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NEW: High Bridge Borough Events Committee

Happy 2013 to all the residents of High Bridge!

A new year brings a renewal of spirit and a renewed energy that comes from endless possibilities that stretch out before us. High Bridge Mayor Mark Desire and Borough Council members are dedicated to working on behalf of our citizens to keep the level of Borough services, paid for with tax dollars, as efficient and comprehensive as possible. At the same time, we are making a concerted effort to contain costs in this very demanding economic time.

Every resident should also be aware that our administration views the vitality of our community as integral to our quality of life. As a community, there are events that are held yearly in High Bridge that are simply fun and pleasurable — ways to come out and enjoy an evening of entertainment or an afternoon of fun or even a day at the races! These events include the Pooch Parade, Friday Flicks, Concerts in the Commons, Tour of High Bridge, Bike Race, and the Paint Out/Plein Air Art Event and more!

Our community events are achieved through the efforts of volunteers who raise the funds needed, advertise and promote the events. They also go on to setup and breakdown when the fun is over. Various groups participate with each event having its own core group of volunteers. The Mayor and Council, however, have agreed that a dedicated committee should be named for the sole purpose of promoting and implementing these events.

As you may be aware, the High Bridge Business Association is no longer organizing and managing the Soap Box Derby or the Community Day Parade. Unfortunately, the Borough simply cannot implement these additional events without a willing group of volunteers responsible for making the events happen.

We are, therefore, asking interested residents of High Bridge to volunteer for the new "High Bridge Borough Events Committee." We believe this opportunity to invest in the spirit of our community will bring great rewards for everyone.

Please accept our invitation to be a part of the High Bridge Events Committee! Together we can make good things happen. I look forward to hearing from you.

Victoria Miller
High Bridge Borough Council
Contact me at vmiller@highbridge.org

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PO Box 14, High Bridge, NJ 08829

High Bridge Fire Department
PO Box 232, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Spring Brush Collection

April 15-19, May 13-17*, June 17-21*

Brush is not to be placed in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn as per STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS. Brush must be ready for pickup the Sunday before the collection begins. Please have the cut ends of the brush facing the street. Do not place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Once we have passed your residence, we will not pickup anything until the next collection date.

* Dates fall outside of the date range of this newsletter but are given for planning purposes.

Spring Leaf Collection

April 22 - 26
[No pickup after April 26]

LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY. Please place leaves at the edge of the lawn per Storm Water Management Regulations.

Residents and/or businesses on the following roads MUST PLACE ALL LEAVES IN BAGS: County Route 513, Cregar Road (from Hilltop Deli to the Cregar Road bridge), Hart Street, Union Avenue, Central Avenue, and all of Center Street. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OR ANY OTHER YARD DEBRIS IN THE LEAF PILE AS IT WILL BE LEFT.

Director of Public Works Michael Hann

Recycling Schedule & Info

February 1 and 15; March 1, 15 and 29; April 12 and 26

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, and commingled items are collected.

Commingled items include unbroken glass of all colors, aluminum, tin, and plastics (#s 1 - 7 any size and any shape). These commodities do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open or closed containers of your choice. Please rinse out items and remove lids; labels may remain. *These commingled commodities may be put out in clear plastic bags, but the bags must be clear.*

Items not accepted: aluminum pie plates, ceramic cups, mirror and window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, plastic flower pots, Styrofoam, plastic bags, oil jugs, and scrap metal.

Please cross tie newspapers, magazines, junk mail and flattened cardboard into bundles 8 - 12 inches high. The bundles should be placed next to or inside your recycling container for collection. **No pizza boxes.** (See article on page 11.)

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 the recycling at the curb. Please bring it back into your yard. It will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day.

Sometimes our collector has a problem and cannot collect all materials from all the streets on the collection day. If they haven't been to your street at all, leave your materials curbside; they should be by the next day. Check the Borough website for updates.

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

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the Borough website: www.highbridge.org. Refer to pages 11, 12, 23 and 27 of this newsletter for more information as well.

Please call Borough Hall (638.6455) to report any recycling problems. Thank you for your recycling efforts!

Trash Collection

Trash is picked up on Tuesdays or Fridays and your area is scheduled for one of the two pick-up days. If you are unsure of your collection day, please call the Borough Hall at 638.6455.

Every bag of garbage must have a Borough of High Bridge Solid Waste sticker on it. Each sticker can be used for 34 gallons or 50 pounds of garbage. If you use garbage cans, place the sticker on the top item in the can so it is plainly visible when the lid is removed by the collector.

For cleanup items ("bulk" items), use one sticker for each 50 pounds of weight. Reminder: Only one large bulk item such as a sofa, chair, etc., per week. White goods (i.e., a stove), as well as televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the "2013 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2013" information sheet. If you do not have a "2013 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2013" information sheet, contact the Borough Hall.

Place your trash out the night before as collection begins early in the morning. Bring trash receptacles back into your yard by the end of the collection day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Recycle

The Environmental Committee 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, recycling generates income to the Borough while helping our environment. Thank you!

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas trees will continue to be picked up through February 15.

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Christmas Tree Pick-Up continues to February 15.				1 Property Taxes Due Recycling	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Grace Period for Property Taxes Ends	12	13	14 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	15 Recycling Great Backyard Bird Count →	16
17 Great Backyard Bird Count →	18 Borough Hall Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Utilities Due	27	28 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House		

Calendar: March and April 2013

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
March 31 Easter					1 Recycling	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Natural/Electronics Recycling at the Commons 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
10	11 Board of Education Meeting-7:00 p.m. HB Middle School Room 209	12	13	14 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	15 Recycling	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Natural/Electronics Recycling at the Commons 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. sharp (rain date 3/30)
24	25 **Budget Presentation** Board of Education Meeting-7:00 p.m. HB Middle School Room 209	26	27	28 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	29 Recycling Borough Hall Closed	30 Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt

April 2013

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28	29	30				

High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team

Our High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for new members. If you are a High Bridge resident, over the age of 18 and interested, call Gabi Oliver at 908-638-8540 or contact us at hbcert@yahoo.com for more information. You can also complete the application form below and we will contact you.

Recent events CERT participated in were the Tour of High Bridge, Spruce Run Triathlon, the Warming Center at the High Bridge Rescue Squad and other helpful services to residents after Hurricane Sandy, search of a missing person, and the High Bridge Tree Lighting.

To join the Team the applicant will have to complete an eight-week, once-a-week training program. This training will cover first aid, search and rescue, fire safety and control, and disaster and anti-terrorism planning. The next training course will be held in the spring of 2013.

Gabi Oliver
High Bridge CERT Coordinator

CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

HIGH BRIDGE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT
c/o Borough of High Bridge
71 Main Street
High Bridge NJ 08829

Phone: 908-638-8540
Email: hbcert@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: _____First Name: _____Middle Int.____

Address: _____

_____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: ____ Female: ____

Home Phone No.: (____)_____Cell Phone No.: (____)_____

Work Phone No.: (____)_____

Email address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

"Caught Being Green" 2012 Award

Gregory Cooper is the recipient of the High Bridge Environmental Committee's sixth annual Green Award in recognition for being a resident who cares about the quality of our Borough environment and who quietly sets an example for others to follow.

An environmentally-conscientious commuter, Gregory picks up litter as he walks from the NJ Transit parking lot at 5:45 a.m. and again on his return to High Bridge at 4:45 p.m. He was nominated by a fellow commuter who has observed Mr. Cooper picking up litter on a daily basis for years. Many times it is dark and cold with no one around to notice his actions. Mr. Cooper makes his contribution to our town in a quiet way, not looking for any recognition or a thank you; he is taking pride in our town and doing his part to keep High Bridge a nice place to live.

