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Growing High Bridge in a Sustainable Way

Every community, regardless of how affluent the county or state in which they reside, has been affected by what has become known as the “economic downturn.” This downturn has had a more significant impact on small rural communities with downtown business districts comprised of small, owner-operated businesses.

Rather than sit on the sidelines and wait for “things to get better,” the Mayor and Council are proactively seeking alternatives. Partnering with the Borough’s Planning Board, the Economic Development Committee, the High Bridge Business Association, and the New Jersey Highlands Council as well as property owners/landlords and other State agencies, the governing body is developing plans for High Bridge’s Sustainable Economic Growth.

The Mayor and Council understand that for local economic conditions to improve, the Borough’s finances must be stable and on a firm footing; this is being accomplished. The 2011 budget reflects no new debt with \$2.3M of debt principal repaid since 2009. A flat municipal tax rate in 2009 and 2010, only a half-cent increase in the 2011 municipal tax, and an upgrade in the Borough’s credit rating from Baa1 to AA- are all signs we are on the right path. Council President and Finance Chair Michael Stemple and the Finance Committee are providing the leadership that is required to continue this improvement in the Borough’s finances.

The next step in addressing and improving local business conditions, in addition to leveraging the Borough’s historic significance and natural resources, is to gain an understanding of how area residents are willing to spend their discretionary and service-related dollars. The Borough has engaged Maser Consulting to assist the Borough in the development of a Sustainable Economic Plan, a portion of which is to survey residents. This effort is well underway; the plan can be viewed on the High Bridge website. It is important to note that through its partnership with the aforementioned New Jersey Highlands Council, this initiative is being funded entirely with grant monies.

The Economic Development Committee and the High Bridge Business Association are in the process of developing materials to market High Bridge as a great place to do business, and we are always on the lookout for ways to work together and help make High Bridge better.

Certainly the Borough’s downtown will continue to face challenges but with the coordinated efforts of the Mayor and Council, the Planning Board, scores of dedicated volunteers and the various supporting organizations, the Borough will emerge stronger.

Councilwoman Victoria Miller

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Spring Brush Collection

May 23 - 27

June 20 - 24

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 pick-up anything until the next collection date.

Borough of High Bridge

71 Main Street

High Bridge, NJ 08829

Phone: 908-638-6455

Fax: 908-638-9374

Recycling Schedule & Info

May 13 and 27; June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22

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 [see Metal Recycling article on page 5 of this newsletter.]

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 curbside; they should be by the next day. Check the Borough website for updates.

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

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

Additional recycling opportunities may be found on the Borough website: www.highbridge.org. Refer to page 31 of this newsletter for more information as well.

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

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, use one sticker for each 50 pounds of weight. For more information, refer to the "2011 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2011" information sheet. If you do not have a "2011 High Bridge Solid Waste Stickers 2011" information sheet, contact the Borough Hall.

Place your trash out the night before as collection begins early in the morning.



Additional information on recycling may be found on the following pages: 5 and 31 of this publication.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat *
	1 Property Taxes Due	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9 Garage Sale Forms Due Today in Order to be Included in the List	10 End of Property tax Grace Period	11	12 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	13 Recycling	14 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Historic Main Street Walking Tour
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town-Wide Garage Sale
May 2011	22	23	24	25	26 Utility Payments Due; 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	27 Recycling	28 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony (Hoffman Park)
	29	30 Memorial Day Observed Borough Hall Closed	31	Spring Brush Collection			

* Farmers' Market: Every Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Riverside Liquors' Parking Lot; contact Mike Cedro at 908-310-2529.

Calendar: June & July 2011

June 2011	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat *
				1	2	3	4
	5		7	8	9 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	10 Recycling	11 9:00 a.m. - HBBA Soap Box Derby
	12	13	14	15	16	17 ~8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	18 Movie Rain Date →
	19	20 Annual Fire Department Golf Outing; Summer Rec Registration Due	21	22	23 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	24 Recycling ~8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	25 Pooch Parade 9 a.m. Registration; 10 a.m. Parade Movie Rain Date →
	26 Pooch Parade Rain Date 1 p.m. Registration; 2 p.m. Parade	27	28	29 NL Ads Due	30		

← Spring Brush Collection (last brush pickup till Fall) →

July 2011	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat *
	31					1 ~8:30 p.m. Free Movie Commons Park	2 Movie Rain Date →
	3	4 July 4 th Observed Borough Hall Closed	5	6 NL Articles Due (for August Mailing of NL)	7	8 Recycling	9 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Concert in the Commons
	10	11	12	13	14 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting HB Firehouse	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22 Recycling	23 Last Day - Soccer Reg. w/o Late Fee 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Concert in the Commons
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. HBFD Annual Picnic Union Forge Park

← Summer Recreation →

* Farmers' Market: Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Riverside Liquors' Parking Lot; contact Mike Cedro at 908-310-2529.

2010 Citizen Awards

The Borough of High Bridge Mayor and Council take great, small-town pride and pleasure in honoring our very own!

The **Huskies Junior Midget Cheerleaders** were recognized as the 2010 High Bridge Ambassadors of the year for their athletic achievements culminating in the 2010 Pop Warner National Cheerleading and Dance Championships in Orlando, Florida. While competing against eleven nationally-recognized teams, the Huskies Junior Midget Cheerleaders won first place and were crowned 2010 National Champions.

William Gooley was presented the 2010 **Friends of High Bridge Award** in recognition of his life-long involvement for the betterment of High Bridge. William Gooley lived, worked and volunteered in High Bridge all his life and though he has recently moved out of the Borough, he is still actively involved as a member of American Legion Post #188. Mr. Gooley continues to be instrumental in enhancing and overseeing the quality of the Veterans Memorial Park and organizing the Borough's Annual Memorial and Veterans Day Ceremonies held at the park.

