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## Lake Solitude Dam Update

High Bridge has faced many challenges in the past. One such challenge that remains to be addressed is the Lake Solitude Dam. While beautiful and historic, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - Dam Safety (NJDEP-Dam Safety) has classified the Dam, in its current condition, as a high-hazard dam and, as such, it requires our immediate attention. High Bridge is faced with the State-mandated remediation of this structure since the property was obtained by the Borough in 2001; New Jersey requires us to fix it or take it down. We have made much progress in the past 18 months.

Lake Solitude Dam was originally built in 1858 and later reconstructed in 1909 by Engineer Frank S. Tainter. It is believed to be the last known remaining I-beam dam in New Jersey. This Dam once produced hydroelectricity for the Taylor Iron and Steel Company and helped facilitate the expansion of this historic company. The Dam and 35-acre Lake may be eligible for listing in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Council and I have the daunting task of balancing the historic, environmental, and financial aspects of this initiative. At a cost of \$3.6 million to fix the Dam, this is a project requiring careful planning and research. The potential financial burden is too great to be ignored. Only after careful consideration of all options have we decided to further explore the possibility of re-establishing the generation of electricity from the Lake Solitude Dam through hydropower, thus enabling the environmentally-friendly generation of green energy. On average, the amount of water that has flowed over the spillway each of the past 99 years is sufficient enough to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of electricity. The sale of this energy, in turn, will help create the funding required to fix the Dam, bringing it into compliance with NJDEP-Dam Safety Regulations. The successful implementation of the initiative will allow the town to preserve this historic structure and the surrounding areas while reducing the burden on the taxpayer. This initiative will also provide for a much-needed revenue source for the Borough.

The Borough will competitively bid the project to ensure construction costs are minimized while maximizing potential profits. The Borough's Dam Remediation Engineer will oversee the design and construction. The Borough has recently formed an excellent working relationship with the NJDEP-Dam Safety. We have found that working together with these agencies, for the good of the Borough, has made this project come to life.

In addition to the hydro plant, our vision is to create an educational center designed to increase awareness of the benefits of green energy. This will be funded by the company chosen to run this project. We hope this will further our goal of bringing more business to Main Street and to High Bridge in general.

Once the Dam remediation expenses have been paid, approximately five years after construction is completed, the Borough can use the hydropower revenue to pay for the other open space the Borough owns. Why not use revenue from open space to payoff open space? This would be a great savings to the taxpayer. A portion of the future revenue could potentially be utilized to dredge and return the Lake to a healthy condition enough to support fish and other wildlife that once lived there. Lake Solitude is slowly dying. Silt build-up has made it extremely shallow in most areas. Shallow water is warmer and does not support much of the native fish populations found in the South Branch of the Raritan River. This is a common problem with man-made lakes in general.

Everyone's opinion should be heard. It has always been my position to hold town meetings accessible to every member of our community, to allow plenty of time to speak at these meetings, and to make myself available to discuss your concerns. To me, that's the beauty of living in a small town. The Borough owns the Lake and Dam, which means you own the Lake and Dam. Council and I will continue to supply you with information as it becomes available and will provide you with answers to all of your questions. As a community, we will work together to make this exciting idea a reality.

*Mayor Desire*

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## Fall Brush Collection

Week of November 17-21

November 21 will be the last pickup of brush until spring.

Brush is not to be placed in the roadway. Please place brush at the edge of the lawn per the Storm Water Management Regulations.

Brush must be ready for pick-up the Sunday before the collection week begins.

## Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on a daily basis until the second week in February 2009.

## Fall Leaf Collection



Fall leaf collection continues until 12/5!

Do not mix garden waste, brush or trash with the leaves.

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

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

Please note: Residents may bring brush and leaves to the Commons Park at any time during the year.

## Recycling Schedule & Info

November 14 and 28  
 December 12 and 26  
 January 9 and 23

Keep recycling out of the waste stream! Curb-side recycling is a service our town provides for its residents. Please take advantage of this service. Recycling does have a positive effect on our environment!

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and cardboard are collected. Cross tie newspapers, magazines, junk mail and flattened cardboard into bundles 8 - 12 inches high. The bundles should be placed next to your recycling container for collection. No pizza boxes please.

Commingled items that include glass of all colors, aluminum, tin, and plastic (# 1 & 2) are also collected. These items do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open containers of your choice.

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

Because of the volume of recyclables, our collector on occasion 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, and they should be by the next day to pick them up.

Thank you for making an effort to recycle!

## 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 to inquire.

Place your trash out the night before as collection begins early in the morning. If an observed holiday falls on your collection day, your pick-up will be the next day.

Holidays Observed:

New Year's Day  
 Memorial Day\*  
 July 4

Labor Day\*  
 Thanksgiving Day \*  
 Christmas Day

\*Listed only for completeness since no garbage pick-up is scheduled for Monday or Thursday.

Any questions or concerns about recycling or trash should be directed to Borough Hall at 638-6455. Also be sure to visit the Borough's website at [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org) for further information about the Borough's trash and recycling services.

See recycling-related articles on pages 9, 19 and 22.

## Thanks, Brownie Troop #894

Thank you to Brownie Troop #894 for watering the Main Street planters all summer. The flowers looked great! Thanks for keeping Main Street blooming!

|                      | Sun                | Mon       | Tues      | Wed       | Thurs  | Fri                    | Sat   |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|------------------------|---|
| <b>November 2008</b> | <b>November 30</b> |           |           |           |  |                        | <b>1</b><br>Property Taxes<br>Are Due   |
|                      | <b>2</b>           | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>               | <b>8</b><br>11:00 a.m.<br>Veterans Day<br>Ceremony<br>C.K. Hoffman<br>Memorial Park |
|                      | <b>9</b>           | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Council Meeting<br>HB Fire House | <b>14</b><br>Recycling | <b>15</b>   |
|                      | <b>16</b>          | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>              | <b>22</b><br>Registration<br>Deadline for<br>Youth Basketball                       |
|                      | <b>23</b>          | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>Thanksgiving<br>Borough Hall<br>Closed        | <b>28</b><br>Recycling | <b>29</b>   |
|                      |                    |           |           |           |  |                        |   |