We sincerely appreciate Mr. Cooper's commitment to the betterment of the Borough of High Bridge through his ongoing, environmentally-responsible actions.

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.

Past Award Recipients

2007 - Sharon Apperson for providing a trash receptacle along the Columbia Trail and maintaining its upkeep.

2008 - Linda L. Lucas for voluntarily picking up litter along several Borough streets and replacing garbage bags along the fishing area of the Raritan River since 1999.

2009 - John and Denise Hickson for promoting environmentally-responsible business behaviors. They recycle 90% of their garbage; recycle cooking oil; use eco-friendly products such as containers, cups, straws, garbage bags, LED lights; and are working towards using solar panels.

2010 - Wayne Hally for his dedication to picking up litter along several Borough streets and completing a spreadsheet on the litter types and location since 2005.

2011 - Antonio Martinez is someone who loves nature and continues to appreciate it, even after the vitality of the tree or vine has ceased. Antonio is a conscientious trail-keeper who makes rustic designs in his backyard workshop. Benches, chairs, etc. are created with just a hammer, nails, and handsaw; Antonio donated two of his creations to the Solitude Falls overlook.

Nominations are open for the 2013 "Caught Being Green" Award

The Environmental Committee is always looking for environmentally-responsible residents. Please submit the name and the environmental action of any High Bridge resident you observe going out of his or her way to be environmentally responsible. The Environmental Committee will vote for one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

Lynn Hughes
Council Liaison, Environmental Committee

Congratulations Gregory Cooper and thank you!

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BOROUGH HALL
71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

SIGN UP TODAY!

REMINDER: Taxes & Utilities Due

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
FIRST QUARTER TAXES
DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2013

FIRST QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE FEBRUARY 26, 2013

OFFICE HOURS
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

POST-DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT:
INVESTORS BANK
55 Old Highway 22
Clinton, NJ 08809

IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR PAYMENT
WITHOUT A STUB OR AFTER THE DEADLINE,
PLEASE MAIL IT TO:
BOROUGH HALL, 71 MAIN STREET
HIGH BRIDGE, NJ 08829
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

From the Tax Collector's Office

Paying Property Taxes Online

Do you pay your quarterly property tax bill online? If so, please allow 10-14 days for the payment to reach us.

We have been experiencing delays receiving payments made from online bill-payer services. In order to avoid late charges, kindly authorize payment 10 -14 days prior to the due date.

For your convenience payments may also be dropped off to either Borough Hall or Investors Bank in Clinton.

Homestead Benefit Program

Most eligible homeowners will receive their homestead benefit for 2011 as a credit applied to their May 2013 property tax bills. These homeowners can expect to receive a revised property tax bill or an advice copy that will reflect the amount of the benefit. Homeowners who indicate when filing that they no longer own the property, or those whose principal residence was in a continuing care retirement community, will have their benefit issued in the form of a check.

To check the status of a filed application: 1-877-658-2972.

Bonnie Fleming,
High Bridge Tax Collector

2013 Professional Services

The following professionals are hereby retained by the Borough of High Bridge for the period of time commencing on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 on a non-fair and open basis:

Robert O'Brien, P.E.
Hatch Mott MacDonald – Engineer

Chris Marx, P.E.
French and Parrello - Adjunct Engineer

Robert Swisher
Suplee, Clooney and Company – Auditor

Barry Goodman, Esq.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis - Borough Attorney

William J. Caldwell, Esq.
Carter, VanRensselaer & Caldwell – Planning Board/ Board of Adjustment Attorney

Edward McManimon, Esq.
McManimon & Scotland, LLC – Bond Counsel

Darlene Green P.A.
Maser Consulting, Inc. – Municipal Planner

Darin Vogel
Quest Environmental – Environmental Scientific Consultant

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE

FREE ANNUAL

RABIES CLINIC

FOR

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2013 Council Assignments

Emergency Services & Education
Chair: Karen Scarcia (Liaison to High Bridge Municipal Court)
Victoria Miller
Mike Stemple

Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste/Recycling, Open Space
Chair: Lynn Hughes (Solid Waste/Recycling Liaison to State & County)
Karen Scarcia
Victoria Miller

Information, Economic Development, Culture & Heritage
Chair: Victoria Miller (Borough Newsletter Liaison)
Tom Flynn
Lynn Hughes

Department of Public Works & Recreation
Chair: Dean Rapp
Karen Scarcia (High Bridge Recreation Liaison)
Lynn Hughes

Planning & Engineering
Chair: Tom Flynn (Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Liaison)
Dean Rapp
Mike Stemple

Finance and Golf
Chair: Mike Stemple
Tom Flynn
Dean Rapp

Executive Services
Mayor Mark Desire
Council President Mike Stemple
Administrator Douglas Walker

Official Borough Newspapers

The Mayor and Council have designated the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, *Hunterdon Review*, the *Star Ledger*, and the *Express Time*s as the Official Newspapers for 2013.

Diane Seals, Borough Clerk

Arbor Day

Friday, April 26

Arbor Day is an annual celebration that encourages individuals and groups to plant and care for trees. During the first Arbor Day held in Nebraska in 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted. Since then, Arbor Day has spread across the United States and worldwide.

This year's Arbor Day celebration is Friday, April 26. The High Bridge Environmental Commission would like to encourage you to plant trees, shrubs, or other perennials around your home, either on this date or any time throughout the year. Here are a few of the many aesthetic and practical benefits of planting trees:

1. Lower energy bills – Trees can shade your house and reduce your cooling bills in the summer. In winter, trees dissipate the strength of winter winds and can lower your heating costs.
2. Increased property values – Trees are an integral component of landscaping and can boost the value of your home.
3. Reduced noise – Trees effectively reduce urban noise from roads, lawn mowers, and other urban sources.
4. Flood control and erosion mitigation – Tree roots absorb water and reduce runoff during heavy rains, and their roots anchor the soil and prevent erosion.
5. Wildlife habitat – A large number of small mammals and birds make their homes in trees, and many trees are an important source of food. Planting trees attractive to animals is a certain way to see more wildlife in your back yard.
6. Improve your soil - Trees can help to remediate land that has been polluted by either storing harmful pollutants or converting the pollutants into more benign forms. Trees can also be used to filter sewage and farm chemicals such as pesticides.
7. Carbon sequestration and oxygen production – Through photosynthesis, trees remove carbon dioxide from the air and store it as carbon in their trunk, branches, leaves, roots, soil and foliage. In the process, they release oxygen into the atmosphere which all animals need to breathe.

If you are planning to plant trees, please consider selecting native trees. In addition to mitigating problems due to invasive species, native trees provide the maximum food and shelter benefits to wildlife.

For more information, please see http://www.arborday.org/

Environmental Commission

What's Up in the Sky for February, March and April?

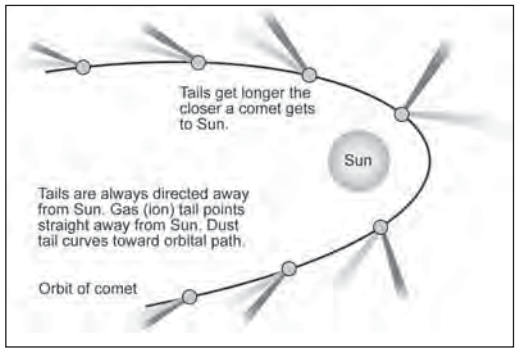
In this edition of *The Bridge*, we will learn about an exciting object due to appear in our March skies: a newly discovered comet!

