

The Quarterly Newsletter for the Citizens of High Bridge

# THE BRIDGE

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## 2012 Infrastructure Projects

### Lake Solitude Dam

The remediation of the Lake Solitude Dam is by all accounts one of the largest projects ever undertaken by the Borough, surpassed only by the installation of the public water and sewer systems, and it is moving ahead nicely with work on the spillway almost complete. Great care and effort has been taken to protect and restore the historic spillway.

*Large concrete pads were required to be installed in each bay at the base of the spillway to shore up the historic structure. These pads will be at or just below water level and may not be visible from the top of the spillway. Please be reminded that jumping or diving off the spillway is unsafe and strictly prohibited.*



*Stabilizing the Base of the Historic Lake Solitude Spillway*

Final elevations for the earthen portion of the Dam have been achieved. The placement of topsoil and the seeding of the area will be undertaken in the spring as weather permits. It is our belief the project will be completed in May 2012.

### Cregar Road

Repairs to Cregar Road are scheduled to begin this spring. Bid specifications are being made ready and additional grant requests have been submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). The Borough received grants in 2010 and 2011 totaling \$235,000 for this project.

### Other Projects

The Borough has also applied for a grant from the NJDOT for Phase II of the Streetscape Project. Some other important infrastructure repairs to be undertaken include replacement of several fire hydrants, repairs to collapsed storm water inlets, and the replacement of sections of the water mains on Washington Avenue and Mine Road. The Borough is also working closely with the County on the replacement of the bridge on Mine Road near Cokesbury Road.

*Councilman Tom Flynn,  
Planning and Engineering Chair*

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## Spring Leaf Collection

April 16 - 20

(no collection after April 20 until Fall 2012)

Residents and businesses on the following roads MUST place all leaves in bags for safety reasons: County Route 513; Cregar Road (from Hilltop Deli to Cregar Road bridge); Hart Street; Union Avenue; Central Avenue; and all of Center Street.

DO NOT put grass, brush, stones, or other yard debris in the pile as it will be left. Leaves are NOT to be placed in the roadway. Please place leaves on the edge of the lawn per STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.

## Fall Brush Collection

April 23 - 27; May 21 - 25\*; June 18 - 22\*

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 pick up the Sunday before the collection begins. Do not place leaves or other yard debris on the brush as it will be left. Please have the cut ends of the brush facing the street. 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.

The Commons will be open on the following Saturdays: March 17, March 31, April 14, and April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only. Refer to the article on page 6 for further information on what is acceptable to bring to the Commons. Thank you in advance!

*Michael Hann, Director of Public Works*

# Recycling Schedule & Info

February 3 and 17; March 2, 16 and 30; April 13 and 27

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, drinking glasses, flower pots, light bulbs, mirror and window glass, oil jugs, plastic bags, scrap metal, and Styrofoam.

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.**

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 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 curb side; 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](http://www.highbridge.org). Refer to pages 12, 13 and 31 of this newsletter for more information as well.

Thank you for making an effort to recycle! You do make a difference! Please call Borough Hall (638.6455) to report any recycling problems.

# 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), televisions, computers, and construction waste will not be accepted.

For more information, refer to the "2012 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2012" information sheet. If you do not have a "2012 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2012" 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.

**Borough Hall**  
**71 Main Street**  
**High Bridge, NJ 08829**  
 Telephone: 908-638-6455; Fax: 908-638-9374  
[www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)

**High Bridge Emergency Squad**  
 PO Box 14, High Bridge, NJ 08829

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

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Property Taxes Due	2	3 Recycling	4
	Christmas Tree Pick-Up Through the Second Week in February						
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<b>February 2012</b>							

# Calendar: March and April 2012

March 2012	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Recycling	3
	4	5	6	7	8 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	9	10
	11	12 Board of Education Meeting-7:00 p.m. HB Middle School Room 209	13	14	15	16 Recycling	17 Commons Open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	18	19	20	21	22 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Fire House	23	24
	25	26 Budget Presentation Board of Education Meeting-7:00 p.m. HB Middle School Room 209	27	28	29	30 Recycling	31 Commons Open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 11:00 SHARP Easter Egg Hunt Free Rabies Clinic 9 am - 11 am

April 2012	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Borough Hall Closed	7 Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt (to be held 3/31 unless raining)
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	29	30					

# High Bridge Historic Properties

The Borough Council Committee would like to offer an update on some of the activities being undertaken with regard to the Borough's historic properties.

The Borough applied for and was awarded a \$50,000 Planning Grant to develop a restoration plan for the Solitude House. Grants of this type are very difficult to obtain, and we are thankful to the New Jersey Historic Trust for supporting the Borough's efforts to preserve the Solitude House. Work on the development of the plan will be launched shortly, and the Borough intends to include all key entities in the process.

The Council has also, after considerable effort by the Committee, developed a generic lease for those wishing to lease any of the Borough's historic properties. This lease was developed to protect the High Bridge taxpayer and to better define the roles and responsibilities of both the landlord and the tenant. The lease was modeled after a lease currently in existence between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Harmony Township Historical Preservation Commission. At our last Borough Council meeting in 2011, as promised, such a lease was extended to the Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA) for the purposes of operating the Museum at Solitude House beyond October 2012, which is the end of their current lease. The Council's Cultural & Heritage Committee looks forward to meeting with the members of the UFHA during 2012 to finalize the agreement.

The Borough will also continue its efforts to secure funding, both public and private, to restore the Borough's historic properties thus lessening the impact to the High Bridge taxpayer.

*High Bridge Council Committee - Cultural & Heritage  
Victoria Miller, Chair*

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**High Bridge Soap Box Derby**

**Saturday, June 2, 2012**

**9:00 a.m.**

## 2012 Commons Brush Drop-off Dates

Being able to bring your yard brush to the Commons is a service we provide to our residents. Only brush and tree branches (3 inches or less in diameter) may be brought by residents to the area behind the Commons Park on specified Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The area will be open on the following dates: 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3 and 11/10.

Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Additionally, pieces of lumber/wood, grass clippings and leaves should not be brought to the Commons. Remember: It is against the law to dump any other items and subject to a fine up to \$1,250/90 days jail/community service. Ordinance No. 2011-21 and 2011-23.

If anyone observes illegal dumping at the Commons, please report the day, time, type of material and the vehicle license plate number to the High Bridge Police at 638.6500.

**Thank you to the volunteers  
in our community that make  
High Bridge Borough a great  
place to live and work!**

## BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE FREE ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS

**SATURDAY- MARCH 31, 2012  
9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.**

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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, 2012

FIRST QUARTER UTILITIES  
DUE FEBRUARY 27, 2012

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

POST-DATED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT:  
INVESTORS SAVINGS 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

# High Bridge Emergency Squad

## Introducing the 2012 Emergency Squad Officers

President: Jessica Luteran, [Jessica.luteran@hbes.org](mailto:Jessica.luteran@hbes.org)

Chief: Harry Ross, [harry.ross@hbes.org](mailto:harry.ross@hbes.org)

Vice President: Brian Luteran

Deputy Chief: Dan McTiernan

Captain: Melanie Ikenson

Stay safe and healthy this winter!

## Power Outages

- If the power is out longer than two hours, throw away food that has a temperature higher than 40°F.
- Check with local authorities to be sure your water is safe.
- Wear layers of clothing, which help to keep in body heat.
- Avoid power lines and use electric tools and appliances safely to prevent electrical shock.
- If the power outage is expected for a long period of time, take your loved ones and pets to a place that has power. Contact local authorities for shelter information.

## Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if inhaled. When power outages occur during emergencies such as hurricanes or winter storms, the use of alternative sources of fuel or electricity for heating, cooling, or cooking can cause CO to build up in a home, garage, or camper and to poison the people and animals inside.

- Every home should have at least one working carbon monoxide detector. The detector's batteries should be checked at least twice annually, at the same time smoke detector batteries are checked.
- Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space such as a garage.
- Never run a generator, pressure washer, camp stove, propane, natural gas, charcoal-burning device, or

any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open, unless the equipment is professionally installed and vented. Keep vents and flues free of debris, especially if winds are high. Flying debris can block ventilation lines. Do not run any of these outside an open window.

- If CO poisoning is suspected, consult a health care professional right away.

## Winter Weather: Hypothermia

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it. Victims of hypothermia are often (1) elderly people with inadequate food, clothing, or heating; (2) babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; (3) people who remain outdoors for long periods—the homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.; and (4) people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

## Recognizing Hypothermia

The following are warnings signs of hypothermia.

Adults: shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, and drowsiness

Infants: bright red, cold skin, and very low energy

If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the situation is an emergency—get medical attention immediately.

Taking preventive action is your best defense against having to deal with extreme cold-weather conditions. By preparing your home and car in advance for winter emergencies and by observing safety precautions during times of extremely cold weather, you can reduce the risk of weather-related health problems.

*Jessica Luteran,  
High Bridge Emergency Squad*

## Low Income Energy Assistance

The Department of Community Affairs recently announced that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now accepting applications for the upcoming heating season which runs from November 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) administers this federal program which provides low-income households with money to help pay their heating bills.

Information about the program is available by calling 1-800-510-3102 or online at:

[www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html)

*Bonnie Fleming,  
Chief Financial Officer/Certified Tax Collector*



# CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

## Join the High Bridge Business Association

The High Bridge Business Association (HBBA) incorporated in 2006 with the goal of improving High Bridge and its businesses through a cohesive network of business owners and managers. We will achieve this goal through a collaborative effort between our members to create a positive business atmosphere in High Bridge.

**\$50 per quarter**

**www.HBbusiness.org**

**write to - info@hbbusiness.org**

### Benefits Include:

- Use of the HBBA Bulk Mail Permit
- Advertisement in the HBBA Welcome Package
- Publicity through popular community events
- Web presence — Your business on our site!
- Monthly e-News - add your message
- Community Involvement
- Much More!



## YMCA 2012 Strong Kids Campaign

Each year the Hunterdon County YMCA conducts the Strong Kids Campaign to provide families in need with financial support to participate in membership and program activities at the Hunterdon County YMCA like summer camp, childcare and teen activities.

The Strong Kids Campaign is led by volunteers who make a commitment to serve their neighbors in need. Santo Auriemma of Summit Drilling, serving as the Campaign Chair, will lead the 2012 Strong Kids Campaign. He will be supported by Bart Fellin, of Fellin Industrial Sales, who will chair the Team Section of the Campaign and Jim Lewy of Wells Fargo Advisors, who will lead the Chairman's Round Table Section. All three serve on the Hunterdon County YMCA's Board of Trustees.

"Strong Kids promotes one of the things most missing in our children's lives—the opportunity for an active and healthy childhood," said Santo Auriemma. "For many kids, it's a chance of a lifetime just to go to camp in the summer or play on a soccer team that puts teamwork and friendship ahead of winning."

"I am pleased to be involved with the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign because kids are growing up too fast and missing the years that determine their talents, passions and future life plans. The Strong Kids Campaign promotes childhood in Hunterdon County," said Bart Fellin.

YMCA programs help children and teens to be strong in spirit, mind and body. Concerns about childhood obesity and lack of physical activity are often raised in the media. The YMCA offers a variety of programs to help children be more active. Young people learn teamwork and leadership skills, which will serve them both on and off the field. In addition, values such as caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are taught as part of all YMCA programs.

To become involved with the 2012 Strong Kids Campaign, please call 908-236-7879. For more information, visit [www.hcymca.org](http://www.hcymca.org).

*Heather Ruggeri, Director of Communications & Marketing  
Hunterdon County YMCA*



# Easter Egg Hunt

## Saturday, March 31, 2012

Sponsored by the Mayor and Council of High Bridge  
in conjunction with the  
"I'm for High Bridge Committee" and the High Bridge Women's Group

Come join the Easter Bunny  
for an Easter Egg Hunt at Union Forge Park

11:00 a.m. SHARP  
Don't be late - the  
eggs won't wait!

(Rain Date: April 7)



### PERMANENT PART-TIME DAYS UP TO \$13/HR HOUSE CLEANING

- Monday through Friday - no nights or weekends
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- Vehicle Allowance (you provide insured vehicle with valid NJ driver's license)

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Call 908-996-4277 or email amy@alexandriadomesticservices.com

## 2010 Homestead Benefit Credit

Eligible residential property owners have received a tax credit on their February 2012 property tax bill. If you have questions regarding this benefit, please call the NJ Division of Taxation at 1-888-238-1233.

*Bonnie Fleming,  
Chief Financial Officer/Certified Tax Collector*

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TO: Residents of High Bridge  
FROM: William A. Caldwell, Interim Principal, High Bridge Elementary School

**SUBJECT: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS**

We are already looking forward to registering and welcoming next year's kindergarten students. To be eligible for enrollment, children must be five (5) years of age on or before October 1, 2012. Registration will begin with a **Parent Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00pm** at the Elementary School. *This meeting is for parents only.* On **Friday, March 30th** 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**.

Please be aware that High Bridge School District offers a half day kindergarten class. Typically we have one morning class from 8:30-11:20 and one afternoon class from 12:10-3:00. We DO NOT offer a Wrap Around Kindergarten Program. Parents are responsible for child care before and after kindergarten school hours.

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## 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.*

<b>Born between:</b>	<b>Eligible for Kindergarten in</b>	<b>Child's Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name (please PRINT)</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>
10/2/06 and 10/1/07	Sept. 2012				
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				

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

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Address

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Telephone

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# High Bridge Parish Places Historic Plaque

St. Joseph Parish in High Bridge now has a historical plaque on the front of its church to recognize the origins of the parish, the structure and an important piece of High Bridge history.

The plaque was inspired by parishioner Sean Rogan of Clinton and developed by Rogan and parish historian Greg Boyle of Union Township, aided by the NJ Sign Store in Lebanon. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Somerset County contributed to the project as did the parish Altar Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus and Men's Cornerstone groups, and parishioners Carol Huttemann and Rev. Maurice Carlton, Pastor.

The new plaque recognizes the formation of the parish in the late 1870's to serve a predominantly Irish immigrant congregation that had been part of St. Ann Church in Hampton. The local Irish who settled in High Bridge were among the many families who had left Ireland for America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century following centuries of English occupation and persecution of Catholics. The famines that occurred in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe were the 'last straw.' Millions of Irish starved but millions of others left for America, Australia and other parts of the world. (Ireland's population went from over 8 million to 3 million in a short time.) When they arrived in America, Irish families tended to settle together near where they could work, and many settlements were along railroads and canals and in mining areas. The High Bridge Irish helped to build the local railroads and many worked in the local steel mill.

In 1879 parishioners built a church on the corner of Main Street and Van Syckle Place, the site of the present church. The first church, along with buildings on both sides of Main Street from the church south to where the train station now stands, were destroyed by a fire as reported in the July 12, 1898 issue of the *Hunterdon County Democrat*. That article referred to the fire that began in a bakery as "one of the most disastrous fires which ever visited this county." It occurred soon after the founding of the Borough of High Bridge. A "bucket brigade" fought the blaze until help could be obtained from Clinton and Phillipsburg. As a result, the 1898 fire became the catalyst for formation of the High Bridge Fire Department.