Wayne Hally received the fourth annual **Borough of High Bridge Green Award** for 2010 in recognition of his continuing dedication to promoting environmental preservation and supporting the beautification of the Borough of High Bridge

Wayne Hally was "Caught Being Green" by fellow residents who nominated him for his ongoing environmental actions. Mr. Hally has voluntarily picked up litter along Cregar Road, Cregar Avenue, Larrison Road, Buffalo Hollow Road and West Main Street since 2005. He also maintains a spreadsheet to categorize the types of litter found.

The 2010 **High Bridge Citizen of the Year Award** was awarded to **Will Wyckoff** for his community service to the Borough by his creation of the Historic High Bridge Video Tour and brochure, his Eagle Scout Project. This effort increased public awareness and heightened appreciation of the Borough's historic places, preserving a large part of High Bridge history forever.

Congratulations to our 2010 award recipients. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of High Bridge!

Victoria Miller, Liaison, Cultural & Heritage Committee

Metal Recycling

Jim's Lawn Cutting, LLC offers a free metal recycling, earth-friendly green service. Anything metal can be recycled. Items can have wood or plastic parts, but cannot contain Freon.

Here are some examples of items picked up for free: grills, gas grills, empty propane tanks, exercise equipment, file cabinets, auto parts, rims, lawn mowers, garden tractors, outdoor furniture, metal fencing, gutters, above-ground pools, satellite dishes, washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, pots & pans, metal desks & chairs, metal fans, ceiling fans, light fixtures, hand & power tools, and hardware.

Items need to be at ground level for free pickup.

There is a \$25 charge for the first item that requires assistance to be removed from the home and \$10.00 for each additional item needing removal assistance.

Paid Dismantling/Removal Services:

Satellite removal from roof:	\$45
Metal shed dismantle:	\$45
Above-ground pool dismantle:	\$150
Swing set dismantle:	\$35

Contact Jim to arrange for pickup at 908-334-8127 or via email Jimslawncuttingllc@yahoo.com.

Curbside Recycling

The State Department of Environmental Protection is requiring counties to boost their recycling efforts to reach a 50% recycling rate. Municipalities, which have the ultimate responsibility for recycling, have been asked to increase their efforts to meet this goal.

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

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

To make recycling as convenient as possible, we have curbside collection every other week. We also list the recycling dates in this newsletter. Take a few minutes to copy the dates on your monthly calendar as a reminder and to review the recycling details given on page 3 of this newsletter.

New Jersey Register Ready

High Bridge Seniors & Special Needs Residents

The New Jersey Special Needs Registry (known as Register Ready) is online and taking registrants. Registered residents will be recognized by emergency planners so that those planners can reach out to registrants during emergency situations. The location and extent of the hazard will determine whether residents are contacted. Residents interested in registering should log onto <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/> to register. If you have a relative or neighbor that could benefit from such a program, encourage them to register for NJ Register Ready or help them register online.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

High Bridge CERT provides an opportunity for helping the community, and there is a place in CERT for everyone. The Team assists our emergency responders in times of need and in cleaning up after crises. It will also help with our community events, such as the Tour of High Bridge and Community Day. Through CERT, individuals learn to help themselves and their families, their neighbors, and the community by doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

You can find more details about CERT at <http://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/index.shtm>.

High Bridge CERT Team Graduates

Eight High Bridge residents recently completed their initial CERT training. In this eight-week class, the residents learned about disaster preparedness, first aid triage and treatment, search and rescue, fire safety, and disaster psychology, and they participated in first aid, fire extinguisher training, and disaster simulation exercises.

Join High Bridge CERT

The High Bridge CERT is looking for more members. If you are interested in joining, contact Todd Honeycutt at (908) 638-5299 or toddchoneycutt@gmail.com.

High Bridge Emergency Management Committee

Call for Volunteer Bands

Community Day will be held in September 24, and we're making plans! Entertainment this year is on a volunteer basis. So if you have a band and would like to share your talents with the Borough during Community Day in September, contact vmiller@highbridge.org.

*Victoria Miller, Concert Coordinator
High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee*

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High Bridge United Methodist

What a wonderful time of year! Spring treasures are being found all over. Leaves are budding; seeds are sprouting; everything that has been sleeping is now awakened and showing its beauty. It's time to get up, get out and be alive!

Church and your spiritual life can be a wonderful part of being alive. Have you talked to HIM lately? He is always there for you.

We are here for you, too. If you're not connected to your home church, come join us. We worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Need to reach the pastor? Call 908-735-5287 or church 908-638-8229. Need to reach GOD? PRAY.

*Dennis Wene,
Certified Lay Minister HBUMC*

www.highbridge.org

2011 Summer Concerts in the Commons

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee is very pleased to announce our 2011 Annual Concert Series!

The 2010 "Three Saturdays in September" gave us two fine evenings of entertainment and a great afternoon of music on Community Day. Those who enjoyed the musical events last year gathered with friends and made some new ones. Folks came packed with light snacks or entire family meals! With feedback from the folks who came out in 2010 to enjoy these concerts as well as feedback from the artists, the concerts have been scheduled this year for July 9, July 23 and August 13 from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m.

As the economy continues to struggle to recover, the High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee is more committed than ever to providing family-friendly, free events that not only the residents of High Bridge can enjoy but the general public, too. This year's concerts will highlight local artists and bring some new talent to our backyard.

Additionally, these events provide excellent opportunities to promote local businesses. Our goals are to provide the public a great evening in High Bridge while supporting the local businesses by attracting customers to Main Street and highlighting other businesses in our Borough that sponsor these events. Please consider partnering with your Main Street businesses and make use of these concert opportunities to reach existing and new customers with coupons, promotional discounts or other handouts.

In September Community Day entertainment is a "call for volunteers" (see page 6 of this newsletter), so if you have a band in your garage that is ready for the light of day, contact vmiller@highbridge.org and let's get you on the afternoon main stage (the gazebo) in Union Forge Park! Watch for the "High Bridge Presents" signs as the concert dates get closer and plan on some fun evenings of great entertainment!