From March 10 to 24, Comet PanSTARRS may be bright enough to be seen without the aid of a telescope. Astronomers predict that the best times to spot it will be in the early evening hours of March 12 or 13. Go out immediately after sunset, and look for the comet near the slim crescent moon in the western sky. The moon and comet will set around 9:30 p.m. Comets are unpredictable in their brightness and tail length, so follow the news to see if you should expect to see a bright comet and long tail or just a faint smudge.

So what is a comet? Unlike rocky asteroids and meteoroids, comets are mostly ice with a little bit of dust and rock, so they are often called "dirty snowballs." Comets, asteroids and meteoroids are the leftover bits that didn't form into planets during solar system formation. Comets orbit the Sun (just like the planets do), except they have very elongated orbits. Part of their orbit brings them near the Sun for a short period of time. They spend most of their orbit in the distant outer regions of our solar system.

Comet Hale-Bopp: Fred Espenak, NASA
http://helios.gsfc.nasa.gov/sw.html

Comets have three parts: the nucleus, the coma and the tail. The comet's coma and tail only appear as the comet nears the Sun. The nucleus is made of water ice and carbon dioxide ice (commonly known as dry ice), rock, dust, and some other organic materials. As the nucleus gets closer to the Sun, these ices begin to turn to vapor and surround the nucleus to create a small gas "cloud," called the coma. The Sun produces a stream of particles called the solar wind, which blows the vaporized gases in the coma to produce a beautiful long tail. There are actually two tails produced (an ion tail and dust tail). As the comet nears the Sun in its orbit, more ices vaporize to produce a larger coma, and a bigger and longer tail. As the comet moves away from the Sun, the coma decreases and the tail shortens. Comet tails point away from the Sun, and they are much larger than the nucleus or coma, often extending millions of miles through space.



Comet Tails point away from the Sun
Image Source: http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/tails-of-wonder

It is worth trying to take a look for Comet PanSTARRS. You won't have a chance to see it again; it will return for another flyby in 110,000 years. However, if you do miss it, you will have a chance to see another comet this year. Comet ISON will arrive in November and December 2013, and it could be even more spectacular than PanSTARRS.

Theresa Moody, High Bridge Resident, Member/Volunteer of NJAA, Employed at NJ Astronomy Center at Raritan Valley Community College

The Pizza Box

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

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

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

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

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

Please keep pizza boxes out of the recycling stream.

Lori Brown - Earth 911 staff member
Submitted by The Environmental Committee

Commons Recycling Center

The Commons Natural Recycling Center will be open on the following Saturdays in 2013:

March 9 and 23

April 13 and 27

May 4 and 18

June 8 and 22

July 13 and 27

August 10 and 24

September 7 and 21

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 16

Being able to bring your yard brush to the Commons is a service we provide to our residents.

Only brush and tree branches (three inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on the above noted Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons.

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. 2011-21; 2011-23.

We ask if any one observes illegal dumping at the Commons to report the day, time, type of material and the vehicle license plate number to the High Bridge Police: 638-6500.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

Commons E-Container

We are pleased to offer residents of High Bridge a place to recycle electronic items, televisions, and computers on a regular basis. There is no need to wait for our recycling event if you need to get these recyclable items out of your home or office. By law televisions and computers cannot be recycled at curbside.

We have contracted with SAMR (the same company that does our one-day event) to have a shipping container placed in the Commons brush area. The container will be available to accept items 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the same weekends as the brush drop off Saturdays; the dates are listed on this page to the left and will be noted on the website at highbridge.org.

You will need to show proof of High Bridge residency or High Bridge place of work in order to take advantage of this recycling.

No Freon containing items (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) and no white goods (washing machines, dishwashers, stoves) will be accepted in this container.

We will continue to hold our annual April Electronics Recycling event. (See announcement on page 23 of this year's event.) Along with all electronics, Freon containing items and white goods will be collected at this one-day spring event.

SAMR ensures that all data on any hard drives or other media will be secured and / or destroyed. All materials will be properly recycled in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws.

Items recycled will count towards our yearly tonnage report. Also SAMR will recycle the televisions and computers for free and will pay $.06 per pound for all other electronics.

Councilwoman Lynn Hughes

High Bridge United Methodist Church

As we start a new and exciting 2013, we have a lot to look forward to this year.

The short time I have been serving at High Bridge United Methodist Church, my wife and I have been so impressed with this community and everything about it! There are three active churches in the area; the school system is excellent; the community is a 'green' community; there are many senior activities and active women's groups. Additionally, there's a whole array of sports for the children and there is a very active, all-volunteer fire company and emergency squad. And it's so wonderful that we have very active Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to build the community.

Despite all that has transpired in the last year, THIS COMMUNITY CARES! That is evident by the collection of food, blankets, and cleaning supplies to benefit the Jersey shore area and the time spent at the Shore making sure all donations got to the right places and people.

As we hope and pray we don't have to go into action again, we can feel great about being a part of the wonderful community of High Bridge.

Join in and be in active worship on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at our Sunday School or attend Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Check the local newspapers for Easter worship services. Coming soon: once-a-month takeout meals; info to be available shortly.

God Bless you all for who you are and what you have done.

Pastor Dennis Wene
908-735-5287 Home ~ 908-638-8229 Church

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

High Bridge, New Jersey 08829

Joseph J. Kennedy
Superintendent / Middle School Principal
Brian J. Bizzoco
Elementary School Principal
Lisa M. Fallon
Supervisor of Special Education
Gail M. Woicekowski
School Business Administrator

High Bridge Middle School
50 Thomas Street
Ph: 908-638-4101
Fx: 908-638-4211
High Bridge Elementary School
40 Fairview Avenue
Ph: 908-638-4105
Fx: 908-638-5260

TO: Residents of High Bridge
FROM: Brian Bizzoco, Principal, High Bridge Elementary School

SUBJECT: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS

We are already looking forward to registering and welcoming next year's full day kindergarten students. To be eligible for enrollment, children must be five (5) years of age on or before October 1, 2013. Registration will begin with a **Parent Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm** at the Elementary School. ***This meeting is for parents only***. On **Thursday, March 28th** parents will be asked to return at specified times to complete the registration process. During these appointments, next year's Kindergarten students are invited to visit the school and meet the Kindergarten teachers.

To help us prepare for all our future students, we ask that parents and guardians of pre-school children complete the form below and return it to the Elementary School as soon as possible.

In early spring, registration materials for September's kindergarten class will be mailed to families of eligible children who have pre-registered with us. If you have any questions, please call our school secretary at **638-4105** x 4205.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

To help us plan for future enrollment, please include each of your pre-school aged children. Return this form at your earliest convenience to:
High Bridge Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, New Jersey 08829.

Born between:	*Eligible for Kindergarten in*	*Child's Date of Birth*	*Child's Name (please PRINT)*	*M*	*F*
10/2/07 and 10/1/08	***Sept. 2013***				
10/2/08 and 10/1/09	***Sept. 2014***				
10/2/09 and 10/1/10	***Sept. 2015***				
10/2/10 and 10/1/11	***Sept. 2016***				

Name(s) of Parent(s) /Guardian(s)

Address Telephone

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News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

Board of Education News

At the December 10, 2012 meeting, the Board of Education recognized Janice Stemple and Bill Stover for their years of service to the children of the High Bridge School District as members of the High Bridge Board of Education. Prior to the November election Mrs. Stemple and Mr. Stover decided they would not to seek re-election to another three-year term.