Rev. Maurice Carlton, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church stands with Sean Rogan, a parishioner that inspired the historic plaque, along with Parish Historian Greg Boyle.

The historical plaque also notes the unique presence of two cornerstones for the church. The upper cornerstone marks the 1898 date when the church was rebuilt. The lower cornerstone is engraved with a Celtic Cross (which is replicated on the new plaque) and the legend, "St. B. ABBEY 724." That stone comes from the ruins of St. Brigid's Abbey built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century near the River Bride in County Cork, Ireland. The abbey had been destroyed during one of the Viking raids on Ireland. The nearby city of Cork became a Viking settlement sometime between 914 and 922. The lower cornerstone was a gift to St. Joseph Parish from Dr. T. A'Heron from Junction, whose ancestors once occupied the land near the abbey and who secured the stone from the abbey ruins. It anchors the Irish roots of St. Joseph parish.



The cornerstone pictured above is from the ruins of St. Brigid's Abbey built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century near the River Bride in County Cork, Ireland. Its current location: St. Joseph Church, High Bridge NJ.



The historical plaque that recognizes the origins of the parish, the structure of St. Joseph's Church, and an important piece of High Bridge history.

Persons interested in additional information about the formation of the parish and building of our church should visit the "Parish History" link on the St. Joseph Parish website [www.sjchb.org](http://www.sjchb.org).

Greg Boyle, Parish Historian, St. Joseph Church

# 2012 Electronics Recycling Event

## One-Day Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 28

8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Union Forge Park Parking Lot

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The High Bridge Environmental Committee will hold its fifth town-wide electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 28, 2012 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, TV's, Personal Digital Assistants
- Stereos, VCR's, DVD players, Video Equipment, Radios
- Flat-Panel Displays, Video Game Players
- Copy Machines, Fax Machines
- Phones, Cell Phones, Answering Machines
- Tape Recorders, Reel-to-Reel Tape Players
- Medical Electronics, Surveillance Equipment
- Toasters, Microwaves

#### Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.:

The company will remove and recycle Freon for each appliance and provide Freon recycling certificates. 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  
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Pedals for Progress (P4P), in its continuing effort to recycle bicycles properly, is having a used bike collection sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Committee. Anyone with an adult's or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate his or her bike to this worthy cause. We do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. Bikes can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday April 28 rain or shine @ Union Forge Park, Washington Avenue, High Bridge NJ 08829.

P4P collects 5,000 to 7,000 bicycles annually and transfers this material wealth to those more needy. To date more than 133,000 have been shipped to developing countries in Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. These bikes provide them with reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to market, or accessing health care and other services. Steady employment for these adults is vital to the development and success for these economies.

It costs \$40 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary (suggested minimum \$10 per bike). All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible and a receipt will be available at the collection site.

P4P also accepts working portable sewing machines and is seeking donations of wrenches for its overseas shops.

P4P is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and a registered charity in the states of NJ, PA, CT, NY & VT. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site.

For detailed information about our overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle collection, visit our website at [www.p4p.org](http://www.p4p.org). For more info call David at 638-8893.

*Beverly Merchant*

## A Request for Artists

If you are an artist, you may be interested in what's coming up in October 2012 - The High Bridge Paint Out, a plein air art event.

We are currently in the planning phase and need volunteers with art experience. Please contact Michele Schwartz at [hbpaintout@yahoo.com](mailto:hbpaintout@yahoo.com) if you would like to help or for more information.



**Used  
Bike  
Drive**

(RAIN OR SHINE)

**Sat., April 28, 2012  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**High Bridge Recycling Event**  
Union Forge Park – Washington Avenue  
High Bridge, NJ 08829

We're collecting adult and kids bikes to send to Nicaragua, Ghana, Moldova, Guatemala and Eastern Europe. Do your part to put unused bikes to good use in the developing world.

Bikes should be rust free. No trikes, but bikes with flat tires in need of some repair are accepted.

We are also collecting sewing machines in working condition.

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## Cub Scout Pack 149

Cub Scout Pack 149 will host their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 25, from 4 - 8 p.m. This year we will have an open race for siblings, parents and friends to participate. Other upcoming scout events in the spring include camping, Cuborama, and the annual river clean up. We encourage all boys from first through fifth grade to join us.

This year we are seeking camping equipment donations to help build the troop's supplies. Please contact Steve Croghan at 908.638.8379 if you would like to make a donation or if you would like more information about the Pack.

*Todd Honeycutt*

## Veterans Signage Visibility

If your Borough organization has an event sign to display, please place the sign to the side of the Veterans Park rather than directly in front of the park.

Thank you for being respectful of this special place.

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

# Town-Wide Litter Clean-Up Day

## Saturday, April 28, 2012

Sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Committee in conjunction with our Electronics Recycling Day (see page 12).



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 e-mail via our town website as to how many bags of litter you collected and what types of litter you found (or you may send an email to [lhughes@highbridge.org](mailto:lhughes@highbridge.org)).

*Environmental Committee,  
Lynn Hughes, Council Liaison*

## C & H Seeks Members

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee was established to advise the Borough Council on the cultural and historic interests needs of the Borough of High Bridge. Its responsibilities include the development of programs to promote interest and participation in and understanding of local history, arts, cultural values and goals of the community and State. It may establish museum and cultural programs, including fine arts and performing programs, undertake historical research, oversee Borough-owned historic properties, promote the Borough through motion picture and television setting, and perform architectural and genealogical research. Reports and directories may be published that help develop interest in historical and cultural matters.

Its seven Mayor-appointed members represent the entire Borough and have special interests and awareness in history, art, and music. Committee members must be residents of the Borough or own a business in High Bridge. The term of membership is three years.

Regular meetings of the C & H Committee are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

If this Committee sounds like a match for you and you are able to dedicate time to work on our various projects / events, please call the Borough Hall at 638-6455. Someone from the C & H committee will contact you to set up an interview.

*Victoria Miller,  
High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee*

## 2012 Tour of High Bridge

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 1!

Our annual community bicycle race, The Tour of High Bridge, is taking place in the month of September this year, so be sure to reserve the date on your calendar.



This fully self-supported event is made possible with the help of our many business sponsors and a lot of hard work by volunteers.

The Race Committee is already planning to make the 2012 Tour of High Bridge a memorable event for racers and spectators alike.

So prepare to get out your grills, hamburgers and hotdogs for this action-packed High Bride tradition.

*Dean Rapp, Chair,  
Tour of High Bridge Race Committee*

# Police Department

\*\*\*ATTENTION RESIDENTS\*\*\*

**Borough Ordinance 184-18: Designation of snow emergency no-parking areas.** No person shall be parked on either side of any street(s) or parts thereof from November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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.

**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. from November 15 through April 1, inclusive	All locations within the Borough

*Brett Bartman,  
Chief of Police*

# NJ HomeKeeper Program

The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency has announced the "New Jersey HomeKeeper Program" funded through a grant from United States Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund. The Program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their home as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment.

The NJ HomeKeeper Program provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan whereby the proceeds may be used to cover arrearages and/or an approved amount of the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment, including property taxes, property insurance, and mortgage insurance. Program details are available online at [www.njhomekeeper.gov](http://www.njhomekeeper.gov) or by calling the toll-free HomeKeeper call center at (855)-NJ-KEEP-1.