Victoria Miller, Concert Coordinator, High Bridge Cultural and Heritage Committee

Memorial Day Ceremony

C. K. Hoffman Memorial Park
Saturday, May 28 - 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day and honored men who had died in the Civil War. It now honors servicemen and servicewomen who died in any war. Come join the American Legion Post #188 and the Cultural & Heritage Committee as we remember all American Service people who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Jay Hunter, U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Desert Storm, Iraq and recipient of two purple hearts, will be our guest speaker.

The following April 2010 - March 2011 deceased Post 188 American Legion members will be honored at this year's ceremony: Charles Barber: U.S. Marines-Vietnam; Ralph Lomerson: U.S. Army-WWII; Robert Garrison: U.S. Navy-WWII; Steve Gronsky: U.S. Army-Korea; Albert Bowlby: U.S. Army Air Force-WWII.

*Lynn Hughes, Member
Cultural & Heritage Committee*

HART Commuter Info Services

HART Commuter Information Services, a Hunterdon County non-profit organization, is your resource for free traffic alerts, bus and train schedules, carpooling, van pooling and bicycling information. Visit www.harttma.com or call 908-788-5553 for more information.

Cathy Taglienti

"Caught Being Green"

The Environmental Committee is 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.

Check out past Green Award recipients on the Environmental Committee page of our Borough's website at highbridge.org.

*Lynn Hughes,
Environmental Committee*

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Summer Recreation Program



2011 REGISTRATION FORM

The Summer Recreation Program welcomes High Bridge children who have completed grades K-7. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will be held July 11 - July 22. Enroll your child or children for one session or both weeks. The program will be located at High Bridge Elementary School. Please provide a healthy snack and we will provide a drink.

Registration Fee: One Week \$55

Both Sessions \$85

Make check payable to High Bridge Recreation Committee Program

Highlights: Supervised by three certified teachers; sports, activities hour, craft time; special programs; rain or shine program. NOTE: For families with three or more children enrolled, the first two campers are at full price and additional campers are free.

Registration forms are available online at www.highbridge.org.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS AND PAYMENT BY June 20, 2011, to: High Bridge Recreation Committee, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829.

LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND?

If you've changed jobs and left behind a 401(k) or other qualified plan, you could be neglecting one of your most important assets. I can help you manage and monitor your investments, creating a strategy that aligns your retirement savings with your overall financial goals.

- Learn the tax consequences of lump-sum distributions
- Discover the tax advantages of an IRA Rollover
- Avoid common 401(k) rollover mistakes

Call today for more information or to schedule a consultation.

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2011 HBYS Registration Form

Season Runs from September 10, 2011 to November 19, 2011

Register On or Before July 23, 2011: \$60.00
 Register After July 23, 2011: \$70.00

PeeWee Division (Kindergarten & First Grade) Registration Fee: \$60.00

- Families with 3 or more players: Maximum fee is \$120 before July 23, and \$140 after July 23.
- Shin Guards are MANDATORY.
- Summer KickOff Clinic: Run by USA Soccer, held on 2 weekday evenings, in early August (date to be determined), from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Grades 2-8 only. To be held at Union Forge fields.
- PeeWee Players will be contacted by their coaches the week of August 29, 2011. At that time, parents will be informed about their game times for the first Saturday on September 10, 2011.
- Players in Grades 2-8 will be contacted by their coaches approximately the week of August 8.

PeeWee Division Kindergarten & First Grade
 Junior Division Second & Third Grade
 Intermediate Fourth and Fifth Grade*
 Senior Division Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade*

*Game Schedules: Intermediate and Senior Divisions
 Teams will have a limited number of home and away games.

You can also register online at
www.hbyouthsoccer.org
 All major credit cards accepted

Email questions to: **info@hbyouthsoccer.org**
 or call Jake Krushinski, 908-872-6528

Players Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone (home or cell): _____
 E-mail: _____
 Date: _____

Birthdate: _____
 Sex: M / F Played Last Year? Y / N
 Grade This Fall: _____
 Age This Fall _____
 Weight: _____
 Height: _____

Has the player been a member of a soccer/travel team and/or played for a school team this year? Y / N
 If registering 2 or more players within the same division from the same family, do you want them on the same team? Y / N

Consent and Release

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

NOTE: Children can not play without a signed consent form from the parent or guardian.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please check appropriate box:

- Coaching Assistant Coach Division Leader Referee
 Concession Stand Staff Field Prep Other _____
 My Business is Interested in Sponsor Opportunities

Name _____ Company Name (if applicable) _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

..... DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
 Cash Check Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____

Mail Check or Money Order to:
 High Bridge Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 268, High Bridge, NJ 08829

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Fire Department

Golf Outing

The High Bridge Fire Department golf outing will be Monday, June 20, 2011. If you are interested in registering a foursome or sponsoring a hole, please contact the firehouse by May 15, 2011 at 908-638-6383.

Annual Picnic

The High Bridge Fire Department will be holding its annual picnic on July 30. This event will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. For tickets contact any member or call 908-638-6383; you may also check our website at www.highbridgefire.org. Tickets will not be sold at the door and are limited so do not wait. (See page 25 of this newsletter for additional details, too.)

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.

Spring Clean-up

Keep all leaves and yard debris away from your home. Make sure your house is accessible by large fire apparatus and possibly tree-trimming equipment as well. Do not use a chimney on a deck or near any structure. Make your address visible from the street.

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 or visit our website at www.highbridgefire.org.

Jim Dietz, High Bridge Fire Department

HB Is Named Tree City USA

High Bridge Borough has officially been named a Tree City USA Community by the State of NJ, Division of Parks and Forestry. This is a noteworthy achievement that certifies High Bridge has an effective tree-care program with an ongoing process of renewal and improvement.