On Wednesday, January 2, 2013 the High Bridge Board of Education met to conduct the Reorganization Meeting following the November 2012 election. At this meeting the Board completed the process of contracting from a nine-member Board to a seven-member Board. This process has been underway for greater than two years after receiving voter approval. The following members were elected to a seat on the Board and took their oath of office at the meeting:

Kay Daughters-Musnuff	three-year term
Karen Yaskanin-Jones	two-year unexpired term
Alan Schwartz	three-year term
Tom Wescoe	three-year term
Ann Willard	one-year unexpired term

Additionally, the Board elected Mr. Robert Imhoff as President and Mrs. Kay Daughters-Musnuff as Vice-President.

The School District faculty and the Board's Curriculum Committee continue to revise the Mathematics curriculum for grades 6 through 8 utilizing the Common Core Standards. The Board anticipates approving the revised curriculum prior to July which will enable the District to implement the new curriculum in September.

During the winter months, the Board will develop the 2013 – 2014 school budget. The Board will analyze both the revenue and the expenditure sides of the budget during January and February. On Monday, March 25, the Board plans to conduct a public presentation on the proposed 2013-2014 budget. The Board invites all High Bridge residents to attend this budget presentation where public inquiries will be addressed.

The School District will be evaluated under the guidelines of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) on February 28 when members of the Hunterdon County Office of Education will visit the District. Since July 2012, the faculty, administration and the Board's Curriculum Committee have been preparing for this evaluation.

One other initiative that is ongoing is the development of the District's three-year Technology Plan. The District is collecting data on currently available technology and is investigating technology needs for both faculty and students. The Board plans to present the components of the Technology Plan at a public meeting in April.

Elementary School News

We are now nearing the half-way point of the school year. We had many events that enhanced the success of our year so far. We completed the first marking period with Parent Visitation Day. Many parents were able to attend and had a great day as they experienced what their children do daily. The PTO sponsored an enjoyable, interactive cultural arts assembly which celebrated many holidays. We ended December with a concert where many of our third through fifth grade students performed. The staff and students are enjoying our monthly Spirit Days, upcoming events such as Kids Night Out, Read Across America and Family Reading Night!

Our staff is continuing to partake in learning opportunities as we participate in professional development. As we learn new strategies, we apply them to our school and reflect upon what is benefiting the students of HBES. We are dedicated to learning as much as possible to continue to be the best teachers we can be.

We are looking forward to continuing to develop as a school as we approach the end of the second marking period and continue to celebrate our students.

Brian Bizzoco, HBES Principal

Middle School News

In December the musical talents of our Middle School students were showcased at the annual Winter Concert. The concert was postponed for about two weeks due to the time lost in October when the school was closed for five days due to the storm. The Middle School students displayed instrumental and vocal aptitude first to their peers in the afternoon and then to proud parents in the evening. Congratulations to our students and their instructors for a highly successful concert!

Also during the month of December the eighth grade students read and studied the Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. A class field trip to McCarter Theater brought the story to life for the students. The unit of study culminated in a "Victorian Tea" where many parents and family members celebrated through dance, a tea luncheon and student-created songs.

As we moved into January, eighth grade students were measured for their graduation gown which is another sign of how fast the school year is progressing. The eighth grade students also participated in transition programs offered by Voorhees High School in preparation for their transition to ninth grade. A class field trip to Hunterdon County Polytech High School in February will provide the students with an opportunity to explore a different high school option.

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Cultural & Heritage News

Springside Farmhouse Update

Late in 2012 the Cultural & Heritage Committee undertook a project to stabilize the Springside Farmhouse building. Thank you Tuck Batch, High Bridge resident and owner of Batch Building, for the donation of materials used to secure the Springside Farmhouse against the elements. Such a historically important structure should not be left to moulder and through the efforts of concerned citizens and key donations like that of Mr. Batch, our town's historic buildings will endure for our children and grandchildren to appreciate.

Historic Preservation Workshops Offered

The Cultural & Heritage Committee of High Bridge has also been charged with the care of other significant buildings in our town and is sponsoring ongoing workshops about historic preservation and appreciation for anyone interested. Look on the town website for up-to-date details.

Help with Concerts and Movies in the Park

Though the summer seems a long way off in the cold and dark of February, the Committee is planning this year's concerts and movies in the park. If you'd like to help us fund raise, select the films and bands, pick the dates and set up the venue, we would love to have your help. The schedule will be printed here in the Newsletter and will be on the Borough website, so do come out and enjoy another reason why it's great to live in High Bridge.

Eric Erb, Chair
High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee

News from Schools (contd.)

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Future dates and events of note include the second marking period Honor Roll Breakfast, which is scheduled to take place on the morning of Friday, February 8; as always, we look forward to parents and family members joining us for this very special event.

The Middle School will operate on an early dismissal schedule on both February 14 and 15 as the faculty will be participating in professional development activities.

An Internet safety assembly for all Middle School students is scheduled for Monday, March 4.

The Middle School annual musical will be presented on Friday, March 15. This year the students will present *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* with the curtain going up at 7:00 p.m.

Joseph Kennedy
Principal – High Bridge Middle School

Senior Corner

General Information

There are always a lot of activities going on at the Senior Center, too many to include in this newsletter. A seasonal calendar of regularly-scheduled activities will be posted on the bulletin board in front of Borough Hall. Some of these activities include: Armchair Travel, every first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. during which beautifully filmed and narrated videos take you to different parts of the world; Current Events discussions, Investment Group meetings, Computer activities, etc.

Brunch 'n Learn

Dr. Ronald Frank will present a lecture on "Adult Immunizations and Managing your Prescription Drug Plan." It will be held on March 1 from 10:00 - 11:30 am. A light brunch will be served courtesy of Colallilo Shop Rite. Call 908-806-4570 to make your reservation.

Warning Signs of Heart Attack and Stroke

This topic will be addressed by a speaker of the American Heart Association on February 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Call Jessica Pellicano at 908-788-6401 ext .3149 for more information.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Free screenings are available at the Senior Center for Hunterdon County residents age 60 and over every second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The screenings are performed by a registered nurse. Walk-ins are welcome.

Veterans Services

This used to be part of the Senior Center organization but is now being transferred to Veteran's Haven North, 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101 in Glen Gardner. This is the former Hagedorn Hospital location. For appointments, call Sibley Smith at 908-689-5840.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels has been active in Hunterdon County for 40 years. Last year 56,000 meals were served. This is possible because of the help of over 500 volunteer drivers. To find out what Meals on Wheels is all about, stop at one of the dining locations in Annandale, Flemington or Lambertville. For more information or if you know someone who would benefit from home-delivered meals, call 908-284-0735.

Fred Loozen

High Bridge Hills Golf Club
2013 Residents' Day
Saturday, May 18, 2013

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Rain Date: Saturday, June 1, 2013

Some of the fun activities . . .
Barbecue in the Tent
Food and Soft Drinks for All
Music ~ 9-Hole Scramble ~ 9-Hole Mini-Golf Course

Great Backyard Bird Count

The Environmental Committee invites you to participate in the 16th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), which will take place from February 15-18, 2013.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages birdwatchers of all levels in counting birds and reporting their results to create a mid-winter snapshot of the numbers, kinds, and distribution of birds across the continent. Participants count birds for as little or as long as they wish during the four-day period and tally the highest number of birds of each species they see at any one time. At the Great Backyard Bird Count website, they fill out an online checklist to submit their counts.

As the count progresses, anyone with Internet access can explore what is being reported from their own towns or anywhere in the United States and Canada. They can also see how this year's numbers compare with those from the 15 previous years. Participants may also send in photographs of the birds they see. A selection of images is posted in the GBBC online photo gallery.