*Bonnie Fleming, Chief Financial Officer/Certified Tax Collector*

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# Great Backyard Bird Count

The Environmental Committee invites you to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Backyard Bird Count which will take place from February 17 - 20, 2012.

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 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 that 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 14 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 2011 GBBC, 1,200 birds representing 34 species were counted in High Bridge.

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

*Lynn Hughes, Environmental Committee*

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## Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

'Come Fly with Meals on Wheels!'

Winter's arrival always brings our thoughts to ways to warm up, and Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon may just have the 'ticket' for you.



'Meals on Wheels' Come Fly with Me Raffle' is an exciting new fundraiser that could have you heading off to a warm locale for a winter/spring getaway. Or perhaps you'd like to visit San Francisco, Monterey, Mexico or another 'dream' destination. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is offering a limited number of raffle tickets (only 750) for the chance to win two round-trip United Airline tickets to anywhere in the United States, Mexico or the Caribbean. Sound too good to be true? It isn't! This could be your lucky year.

Raffle Tickets will cost just \$20 each and a book of five tickets \$100. The airline tickets will be good for one year from the drawing date set for May 15.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is a not-for-profit agency that depends on over 500 volunteers to deliver hot noontime meals to the homebound elderly and/or disabled clients in Hunterdon. In 2011 Meals on Wheels delivered and served over 52,000 meals between all programs.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to support the programs of Meals on Wheels. In this economy with funding cuts and a decline in donations, the agency is looking for ways to help meet the demand for service without starting a waiting list.

Remember - raffle tickets can make the perfect gift especially for Valentine's Day or a birthday. It's a 'win-win' all the way around - a chance to 'get away from it all' - and a way to help a home-bound senior in your neighborhood.

Invest in that dream - and in Meals on Wheels! Raffle Tickets will be available on March 1 at all Meals on Wheels locations (Annandale, Flemington and Lambertville) and in the agency's Main Office - 5 Walter Foran Boulevard - Suite 2006 in Flemington. Take a chance with Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon - buy that winning ticket! Call (908) 284-0735 for details.

*Monica Strenk, Executive Director  
Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc.*

## Fire Department

### Officers

The officers for this year are Chief Brian Labuta, Deputy Chief Bryan Pascale, Captain Fred Toke, Lieutenant Dennis Trimmer and Lieutenant Mark Brong. We look forward to working together and wish them luck.

### Fire Safety

Check that 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. If there is a large fire, get out and call the Fire Department by dialing 911.

### Fire Hydrants

Keep any fire hydrant near your home or business clear of snow in case of a fire emergency. The members of the High Bridge Fire Department are not responsible for clearing your hydrants. Often this task falls upon the volunteer members. 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.

### New Members Needed

Anyone interested in joining the High Bridge Fire Department is welcome to stop by any Monday night to talk about how you can help High Bridge and our surrounding communities or visit our website at [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org).

*Jim Dietz, High Bridge Fire Department*

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**High Bridge  
Fire Department  
Annual Picnic  
Saturday, July 28, 2012  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Union Forge Field  
Rain or Shine**

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Hamburgers / Hot Dogs  
Barbecue Chicken  
Corn on the Cob  
Beer & Birch Beer**

**Door Prizes  
Tickets are \$40.00 for Two People  
No One Under 21 Permitted  
For tickets, contact any High Bridge  
Fire Department Member or  
call 908-638-6383.**

**Tickets may be purchased between  
May 1 and July 19.  
Only 300 tickets available.  
Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

**Proceeds will go  
towards a new fire truck.**

## 2012 Professional Services

The following professionals are hereby retained by the Borough of High Bridge for the calendar year 2012 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

**Mark Ruderman, Esq.,**  
Ruderman & Glickman P.C.

**Darlene Jay, P.A.,**  
Maser Consulting, Inc. - Municipal Planner

**Darin Vogel,**  
Quest Environmental - Environmental Scientific  
Consultant

## Official Borough Newspapers

The Mayor and Council have designated the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, *Hunterdon Review*, the *Star Ledger*, and the *Express Times* as the Official Newspapers for 2012.

*Diane Seals, Borough Clerk*

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# Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA)

Each year brings new and interesting challenges, but without doubt 2011 has certainly been one of our most challenging and ambitious years yet. With the generosity and encouragement from volunteers, supporters and allies at the County and State levels, we've continued to grow the UFHA and the Solitude House Museum to the respected establishments they are today. With an economy that is not as conducive to donations or volunteerism as one would expect, I am very proud to report the UFHA / Solitude House Museum was very fortunate to have had a prosperous 2011 both in terms of funding and volunteer participation. Working through many projects and hectic schedules, our spirits remained high and we accomplished major objectives for the year.

Even with our tour hours being reduced this year by three months due to our porch reconstruction project, our overall 2011 tour attendance through normal Sunday tour hours and special group tours increased by nearly 25% over last year. Our annual Independence Day celebration and Victorian Christmas both saw attendance increases by 20% and 18% respectively. Donation receipts also increased both monetarily and with the donation of historic artifacts. This year we gave five special group tours of Solitude and the historic properties as well as tours to three scouting and home school groups. We also instructed high school and elementary school students on local history for their school projects and research papers. Speaking engagements also took us out of High Bridge through lectures on the Union Iron Works to PA and NJ historical and museum groups. We were honored to give special tours to descendants of Penn and Chew families who were historical figures of Solitude. We spoke and met with County and State officials on current and future funding opportunities for Solitude as well as our other historic and restoration related projects.

Our preservation efforts were recognized this year with the Hunterdon County Planning Board's Donald B. Jones award for the creation of the Taylor SteelWorkers Historic Greenway and the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission award for Excellence in Architectural Preservation.

The seeking out and securing/administering of grants is always an on-going project for a non-profit organization, and while we don't own the properties we work to preserve, we believe that our status as a non-profit should be used in the best way possible to benefit historic Borough buildings and areas. The Greenway grant was completed this year with the final coordination of the extended trail easement and the ordering of trail benches and final historical markers. The trail has become very popular with hiking enthusiasts and has been featured in recent publications. The TISCO roof restoration project was put out to public bid twice this year with the Borough's guidance to obtain an acceptable bid. The current bid is being reviewed by the grant board with construction anticipated to start the first quarter of 2012. This year we also wrote and were awarded several thousand dollars in special project grants from the County for remediation work on the Solitude Annex roof and operational funds. We also researched and wrote other grants for additional Solitude porch restoration and for historically accurate, exterior painting.

Interior and exterior restoration continued at Solitude this year. This past winter we made extensive interior repairs to water-damaged floors and ceilings due to plumbing issues. Our Museum hallway and china closets were restored this year with a new historical paint scheme and track lighting for our new map gallery. The Solitude grounds look better each year thanks to our skilled landscape volunteers. We also collected another 20 antique Taylor Wharton patterns from our patrons and hope to permanently display the largest pattern collection in the State sometime in the future.

Our most ambitious undertaking this year was the reconstruction of the Museum porch. The project included the documentation of all existing conditions, development and preparation of construction documents and the review and approval by the Historic Trust and State Preservation offices for compliance with standards for historic restoration. We sent out hundreds of donation requests for the project and received an overwhelming response. The UFHA and volunteers spent many weekends and vacation days building the porch, and we are happy to report that the major structure has been erected with the project scheduled for completion this spring.

During our very successful Christmas open house, we gave out our first annual UFHA Volunteers of the Year awards. This year's recipients were Bob and Sue Haake and John Baker for their generous donations of time and talent to the UFHA and Solitude House.