Our award was presented at the official NJ State Arbor Day Ceremony on April 29, 2011.

*Lynn Hughes,
Environmental Committee*

REMINDER: Taxes & Utilities Due

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
SECOND QUARTER TAXES
DUE MAY 1, 2011

TEN-DAY GRACE PERIOD UNTIL MAY 10, 2011

SECOND QUARTER UTILITIES
DUE MAY 26, 2011

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

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS!!!
PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT TD BANK.

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prior to your next due date to:

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High Bridge, NJ 08829
Attn: Bonnie Fleming

SIGN UP TODAY!

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(908) 236-2520

Vincent Scarponi
Manager
NJ Lic. No. 3334

Paughright-Scarponi Funeral Home

66 Main Street • High Bridge, NJ 08829
(908) 638-6242

High Bridge Women's Group

This spring the Women's group will once again make its annual donations to the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and the Food Pantry. Of course we will also honor graduates from both Voorhees High School and High Bridge Middle School with awards. We are able to do this because of the registration donations for the Garage Sale. Your small donation goes a long way in the community.

If you haven't signed up for this event yet, you still can. The registration form appears below. The date for the 23rd annual sale is May 21, rain or shine. Get your registration mailed in by May 9 for inclusion on the map.

Our group continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. We also have a monthly "out to dinner" meeting which is always fun. Why not join us! For more information, please contact Chris Marx at 638-4146.

High Bridge Town-Wide Garage Sale

The 23rd Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the High Bridge Women's Group, will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 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 \$7.00, with the form, 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 May 9, 2011 to ensure inclusion on the map list. For additional information, call Chris Marx @ 638-4146.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

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

Troop No. 149 Boy Scouts

Troop 149, High Bridge recently welcomed two new Eagle Scouts, Ian Krisanits and William Wyckoff, during a Court of Honor held March 13 at the United Methodist Church, our sponsor. Ian, currently a sophomore at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., built the Solitude Falls trail and viewing area off the Columbia Trail for his Eagle project. Will, a senior at Voorhees High School, created and posted on YouTube a series of videos on historic sites in High Bridge with an accompanying tour map and brochure. Both had substantial help in their work from the scout and adult members of the Troop.

We also welcomed a new Boy Scout, James Hann, to our fold. James bridged over from Pack 149 on March 25 during the Pack's Blue and Gold celebration at the High Bridge Elementary School. James got involved immediately, starting to work on his Communications merit badge with other scouts during his first meeting.

Continuing our effort to take at least one camping trip a month, the scouts had two cold weather camping trips this winter, one in cabins and the other at the annual Klondike Derby. They also did more traditional camping in March and April, with the April trip in conjunction with a 12-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail.

The Troop will be busy through the end of the school year, with two more camping trips planned and two semi-annual events for which we are seeking the help of the community. Our spring food drive collection date is scheduled for May 7. Please fill the bag we drop at your doorstep and place it by the curb or on your porch on May 7 so we can help the Open Cupboard Food Pantry help those in need in Hunterdon County. Please help us have another successful collection!

We also will hold our spring car wash, tentatively scheduled for May 22 at Rocky's on Route 513. Our two car washes are our only fundraisers of the year, and they help us to underwrite camping trips for our scouts and maintain and upgrade our equipment. The boys and adults do a great job washing and drying whatever vehicle you want to bring - even fire trucks! Please get a wash and help support the Troop.

We also welcome new members! Any boy who is age 11 or older or who is completing the 5th grade or in middle or high school is welcome to stop by any of our meetings to check us out. We meet every Thursday night when school is in session at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist Church at the corner of Church and Thomas Streets. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Rich Wylie at 908-797-5197.

Colleen O'Dea

Electronics Recycling Recap

Thank you to the 275 residents who participated in our fourth town-wide electronics recycling event sponsored by the High Bridge Environmental Committee using Clean Communities Grant Money. Recycling was provided by SAMR (Supreme Asset Management & Recovery Recycling) from Lakewood, NJ. We filled one 53-foot tractor trailer! We also collected 907 containers of latex paint! What an environmental difference our residents made by keeping these recyclables out of the waste stream!

The Environmental Committee is pleased that we could meet an obvious need of our residents by providing electronics recycling. The event will be back next spring.

Lynn Hughes, Environmental Commission

Police Department

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Borough Ordinance 265-2. License and tag required; placing tag on dog. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age, that is, which has obtained the age of seven (7) months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth, shall on or before the 30th of January of each year, apply for and procure from the Clerk of the Borough of High Bridge or other official designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs in the borough a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

Borough Ordinance 265-23. Running at large. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets or in any public park, in any public building or in any other public place within the municipality or on the private property of any person other than the dog owner.

Brett J. Bartman, Chief of Police

"Historic Main Street" Walking Tour Saturday, May 14

Two guided tours: 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Tours begin in front of the library.

Join Eagle Scout Will Wyckoff for a tour of the historic sites located along our very own Main Street. Learn the history of the many places you pass by daily.

Union Forge Heritage Association (UFHA)

With the cold winter months finally coming to a close, all of us at the UFHA and our volunteers are looking forward to another productive season and the completion of our many projects that are currently in the works. Although the Museum is technically closed during the winter months, we find that our off season is the time we historically catch up on our paperwork, schedule our special tours and speaking engagements, seek out grants and continue on our interior restoration of the Solitude House. As anyone who owns or has worked on old structures can attest, the challenges of continual maintenance and costs are never in short supply. With a town as deep-rooted in history and historic structures as High Bridge is, the challenge is not just limited to restoration, but encompasses developing adaptive re-uses for our structures that meet the needs of this century and beyond. What some might not consider a "structure" but still in need of restoration and remediation are the Lake Solitude dam and spillway structures. With the State-mandated remediation of the dam scheduled to start this year, a new chapter in the long and colorful history of Lake Solitude is about to be written. Before moving forward, a look back at the history and significance of Lake Solitude is timely.