After the count, scientists analyze the results and post summaries highlighting the year's trends and findings.

The GBBC is managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon with sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited.

During the 2012 GBBC, 511 birds representing 31 species were counted in High Bridge.

For further information, please go to: http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/.

Environmental Committee

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St. Joseph Church

Even though Christmas seems like yesterday, the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, February 13, is coming fast. As is the custom, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings. As always, we will be celebrating the feast of our patron saint, St. Joseph, on March 19 with Mass and light refreshments.

Women's Cornerstone

We would like to invite all interested women to a St. Joseph's Women's Cornerstone Retreat, here at the Church on Saturday, February 23, 2013, starting at 9 a.m. and concluding with 8 p.m. mass. This is an opportunity to refocus and take time to be with God in a nurturing, prayerful and reflective place. Life will continue to be busy. Give yourself some time to take a breath and step away from your daily routine amongst other Christian women. Please contact Susan Brown, 908-236-6407 or 908-391-3163 for further information.

Blood Drive

Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be held on February 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in our Church Hall. No pre-registration is necessary and is open to everyone in our community. Please consider joining in to give the gift of life on the 17th.

Prayer Series

New this year, our Deacon, Tom McGovern, will be sponsoring a prayer series, to be held on Saturday mornings, for a period of five weeks starting January 19 from 10 a.m. till 10:45 a.m.

Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Committee will be holding its annual "RUN FOR LIFE" project again in April. Two of its members, Marie Furka and Fred Loozen, will be running in the Clinton Township Country Run on April 27, 2013. Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church - and anyone else who wants to - can sponsor the runners via donations. Proceeds will go to two pregnancy resource centers in the area: The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington (formerly located on Arch Street in High Bridge) and Life Choices in Phillipsburg. This is the 23rd year that this project will be held. If you are interested in sponsoring the runners, call Fred at 638-6740.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Respect Life Committee sponsors a monthly Holy Hour consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary. It is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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These three months are always very busy. If you have an interest in any of the mentioned activities, or any of the many other services or organizations, check our website at www.sjchb.org. It has current information as well as the current weekly Bulletin.

Fran Rapp, Facilities Manager

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*****ATTENTION RESIDENTS*****

Borough Ordinance 150-33: **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 twelve (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.

Borough Ordinance 184-18: **Designation of snow emergency no-parking areas:**
A. No vehicle shall be parked on either side of any street(s) or parts thereof from November 15th through April 1st, with the exception of Church Street between Fairview Ave and Taylor Street. Those parking in the Church Street area between Fairview Ave and Taylor Street will be required to obtain a parking permit.
B. The above parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Borough Ordinance 184-30: **Schedule 9: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours**: In accordance with the provisions of § 184-12, no person shall park a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
All Borough Streets and Roads	Both	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. November 15 through April 1, inclusive	All locations within the Borough

Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police

High Bridge Fire Department

Emergency Generator Safety

DANGEROUS CARBON MONOXIDE

- Emergency generator engines produce exhaust gases that contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas that can be deadly in high concentrations. Therefore, generators must be operated outdoors away from any open windows or areas where harmful vapors may be trapped.
- Operate generators only in clean, dry, well-ventilated areas. Wet or icy conditions create considerable electric shock hazards.
- Do not plug an emergency generator directly into an electrical wall outlet by using a cable with plugs at each end. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS.
- Be sure that incoming power is completely disconnected before installing or using an integrated system generator.
- Emergency generators are not intended to be continuously operated for long periods of time.
- Generators must be properly grounded.
- Do not overload generators with too many appliances at once. Prioritize your needs. Connect the largest load first; then gradually add new loads, being careful not to exceed your generator's limit.
- Use properly-sized extension cords in good condition.
- Always shut your generator off when refueling. Keep flammable liquids away from hot engines.
- Keep an approved fire extinguisher nearby.

2013 Officers

Chief	Brian Labuta
Deputy Chief	Bryan Pascale
Captain	Fred Toke
Lieutenants	Dennis Trimmer
	Mark Brong
	Sean Smith

We look forward to working together to better serve High Bridge.

Winter Weather

- Help us help you! Please clear any snow away from fire hydrants near your home or business.
- Check to ensure your heating system is properly maintained.
- Chimneys should be cleaned and checked for leaks. A metal can should be used for fireplace ashes and dumped far away from any structure or flammable material. Remember — use a fire extinguisher on small fires only.
- Keep driveways accessible to large fire apparatus even when snow covered. Any delay in accessing your home could waste valuable time.

Used Clothing Shed

The used clothing shed is located at the rear of our parking lot. Items accepted are: clothing, sneakers, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes and stuffed toys. All donations are tax deductible.

Jim Dietz, Secretary

Emergency Management - Winter Preparedness

We have experienced and survived Hurricane Sandy and the first month of winter. As a community we have come through a very difficult time together. Sandy was a wake-up call. Changing weather patterns and the aged electrical infrastructure will adversely affect everyone as time goes on. An extended loss of power and heat during freezing temperatures should be a major concern for all of us. You can prepare for these types of events in the following ways:

- Consider purchasing a generator, especially if you require electronic medical equipment. Have the necessary connections installed by a licensed electrician. Electrical extension cords pose a fire and trip hazard.
- Keep water, snacks and a sleeping bag and/or warm blankets in your home and vehicle. If you drive Route 78 then you know you can expect to spend time in traffic sooner or later. This can happen on any road in a severe winter storm.
- If you are elderly or have special needs, register with Register Ready. The emergency services rescue teams will know where you are and what they need to do to meet your needs in emergency situations. www.registerready.nj.gov

  Communication

  We have learned that timely communication to residents during emergencies is difficult or non-existent. During Irene and Sandy, messages were delivered door to door, and we may not always have the resources to facilitate this practice. Text messaging has proven to be one of the most reliable modes during extended power outages.

  Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Notification System. This Notification System enables the Borough to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

  You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where; you pick how.

  Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Hunterdon Helpline at 908-735-4357 or 1-800-272-4630

  IMPORTANT

  Once you provide your phone numbers and email, you MUST enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts. http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html or https://www.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=1380761
- Prepare for short- and long-term disasters by creating a basic emergency supply kit. The kit should include required medications, a three-day supply of food, water, and other supplies to support you, your family and your pet in an emergency. You can find suggestions at the federal government's Ready.gov website: *www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html*

Keep in mind those individuals that respond to your emergencies are your neighbors and most are unpaid volunteers. Please help them by making contributions to the respective agencies or consider becoming a member of one of the organizations. If you cannot make a commitment to the Rescue Squad or Fire Department, then consider joining the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team. (See related article on page 5 of this newsletter.) As demonstrated during Sandy, at times of emergencies every pair of hands counts.

Please contact Borough Hall if you are interested in volunteering (908-638-6455).

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

"I'm for High Bridge Committee"

The "I'm for High Bridge Committee" is a civic group in High Bridge that decorated the center of town for the holidays and has been doing so for the last 35 years. They also turned a vacant lot into the town park along with many other accomplishments. The photo to the left is a picture of the group.

Charlie Bruton

Pictured Left to Right: Bill Anderson, Jim Conroy (President), Don Branflick, Mary Branflick, Kathy Conroy, Emily Bruton and Paul Lipani. Charlie Bruton, also a member, is taking the picture.

Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2013 will have a late fee assessed of $10.00 and $5.00 per month thereafter.