This year promises to be a pivotal year for the UFHA. Please visit us at [solitudehouse.org](http://solitudehouse.org) throughout the year for information on our goals and projects. Thank you to our many friends and supporters for making 2011 a very successful year. Together we have stood and will continue to stand the test of time.



*Kaitlyn Sikora of Oldwick Community Players greets visitors to UFHA's Christmas Open House in Victorian costume.*

*Best Regards, Michael Gronsky Jr., President,  
Union Forge Heritage Association/Solitude House Museum*

# News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

## High Bridge Board of Education (HB BOE)

The High Bridge School District welcomed back Dr. William Caldwell on January 3, 2012 as Interim Principal at our Elementary School. Dr. Caldwell has assumed this leadership post due to the resignation of Mr. Nigro and is expected to serve as the Interim Principal through June of 2012.

A formal search process has begun to identify the next Principal. First round interviews at the administrative level were conducted in January. A committee consisting of community members, PTO representatives, Board members, teachers, and staff members will be conducting a second round of interviews in February. The final two candidates will then be interviewed by the members of the HB BOE in early March. The Board anticipates that an appointment to the position will be made at either the March or April BOE meeting.

At 1:30 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, December 22 a tentative agreement was reached between the High Bridge Teachers' Association and the HB BOE. Once both sides have successfully ratified the agreement, specific information will become available to the public.

Curriculum revisions are continuing in the areas of Language Arts (Grades K-8), Mathematics (Grades 3-5), and Art (Grades K-8). The Language Arts and Mathematics curriculum guides will incorporate the Common Core Standards that have been adopted by NJ. The Board plans to adopt these revised curriculum guides during the spring with implementation scheduled for September 2012.

During the winter months a main focus for the members of the BOE is development of the proposed 2012 - 2013 school budget. As in past years, this demanding task will require Board members to develop a balanced approach that addresses both the educational needs of our children as well as the financial concerns of our residents and taxpayers. The Board will analyze both the revenue and the expenditure sides of the budget during the months of January and February. On March 26 the Board will conduct a public presentation on the proposed budget with the aim of providing as much information to the voters as possible in anticipation of the April election. The members of the Board invite all High Bridge residents to attend this budget presentation where information will be shared and inquiries addressed.

Also, based upon the April 2010 school elections where a majority of High Bridge voters supported the Board's proposal to decrease the number of Board members, the available Board seats will be reduced by one three-year seat. The current eight member Board of Education will be reduced to seven.

The members of the HB BOE always encourage community members to attend the monthly public meetings which are generally held on the second Monday of each month.

## Elementary School News

The 2012 calendar year started on a positive note as I began my assignment as the Interim Principal at High Bridge Elementary School. My return to the District was prompted by Mr. Paul Nigro's selection as the principal of a large elementary school located closer to his residence. We all wish Mr. Nigro well in his new assignment.

During my initial term of service in the High Bridge School District as the Interim Superintendent/Middle School Principal, I found the High Bridge community to be very supportive; I am very pleased to have a second opportunity to be a part of this supportive community.

Without a doubt, I have enjoyed my time during the month of January visiting classrooms and seeing students engaged in active learning opportunities.

Prior to my arrival, the students of the High Bridge Elementary School, with guidance and assistance from their teachers and staff, created 312 holiday cards that were mailed to military personnel as part of the "Season of Service" campaign. With 255 students in the elementary school it is obvious that many of our students provided a "little extra" for this very worthwhile project. I would like to congratulate our students, teachers and support staff for their efforts. I feel certain our military personnel appreciated receiving your holiday good wishes.

As we enter the heart of the winter season, I encourage parents and students to monitor the District's website to learn of any modifications in the school calendar and/or schedule due to inclement weather. This is your best and quickest way to learn of any changes.

*Sincerely,  
William Caldwell, Ed.D.  
Interim Principal - High Bridge Elementary School*

## Middle School News

In December the musical talents of our Middle School students were showcased at the Annual Winter Concert. The students displayed instrumental and vocal aptitude to their peers in the afternoon and to proud parents in the evening.

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. The unit of study culminated in a "Victorian Tea" where more than 55 parents and family members came to school to participate in this wonderful event with their children.

As we moved into January, the eighth grade students participated in transition programs offered by Voorhees High School as the preparation for transition to ninth grade

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## Senior Corner

Following are some of the many activities scheduled at the Senior Center located on 4 Gauntt Place in Flemington (a little north of the Hunterdon Medical Center) and at some other nearby locations.

### Caregiver Support

Caregiving for an aging loved-one can be very rewarding, but also very stressful. One of the things caregivers can do for themselves is to attend support groups. Dementia, Parkinson's and other caregiver groups meet monthly. Please call 908-788-6401, ext. 3149 for additional information.

### Blood Pressure/Cardio Risk and PAD Screenings

Monthly Blood Pressure/Cardio Risk Assessments and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screenings (PAD) will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from March through November. For more information, call Eleanor at 908-782-7224.

### Some Other Regular Activities

The Investment Group meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Woodcarvers meet every Wednesday morning. Computer classes are scheduled monthly. Sign Language is being taught by an experienced instructor on every Tuesday of the month except the fourth one. For more information, call 908-788-1359.

### Meals on Wheels

If you are homebound or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon County can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. For more information, call 908-284-0735.

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you have four hours a week to spare, you may be interested in becoming a volunteer advocate for a resident of a long-term care facility in New Jersey. You will provide friendship and companionship to elderly residents at nursing facilities, and possibly identify and mediate problems on the resident's behalf. Volunteers undergo 32 hours of training. For more information, call 609-826-5053.

The Hunterdon County Department of Human Services is looking for Volunteer Drivers to take Seniors, who are unable to drive themselves, to various medical appointments. All Volunteer Drivers will use County owned, fully insured vehicles. Call 908-788-1368 for more information.

Are you interested in being part of the Friendly Visitor program to visit a senior one hour a week? Call 1-800-272-4630.

### Tax Return Assistance

Although April 17 is still a long way off, volunteers are available to help low-income tax payers age 60 and over and people with disabilities when that time approaches. The service is free of charge and completely confidential. For more information, call Dee at 908-788-1358.

### Bulletin Board

The bulletin board in front of Borough Hall contains a sheet with a detailed listing of Senior Center activities from Monday through Friday. Also, additional information will be posted in between issues of this Newsletter as it becomes available.

*Fred Loozen*

## News from HB BOE & Schools

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was underway. A class field trip to Hunterdon County Polytech also provided the students an opportunity to explore another high school option.

Other Middle School activities that were conducted in January included the PTO Cultural Arts assembly, "Math Rocks" and a display of gifted spellers in the annual High Bridge Middle School Spelling Bee.

The second marking period Honor Roll Breakfast is scheduled to take place on the morning of Friday, February 10 and, as always, we look forward to parents and family members joining us for this very special event.

*Joseph Kennedy,  
Principal - High Bridge Middle School*

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

In this edition of *The Bridge*, we will focus on finding an object within the constellation of Orion. Start your quest by locating the three bright stars that make up Orion's belt. (Use the image to help.)