# Calendar - December 2008 & January 2009

| December 2008 | Sun  | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs   | Fri                           | Sat   |
|---------------|--|-----|------|-----|---|-------------------------------|---|
|               |  | 1   | 2    | 3   | 4   | 5<br>Last Day of Leaf Removal | 6<br>1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cookies with Santa (Borough Hall) & Gingerbread House Display<br>6:00 Tree Lighting |
|               | 7<br>4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Christmas Open House at Solitude House Museum | 8   | 9    | 10  | 11<br>7:30 p.m. Council Meeting<br>HB Fire House<br><br>Middle School Concert | 12<br>Recycling               | 13  |
|               | 14   | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18<br><br>Elementary School Concert   | 19                            | 20  |
|               | 21   | 22  | 23   | 24  | 25<br>Christmas Day<br><br>Borough Hall Closed                                | 26<br>Recycling               | 27  |
|               | 28   | 29  | 30   | 31  |   |                               |   |

| January 2009 | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed   | Thurs  | Fri             | Sat |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|---|--|-----------------|-----|
|              |     |     |      |   | 1<br>New Year's Day<br><br>Borough Hall Closed | 2               | 3   |
|              | 4   | 5   | 6    | 7<br>Input Due for Next Edition of "The Bridge" | 8  | 9<br>Recycling  | 10  |
|              | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14  | 15   | 16              | 17  |
|              | 18  | 19  | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23<br>Recycling | 24  |
|              | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30              | 31  |

- Christmas tress will be picked up on a daily basis until the second week in February 2009.
- January Council Meeting dates are not noted, because the 2009 dates are set at a reorg meeting scheduled to be held after this newsletter's publication. Please check the town's website ([www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)) for 2009 Council Meeting dates.

## Police Department

Thank you to all those who supported Community Day. Without their assistance, this event would not have been possible.



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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 Avenue and Taylor Street. Those parking in the Church Street area between Fairview Avenue and Taylor Street will be required to obtain a parking permit.

*Edward K. Spinks*  
Chief of Police

## Small Town Humor

"The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does."

*Author Unknown*

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The "Three Saturdays in September" was a great community event as always. Everyone who attended, as well as those who were able to hear the music from their back porches, had a good time. The Cultural & Heritage Committee would like to thank our generous sponsors. Custom Alloy was a diamond sponsor; Roselle Savings Bank was a gold sponsor; and High Bridge Stone and the Colalillo Shop Rites were silver sponsors. Glassman High Voltage, Flemington Ford and Reflections Hair Salon also sponsored this event. It was great fun and reminded us of how much good music and friendship enhance our caring community.

*Emily Burton, Cultural & Heritage Committee*

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# Surviving the 2008-2009 Winter Season

Surviving the 2008-2009 winter season; how many days to restore electricity, heat?

Actions you can take to increase your family's comfort level and possibly their survivability:

## Household/Family/Children

Talk with your family about potential disasters and involve everyone in the planning process. By showing them simple steps that can increase their safety, you can help reduce their anxiety about emergencies.

- Teach your children basic personal information to identify themselves and get help if they become separated from a parent or guardian.
- Prepare an emergency card for each child that includes: full name, address, phone number, parent's work number and out-of-state contact.
- Know the policies of the school/day care your children attend. Make plans to have someone pick them up if you are unable to get to them.
- Regularly update your child's school with current emergency contact information and persons authorized to pick up your child from school.
- Make sure each child knows the family's alternate meeting sites if you are separated in a disaster and cannot return to your home.
- Make sure each child knows how to reach your family's out-of-state contact person.
- Teach children to dial their home phone number and Emergency 9-1-1. Role play with children on what to say when calling 9-1-1.
- Teach children what gas smells like and advise them to tell an adult if they smell gas after an emergency.
- Warn children never to touch wires on poles or lying on the ground.
- Role-play with children to help them remain calm in emergencies and to practice basic emergency responses such as evacuation routes, "Drop, Cover & Hold and Stop," "Drop & Roll."
- Role-play with children as to what they should do if a parent is suddenly sick or injured.

## Seniors & Disabled

- Set up a Personal Support Network: Designate someone to check on you in an emergency and to help with evacuation or sheltering-in-place.
- Prepare and carry with you an emergency health information card: This will help you to communicate if you are found unconscious or incoherent. Include information about your medications, adaptive equipment, blood type, allergies and sensitivities, insurance numbers, immunization dates, communication difficulties, preferred treatment,

contact information for your health providers, personal support network and emergency contacts.

- Personal Care Assistance: If you receive assistance from a home healthcare agency or in-home support provider, find out how the provider will respond in an emergency. Designate backup or alternative providers that you can contact.
- For Persons Using a Wheelchair: Plan for how you will evacuate in an emergency and discuss it with your care providers. If you use a motorized wheelchair, have a manual wheelchair as a backup.
- For Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired: Keep an extra cane by your bed. Attach a whistle in case you need to attract attention. Exercise caution when moving; paths may have become obstructed.
- For Persons who are Hearing Impaired: Keep extra batteries for your hearing aids with emergency supplies. Consider storing your hearing aids in a container attached to your nightstand or bedpost, so you can locate them quickly after a disaster.
- For persons with Communication Disabilities: Store paper, writing materials, copies of a word or letter board and preprinted key phrases in your emergency kit, wallet, purse, etc.

## Pets

- Keep a collar, current license and up-to-date ID tags on your pet at all times. Consider having your pet micro-chipped.
- Make sure your pet is comfortable being in a crate, box, cage, or carrier for transport.
- Keep an updated list of trusted neighbors who could assist your animals in case of an emergency.
- Tighten and secure latches on birdcages. Fasten down aquariums on low stands or tables.

## Volunteer

Before a disaster, get involved and become familiar with community resources:

- [www.citizenscorp.gov](http://www.citizenscorp.gov) - Coordinates volunteer programs to support first responders.
- Volunteer to develop site-specific disaster plans for your workplace, child's day care center, or apartment building if needed.
- Become a HAM radio licensed operator to enhance local emergency communications capabilities.

## Contagious Disease

Contagious Disease Emergencies: A contagious disease emergency could affect many people. It could cause mild illness, hospitalization, or death in rare cases. In the event of an infectious disease emergency, up-to-date information and instructions to the public will be provided. To find out

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## Surviving 08/09 Winter (contd.)

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how to prepare yourself and your family for a contagious disease emergency, visit the County Department of Public Health at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm). This site also provides information on how to prepare for an avian or pandemic flu emergency, including mass distribution of medications or vaccines.

### Evacuation

#### Immediate risk:

If you smell gas, smoke or see fire or otherwise fear for your safety, evacuate household occupants immediately. From a safe location, call 9-1-1 and report the incident.

#### General evacuation orders:

If local officials issue evacuation orders, use the evacuation routes and methods specified; carpool whenever possible. If time allows:

- Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeve shirts and pants.
- Bring car keys, credit cards, road maps, cell phone, charger, important phone numbers, and your Go-bag.
- If you have a pet, make sure it is wearing a collar, in a carrier labeled with your name and the pet's name. Bring your pet's Go-bag.
- Lock your home and shut off the water and electricity, but leave gas on unless instructed otherwise.
- Leave a note or tell a neighbor where you are going.
- Once you arrive at a safe location, call your out-of-area emergency contact.