Lake Solitude hydro-electric power plant structure circa 1930. Lake Solitude and Solitude House in the background.

With the depletion of natural resources that provided energy to power the adjacent Iron Works, Lake Solitude was constructed by the Taylor Iron and Steel Company in 1858 to provide hydro-electric power for the Works. Lake Solitude is approximately 20 acres in size and is on the South Branch of the Raritan River. The 500 foot-long, earthen portion of the dam structure is a gravity dam and has been expanded and increased in height over the years to its current size. The 175-foot spillway, or fall structure, was originally constructed as a timber-framed "crib" dam and named so after its specific type of construction. The original spillway structure was locally known as the Taylor Falls and named after Robert Taylor, the first of five generations of Taylors who came to live at Solitude and manage the Union Iron Works through the Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company until the 1920's.

From the time of its construction, Lake Solitude not only provided a functional use as a power source for the foundry but a destination as a popular recreation area for the local residents and beyond. Various swim and recreation clubs were established at Lake Solitude along with the forgotten adjacent Camp Taylor. From the time of the Lake's creation, boating, fishing, swimming and beach recreation were all part of Lake Solitude's various uses. In the early years, Lake Solitude was a destination for train excursions and the site of extravagant Independence Day celebrations by the Iron Works. In 1909 the Crib Dam was replaced by the current 40-foot high spillway structure and is a highly-significant example of dam engineering known as the Buttress Dam. The dam was designed and constructed by renowned master civil engineer Frank Stone Tainter. Tainter also built other significant dams in New Jersey including the Carnegie Lake Dam in Princeton and the Ravine Lake Dam in Far Hills. The Lake Solitude Buttress Dam is unique and historic due to its construction type. The substructure of the stone dam is constructed with concrete-encased, steel beams anchored into the bedrock and reinforced with the buttress structures. This dam structure is the earliest example of this construction type and the last remaining example of a buttress dam in New Jersey. The structure is currently recognized by the State and nationally as a significant historic structure. Over the past 152 years, the beauty of the Lake and Falls continue to captivate. Since 2006, the Union Forge Heritage Association has been actively involved with the promotion of ideas for the preservation and adaptive re-use of Lake Solitude. Lake Solitude is a historically-significant part of High Bridge's past, as well as a viable part of its future with tourism and the potential for the re-introduction of hydro-electric power in the near future. Lake Solitude now has many facets that appeal to the historic minded, the nature enthusiasts, as well as those interested in green energy.

Come visit Solitude House and speak with any member of our professional team to learn more about our Borough and State history. Ask us how you can become involved in preserving our past and making yourself part of High Bridge's future at the same time. Visit us at our new website at Solitudehouse.org.

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

What's Up in the Sky for May, June and July?

The spring and summer months are a great time to start learning your way around the night sky. To get started, try to find a dark location, away from street and house lights. Grab a lawn chair, a blanket, and a star chart (a good, free sky chart is available at www.SkyMaps.com).

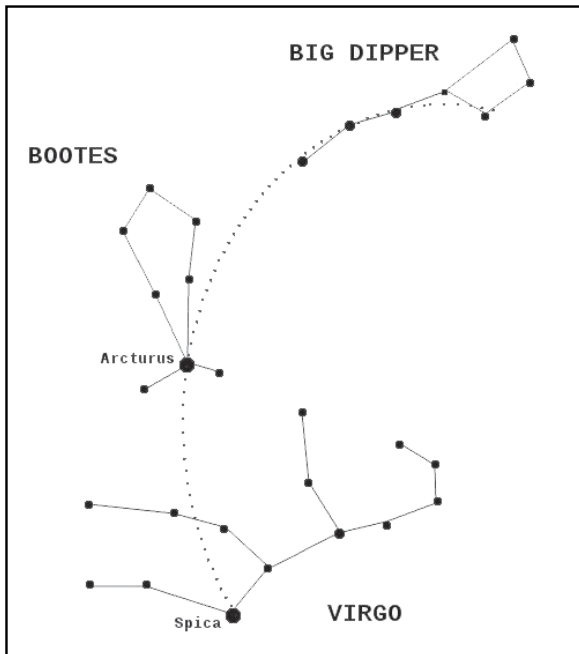


Image from AstronomyForum.net

Start by finding the Big Dipper. You may be surprised to discover that it is almost overhead at sunset in these months. Follow the curve of the handle of the Big Dipper (away from the cup) until you come to a bright star. This star is Arcturus. It is in a constellation called Boötes (pronounced boo-OH-tees), the Herdsman. Some people think that Boötes looks a bit like an ice cream cone or a kite. Keep following the same path a little further, and you will come to another bright star: Spica. Spica is a bluish-white star in the constellation of Virgo. Use the saying "Arc to Arcturus, and speed on to Spica" to help you remember how to find these two stars!

Once you've found Spica, look around for the planet Saturn. It will be nearby (also in the constellation Virgo). It will appear as a bright, orange "star" high above the Southern horizon after sunset. Notice that Saturn is not twinkling like a star. Remember, stars twinkle, but planets do not. If you have a set of binoculars, use them to see Saturn's rings!

Another cool event to note is the Summer Solstice on June 21. On this day, the North Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun. On the Solstice, the sun will reach its highest point in the midday sky. So on June 21, your shadow will be the shortest at midday but it will not completely disappear. Many people think that the sun gets directly overhead at noon: if you go out today and look, you'll see that the sun does get very high in the sky, but it is never directly overhead.

(In High Bridge, the sun's highest point in the sky is 73 degrees above the horizon.)

Cool Things to Look For

May 17 - Full Moon: This full moon was known by Native American tribes as the Full Flower Moon, because this moon coincided with abundant spring flowers.