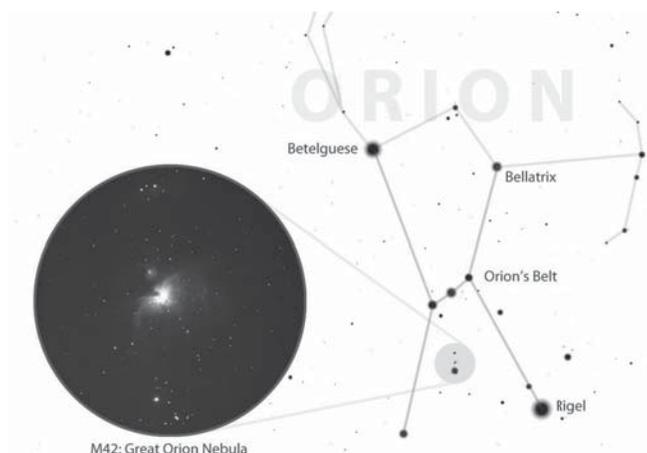


Image from  
[www.TheSkyScrapers.org](http://www.TheSkyScrapers.org)

From Orion's belt, look up and to the left to find the bright star (Betelgeuse) that makes up one of his shoulders. From Orion's belt, look lower and to the right to find another bright star: Rigel. If you're a Harry Potter fan, you might want to notice that Orion's other shoulder is a star named Bellatrix. J. K. Rowling used several star names in her books. Can you think of another?

We are going to explore the area just below Orion's belt. If you use your imagination, you may be able to see that he has a sword hanging from his belt. One star in his sword may look a little blurry to the naked eye, and it will look quite fuzzy or cloudy in binoculars or a telescope. That fuzzy area is the Great Orion Nebula. The Orion Nebula is an area of intense star formation; a place where clouds of gases and dust are collecting and collapsing to form new stars and new planets. Sometimes, this type of nebula is called a "stellar nursery" because it is a region of new star birth.

The Orion Nebula is also known as "M42." It is one of many "M" objects that were catalogued by the 18<sup>th</sup> century astronomer Charles Messier. Messier was a comet hunter who published a catalog of fuzzy objects that might be confused for comets. This list of about 100 fuzzy objects actually contains some of the most interesting objects to look at in the night sky, but for Messier, they were objects that he wanted to ignore. Even though Messier did discover 20 comets - (he discovered his first comet when he was only 14 years old) - he is much more famous for his published list of objects that he *wasn't* interested in.

## Cool things to look for in February, March and April:

February 20 through March 12 - These few days are your best chance to see Mercury this year. This planet is usually hard to observe because it is too close to the Sun's glare. Look to the west just after sunset. Mercury will appear as a small bright object, low and near the horizon. You may mistake it for an airplane.

February through April - Look for Mars. The red planet will appear in the eastern sky, a few hours after sunset.

March - In March, Venus and Jupiter appear right next to each other high in the western sky just after sunset. In early March, Jupiter is the object that is higher in the sky, and Venus is below it. On March 11 they will appear side by side and, toward the end of March, Venus will be higher than Jupiter in the western sky.

March 20 - March Equinox. On this day, the Sun will pass directly overhead at local noon on the equator. This is the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. In New Jersey, the sun will not pass directly overhead at noon, and on this day, the Sun will only get to about 50 degrees above the horizon at its highest point in the sky.

April - Saturn. The ringed planet will be visible low in the east a few hours after sunset. Look for a bright, yellowish object that doesn't twinkle. You can see the rings of Saturn through a pair of modest binoculars.

## Any Astronomical Questions?

Do you have an astronomical question that you are curious about? Submit your question, and it might be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Send your question via email to [TheBridge@HunterdonBiz.com](mailto:TheBridge@HunterdonBiz.com).

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

# Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2012 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 2012 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

*Diane Seals, Clerk*

## 2012 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER TO BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS - THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.**

**Comprehensive**  
**Marketing**  
Hunterdon Business Services, LLC

- ~ Desktop & Mobile Websites
- ~ Internet Marketing
- ~ Printed Marketing Materials
- ~ Marketing Plan Implementation

**Evolve**  
**~ Go**  
**Mobile**

**908.638.1166**



## "Caught Being Green" 2011 Award

Antonio Martinez is the recipient of the High Bridge Environmental Committee's fifth annual Green Award in recognition of being 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 picks up broken vines or downed tree limbs and makes rustic designs (depending on how the branches and vines had grown naturally) 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.

We sincerely appreciate his 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 Committee to recognize High Bridge residents who have been observed going out of their way on a regular basis 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; use LED lights; and are working towards 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 locations since 2005.

### *Nominations are open for the 2012 "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 have observed going out of his/her way to be environmentally responsible. The Environmental Committee will vote on one person each year to receive our annual Green Award. Nominations should be sent to lhughes@highbridge.org.

*Environmentally,  
Lynn Hughes, Council Liaison,  
High Bridge Environmental Committee*

## High Bridge Women's Group

The High Bridge Women's Group will again sponsor the Annual Town-Wide Garage sale this year. The date is set for Saturday May 19, 2012. This will be our 24<sup>th</sup> sale! 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.

Our annual "Cookies with Santa" event was well attended. In addition to coming to see Santa, eat cookies and hear stories, families enjoyed the added bonus of the gingerbread house display outside sponsored by the Cultural & Heritage Committee. We are grateful for the use of Borough Hall as the site for our wonderful event. The winner of the Gingerbread house was A. J. DiMeo and Emerson Cardenas won the gingerbread cake. Many of our members work very hard to continue this tradition and help Santa answer his mail. Maybe your child received a letter from Santa. Thanks to a handful of people these traditions continue to enhance the wonderful environment in town.

We will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. from now until May 22. 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*

## Oral History Request

Please help us preserve High Bridge history. We are looking for lifelong or long-time residents of High Bridge willing to be interviewed for our High Bridge oral history. Any remembrances of life in High Bridge from years ago are welcomed.

The interviews are recorded and will be placed on the Cultural & Heritage (C&H) page of the town website and copies will be kept with the Union Forge Heritage Association and the C&H Committee. Each person interviewed will also receive a copy of the recording.

The C&H Committee wishes to thank Girl Scout Troop 81267 for choosing our oral history interviews for their Silver Award Project. We look forward to working with you.

If interested in being interviewed, please email lhughes@highbridge.org or call Borough Hall at 908-638-6455.

*Cultural & Heritage Committee*

# HIGH BRIDGE TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday May 19, 2012 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. These are to be displayed on the day of the sale.

Your completed form and donation may be submitted anytime before April 30, 2012 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

## HB United Methodist Church

As we have made our resolutions, decided to eat better, exercise more, reach out to old friends and meet new people, maybe you have decided to grow spiritually and get to know God more deeply.

If you need a church to make connections and grow with God, come join our worship service Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

If you need to talk to a pastor, call at 908-735-5287 or email dewene@embarqmail.com.

May you have a blessed year!

*Pastor Dennis Wene*

## 2012 Council Assignments

### Emergency Services & Education:

Chair: Mike Lynch (Liaison to North Hunterdon Municipal Court)

Assisting: Victoria Miller  
Mike Stemple (PBA Negotiations)

### Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste/Recycling,

#### Open Space:

Chair: Lynn Hughes (Solid Waste/Recycling Liaison to State & County)

Assisting: Mike Lynch  
Victoria Miller

### Information, Economic Development, Culture & Heritage:

Chair: Victoria Miller (Borough Newsletter Liaison)

Assisting: Tom Flynn  
Lynn Hughes

### Department of Public Works & Recreation:

Chair: Dean Rapp (High Bridge Recreation Liaison)

Assisting: Mike Lynch  
Lynn Hughes

### Planning & Engineering:

Chair: Tom Flynn (Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Liaison)

Assisting: Dean Rapp  
Mike Stemple

### Finance and Golf:

Chair: Mike Stemple  
Assisting: Tom Flynn  
Dean Rapp

### Executive Services:

Mayor Mark Desire  
Council President Mike Stemple  
Administrator Douglas Walker

## Girl Scouts of High Bridge

This past quarter members of High Bridge Brownie Troop #80091 were busy spreading Christmas cheer to the elderly residents of Independence Manor Assisted Living Facility in Flemington on December 3. The second graders, joined by fellow Kindergarten Daisy Troop #80315, sang Christmas carols in the grand dining hall for an audience of more than 30 people. Following their performance, the girls exchanged holiday greetings with the residents and helped make the season bright by donating candy canes and handmade gingerbread ornaments.