DOG LICENSES ARE MANDATORY for all dogs six (6) months of age or more. At present, we are not mandating licenses for cats. In order to be licensed, a dog must have a current rabies vaccination that does not expire during the term of the license. Since our licensing year runs from January 1 through December, this means that the vaccination cannot expire during the year. To take advantage of the lower fee offered to spayed/neutered dogs, proof of the animal having been spayed or neutered must be presented. If such proof is not available, an Affidavit may be obtained from the Municipal Clerk's Office. If you have previously licensed your dog in High Bridge wherein the spay/neuter proof has already been supplied, it is not necessary to resubmit same with each renewal of your dog's license. However, proof must be presented if requested.

NOTICE: Dogs **MUST** be licensed in the name of an adult at least 18 years of age or more. Failure to license a dog will result in the issuance of a Court Summons which can be issued either against the legal owner of an unlicensed dog or one of the legal heads of household where the dog resides. In other words, even if a dog belongs to your son/daughter or other young adult residing in your household, you remain responsible as being the person "harboring" the animal.

Complete and mail the form below with your check to license your dog. Mail your check payable to "High Bridge Dog Fund" to the Borough Hall, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. The fees for 2013 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs $11.20; unaltered dogs, $14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk

2013 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

(enclose proof of current rabies vaccination & proof of spay/neuter)

OWNER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

DESCRIPTION OF DOG:

SEX: _____ BREED*:_____ AGE: _____

* If mixed breed, denote most descriptive type: i.e., Shepherd/Husky Mix

DOG'S NAME: _____ HAIR LENGTH: S M L

DOG'S SIZE (when adult): _____Small = 0-20 lbs., Medium = 21-50 lbs., Large = 51-100 lbs., Giant = 100+ lbs.

COLOR & MARKINGS:_____

Address at which dog will be kept, if different from above:

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Girl Scouts of High Bridge

The High Bridge Girl Scout Troops participated in some exciting activities in 2012. Many of the girls spent a weekend at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. A wonderful time was had by the girls and their leaders. For Thanksgiving, the troops provided a holiday meal for families in need. Their generosity extended into the December holidays when the girls not only gave families a meal but also beautifully wrapped presents! The fun continued all throughout the holiday season as some sang at nursing homes and others assisted the residents of Hunterdon Developmental Center to wrap gifts. Troop 80091 created lovely bell trinkets to share with fellow High Bridge residents at the Annual Tree Lighting!

The Girl Scouts begin 2013 with the sale of our famous cookies. Once again, I'd like to remind our residents to support our girls by ordering some wonderful Girl Scout cookies! The two biggest sellers are the Trefoil, a shortbread classic and the Thin Mint, a minty chocolate delight. Be sure to buy many; they freeze well.

Being a Girl Scout in High Bridge doesn't just connect our troops to other girls in High Bridge. It is a bond that reaches out to other cities not only in New Jersey but to other states and even countries. For some of the families in High Bridge there is a direct connection to a victim of the Newtown tragedy, a former resident. After the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut Troop 80091 learned that the Girl Scouts of Connecticut were collecting thoughts and prayers written on trefoils. In Girl Scouts the three leaves of a trefoil represent the three-fold promise: "To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." Troop leaders reached out to the parents of their girls and invited them to participate in decorating trefoils for their sister Girl Scouts. The trefoils will be presented to the Newtown Service Unit at a memorial this month. Troop leaders, Michelle Angley, Kelly Lynch and Tara Borgh felt this project reinforced what they have taught their girls — that all Girl Scouts are sisters no matter where they live.

The following is a post on the Girls Scouts of Connecticut website and on their Facebook page as well: Girl Scouts of Connecticut were saddened to learn that eight Girl Scout Daisies and sons of two Girl Scout families were victims of the tragedy. We are devastated by these losses and will keep the families in our hearts. Many sister Girl Scouts have asked what they can do to help. Please visit www.gsofct.org (Girl Scouts of Connecticut) to make a donation.

We look forward to rewarding opportunities for our girls of all ages in this new year. Peace and good will to our sister Girl Scouts, friends, families and neighbors!

If you are the mom/dad/guardian or a September 2013 kindergartener interested in Girl Scouts, call me at 908-638-4508 or email at maryannh@embarqmail.com.

Maryann Hagan
High Bridge Girl Scouts Organizer

HB Emergency Squad

A Note of Thanks

As 2012 has come to an end, we look back at an action packed year. We cannot help but think about Hurricane Sandy, and the impact that storm had on all of us. With long power outages, this storm created a unique situation for the community which, in some respects, turned out to be a great experience.

When we discovered that the schools could not be used as shelters/warming centers because they did not have power or generators to support their size, HBES opened its doors to the community without hesitation. Our only issue was how to keep the doors open all day and night for anyone who needed it. That is when we turned to the community CERT team and got more support than we could hope for! Within an hour of making the decision to hold the warming center at the High Bridge Emergency Squad, CERT was in place and ready to man the building.

The greatest moment came a little later in the evening when High Bridge residents came down with food to donate, hot food to eat, and games for people to play. This went on for several days! It was great to see everyone come together and support one another.

Every day I came in, everyone seemed to be having a good time hanging out with "old friends" and chatting over a hot cup of coffee. It was great to see Mayor Desire and Police Chief Bartman stopping in to check on everyone and answer questions. For many members of HBES these bright moments in the darkness of Sandy reminded us why we volunteer to support this wonderful community.

On behalf of the HBES, I would like to thank all of you for the support and kindness you have shown us throughout 2012. We could not do what we love without you.

A special thanks to the following community members who volunteered at the Warming Center:

High Bridge Residents

John Jmoskway, Karen Scarcia, Frank Scarcia, Bonnie Garcia, Pat Bielcik, Nancy Erb, & Victoria Miller.

CERT Members

Gabi Oliver, Jon Conant, Todd Honeycutt, Craig Carlson, Steve Dhein.

I would also like to thank the Bartman Family for donating games and food during the storm.

2013 High Bridge Emergency Squad Officers

President	Jessica Luteran	Jessica.luteran@hbes.org
Chief	Harry Ross	harry.ross@hbes.org
Vice President	Brian Luteran	
Deputy Chief	JT Silliman	
Captain	Lissa Ross	

Jessica Luteran,
President, HBES

SKIT Production: Peter Pan

ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) February Production:

"High flying" adventures in Neverland, treacherous pirates, a crafty crocodile, and the boy who won't grow up all descend on Voorhees High School as the award-winning SKIT community theater company presents its magical production of *Peter Pan* on Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Audiences will be whisked away beyond the stars as they experience J.M. Barrie's classic tale and non-stop fun as Wendy, Michael, and John join Peter and Tinkerbelle on their escapades to Neverland. This family-friendly show, with cast members who will be "flying" using aerial theatrical techniques, will be packed with excitement, plenty of laughs, and a delightfully beautiful score with musical and dance numbers including "I Won't Grow Up," "I Gotta Crow," and "Neverland."

Performers from High Bridge
Jacob Chalfant, 9 - plays a Lost Boy
Hayley Pellis, 16 - plays an Indian
Tom Newman, adult - plays Mr. Darling & Captain Hook

Tickets are on sale now at www.showkids.org or by calling the SKIT ticket office at (908) 638-5959.

Tickets are also on sale now for SKIT's *Bye Bye Birdie* which will be presented during late April-early May.

Mary Dickson

Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Every year during the holidays, the community's outpouring of generosity is nearly overwhelming. Your support of the Pantry means that over 500 men, women and children were amply fed from Thanksgiving into the New Year. Your ongoing care ensures that we can continue in our mission to feed the hungry in northern Hunterdon County. Thank you. We couldn't do it without you!