### Power Outage

Power cuts can occur due to rolling blackouts, extreme weather conditions, or can accompany other disasters such as earthquakes. If there is no power in your neighborhood:

- Do not use a gas stove for heating or operate generators indoors (including the garage). Both could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If a traffic signal is not working, treat it as a stop sign.
- Turn off and unplug appliances and computers. Leave one light on to indicate when power has been restored (Avoid using candles as they are fire hazards.)
- Learn about food safety when your refrigerator's power is off.
- How long is the electric going to be out and the heat going to be off? What are you going to do?
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**Saturday, December 6, 2008**



**Caroling by the  
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School Choir**

**Refreshments**

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## Women's Group

Our group is small and diverse with one common goal - to support and enrich the community. We have accomplished this for over 25 years! You've seen us at various town functions. Why not come to a meeting? New members or guests are always welcome.

We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. Sometimes our meeting dates or locations are adjusted to facilitate our program. At each meeting, we discuss our general business and have an enjoyable program. These programs are varied and include games, demonstrations, crafts or other fun events.

For more information please call Chris Marx, President (638-4146) or e-mail [csmarx@comcast.net](mailto:csmarx@comcast.net).

### Cookies with Santa

The High Bridge Women's Group has arranged a visit from Santa once again this year. He'll be at Borough Hall on Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a special time to come and visit with Santa in person! Cookies and punch will be served and the children can listen to a story while waiting to see Santa. Bring your own camera for a great photo opportunity or you can purchase a Polaroid photo for a small fee.

### Santa's Mailbox

The Women's Group will also be helping Santa with some of his holiday chores. Santa's mailbox will be in front of Borough Hall from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until December 20. Any letter to Santa received (that has a return address) will receive a handwritten response before Christmas.



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## **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

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(DURING COOKIES WITH SANTA!)

Please have houses to the front of the High Bridge Library by 1 p.m. Residents (and businesses) young and old are invited to bring their creatively-made gingerbread houses to help create a holiday display. Houses do not need to be made of real gingerbread! You do not need any prior experience! It is not a contest - just a fun display. Homes can be made from a variety of materials: gingerbread, graham crackers, saltine crackers, cookies, pretzels, etc. There are also a ton of wonderful (and simple) ideas online if you search "simple gingerbread houses" or "faux gingerbread houses." For more information contact Kristi Tinnes on (908) 303-8212.

## **Recycling Out of Waste Stream**

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

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

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

Commingled items include glass of all colors, aluminum, tin, and plastic (# 1 & 2). These commodities do not have to be separated and can be mixed in open containers of your choice.

Please cross-tie newspaper, magazines, junk mail and cardboard into bundles 8 -12 inches high. The bundles should be placed next to your recycling container for collection.

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Recycling containers are allowed at curb-side until the end of the collection day.

Thank you for making an effort to recycle!

*Lynn Hughes, Environmental Commission*

## Emergency Squad

### Winter Safety Tips!

As the cold weather approaches a new kind of fun comes too! Here are a few tips to keep us safe, warm and full of fun this winter!

- Dry clothes are much warmer than wet clothes which helps protect against frost bite and hypothermia. Go inside and warm up every few hours and change into dry clothes often!
- When sledding, sit upright and use the rope or handles to steer. Most injuries happen when you are lying down on the sled, because it is more difficult to steer.
- Walk slowly and be on the lookout for ice!
- Avoid lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water when ice skating! The best place to skate is a place made for skating such as an outdoor rink.
- When shoveling snow, stick with lighter loads and bend and lift with your knees and leg muscles not your lower back. Take your time and stretch to warm up your muscles before you start!
- Check on your neighbors that may need extra care in the colder weather.

### Did you know?

High Bridge Emergency Squad is always looking for new members to join our family of volunteers. There is always something to do at HBES whether you join the rescue team, the marine team, become an EMT, or do it all! If you are 14 or older and interested in joining, contact us at 908-638-4441 or at [www.hbes.org](http://www.hbes.org).

Our hall, equipped with a recently renovated, hardwood floor and a full kitchen, is available for rentals. Contact JT at 908-638-4441 for more details.

*Jenn Hoos,  
Public Relations Chair*



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## News from Schools

As you travel down Main Street late in November, you may notice that the planters have taken on a new look. Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, our eighth graders will once again be sprucing up our town's Main Street with festive decorations to usher in the forthcoming holidays. After completing their tasks of "tidying up" and decorating, they will return to the Middle School cafeteria to enjoy light refreshments consisting of hot cocoa and cookies prepared by their classmates.

Our district will be celebrating the holidays with two musical concerts scheduled for the month of December. Please mark your calendars for our annual Winter Concerts. This year's Middle School concert will be held on the evening of December 11, while the Elementary School concert will be held one week later on the evening of December 18. We look forward to entertaining you with a variety of musical selections. So, mark your calendars and look for further information in our school newsletters.

Our Elementary School Environmental Club members are quite the artists! The group has recently received word that the mural they created won the 2008 Treasures of the South Branch Event River Explorations Mural Contest. For the past fourteen years the Environmental Club has participated in a river-monitoring project conducted at the South Branch of the Raritan River. Their mural illustrated their experience during last May's river monitoring tests. In honor of their efforts, the club will receive a \$100 award to be utilized in purchasing educational supplies. Congratulations!

*Lynn Van Assen,  
Assistant Principal/Librarian  
High Bridge Middle School*

## HB Business Association

The High Bridge Business Association (HBBA) is looking forward to another great Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 6, 6 p.m., on Main Street. Please come out and enjoy our third annual event with a special new twist this year.

We're happy to say that the Community Day Parade was another success, and it gave us an opportunity to cheer for all of the groups that make High Bridge the great place it is.

Have you started building your Soap Box Derby car for 2009? Last year's event was great, but 2009 will be even better! It's open to all children ages 8-14 (any child that turns 8 ANY time in 2009 is eligible), so GET YOUR CARS READY!

The HBBA continues to offer great benefits to its members. Check us out at [www.hbbusiness.org](http://www.hbbusiness.org), and be sure to sign up for our FREE monthly e-letter, "High Bridge Happenings."

*Joe Dispenza*

## Fire Department

With wintry weather upon us, we ask that if there is a fire hydrant near your residence or business, please keep it clear in case of a fire emergency. Remember to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. American homes suffer an unwanted fire every 10 seconds and every 60 seconds they suffer a fire serious enough to call the fire department. Most importantly, every two-and-a-half hours someone is killed in a home fire - that's more than 3,500 people killed in 2000 alone. Another 20,000 people are injured in home fires in a typical year. Protecting your family from fire requires advanced planning for what to do if fire strikes. This includes the use of protection devices such as smoke alarms to provide early warning of fire, especially at night when they are most vulnerable.