The High Bridge Girl Scout troops want to announce, It's Cookie Time! Start thinking about those yummy cookies. The girls earn a considerable amount for each box sold. The troops use these funds to attend outings and special programs or to host families in need during the holidays. Sales will run through February 21. If you don't receive a visit from a Girl Scout, ask a neighbor if they know one. Chances are they will guide you.

Girl Scouts everywhere are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our local service unit, including High Bridge, is planning a "Bridging" event later in the spring. They are inviting former and Lifetime member Girl Scouts to join in the celebration. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact me at maryannah@embarqmail.com or 908-638-4508

Thank you for your continued support!

*Maryann Hagan, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey  
High Bridge Coordinator*

**Please support your local  
Girl Scouts in their  
upcoming cookie sale.**

## Voorhees Spring Musical

Voorhees High School Drama Club presents:

### **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**

Performances on March 29, 30, 31 (at 7 p.m.) and April 1 (at 2 p.m.).

Ticket information is available at:  
<http://www.nhvweb.net/VHS/theatre/>.

## The Making of a Memorial (Part II)

On November 12, 2005, the C.K. Hoffman Memorial Park was dedicated in a simple ceremony with plastic flowers on a wreath. Mayor Alfred Schweikert presided for the High Bridge Council and Mr. Curtis Cawley Reed represented the Cawley family. The final benchmark of the project was met with the installation of the memorial stones and the landscape beautification by Robert Batch of High Bridge for his Eagle Scout award.

True to the saying that "a picture is worth a thousand words," the photo collage to the right submitted by Post Commander Ron Barber, just about says "it all."

It was agreed by the members of Post 188 that twice a year public observances would be held in the Park. Those commemoratives are Memorial Day to pay respect to the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom and Veterans Day to honor all veterans. The following are highlights of the Memorial Day programs:

May 2007, with the help of the High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee led by Councilwoman Lynn Hughes, the first Memorial Day service was held. The guest speaker was Mrs. Lois Manning of Annandale (WWII WAC) who had served as a nurse in General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, 109<sup>th</sup> Evacuation hospital unit. Mr. Chat & Mrs. Marlene Hoffman of High Bridge sang the national anthem, and Mr. Craig Hughes of High Bridge played *Taps* on the trumpet.

In 2008 Mr. Robert Roll of Milford (USN, WW II) was guest speaker. Formerly of High Bridge, he had served as a LST captain landing on Omaha beach on D-Day in Normandy. The Post 131 Honor Guards of Belvedere, NJ, presented the Colors.

For May 2009 the guest speaker was Mr. Richard Betts of Lebanon (USN, WW II) Commander of the Lebanon chapter of Purple Heart, who had served in Normandy and the Pacific. The High Bridge Boy Scout & Cub Scout troops presented the Colors.

In 2010 Mr. James Conroy of High Bridge (USN Vietnam) presented his moving composition of Memorial Day, which is available on the High Bridge website. The "Post Everlasting" service honoring the deceased members was incorporated into the program and live flowers now decorate the wreath. For the most recent service on May 28, 2011, the Post Everlasting was performed by the Post 131 Honor Guards.

There are now 450 engraved bricks representing living and deceased male and female service members from the Revolutionary War to the war in Iraq. And, for those trivia buffs, there is even a famous music celebrity/veteran who has a dedicated memorial brick.

The inscription on the Memorial Park Marker reads: "Honoring all U.S. Veterans including those residents of High Bridge that served and those who died for their country."

*Sharon Apperson (638-0373)*

### POST SCRIPT:

So, who was Herbert Weston Cawley, namesake of American Legion Post 188?

He was a native of High Bridge, born December 27, 1894, the first of eight children. At the age of 23, Herbert enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve Force on March 29, 1918. He served as a baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> class at Wissahickon Barracks of Pier 19 in Cape May. Later he was transferred to the U.S.A. Naval Base in Lewes, Delaware and then to Philadelphia, PA, where he died of pneumonia on October 18, 1918. Herbert was one of High Bridge's first casualties of World War I. His burial is in the Cawley family plot of the 200-year-old Asbury United Methodist Church, NJ. His father, Arthur J. Cawley was also a High Bridge son. And Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Cawley who recently passed away at the age of 104, was married to Clifford, younger brother of Herbert and also a WW II veteran.



*Work in Progress by Dedicated Volunteers.*

# I Remember When

*"I have always felt very fortunate to have grown up in a small country town in America like High Bridge, New Jersey. Everybody knew your business, but they also cared about you throughout your lifetime or theirs." Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler, former 38-year resident of High Bridge shares memories of High Bridge.*

I remember when there used to be a pretty big Boy Scouts of America log cabin across the road from where Union Forge field is now - just before you go over the South Branch of the Raritan River bridge and Taylor Wharton Iron & Steel Co.! That was back in the days when the Boy Scouts in High Bridge used to collect newspaper and all paper items. We would sell the paper to raise money for Scout projects including going to Camp Pacquara up along the Delaware Water Gap in the Columbia area on the New Jersey side. It was in the general area of Fred Waring's (Fredrick Malcomb Waring) "Shawnee Inn and Country Club" located at "Shawnee On The Delaware," a Pocono Mountain resort just across the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. Arnie Palmer met his wife Winnie there in September 1952 when I was 20 years old.

Fred Waring was known as a bandleader for his famous orchestra, radio/TV show, and the Fred Waring Choral known as "The Pennsylvanians." He also invented the Waring food blender! And Fred Waring was an original cartoon strip collector displaying the cartoon strips in a special meeting room at Shawnee!

I did a show at the resort with my lip sync pantomime of Spike Jones' records in my youth, and it was included in the High Bridge Firemen's carnivals. At age 79 I still do my lip sync from time to time. My agent back then was, get this now, are you ready? "Frankie Fame!" Frankie Fame got me the job at Shawnee as he did at The Shadow Club near Plainfield, where I worked for a paycheck and all the rare roast beef sandwiches I could eat! It was a great gig!

Camp Pacquara was a great Boy Scout Camp made up of a series of open cottages with wooden floors, double-deck bunks, and rolled up canvas sides in case of rain. There was a big main building where we would have meetings and eat by a big stone fireplace with burning logs. There we were told what we then thought of as the very scary story of the ghosts in the old haunted mine there! I remember the man who told the story had an English accent! All of a sudden, at a certain part of the story, he would scream out and scare the stuffing out of all of us!

As I recall, the most important Boy Scout ceremony at Camp Pacquara was "The Order Of The Arrow," which was a great honor!

There was Camp Buck, Camp Taylor, and the Father and Son banquets when I was a kid. And there was the Rod and Gun Club over by the arches. There were the two-man, self-pumping little railroad carts with two men pumping the handles as they rode down the railroad tracks looking for loose ties and spikes, damaged rails and such, hoping and praying that no trains would come along! The railroad tie dam at the arches that once backed up the river water

has rotted away over the years from time, weather, and floods!