Tobey Wodder, Secretary

Gazebo Caretakers Needed

High Bridge is lucky to have a gazebo enhancing the beauty of both Commons Park and Union Forge Park. Each gazebo is an important feature of our town. Over time the gazebos suffer from the elements as well as periodic vandalism.

The Environmental Committee is looking for an individual or a group who would "adopt" one or both of the gazebos. It would involve a bimonthly walk around each gazebo, informing Borough Hall of any vandalism, taking notice of when painting or repair is needed, making repairs as quickly as possible, and keeping the Environmental Committee informed of the status of each gazebo. Having carpentry skills would be beneficial to making the necessary repairs.

If you are interested in helping us maintain our gazebos, please contact Lynn Hughes at lhughes@highbridge.org.

The Environmental Committee

Town-Wide Litter Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Committee in conjunction with our Electronics Recycling Day

(See page 23)

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 as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found; please email lhughes@highbridge.org.

Environmental Committee,
Lynn Hughes, Council Liaison

2013 Electronics Recycling Event

One-Day Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 27
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Union Forge Park Parking Lot

Sponsored by

The High Bridge Environmental Committee
using Clean Communities Grant Money

The High Bridge Environmental Committee will hold its sixth town-wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Union Forge Park.

This one-day event is for High Bridge residents only. You must bring proof of residency to drop off items (driver's license or utility bill with street address). Employees of High Bridge businesses may also participate, but need to bring proof of work address.

Recycling will be provided by Supreme Computer & Electronics Recycling Inc.

IMPORTANT! There will be a $10 fee per Freon item. 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.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING:

Electronic Equipment

- Computers, Mice, Monitors, Printers, Scanners
- Cables, TVs, Personal Digital Assistants
- Stereos, VCRs, 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

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.: The company will remove and recycle Freon for each appliance and provide Freon recycling certificates. The cost is $10 per item.

Note: Light bulbs are NOT accepted.

Essentially anything with a plug that is non-hazardous will be accepted!

For more information visit highbridge.org or call the Borough Hall at 638-6455. You may also call Lynn Hughes, Project Coordinator at 638-8887.

Hunting Awareness

The Environmental Commission would like to remind everyone that hunting season began in September. While New Jersey has an extremely low incidence of hunting-related accidents, please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. To check on the exact locations, please phone Borough Hall (908.638.6455).

Deer hunting season runs from September through February. Sunday bow hunting for deer is now legal on Wildlife Management Areas and on private property ONLY. The legislative change does NOT include any firearm hunting for deer nor does it allow any type of hunting with either bow or firearm for any species other than deer.

The Spring 2013 Wild Turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

The 2013 hunting dates, rules and regulations are summarized in the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest (2012 Hunting Issue)* which is available at local sporting shops including Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Highway 31, Flemington (908.788.5828). For a complete listing of all New Jersey hunting rules and regulations, please refer to the New Jersey Fish & Wildlife website: http://njfishandwildlife.com.

Environmental Committee

High Bridge Women's Group

The High Bridge Women's Group is proud to announce the 25th Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale. The date is set for Saturday, May 18, 2013. We look forward to the community support which enables us to make contributions to graduates from Voorhees and the Middle School as well as many service organizations in High Bridge. The registration form appears on the opposite page. Please mark your calendars with the date and get those forms in soon. As usual, you may contact Chris Marx for more information.

We will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. from now until May 28. In addition to our regular monthly meetings, the group tries to plan a dinner out each month. We visit local restaurants for a relaxing evening and conversation. These are always fun and very informal. If you'd like to join us for dinner or attend a meeting, please contact Chris Marx, President, 638-4146 for more information. Guests are always welcome.

Chris Marx

Child Find

The High Bridge School District Child Study Team has a basic responsibility to determine a student's eligibility for classification and special education services. Federal and State laws have specified many of the team's legal responsibilities and functions. For further information, call the Child Study Team Office, which is located in the Middle School, at 908 638-4512. You will also find additional Child Find information, on the District website.

Lisa Fallon, Director of Special Services

Hunterdon County YMCA

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Hunterdon County YMCA, we wish to convey our thanks for the tremendous support shown by our members, staff, volunteers and the Hunterdon County community for our annual holiday Angel Patrol program. Your generosity helped make the holidays joyous for many in our extended community family who are experiencing financial hardship at this time.

Even in these challenging economic times, the response this year was amazing. An extraordinary number of gifts and food items were collected and distributed to 40 individuals, 21 families and 10 community agencies including Anderson House, Bridgeway Supportive Housing, Family Promise of Hunterdon County, Fisherman's Mark, Flemington Food Pantry, Friendship Center for New Beginnings, Hunterdon Youth Services, Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Safe in Hunterdon, and St. Agnes Parish.

We would also like to thank our community partners whose generosity and assistance was again incredible: Affinity Federal Credit Union; Auto Resource Center; Bedard, Kurowicki, & Co; Clinton Sunrise Rotary; Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce; Flying Tiger Martial Arts; Hunterdon County Planning & Zoning Administrators Association; HCYMCA Swim Team; HCYMCA Martial Arts participants; IKARIA; Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parishioners; Maser Consulting; Miravast; Oakwood Lanes; Summit Drilling; Super Movers; TD Bank; Team Link; and World Wide Metric.

Last, but not least, we'd like to express our appreciation to the staff & volunteers of the HCYMCA who all spent countless hours sorting, wrapping and distributing the gifts. You and the Hunterdon County community have shown yourselves to be true angels: messengers of the real meaning and spirit of the holiday season.

Bruce Black, President & CEO
Hunterdon County YMCA

HIGH BRIDGE
TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 25th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday May 18, 2013 RAIN or SHINE. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp and will be advertised in local newspapers.

Our goal is to have every family and business in High Bridge participate by sending $7, with the form below, to the High Bridge Women's Group, even if you do not have items to sell. All donations received will be used for High Bridge student scholarships and various community projects.

Maps showing those homes participating will be available on the day of the sale at the High Bridge Library.

Participants will also receive balloons and maps the week of the sale. The balloons are to be displayed on the day of the sale.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted anytime before May 7, 2013 to ensure inclusion on the map list.

For additional information call: Chris Marx @ 638-4146.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE
sponsored by the
HIGH BRIDGE WOMEN'S GROUP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CLOTHING		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	TOYS	FURNITURE	AUTO/ TOOLS	RECORDS/ BOOKS
ADULT	CHILD					

OTHER _____

_____

Please return this form with a $7.00 donation to:
High Bridge Women's Group
50 Beavers St.
High Bridge, New Jersey 08829
Please make your donation in the form of a check to: "High Bridge Women's Group
Cut along dotted line

I Remember When

Note: This is a continuation from the story in the November 2012 issue of "The Bridge."

I remember when. . . Sauerkraut and pigs knuckles were among favorites of mine along with bacon and eggs for breakfast. I would use the toast to dunk into the egg yoke, and I still do the very same thing. My father, on the other hand, would like ham, eggs and potatoes. When my mother served it to him, he would put half a bottle of catsup on it and then cut it up into small, mixed up pieces so badly that you could not recognize what it once was, but he loved it that way!

Back in those days, those of legal age could buy a paper quart container of draft beer from their favorite bar in town. There were seven bars namely Sam Labars Tavern, Schrams Tavern, Mutties Tavern, Reardons Tavern and The American Hotel, Union Hotel, and John Wiegands up on top of Blacks Hill (now Fairview Avenue); these bars would sell beer, too! When I was just a baby, you had to bring a metal beer pail with a handle on it to the bar to buy draft beer to take home, because there were no paper containers at that point in time. Or you brought a glass jar for the beer; "six packs" didn't come along until years later!

