine needles and other flammable material from the roof, gutters and on and under the deck.
- Clean out your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.

DID YOU KNOW?

50.7% of all residential fires in the US are caused due to cooking making it the leading cause of residential fires by a longshot. The list below shows the other causes for residential fires in the U.S.:

- Heating: 9.4%
- Unintentional, careless: 7.5%
- Electrical malfunction: 6.8%
- Open flame: 4.3%
- Intentional: 4.2%
- Other heat: 3.4%
- Appliances: 3.0%
- Equipment malfunction: 2.4%
- Smoking: 2.0%
- Exposure: 1.8%
- Natural: 1.6%
- Cause under investigation: 1.3%
- Other equipment 1.3%
- Playing with heat source: 0.4%

For more fire statistics please visit <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/statistics/#causesR>

GOLF OUTING

The Annual Golf Outing scheduled to be held on June 15th, 2020 has been postponed due to COVID-19 and the social distancing restrictions and guidelines put in

place by the state. The event will be held this fall instead. Please check our website for more information and for the exact date. Please contact the firehouse at 908-638-6383 or email golf@highbridgefire.org if interested in registering a group of four or sponsoring a hole.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Picnic will tentatively be held on July 18th, 2020 at Union Forge Field from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. rain or shine. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines this event may need to be moved to a later date. Please continue to check our website for additional information. The picnic is a great way to support your local fire department and hang out with family and friends while enjoying clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, corn on the cob, beer and birch beer, door prizes and more.

TICKET INFO

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

Kids (9 and under) Free
Ages 10-20 \$15 each
Adults (21 and older) \$30 each

Tickets will sell out quickly so please remember to purchase them in advance. There are 500 adult tickets and 100 teen tickets available and tickets will not be sold at the event. Tickets may be purchased until Saturday, July 4th.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

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

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Trilone, Municipal Coordinator

I want to commend our citizens for following and adhering to the distancing guidelines and emergency orders that were necessary to help the mitigation process move forward in a very effective way.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and various consortiums are at the leading edge of research to isolate and mitigate the situation. To ensure you get the latest and most accurate information, make sure the browser opens to reflect the current date. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Periodically review the information on the CDC site. If you feel you fit into one of the high risk categories, you are urged to create an account and register your specific information in the NJ Register Ready database.

Those with Disabilities Affecting Functional Needs could be at higher risk.

At the local level it is most important to make emergency management planners aware of whom and where you are and to let us know via Register Ready specifically how we can assist you in time of need. The NJRegister Ready database is a secure method for Emergency Responders to identify you within the neighborhood. We are able to send assistance or conduct courtesy calls specific to the situation and your requirements while respecting HIPA

privacy regulations. This could allow us to provide unsolicited visits in the unlikely event of crisis or community transmission in your area of town.

COVID-19 AND HURRICANE SEASON

As we move forward towards some sense of normalcy it is critical that we consider the effects of a hurricane evacuation prompting mass sheltering. Distancing to slow the spread of Covid-19 will likely be difficult which is why a home plan that includes sheltering in place is at the front and center of your thoughts and activities as we head into this year's hurricane season.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Many residents stepped up to help needy neighbors get through the virus mitigation process. A number of activities transpired however Emergency Management cannot use spontaneous volunteers as they are not covered under the boroughs workers compensation insurance. Our CERT members are activated under the Emergency Management umbrella and therefore they meet the insurance criteria. As most of our active CERT members happened to fall into the high risk category we were shorthanded in addressing some needs in a timely basis. It has become a high priority to recruit additional CERT members from the low risk population of our community to help in these types of crisis.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Need information on affordable housing in High Bridge? Please visit www.affordablehomesnewjersey.com or send a detailed email to homes@cgph.net. You may also call 609-664-2769 and leave a detailed message at extension 5. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

2020 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

To view the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report please visit:

<https://highbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Annual-Drinking-Water-Quality-Report-2020.pdf>

High Bridge Housing Rehabilitation Program (HBHRP)

ATTENTION BOROUGH HOMEOWNERS

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$10,000 INTEREST FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN WITH NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS

(Loan is repaid only when your house is sold or title transferred)

MONEY MAY BE USED FOR NECESSARY REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF:

Roofs & Gutters Heating Systems
Doors & Windows Electrical Systems
Indoor Plumbing

FAMILIES MUST OWN THEIR HOME. TOTAL FAMILY INCOME MUST BE WITHIN THESE LIMITS:

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Maximum Income	\$66,920	\$76,480	\$86,040	\$95,600	\$103,248	\$110,896	\$118,544	\$126,192

Just fill out this Preliminary Application as soon as possible and bring it or mail it to:
High Bridge Housing Rehabilitation Program (HBHRP)
Borough Hall, 97 West Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829

Preliminary Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis

Name: _____	Home phone # _____
Street Address: _____	Cell phone # _____
Type of home: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> 3+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Email _____
Name(s) on Deed (1) _____ (2) _____	
Total # of persons in your household _____ 2019 Total Family Income \$ _____	
Our Gross Family Income is below the maximum on the chart above.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The total of all liens on this property is less than its current value.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Contact HBHRP Coordinator, Steve Weinberg, at - 732-485-0756 or steve.weinberg@mac.com.

I/we certify that all information on this preapplication is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we understand that any willful misstatement of material fact may be grounds for disqualification.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Applicant signature _____

FIRE PITS AND OPEN BURNING

Open burning is regulated by the NJ Uniform Fire Code (UFC) and enforced by the NJ Forest Fire Service as well as the Local Fire Department and Local Fire Prevention Bureau or other Authority having jurisdiction. Restrictions apply but permits can be obtained under certain circumstances.