Knox Taylor, President of Taylor Wharton Iron & Steel Co. came up with the idea of a Boy Scout Troop in High Bridge in 1914 with the assistance of Samuel L. Buck, the new Superintendent at Taylor Wharton. Mr. Buck purchased seven acres for the Boy Scouts, and it was called Camp Buck for Boy Scout Troop V49; Mr. Buck was the first Scoutmaster there. It belonged to the Delaware Valley Area Council "V," which meant veteran; Sam Buck was in the Spanish American War. The "V" was dropped when they were transferred to the George Washington Council in 1946 at which time they became Troop #149! Mr. Buck then became Vice President of Taylor Wharton in 1932, the year I was born; he died at the age of 63 in 1937. He only bought seven acres for Camp Buck, because back in those days that was the maximum you could purchase tax free as a non-profit organization!

Just as an aside, my American hero George Washington was born in 1732, just two hundred years before I was! Later in life I portrayed the role of George Washington during the Bicentennial Year for the Masonic Temple and others!

On January 14, 1913, the *New York Times* reported that the High Bridge, New Jersey National Bank was short \$100,000 and that 45-year-old Abram L. Beavers, a cashier, who lived in Glen Gardner with his wife and son, was responsible for the shortage. The doors of the High Bridge National Bank closed for business on January 13, 1913. It was believed that Beavers was given permission to leave town after posting bail, as I see it, in the form of his property in Glen Gardner and other personal possessions amounting to \$25,000! Beavers put up a \$10,000 Bond in addition and if he was to be prosecuted, it was up to the bonding company to pursue that, again as I understood the situation from a newspaper article!

The Bank was organized in 1900 with a capital investment of \$30,000. The total assets of the High Bridge National Bank at that time were \$313,327.05. The officers of the Bank were Persival Chrystie, President; J. Henry Rose, Vice President; Abram L. Beavers, Cashier; and Knox Taylor, John R. Apgar, George H. Cramer, W.G. Bosler, and Samuel J. Surts, Directors! No information was known as to the methods Beavers used to steal the money or how he covered it up; it was only discovered because he got nervous and confessed when bank examiners made two visits to the Bank!

Until next time and in honor of our brave and courageous military,

*Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler  
38 Year Former Resident Still Active in the Community*

## Hunting Awareness

The Environmental Committee 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 will run 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 on Sundays.

The Spring 2012 Wild Turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

The 2011-2012 hunting dates, rules and regulations are summarized in the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest*, 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>.

*High Bridge Environmental Committee*

## Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Thanks to a generous outpouring of support from the community, the Open Cupboard Food Pantry had a wonderful holiday season. Some of our neighbors conducted food drives; others provided special seasonal donations for our clients; and many asked for donations to the Pantry in lieu of Christmas gifts. Thank you to each and every one of you for your generosity, thoughtfulness and creativity.

Please remember as we move into winter that hunger doesn't take a vacation. The need continues throughout the year. The Pantry fed nearly 600 people each of the last few months and, with your help, will continue to meet their needs in the days ahead.

You can help by donating money, groceries, or clean, gently-used clothing and household items for our thrift shop. Proceeds from the shop are used to cover our operating costs and buy groceries as needed.

Thank you for your support over the last 18 years and into 2012.

*Tobey Wodder,  
Secretary, Open Cupboard Food Pantry*

## St. Joseph's Church

How can another Christmas and New Year have possibly come and gone already?!? Seems impossible—but here we are again looking forward to another new year and all the promises and anticipation that come with it. The Ministries of our church seem to “step it up a notch” every year—and this one is no exception.

### Altar Rosary Society

Our Altar Rosary Society meets once a month for a regular meeting. They begin with the recitation of the Rosary, have a business meeting and also a social event. They can be seen making rosary bracelets, taking short trips, having a Potluck, reciting the Rosary before the 8 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of the month, sponsoring the Jesse Tree for neighboring families, visiting an assisted living center, and even sponsoring a scholarship for a young parishioner.

### Women's Cornerstone

Women of the community are invited to St. Joseph's Women's Cornerstone Retreat, February 24-25, 2012. This is a 26-hour retreat from our daily routines, a time to reflect and grow spiritually amongst other Christian women. Enjoy an opportunity to strengthen your faith and experience nurturing fellowship of women in your community. Please contact either Carol Loozen 638-6740 or Tracy Monaco 638-8279 for more information.

### 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 28, 2012. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> year that this project will be held. Anyone interested in sponsoring the runners, call Fred at 638-6740.

### Lenten Activities

February 22 will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten Season. Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. There will be special services to end the season on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and, of course, Easter Sunday. Also, be sure to watch for our Blood Drive February 26. Every adult is welcome to participate in this very important community event.

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St. Joseph is a very active community. Call one of the people listed above or our Church Office for friendly, helpful information or join one of our Masses or services. Everyone is always welcome!

*Fran Rapp,  
Facilities Manager*

# Emergency Management 2012

As experienced during Hurricane Irene, establishing timely emergency communications with residents during disasters is a daunting task. A means to correct the problem already exists. By registering with one or all of the automatic communication systems Nixle, Rapid Notify and NJ Register Ready, your local emergency management officials can get emergency information to you via phone, text and e-mail. Unfortunately we only reach those residents that register to one or all of the services. It is important that you register to be notified in emergencies. Identifying your risks now will determine where the shortfalls are for your particular situation. You are encouraged to plan and prepare to address the shortfalls as they arise. Keep in mind that emergency service resources are limited during disasters and may not be available to respond for up to 72 hours. <http://www.ready.gov/plan-for-your-risks>

If you want to be part of the response and recovery operations, join the High Bridge Community Emergency Response Team. It is a time honored tradition of neighbors helping neighbors through disaster.

*High Bridge Emergency Management Committee*

The information below was taken from the FEMA web site

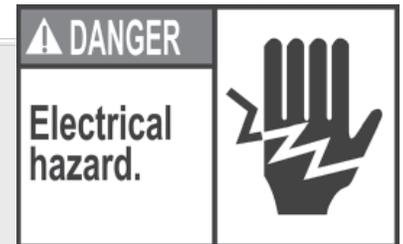
## PLAN FOR YOUR RISKS

There are actions that should be taken before, during and after an event that are unique to each hazard. Identify the hazards that have happened or could happen in your area and plan for the unique actions for each. Local emergency management offices can help identify the hazards in your area and outline the local plans and recommendations for each. Share the hazard-specific information with family members and include pertinent materials in your family disaster plan.

Find out from local government emergency management how you will be notified for each type of disaster, both natural and man-made. You should also inquire about alert and warning systems for your workplaces, schools and other locations. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One common method is to broadcast via emergency radio and TV broadcasts. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call, or in rare circumstances, volunteers and emergency workers may go door-to-door.

Get more information about Warning Systems & Signals at <http://www.ready.gov/warning-systems-signals>.

Depending upon the nature of the emergency and your circumstances, one of the first important decisions is whether to stay where you are or evacuate. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Learn more about Evacuation & Sheltering In Place at <http://www.ready.gov/evacuation-guidelines>.



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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## Dates to Remember

**February 17 through 20: Great Backyard Bird Count**

**March 31: Free Rabies Clinic - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Rescue Squad Building**

**March 31: Easter Egg Hunt - 11:00 a.m. SHARP - Union Forge Park (rain date 4/7)**

**April 28: Electronics Recycling, Used Bike Collection - 8:30 to 12:30 - Union Forge Parking Lot and Town-Wide Litter Clean-Up Day**

### Upcoming:

**May 19 - Town-Wide Garage Sale**

**June 2 - Soap Box Derby**

**July 28 - Annual Fire Department Picnic**

**September 1 - Tour of High Bridge (Bicycle Race)**

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