The High Bridge Fire Department from January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008 responded to 156 alarms, conducted 12 firematic drills, participated in several mutual aid drills and assisted with several community orientated events. The total manhours for this period was 10,364.85.

The High Bridge Fire Department is proud to announce that 19 firefighters completed an Auto Extrication Operations class which totaled 28 manhours per firefighter bringing our total of qualified Auto Extrication personnel to 26 firefighters. Additionally, 16 firefighters took the next step and completed an Auto Extrication Technician classes, which total 24 manhours per firefighter, bringing our total technicians to 21. The High Bridge Fire Department continues to train our firefighters assigned to the Firefighter Assistance and Search Team, Tanker Task Force as well as basic firefighter evolutions. The members of the High Bridge Fire Department believe that we can never participate in enough training. Our goal is to be trained and ready for any emergency.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Borough Council and the residents of High Bridge for their continued support of the High Bridge Fire Department; without your support we could not do what we do.

Anyone interested in joining the High Bridge Fire Department is always welcome to stop by any Monday night and talk to us about how you can help High Bridge and our surrounding communities. You can also contact the firehouse at 638-6383 or our website [www.highbridgefire.org](http://www.highbridgefire.org).

*Jim Dietz*



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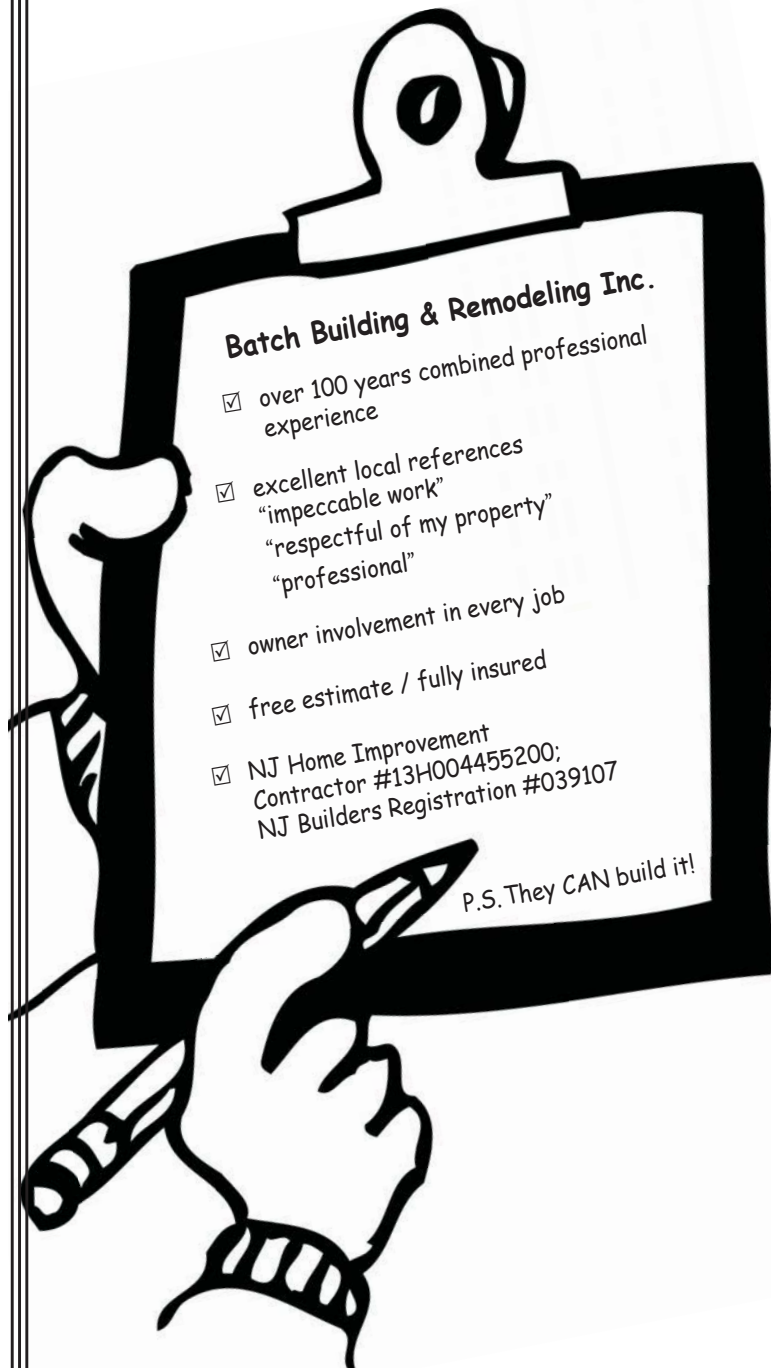
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# Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA)

The solitude was broken in July by the sound of voices, laughter and the pitter-patter of Victorian shoes as the Solitude House Museum hosted the Victorian Days summer camp. The week-long session gave the young ladies a taste of life in the Victorian era. The participants enjoyed dressing in period attire, especially when it was their turn to wear the hoop skirts. They also learned about the customs of that time. Activities included note writing, scrap booking, vintage dance and crafts such as making fans and trinket boxes. The young ladies also spent time playing badminton and croquet. The favorite activities were the picnic lunches on the lawn and afternoon trips to wade in the river. Another highlight was a trip to the Red Mill in Clinton, where they had the opportunity to experience life as a schoolgirl around the turn of the century. Thanks goes to Miss Natalie Longchamp who served as our camp director. The program was run in conjunction with the Girl Scouts of America, and Natalie was in charge of registration, staffing and activities in order to fulfill the requirements of her Gold Project. The camp was a rousing success!



*Attendees of the Victorian Days Summer Camp enjoyed picturesque Lake Solitude Dam as young ladies of the era once did.*

The UFHA was proud to once again participate in Community Day. It is always a great time to see all of the residents and community organizations that come and enjoy the event. We greeted many folks at our table and distributed quite a bit of literature. We look forward to having even more visitors at the Museum through the autumn. As many of you know, this year we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lake Solitude, and we have created a new postcard, which debuted at Community Day. Postcards are available to visitors at Solitude House Museum.

We are extremely happy to announce that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, Office of Lands Management has awarded the UFHA \$24,500 through their 2008 Recreational Trails Program Grant in order to create the Taylor Steelworkers Historical Greenway (TSHG) in the Borough of High Bridge. We are extremely grateful to Fox Lumber of Clinton, NJ, who generously donated all of the lumber necessary to refurbish the historic, 100-year-old truss bridge that crosses the South Branch of the Raritan River. The trail was named by UFHA Vice President William Honachefsky, Jr., grandson of the former Foundry Union President William Honachefsky, I. Honachefsky, Jr. says, "The greenway will be a lasting legacy to the generations of men and women who worked at the Foundry."