Open burning includes but may not be limited to portable open burning clay solid fueled fireplaces known as “chimeneas,” small round “campground” fireplaces, bonfires, elevated torches known as tiki torches, fireworks and rubbish. Bonfires are not permitted to be lit or maintained without a permit from the State Fire Marshal’s Office. The lighting of fireworks is prohibited (some exceptions apply). The burning of leaves or other waste vegetation is prohibited.

NJ Uniform Fire Code Rules Regarding Open Burning and Recreational Fires For all types of open burning except fireplaces inside single family dwellings:

· Section 307.1.1 states, “Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires

hazardous shall be prohibited.” That means that even if you have your fire in an approved container, if a neighbor complains that the smoke odors are objectionable, or weather causes a high risk of spread of fire, you may not start or maintain the fire, and law enforcement or the fire department may order the extinguishment of any fire.

For solid fueled (wood, coal, etc.) recreational fires:

· Section 307.4.2 states, “Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7,620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7,620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet (4,572 mm) from any structure.” That means if you have an approved container, the minimum clearance to any structure, including dwellings, sheds, canopies, any other structure on the property, or the property line, must be at least 15 feet. Only containers approved after the UCC permit and inspection process fall into the category of an “approved container”.

Except for BBQ grills, other containers are not approved, and therefore the further distance of 25 feet clearance applies.

· A recreational fire is (Section 302.1), “...burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.” Minimum clearances to combustibles and property lines for this type of fire is 25 feet.

· Barbeque Grills and Charcoal burners (Section 308.3.1) “Charcoal burners, other open-flame cooking devices, and outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated or stored on combustible balconies or decks or within 5 feet (1524 mm) of combustible construction. The same rules apply to Liquid Propane (LPG) barbeque grills (Section 308.3.1.1).

For questions contact: NJ Forest Fire Service 973-786-6350

HUNTERDON HUSKIES FOOTBALL & CHEER

The Hunterdon Huskies are a youth football and cheer organization that call High Bridge their home. At this time our registration is open, and planning is underway for an amazing 2020 season. This year we are offering a register now and pay later option and families new to the Huskies are being offered a registration rate of \$150 for the season. Please visit us at hunterdonhuskies.org for more information on upcoming events and registration.

HIGH BRIDGE SCOUTS BSA

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

Based on the current state of lockdown, and the recommendations of local and national officials, we have both had to restrict our operations to more "virtual" activities to help maintain the safety of our scout families due to the current coronavirus situation. We hope everyone stays well, and as difficult as it can be that they stay home to help get things under control.

We'd like to congratulate the following scouts for earning the coveted rank of Eagle Scout: RILEY ANDERSON, GAVIN CORLEY, and ETHAN POE. They were all active in scouting from early elementary school in the cub scouts through senior year in high school. It took lots of work, motivation, and time to achieve this honor. We wish them well as they move through college into adulthood, and we hope they take the lessons learned from scouting with them to apply to their daily life.

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The below plans are tentative based on whether or not things start to get better and open up.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149

The Pack 149 Cub Scouts have had a great start to 2020, with a Winter Overnight trip on the Battleship New Jersey and our annual Pinewood Derby! The COVID-19 pandemic hasn't stopped us from hosting 'virtual' Pack meetings and a backyard campout in lieu of our Spring Family Campout. We have plenty of more fun planned for 2020, including a summer trip (and campout on the field) at the Trenton Thunder, a fishing derby, a visit to the Voorhees Observatory, food drives and other community service opportunities!

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 149

This summer the troop will again attend Camp Rodney on the Chesapeake Bay for a fun week of earning merit badges, swimming, boating, and biking. In July the older scouts of the troop will also be spending a week of high adventure while backpacking along the 70-Mile Laurel Highlands Trail, which is Western PA. The scouts will be carrying and cooking their meals as well as learning to navigate backwoods trails. After we come off the trail in Ohiopyle, PA we'll spend a day rafting some Class III-IV whitewater on the Lower Youghiogheny River.

In the fall the troop will look to camp, bike or hike every month with outings such as a water based campout at Spruce Run, a camporee at the NJ State Police grounds in Sea Girt, a 5 mile hike up Mount Tammany at the Delaware Water Gap, among other outings.



Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. Senior Programs

Home Delivered Nutrition: delivers a noon-time meal and an assurance check each weekday between the hours of 11 am to 1 pm to the homebound seniors. Our Weekend Home Delivered Program offers cold bag lunches which are delivered on Friday for the weekend consumption.

Congregate Nutrition: meets the social and nutritional needs of the independent senior. Meals are served Monday through Friday between 11:45 am and 1 pm at the following congregate locations: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon and Flemington Café, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington with educational and recreational programming.

Lunch N Learn Series: An educational program in which seniors discuss healthy eating with a Registered Dietitian while enjoying a meal.

Nutrition Counseling: Individualized nutrition advice and guidance on specific diet or healthy eating plans designed by a Registered Dietitian.

**To register for programs call 908-284-0735. Visit our website:
www.mowih.org or on [facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon](https://www.facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon).**

How can YOU help?

No matter what your background or interests, Meals on Wheels has a **volunteer opportunity** that's just right for you. **Volunteer drivers** are needed to deliver meals to their homebound neighbors. **Site volunteers** at Nutrition Sites help pack meals and assist drivers as they prepare for their routes. **Join us today** – call the main office for more information – **908-284-0735**.



AMERICAN LEGION

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If you have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, have been honorably discharged, or are still serving, you may be eligible for membership.

Call an American Legion member or visit the below website to find out more.

William Gooley Jr.: (908) 475-5859
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