May 28 - Look for Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter at sunrise: These four planets will form a little line up in the eastern sky at sunrise. Start by finding the crescent moon in the east and look for Jupiter below it and to the left. Keep following the same path toward the Eastern horizon, and you will come to Mars, Venus and Mercury.

June 9 and July 7 - Look for Saturn: The planet will form a pretty triangle with a first quarter moon and the bright star Spica. The moon will be below Saturn and to the right of Spica. Saturn will be bright and yellowish, while Spica will be bluish white (and will twinkle).

June 21 - Summer Solstice: Go measure your shadow! Does it ever totally disappear today?

June 30 - Watch for the International Space Station going over head: From 8:59 p.m. to 9:05 p.m., look for the ISS. It will look a little like an airplane moving across the night sky. It will move from northwestern horizon toward the southeastern horizon. At its highest point (around 9:02 p.m.), it will be about 60 degrees above the northeastern horizon. If you missed it, don't worry. Check out future observing times at www.heavens-above.com

Want more Astronomy? Think about visiting the New Jersey Astronomical Association (NJAA) at Voorhees State Park. From May 14 through September 10, NJAA offers free "Young Astronomers Nights" on the second Saturday of every month. These nights are open to children age 7-13 and their parents. Pre-registration is required on the NJAA website (www.njaa.org) and space is limited.

Starting on Memorial Day, NJAA opens to the public every Saturday evening from 8:30-10:30 p.m. and every Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m.

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

OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Animal Control 996-2525
 High Bridge Hills Golf Club 638-5055
 Hunterdon County Transfer Station 236-9088
 North Hunterdon Municipal Court 735-7775
 Waste Management 534-9142 Ext. 242

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOLS

School Board Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of each month

Superintendent: Joseph Kennedy 638-4103
 Business Administrator: Tom Lambe 638-6552
 Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue 638-4105
 Middle School, 50 Thomas Street 638-4101
 Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 513, Glen Gardner 638-6116

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE

High Bridge Post Office 638-6281
 Open Cupboard Food Pantry 730-7320
 High Bridge Public Library 638-8231
 Library Board President, Trudy Macholdt 638-8231

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Community Athletics of Hunterdon County - Rick Williams 399-4186
 High Bridge Youth Soccer - Jake Krushinski 872-6528
 High Bridge Youth Basketball - Sean Reilly 638-5743
 Hunterdon Huskies - Field House 236-7296
 North Hunterdon Little League 638-6918

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For legal notices

Hunterdon County Democrat, weekly 782-4747
 Hunterdon Review, weekly 735-4081
 Express Times, daily 610-258-7171
 Star Ledger, daily 888-782-7533

PARK INFORMATION

Voorhees State Park 638-6969
 NJAA Observatory 638-8500

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MAYOR

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(Executive Committee, Economic Development, Planning Board)

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meetings – January through June; September and October: 2nd and 4th Thursdays; July, August, November and December - 2nd Thursday of the month only. All meetings at 7:30 pm at the Firehouse, 7 Maryland Avenue.

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Tom Flynn (tflynn@highbridge.org) 638-6929
*(*Planning & Engineering)*

Lynn Hughes (lhughes@highbridge.org) 638-8887
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 Auditor: Suplee, Clooney & Co 638-6455 ext. 21
 CFO/Tax Collector: Bonnie Fleming 638-6455 ext. 23
 Chief of Police: Brett Batuman 638-6500
 Clerk: Diane Seals 638-6455 ext. 21
 Construction Code Official: Al Hopping** 638-6455 ext. 27
 Director of Public Works: Michael Hann 638-6054
 Road Superintendent: Rick Koppe 638-6077
 Water Operator: Michael Hann 638-6588
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scout Troop #149/Scoutmaster – Richard Wylie 797-5197
 Cub Scout Pack #149/Cubmaster– Stephen Croghan 638-8379
 Girl Scouts/Organizer– Maryann Hagan 638-4508
 High Bridge Business Association 638-4465
 President: Joe Dispenza
 High Bridge Historical Society 713-1980
 President: Barbara Repka
 High Bridge Women’s Group 638-4146
 President: Chrs Marx
 I’m For High Bridge 638-6091
 President: James Conroy
 Union Forge Heritage Assoc./Solitude Museum 638-3200
 President: Mike Gronsky

NEWSLETTER

Patricia Birchenough, Hunterdon Business Services, LLC 638-1166
 Council Liaison: Councilwoman Miller

PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. – Squad Building
 Secretary: Alice Oldford 638-6455 ext. 5

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Thursday as needed at 6:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
 Chair: Todd Honeycutt 638-6455

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
 Chair: Brent Dugan 638-6455

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
 Chair: John Farrell 638-6455 ext. 22

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
 Chair: Gary Mills 638-4503

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Borough Hall
 Chair: Jim Murray 638-4933

Note: Robert Lee is appointed Borough Historian.

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High Bridge Methodist Church, 36 Church Street 638-8229
 High Bridge Reformed Church, 23 Church Street 638-6160
 St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, 59 Main Street 638-6211

News from High Bridge BOE & Schools

Board of Education News

The High Bridge Board of Education (BOE) was very busy in the months of January, February and March as they developed and presented a proposed operating budget that did not increase the tax levy for High Bridge residents. Through the use of funds from the Education Jobs Fund Act and an increase of nearly \$65,000 in State aid, the District also planned to restore some faculty positions that had been reduced or eliminated during the 2010 - 2011 school year. On Wednesday, April 27 voters were given the opportunity to cast their ballot on the proposed budget. At the time of the deadline for this article the results were not known.

During the month of May, the High Bridge BOE will hold its annual reorganization meeting where the Board will elect a President and a Vice-President who will serve in those capacities until the next election. Beginning in May of 2011 the High Bridge BOE will consist of eight members. This is due to the results of the April 2010 election where voters

approved the proposal to reduce the number of members who serve on the High Bridge BOE from nine to seven. In April of 2012 the Board will reduce again and then maintain a total of seven members. The two-year sequence of reducing one seat each year is one prescribed by law.