Michael Gronsky, Jr., President of the UFHA, expressed that "the incorporation of the TSHG is the culmination of years of hard work by every member of the UFHA who devote and donate so much of our time for the betterment of High Bridge." Gronsky says, "By linking all of the town's historic properties together with the trail, we are not only

able to connect the properties physically, but also tell an important story of High Bridge history. I believe all those who worked at Taylor Wharton, including my grandfather Stephen, would be very proud that we honor their work and the dedication that helped to preserve and protect our American freedoms."

The trail will be enjoyed by history buffs, naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts. Recreation grant funding will provide trail clearing, mulching, fencing and signage. Work on the trail will begin in the spring and plans are to finish the trail by the end of 2009.

In late September we combined forces with the Hunterdon Radio Theatre group to host "War of the Worlds," a reenactment of the 1938 broadcast. Both performances were well attended, and we thank all who enjoyed the presentations. We hope to be able to do it again in the future.

The Museum was open Halloween night to visitors of the mortal and paranormal variety for a candlelight tour. Mark your calendars and plan to stop by next year. It may be a hair-raising experience.

We hope you will attend the Christmas Open House on December 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Solitude House will be decked out for the festivities in its Victorian best including a live 10-foot Christmas tree and mantles decorated in vintage fashion, lanterns and luminaries. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of a bygone era. The suggested donation for this event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students and families up to 5 for \$25. Ticket price includes an assortment of sweet and savory goodies. All are welcome to come and enjoy the Christmas and Community spirit. Call 908-638-3200 to reserve.

*Karen Larsen,  
Vice President/Operations*

# High Bridge Memories

*Chat Hoffman is a third-generation High Bridge resident. Chat and his wife, Marlene (who moved to High Bridge when she was six years old) currently live on West Main Street. Chat's grandparents came to High Bridge shortly before 1915. Chat's father, C. K. Hoffman, was a business owner in town. C. K. Hoffman owned all the land that is now considered the "Jenny Jump" section of High Bridge until the 1960s when it was sold for development. Hoffman Road is named after C. K. Hoffman. The following article is the first of a series of articles to be published in The Bridge about the history of High Bridge.*

When Lynn Hughes first asked me if I would meet with Chat Hoffman to write his remembrance of High Bridge, I was delighted because I love listening to how it used to be "back in the day" when things were simple - no cell phones, computers, video games but people sharing in one another's lives. When I asked Chat to recall what his favorite memory of High Bridge was, he said that his favorite memory was a story his father told him. The day that Chat was born, his father went all through town handing out cigars to everyone he saw to celebrate the birth of his son. Mr. Hoffman (better known as CK) was married 15 years before Chat was born, so you could just imagine the excitement when he finally had a son. While speaking with Chat, I realized he enjoyed talking about the memories of his father the most; therefore I would like to dedicate this first article to Chat's father, C. K. Hoffman, Sr.



*C. K. Hoffman (approximately 1918) is pictured above with two of his horses. These two horses were used for deliveries as well as for pulling the funeral sleigh and hearse for Jacob Naughtright, director of the funeral home in High Bridge. While most of the horses' color is black, any white was covered with black when in use for a funeral procession.*

In 1918, during World War I, CK was drafted. Fortunately for him, as soon as he arrived in France, the war was over and he was sent back home. When he returned home, he sold ice. He had a team of two horses, and he would trail an ice saw like a plow over Solitude Lake. He hired approximately 30 men to break apart the ice and feed it down the chute to the ice house which he rented from Taylor Wharton. He would then sell the ice door-to-door which people would use in their icebox. The icebox was made from tin and was insulated with saw dust! If a resident was not at home, he would deliver the ice anyway and put it in their icebox for them. Not only did he harvest the ice and sell it, but he "carted" furniture. When freight arrived on the train, CK would deliver the items to the residents of High Bridge and the vicinity.

In 1936, CK went into the coal business and in 1946 into fuel oil. He also did plumbing and heating installations. He did the plumbing in many houses in Jenny Jump and the houses off Dewey Avenue. Around 1958-60, CK along with his son Chat, purchased the freight station. They attached a hardware store and office, which was used to run their coal/fuel oil/oil burner service and plumbing installation businesses. This location is now the home of the Casa Maya Mexican Restaurant.

CK was on the town council, and he was a very active member of the High Bridge Fire Department, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Methodist Church. In 1966 CK celebrated 50 years as a business owner in High Bridge. He died in 1970. The land used for the Veteran Memorial Park located at the end of Bridge Street was donated by the Hoffman family in remembrance of C. K. Hoffman.

*Gail Wolczynski,  
Member of the Cultural & Heritage Committee*

## Library News

The High Bridge Library State-Wide Reading Program had 34 participants who read 355 books. Good Job!

Our story hour, craft programs and poetry workshop were a big success, thanks to the county craft program coordinator, Mary Ann Paterniti and Lynn Hughes.

The Friends of the Hunterdon County Library present us with a portion of the money generated by the county annual book sale. We thank them for their generosity.

Hope you all had a wonderful summer!

# Committee Updates

Recreation Committee: Council Liaison-Colleen Hann

1. **Batting Cage:** Purchased and installed in-house. Residential use will be from April-November.
2. **Summer Recreation Program:** New management; improvements made to benefit all.
3. **Coaches Background Checks:** The Huskies, High Bridge Youth Soccer and High Bridge Youth Basketball are active participants.
4. **Field Usage:** Current groups: High Bridge Youth Soccer, Huskies, Adult Softball, HBMS, North Hunterdon Little League, VHS, Community Athletics and USA Soccer, Custom Alloy Corp.
5. **Turf Maintenance Contract:** A field turf maintenance program with a three-year contract.
6. **High Bridge Youth Basketball Board:** Consisting of volunteer coaches.

Police Department: Council Liaison-Colleen Hann

1. **Police Overtime:** Goal: cut overtime hours by 40%-50% by hiring the 7<sup>th</sup> Police Officer and scheduling. Overtime hours have been cut by over 77%.
2. **PBA Contract:** Completed this year. Saves the Borough money.
3. **Community Day:** Meetings currently taking place to plan for Community Day 2009!
4. **Enforcys Program:** Records management/police report program purchased at NO COST TO THE TAXPAYERS.
5. **Speed Limit/Parking on Route 513:** Currently seeking approval from the County for a speed reduction (35 mph). Mayor and Council will be amending the Parking Ordinance along West Main Street/Route 513 due to safety issues.
6. **North Hunterdon Court:** The North Hunterdon Court went through some changes with the exit of Clinton Township and Califon. The most cost effective move for High Bridge was to remain with the North Hunterdon Court versus Clinton Township.