By the time I was old enough to drive, gasoline at my father's "Sunoco" station was selling for 19.9 cents per gallon; can you believe that? Motor oil was sold in glass quart bottles with a metal spout for pouring that you had to fill up from an oil drum in the back of my father's store!

Then there was Neapolitan ice cream which was vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry! I loved that, too. When it came to food, I loved everything except lima beans and kidney stew! There was "Redman Chewing Tobacco" and Lucky Strike cigarettes in a dark, green, flat tin with a big red dot within a white circle in the middle of the cover that said "Lucky Strike" and the tin held 20 cigarettes! That's before Americans found out cigarettes can kill you!

Oh yes, I could not leave out Dr. Lyons Tooth Powder! I used that for years. For grown-ups to keep regular, there was always a product called "SERUTAN" which was "NATURES" spelled backwards.

Just had to get all that off my chest! Now I feel much lighter! It's like a big weight off me!

Remembrances

Please keep in your prayerful thoughts all those who have suffered the loss or injury of a loved one, and the loss of a home, business, or other property damage from Hurricane Sandy. Some will be suffering for a very long time and for many forever.

Also please remember in your prayers the Sandy Hook Elementary twenty innocent children and six adult teachers that left this world too early.

Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler
Former Longtime Resident & still active in the Community

Real Estate Market Update

from Susan Prisco

Are you curious as to how our real estate market is doing in Somerset/ Hunterdon counties? Home prices have gone up a bit in the fourth quarter of 2012 as the interest rate continues to decline. Every buyer I have recently done business with asks the same question, "I thought this was a buyer's market; where is the bargain?" The bargain is in the interest rates. There is a huge savings in the interest rate in your monthly mortgage payment and at the end of the loan. Homeowners who are ready to move up in the housing market will sell low, but they will buy a larger house low plus gain on the interest rates. Home prices rose 3 percent in the 12 months through September, according to an S&P / Case-Shiller index, paring the decline to 29 percent from the 2006 peak. The median existing-home price may rise 5 percent in 2013, with comparable gains in 2014, according to the National Association of Realtors. The problem I see now is that there are no properties on the market. Our inventory is so low while buyer interest is high. The reason seems to be the confidence in the real estate market. Experts are predicting the homes sale price to increase again in 2013 which is great news.

While tighter credit standards after a collapse in the subprime mortgage market were appropriate, "it seems likely at this point that the pendulum has swung too far the other way, and that overly tight lending standards may now be preventing creditworthy borrowers from buying homes, thereby slowing the revival in housing and impeding the economic recovery," Bernanke said. (Bloomberg) Unfortunately, this has affected the first-time home buyer. The mortgage industry has still kept a very strict standard for this particular buyer.

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Recycling Opportunities

Bottle Cap Recycling: High Bridge no longer has a bottle cap recycling program. However, you may send your plastic bottle caps to The Recap Company, 6465 Lewis Road, Loveland, OH 45140; for more information see www.recapcompany.com.

Car Batteries: Padik Auto Parts, 423 Route 513, Califon, NJ accepts all automotive and light batteries ("wet" batteries). Put the batteries on the rack in the front of the store. The rack is always there so you can drop batteries off anytime 24/7 that is convenient.

Eye Glasses: Eye glasses are collected by the Borough Environmental Committee and will be sent to charitable organizations. Drop off eye glasses at the Borough Library during operating hours (see next item for hours).

Cell Phones, Inkjet Cartridges, Laser Toner Cartridges: The High Bridge Elementary School's Environmental Club is collecting used cell phones, inkjet and laser toner cartridges. The money raised will be used for environmental programs. Drop your used cartridges or cell phones at the Elementary School during school hours or at the High Bridge Library on Main Street during operating hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10 a.m. - noon and 3 - 8 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m. - noon and 3 - 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Go in the back door of the Library and place the recyclable items in the marked collection box on the shelf to your left.

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs: The Raritan (Flemington) Home Depot recycles the spiral, energy-saving light bulbs (CFS's, compact florescent light bulbs); they do not take the long, thin tube bulbs.

Hard Plastics: The Environmental Committee continues to search for a vendor willing to provide a hard plastics recycling event for our Borough; check the Borough website for updates.

Styrofoam: UPS accepts Styrofoam peanuts and noodles. UPS is located at 1802 Route 31 North in Grayrock Plaza. The hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday the store is closed. For info: 638-3500; website: store4525@theupsstore.com. Please note: UPS no longer accepts large, solid pieces of Styrofoam.

Wood: At this time, wood cannot be recycled. You must cut it into no more than 4-foot lengths and tie it in a bundle for garbage pickup. One 50 pound bundle counts as a bulk item.

If you have large amounts of wood from a remodeling project, then you must take it to the Hunterdon County Transfer Station (see info this page). Again the pieces must be no more than 4 ft. in length. No creosote railroad ties allowed.

Notes:

1. **Household batteries can no longer be recycled at the Department of Public Works Facility.** Household batteries are no longer being recycled by the County due to new federal regulations. Household batteries can now be safely disposed of in your regular trash; do not bring any more batteries to the Department of Public Works.
2. Plastic Bottle Caps are no longer recycled (effective 9/2011). See the top item in this column.

Visit the recycling page at www.highbridge.org for more recycling opportunities.

Transfer Station Recycling

HUNTERDON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING DEPOT
10 Petticoat Lane
Annandale, NJ 08801
908.236.9088

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Residential Drop Off of Large Items:
Saturdays Only: The Transfer Station is open to residents only on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must unload the items yourself and present proof of residency.

Rates: $22 for a car, $32 for a pickup truck, and $10 additional for a trailer attached to either a car or truck.

Free Residential Drop Off Is Available for the Following Items:

1. **Aluminum cans:** Only empty beverage cans will be accepted; *other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*.

2. **Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags:** Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box).

   Cardboard with food or food residue WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

3. **Glass bottles and jars:** Glass food and beverage containers with rings and caps removed will be accepted. All containers **MUST** be emptied and rinsed.

   Cups, drinking glasses, dishes, ovenware, window glass, lead crystal TV tubes, light bulbs, mirrors or any other type of glass product WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

4. **Hard-covered books:** Hard-covered books will be accepted.

5. **Junk mail & office paper:** Unshredded junk mail and office paper will be accepted. Junk mail and office paper should be tied or placed in a cardboard container (box) or it may be placed in a *clear* bag.

   Shredded junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

6. **Newspaper:** Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. *Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*.

7. **Paperback books:** Paperback books will be accepted.

8. **Plastic bottles # 1-7:** Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. **All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.**

9. **Telephone books:** Telephone books will be accepted.

10. **Tin and bi-metal cans:** Tin and bi-metal cans will be accepted if all food and other residue has been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

Borough of High Bridge
71 Main Street
High Bridge, NJ 08829

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 522
Flemington, NJ

Start Planning Now!
June 15 Pooch Parade
Theme: "Fairy Tails"
More info in the next newsletter or visit the Cultural & Heritage page on www.highbridge.org

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High Bridge, NJ

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Dates to Remember

March 23 - Easter Egg Hunt - Union Forge Park (rain date March 30)

March 25 - Budget Presentation - Board of Ed

April 13 - Free Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs - Emergency Squad Building

April 27 - Electronics Recycling Event and Town-Wide Litter Clean-Up

Upcoming Events

May 18 - Town-Wide Garage Sale

May 18 - High Bridge Hills Golf Course Residents' Day

June 15 - Pooch Parade