The members of the High Bridge BOE always encourage community members to attend the monthly public meetings. The Board members also invite residents to contact them with questions, concerns and/or suggestions to improve the quality of educational programming for the children of High Bridge. One convenient method that can be used to contact Board members is to visit the District's website at www.hbschools.org and click on the Board of Education tab. Then click on "School Board Contact Form" and type your message and/or inquiry.

The BOE wishes all students, families and faculty/staff members a very safe and enjoyable summer. The schools will reopen for students on Tuesday, September 6!

Elementary School News

In addition to educating our students academically, the Elementary School also teaches character education. It is important for the children to learn that they can make a difference by helping those in need. One activity towards this goal is our Pennies for Patients program. Over a three-week period, students are asked to bring in pennies to put in a collection bucket in their classroom.

The proceeds benefit children and their families suffering from Leukemia. Leukemia is the most common cancer in children under 20 years of age and causes more deaths than any other cancer in this age group. Thanks to research, the death rate for children under 15 due to Leukemia in the U.S. has declined 88% since 1969.

After two weeks of collections, the students have collected over \$478! The staff has donated well over \$100, and I have pledged to match my staff's donations.

It is my hope that we can be a small part of the ongoing research dedicated to finding a cure for Leukemia and all cancers. I am very proud and thankful to all of my students for helping so many with their generosity.

Paul Nigro
Principal - High Bridge Elementary School

Child Find

The High Bridge School District seeks to locate resident children and young adults, ages 3 to 21 years old, who might have significant physical, cognitive, neurological, speech and language, medical needs, or other developmental delays of varying degrees of severity, who are not currently receiving services. Proof of residency is required. For information call Special Services at 908-638-4512.

Lisa Fallon, Supervisor of Special Education
High Bridge School District

Middle School News

On the sports scene, the Middle School girls' basketball team finished the season with a winning record. Unfortunately, in the "A" division tournament, they ran into a very powerful opponent bringing their championship desire to a close. The Middle School boys' basketball team did bring home the "B" division championship in February despite starting the season with more losses than wins. Their improvement throughout the season is a credit to their hard work and dedication.

Two big eighth grade events occurred in March. Although the students put forth a valiant effort, the faculty came away victorious once again in the annual 8th grade vs. faculty basketball game. Also, the eighth grade lock-in was a huge success and much appreciation is extended to Mrs. Hoos and her committee for planning the night's events.

The members of the cast and crew of "Willy Wonka Kids" provided three outstanding performances. Students, parents, family members and friends all enjoyed this high-energy production and an opportunity to enjoy the talents of our Middle School students.

The PTO's Cultural Arts Committee once again arranged for a three-day visit of the Rutgers Science Explorer bus to our Middle School. Students were provided with a hands-on approach to science activities that supplement the classroom instruction they receive on a daily basis. Our students and faculty are most appreciative of the opportunity to access this enhanced curriculum experience, and we thank the PTO for their continuing commitment.

Now that we are in the 4th marking period and the daylight is lasting longer, I remind all students and their parents to maintain a high level of academic effort both in school and during homework assignments. Let's all end the school year on a very positive note!

Joseph Kennedy, Principal - High Bridge Middle School

HB Reformed Church

Greetings from the High Bridge Reformed Church!

We have several nice events planned for May through July in which you are invited to participate.

Concert: Friday, May 6 (7:00 p.m.)

Gospel Singer John Osborne from Upstate New York will perform in concert. John began singing the Gospel in 1977. Admission is free.

Ham Dinner: Saturday, May 21 (4:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Join us for a wonderful ham dinner. Menu includes ham, choice of spinach or Caesar salad, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, homemade applesauce, rolls, and assorted desserts. Suggested donations: \$15.00 for adults; seniors \$13.00; children (age 6-12) \$10.00; and children under 6 eat free!

Vacation Bible School: July 25-29 (9:00 a.m. to noon)

"God's Great Garden - Let Your Faith Grow" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. Preregistration is encouraged by calling 908-638-8978. The cost of the program is \$15.00. The program is designed for children aged 4 through 12.

Pastor Steve

St. Joseph's Church

Many activities during May involve our Religious Education Program. First Communion, for the first time this year, will be administered during several different Masses due to the number of children in the program. Confirmation will be held on May 15 in the afternoon. Other events will also be taking place in honor of the children in these programs. The very popular Summer Program will again take place the end of June and beginning of July.

The Respect Life Committee of St. Joseph's Church organized another Run for Life project in April. This activity was started in 1991 by its chairman, Fred Loozen. Fred selects a particular race to run, and his fellow parishioners - and anyone else who wants to - sponsor him with donations. This year, for the third year in a row, Fred and Marie Furka (another member of the committee) participated in the race in Clinton Township, which was held on April 30. This joint effort was dubbed: "Two for the price of one." Proceeds will go to two pregnancy resource centers in the area: The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington (formerly located in High Bridge) and Life Choices in Phillipsburg. While the run took place before distribution of this newsletter, there is still time to support this activity. Anyone interested may call Fred at 908-638-6740.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Fran Rapp,
Facilities Manager

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Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress

In October 2000, the United States Congress voted unanimously for legislation to create the Veterans History Project (VHP) as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The mission is to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of American wartime veterans, so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. VHP relies on volunteers throughout the nation to collect first-person narratives by wartime veterans to be submitted to the Library of Congress. VHP archives its collections at the Library of Congress and makes them available to researchers and the public. Not only does this collection of personal stories serve as a resource for scholars, but it is intended to inspire future generations with these recollections of service to our country. To date there have been several thousand oral histories archived. Two dedicated promoters of the VHP have been New Jersey Senator Frank R. Lautenberg and Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii. Both served in the U.S. Army and are the only remaining WWII veterans in the U.S. Senate.