"The Bridge" Newsletter: Council Liaison-Colleen Hann

1. **Submissions/Advertising:** We continue to get great submissions from groups, and our list of advertisers has grown. For 2009, the advertising rates will remain at their current status.
2. **Front Cover:** We continue to highlight the positive things happening in High Bridge. Mayor Mark Desire has also contributed to the front cover to discuss issues in the Borough.
3. **"I Remember When..."** Buddy Adler regularly takes some of us back to our youth in High Bridge, and opens a window to the past for our newer residents.
4. **Borough Events and Registration Forms:** For the convenience of residents, events are announced and registration forms are placed in the newsletter.
5. **"The Bridge"** on the Borough Website at [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org).
6. **"Spotlight on Businesses":** Businesses submit a description of their services.

7. **Public Feedback:** We ALWAYS welcome feedback and suggestions. You can send them to Mayor and Council through our Borough Website at [www.highbridge.org](http://www.highbridge.org)
8. **Phone Directory:** Placed in the first issue of the newsletter each year. A listing of important organizations, contact person, as well as a listing of the Governing Body, which committees they oversee, contact phone numbers and email addresses.

Cultural & Heritage Committee: Council Liaison-Lynn Hughes

1. Sponsored the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Programs.
2. Sponsored the Pooch Parade.
3. Sponsored the summer Movies in the Commons.
4. Sponsored the September Concert Series.

All events are provided through donations from local businesses.

Environmental Commission: Council Liaison-Lynn Hughes

1. Applied for and received a \$200 garden grant. Used the grant to purchase plants for the entrance to the Commons Park.
2. Planted more young trees at Union Forge Park from three grant received.
3. Held our first annual Hard Plastics Recycling Event using Clean Communities grant money.

## Senior Corner

**HEALTH SCREENING:** The last of this year's health screenings will be held on November 6 at the J.P. Case Middle School, 301 Case Boulevard in Flemington. This is an opportunity to have several important health checks done - free of charge (donations are accepted). For more information, call Eleanor at 908-782-7224.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** This program is to help those with limited income during the heating season. For more information, call Pia at 908-788-1361.

**FLU & PNEUMONIA PREVENTION:** Stop the Flu before it stops you. Vaccinations will be available at the Hunterdon County Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place in Flemington on 10/23 and 11/13 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. If you bring your traditional Medicare B card, there will be no charge to you.

**LIFELINE:** This is a medical alert service which reduces the risks of living alone. With the press of a button, the Lifeline unit is activated and trained professionals will provide assistance. They are available every day of the year, 24 hours a day. For more information, call Pamela at 908-237-5452.

**BULLETIN BOARD:** For up-to-date information on Senior programs and activities, please check the Bulletin Board regularly in front of Borough Hall.

*Fred Loozen*



# 2009 Registration

**Email: seanreilly@embarqmail.com**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 22, 2008**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age This Fall

\_\_\_\_\_  
Height (inches)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Weight (lbs.)

Male       Female

\_\_\_\_\_  
Basketball Experience (years)       Played in HBYB in 2008      \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Considerations, i.e. allergies, medications, etc.

High Bridge Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls residing in any town. To ensure a successful Draft, please return form(s) no later than November 22, 2008.

**The grade requirements for the league divisions are as follows:**

- Peewees – Kindergarten or 5 years of age as of fall 2008; and First Graders
- Juniors – Grades Second and Third (**Skills Assessment - Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6:30 High Bridge Elementary School**)
- Intermediates – Grades Four and Five (**Skills Assessment - Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6:30 High Bridge Middle School**)
- Senior - Grades Six, Seven, and Eight (**Skills Assessment - Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. High Bridge Middle School**)

**NOTE: The first meeting for the Peewees will be January 3, 2009. Coaches will call with the playing time.**

If two or more siblings are in the same Division, do you want them on the same team? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AND RELEASE**  
I, the parent or legal guardian of said individual, who is in good physical health & has no abnormalities, hereby give my consent to play in the High Bridge Youth Basketball League, and agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless league officials, coaches, and representatives from any claim arising out of injury to the above named individual.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**We need Volunteers:** HEAD COACH \_\_\_\_\_ ASST. COACH \_\_\_\_\_ REFEREE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee \$90 - Registration must be accompanied by a check (\*NOTE: If you are registering more than two children, the cost is \$180 for the 2 children plus \$10 for each additional child.) For Assistance in making payment or any questions, please call Sean Reilly at (908) 638-5743

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# High Bridge Reformed Church

Greetings from the High Bridge Reformed Church! We have many activities through the next three months. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate.

**November 29 6:00 p.m.:** Thanksgiving/Hanging of the Greens Service. Pastor Steve and Anne prepare turkey; everyone else brings a dish to share. Decorating of Church for Advent follows dinner.

**December 6 and 13 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:** Christmas Tree Sale at 57 Grayrock Road, Clinton. Suggested donation is \$30 to benefit the High Bridge Reformed Church.

**December 6 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:** Christmas Bazaar. Baked Goods; Sweet Tooth Tasting Table; Crafts and Gifts; Pocket Lady; Christmas Wreaths; Photos with Santa (Children and Pets); Lunch and more!

**December 24 7:00 p.m.:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**2nd and 4th Sundays of every month 4:00 p.m.:** Youth Activities 7th-12th Grade.

**Every Sunday:**

- 9:30 a.m.: New Testament Singers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m.: Worship Service
- 11:10 a.m.: Sunday School



## SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT FOR CHRISTMAS!

We are inviting all community groups/organizations to decorate a tree for display in our church. We provide the tree! You provide the decorations! Decorating will take place Saturday, November 29 following our Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening out in the community! Please call Pastor Steve at (908) 638-6160 for details.

*Pastor Steve Yon  
High Bridge Reformed Church*

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## Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after January 30, 2008 will have a late fee assessed of \$5.00 and \$1.00 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 2009 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

*Diane Seals, Clerk*

## 2009 Dog License Changes

As of January 2, 2009, dog license renewal fees will increase.

In 2009, the Borough's registration fee will increase from \$7 to \$10; the NJ State fee remains at \$1 and the NJ Pilot Clinic Fund remains at .20 for a total of \$11.20 for a spayed/neutered dog; \$3.00 more for a total of \$14.20 for an unaltered dog.

In 2009 the late fees will begin July 1, 2009, which is later in the year than previous years. However, the late fee will be \$10 for the first month and \$5 for each additional month until registered.

### 2009 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR LENGTH: S M L  
DOG'S SIZE (when adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Small = 0-20 lbs., Medium = 21-50 lbs.,  
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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.**

## County Recycling Depot

Items accepted for recycling at the Hunterdon County Transfer Station Recycling Depot are given below.

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Saturday - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- **Aluminum cans:** Only empty beverage cans will be accepted; other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags:** Corrugated, chipboard (box board) 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.
- **Glass bottles and jars:** Glass food and beverage containers with the 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.
- **Hard covered books.**
- **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). Shredded or bagged junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Newspaper:** Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Paperback books.**
- **Plastics bottles # 1-7:** Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.
- **Telephone books.**
- **Tin and bi-metal cans:** Tin and bi-metal cans are accepted if all food and other residue has been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.
- **ALSO SEPARATELY ACCEPTED:** Dry cell batteries.

*Lynn Hughes*

*High Bridge Environmental Commission*

## Caught Being Green

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

*Environmentally,*

*Lynn Hughes,*

*High Bridge Environmental Commission*

## Deal with Icy Areas

An environmental consideration in winter is the use of ice-melting substances. Salt is corrosive and kills trees. Calcium chloride is easier on nearby vegetation than salt. One way to reduce the need for deicing chemicals is to fix any ice-creating drainage problems before winter begins. For example, patch the gutter that leaks onto the front steps or redirect downspouts away from walkways. If you can't achieve necessary safety levels by shoveling early and often or by having someone do it for you, use de-icing products only as directed. More isn't better! Whatever you do, make sure you sweep it up once the surface is clear.

*Lynn Hughes*

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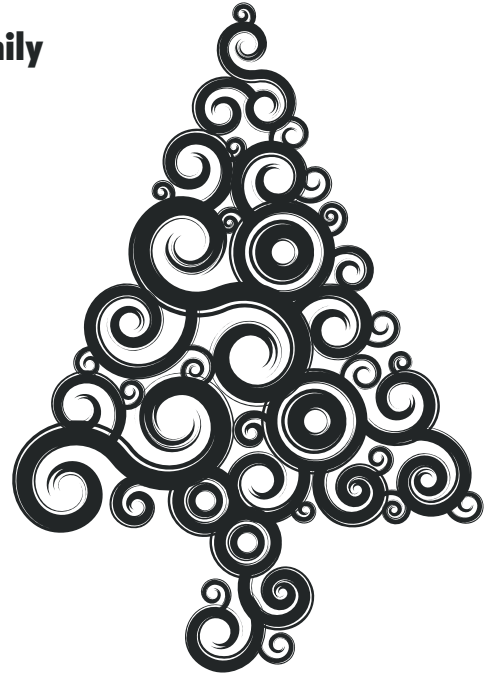
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## Veterans Day Ceremony

High Bridge will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the C. K. Hoffman Veterans Memorial Park.

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

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.



Please join us for a time of remembrance.

*Lynn Hughes,  
Cultural & Heritage Committee Chair*

## Hunting Awareness

The High Bridge Environmental Commission would like to remind everyone that hunting season began in September. While New Jersey has an extremely low incidence of hunting-related accidents, please keep in mind that High Bridge has open space properties in which hunting is a permitted activity. To check on the exact locations, please phone Borough Hall (908/638-6455).

Deer hunting season will run from September through February. During the season there will be no deer hunting permitted on Sundays. The Spring 2009 Wild Turkey hunting season will last for approximately six weeks beginning in April.

The 2008-2009 hunting dates, rules and regulations will be summarized in the New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest (2008 Hunting Issue) which will be 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>.

*Lynn Hughes,  
Environmental Commission*

# I Remember When

*"I have always felt that I was very fortunate to grow 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 37-year resident of High Bridge shares memories of High Bridge.*

I remember when we used to drink ice cold, raw milk in the Creamery at Steinhauers Farm where I used to work as a kid growing up in High Bridge for \$0.35 an hour. It was so cold that I would get a severe pain right between my eyes like when you eat ice cream too fast. I remember the champion Jersey cows and champion bulls, drinking water out of a garden hose, swallowing lake and river water accidentally, eating raw meatloaf my Mother would leave in the mixing bowl for me to eat. We actually called it "licking out the bowl," or what's left in the bowl, and we did it with raw turkey stuffing with giblets, too, which I loved to eat: raw with the bread, celery, onions, thyme, gizzards, salt, pepper, and a few raw eggs to hold it together.

Then there was goose grease my Grandmother made that you could spread over bread like peanut butter, and it was soooo good. My Grandmother would roast a goose and drain off all the fatty oil drippings called 'yum-yums' loaded with seasoning from the goose and put it in an empty Planters' peanut can and placed in the icebox (fridge) to chill and solidify like paste. And mothers cooked and baked with lard! And none of that ever made me sick or anybody else I ever knew of.

When you went to Church, you practiced your faith and never thought twice of not liking all your church members because there were no divided congregations back then and anything resembling politics was for the mutual benefit of all! The churches were full on Sundays. The church dinners of chicken, ham, roast beef, and turkey were terrific. A special favorite of mine was "Church Salad" made from finely chopped and seasoned vegetables in a clear gelatin that giggled when you moved it and ate it. I still love it to this very day.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Arnold Dietrick would deliver milk in the morning and you could hear them coming because the glass bottles would clink together in the metal carry basket and on a cold winter's morning, you would go out and get the milk and the cream was on top frozen. More than likely, you would pull off the paper cover and grab the paper tab and pull out the paper cap and drink that ice cold cream off the top.

Or maybe Archie Apgar and Al Brong or Chat Hoffman and Big Al would deliver coal, blocks of ice, and other materials to your house. The coal would go down a coal shoot through your basement window into what was called a coal bin. They would unload the truckload of coal like pea, and chestnut coal, or maybe if they had to, they would fill up canvas coal bags and carry them on their shoulders and dump the coal into a chute if they could not get close enough to your house with the truck. There was bituminous coal or soft coal - very volatile. And anthracite coal, which is a hard and cleaner coal giving off less volatile matter!

There was Coca Cola and The Andrew Sisters; Pepsi Cola; Spur; Orange Crush; Ma's Root Beer; Royal Crown Cola; Lucky Strikes in a flat green tin with a red and white encircled bull's eye; mail pouch tobacco; Oleo Margarine with the yellow dye; Schaffer And Ballentine beers; takeout draft beer in paper quart containers; Dolly Madison Ice Cream; Flexible and Radio Flyers; and U.S. Silver Dollars that had silver in them!

There weren't any credit cards; air conditioners; computers; cell phones; or TVs!

There were Mrs. Smith's pies; milk in glass bottles; an icebox with a block of ice in it; an electric wash machine with a hand-cranked clothes roller-wringer; party telephone lines; Victory Gardens; copper pennies; aluminum pennies; Al Capone; Willie, the actor Sutton; Pretty Boy Floyd; Bonnie and Clyde; and soup bones! There was Lowell Thomas; Gabriel Heater; Edward R. Murrow; Jimmy Fiddler; John Gambling; Don McNeil; Uncle Don; Major Bowes; Gang Busters; and NY Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia reading the Sunday Comics - all on the radio!

And you can't leave out of the theater of the mind radio programs such as Jack Armstrong; Easy Aces; Tom Mix; The Shadow; Inner Sanctum; Famous Jury Trials; Lone Ranger; I Love A Mystery; Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons; Green Hornet; Tennessee Jed; Hop Harrigan; Captain Midnight; Jack Benny; Can You Top This; Fred Allen; Red Skelton; Sky King; Sgt. Preston and his Dog King; The Goldbergs; Stella Dallas; Ma Perkins; and The Great Gildersleeve! There was Mario Lanza; Kate Smith; Bing Crosby; and Perry Como; and on and on and on!

"Maltice" The Fish Man would come with his panel truck loaded with shaved ice and fresh fish. He would open the back doors and hang his scale, then cutoff the fish heads and clean the fish and scrape off the scales right there in front of you. Then he'd weigh them after they were cleaned and wrap them up in paper for you. And it was just great! Those were the smells and the symphony of movement, and the scene - it was America's small business at its best as he puffed and chewed on his Italian ElRopo cigar that looked like a tree branch and smelled worse!

There was the old timer with a cowboy hat, long hair, mustache, and beard in his horse-drawn, covered wagon that would appear every once in a while out of nowhere coming up the main road into High Bridge. He would be selling his wares of pots and pans and things and such! Nobody I talk to ever remembers him; maybe it is just all in my mind of the days of things that were?

*Till next time!  
Arthur C. "Buddy" Adler  
Long-Time Former Resident*

**Do you have family or friends currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan?**



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## **HB United Methodist Church**

To our friends and neighbors in the High Bridge Community,

The last few months have been a time of change for me and my family. I have gone from being the Pastor of Round Valley UMC to being the Pastor of Round Valley UMC and High Bridge UMC. I have gone from being the mother of two small boys, to being the mother of three small boys. I have seen the economy go from being fairly stable to the rocky state that it is currently in. I have seen our nation prepare for the change in President. Even the leaves are now changing.

While changes are often difficult, many wonderful doors have been opened to me in this time of transition. I have been able to meet with the wonderful people of the High Bridge UMC. I have been able to try some new things in their worship services. I have been able to get acquainted with the High Bridge Community and have fallen in love with the town. At home, I have had the pleasure of seeing my newborn son grow and my older boys take to their new brother. Of course, I can't talk about changes without at least mentioning all of the diaper changes! On the national level, I know that as we journey through these difficult times, we will pull together to support and encourage one another.

Maybe you have been experiencing changes too. Maybe you are ready for some changes in your life. If you are ever in need of a place to come and just be loved as you are, we welcome you. If you are having trouble facing the changes of the world and economy, we welcome you. If you need to make a change from the life you are living to a life of wholeness, we welcome you.

My prayer for the church and all of High Bridge is that I will get to know you so that we can face all the changes in life together as a community. Because of all these changes, we do not have a set schedule for the coming months. We will continue to worship together at 11 a.m. For other events that will be happening at High Bridge UMC, we encourage you to look in the *Democrat*.

*Remember always that God loves you,  
Rev. Jessica Campbell*

## **Battery Recycling**

**Location: 26 West Main Street:** To make the disposal of household batteries more convenient to our residents, High Bridge participates in the county's battery collection program. The county has supplied us with two collection drums which are located at the Department of Public Works Garage on West Main Street. (The driveway is the first left past train parking lot.) The blue drums are just inside the gate in the brown shed on the left. We encourage everyone to save those old household batteries (not car batteries) and bring them to the collection drums. Please help us remove household batteries from the solid waste stream!

*Environmentally, Lynn Hughes*

# Environmental Commission

## Hard Plastics Recycling Event

Thank you to all who participated in our first annual Hard Plastic Recycling Event. We collected 760 pounds of hard plastic. (See photos on our web site.) Continue to save hard plastic items for our next collection scheduled for spring of 2009.

What to save:

- Cleaned plastics #3-7 such as yogurt and margarine containers
- Plastic bags - clear and colored
- Plastic buckets - 1, 2, and 5 gallon sizes
- Plastic crates for milk and soda
- Cleaned plastic food storage containers, such as Tupperware® or Rubbermaid®
- Plastic landscaping and planting trays
- Plastic laundry baskets
- Plastic motorized children's cars
- Plastic pet carriers
- Plastic planters or flower pots (Please shake the dirt out to avoid contamination.)
- Plastic playhouses and playground equipment, such as slides and jungle gyms
- Plastic resin items, such as chairs and tables
- Plastic toys, such as Big Wheel® bikes and kitchen sets
- Cleaned shrink wrap
- Cleaned stretch wrap

If you have any questions, please contact High Bridge Borough Hall 638-6455.

## Electronics Recycling Event Coming Spring 2009

Back by popular demand! We will be holding our second town-wide electronics recycling event this spring. So save your old electronics.

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

Items with Freon will also be accepted as the company will remove and recycle the Freon from each appliance and provide the necessary recycling certificates.

Light bulbs are also accepted: Straight- All Lengths, U-tubes/Circular/Compacts, Coated-All Lengths, HID/ARC, UV Incandescent

Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Questions? Please call the Borough Hall on 638-6455.

## Clean Communities Grant

The Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 with funding from taxes levied on the sale of litter-generating products. The Clean Communities Fund was reauthorized in 2002 making all municipalities eligible to receive funding.

High Bridge receives grant money based on our yearly recycling tonnage reports. This grant money is restricted and can only be used for litter abatement items such as: litter and graffiti cleanup and removal, enforcement of local antilittering laws, purchase of trash receptacles, sponsorship of adopt-a-park and educational programs. The High Bridge Environmental Committee used our 2008 Clean Communities Grant money of \$5,634 in the following ways:

Gave a donation to the South Branch Watershed Association for their annual Raritan River Clean-Up Day...

Reimbursed High Bridge Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for clean-up supplies for our local Raritan River Clean-Up Day...

Purchased a replacement trash receptacle for the fishing area at Lake Solitude...

Sponsored an educational assembly on recycling for both the High Bridge Elementary and Middle Schools...

Funded the Hard Plastic Recycling Event...

Rented recycling containers for the football field ...

Purchased fencing for the commons park...

You can help increase our grant money by using our curb-side recycling. For more information on recycling, please check page 3 of this newsletter.

*Environmentally,  
Lynn Hughes*

## Tax & Utility Info

Please be advised that effective immediately payments are no longer being accepted at the Newark lockbox. Please send or bring any remittance to the following address:

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If you have any questions, please call the Borough Hall at 908/638-6455. Thank you!

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## Important Dates to Note

**November 8: Veterans Day Ceremony (11 a.m.)**

**C. K. Hoffman Veterans Memorial Park**

**December 6: Cookies with Santa & Gingerbread Display (1 - 3 p.m.)**

**December 6 - Christmas Tree Lighting (6 p.m.)**

**Upcoming: Electronics Recycling in Spring 2009**

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