Submitted collections may take the form of war veterans' first-hand oral histories, memoirs, compilations of original photographs and letters, diaries, and other historical documents from World War I through current conflicts. Historical memorabilia may also be submitted on behalf of a deceased war veteran, when accompanied by a completed biographical data form. For those who wish to conduct interviews and collect historical documents of family and friends for submission, a Field Kit is available which outlines the steps for participating in the VHP. This can be obtained by contacting a toll-free message line at 1-888-371-5848 or by emailing at vohp@loc.gov. In order to eliminate delay of material, one needs to register on the website before submitting data.

For more information or to view registered oral histories online, visit the national website at www.loc.gov/vets.

In commemoration of Memorial Day and Flag Day, a veterans' memorabilia exhibit will be on display during the month of June at the North County Library on Leigh Street in Clinton. If anyone would like to share items in the secured exhibition booths, please contact the Reference Desk. The next Oral History Roundtable at the Library is scheduled for Saturday, November 5.

Sharon Apperson
638-0373

Activity Calendar

Attention High Bridge Community Organizations!



The High Bridge Borough Council designated the Cultural & Heritage Committee as the committee responsible for scheduling all Borough events and for placing these events on the central Borough website calendar. This policy applies to all events making use of Borough properties for any purpose. Please reach

out to vmiller@highbridge.org to get your event cleared on the schedule and put on the Borough calendar.

This policy is intended to promote each Borough event more effectively.

Please remember to check in and make what's going on in High Bridge your first choice for "what to do."

Victoria Miller
Liaison, Cultural & Heritage Committee

Triathlon Training at the Y

The Hunterdon County YMCA will offer a new 16-week Triathlon Training Program. A free information session about this program will be held on May 1 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Path Branch. The class will be taught by a Certified USA Triathlon Training Coach.

The Deer Path Branch of the Hunterdon County YMCA is located at 144 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington, 908-782-1030. The Round Valley Branch is located at 1410 Route 22 West, Annandale, 908-236-0055. Visit www.hcymca.org for more information

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,687 Ys engage 21 million men, women and children - regardless of age, income or background - to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than 10,000 communities, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.

Heather Ruggeri

Girl Scouts of High Bridge

It's officially spring and we're on our way to warmer weather! For our High Bridge Girl Scout Troops this means getting out and doing more! Our wonderful Leaders and Girl Scouts have been very busy and have left their mark on winter.

Troop 81267 successfully collected hundreds of books for the NJ Book Ladies. Thank you to the staff, students and others in our community for keeping those collection bins overflowing.

The girls are well on their way to earning their Silver Award. Stephanie Fortier will earn her Gold award as she finishes researching High Bridge homes that are 50 years or older.

Troop 80894 will continue to collect pet food/items for Animeals, an organization providing pet food and products to those affected by financial difficulties. Anyone interested in donating pet food or treats, please call 908-638-4508.

The upcoming months will bring Camporees, community events, and camping. Some troops will move up to a higher level of scouting at our Annual Bridging Ceremony in June.

As part of their Harvest Award Project, the Senior/Ambassador Troop 80243 girls (Tori Terribile, Kayla Taylor, Jessi Stover, Leanne Bellouny, Susie Indyk, Heather Howell, Kat Olsen, Elisabet Olsen and Dani Brodean) hosted a presentation to younger troops on "Being Healthy: Nutrition and Food Choices Affecting the Earth." They are organizing and hosting a Father/Daughter Square Dance, and in June they will be going for a week to Overlook Farm in Massachusetts to learn about sustainable agriculture and helping others by working on the farm as part of Heifer International. This is in addition to helping local organizations: all of the girls are participating in the Relay 4 Life, and several girls (Jessi, Leanne, Dani & Heather) have been volunteering at the local YMCA.

Lastly, it isn't too soon to register your daughters entering Kindergarten this fall. Please call 908-638-4508 or email: maryannh@embarqmail.com.

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

American Legion Post 188

As Commander of American Legion Post 188, I would like to pass on some information about our Post activities.

1. Each year the week before Memorial Day our legionaries go to seven cemeteries to replace the worn and missing flags on all veterans graves. There are three cemeteries in Cokesbury, three cemeteries in Fairmount and one cemetery on Route 513 in Califon. The Voorhees High School Key Club members, Club Supervisors and Legion family and friends also volunteer to help us at this time.

About 400 flags are put out each year. All worn and tattered flags are collected and taken to Post 159, Flemington for a proper disposal during a flag-burning ceremony.

2. Legion members were asked by Rev. Thomas Higgins, Pastor at Hagadorn Hospital in Glen Gardner in May and November to participate in ceremonies to honor the veterans who are patients there.
3. The Memorial Day Service at the C. K. Hoffman Veterans Memorial Park will be on May 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. This annual tribute will honor those members of Post 188 who have died between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. This ceremony is called "Post Everlasting." Small flags by the pedestals represent the departed members and their branch of service.

During World War II paper, blood, tires and metal collection drives were held to help with the war effort. Post 188 donated two World War I German cannons to the Metal Drive. They were taken to the Taylor Wharton Iron & Steel Company (now Custom Alloy) to be cut up and melted. A small amount of this steel was made into a plaque and was given to the Legion in recognition of the donation. This plaque hangs in the Legion Room at the High Bridge Borough Hall.

We are still in need of members. Any veterans interested in joining, please call for eligibility dates.

Keep your flags flying.

Bill Gooley, Commander, 908-475-5859

YMCA Honors High Bridge Resident & Others



L-R: Tom LaMarca of Tewksbury, Libby McDonald of Flemington, Bruce Black HCYMCA President/CEO, Valorie Brennan of Clinton, Christina Giordano of High Bridge, and Elliott Greenbaum (accepting the award on behalf of Robert Heerwagen of Pittstown).

The Y proudly presented five volunteer recognition awards Wednesday, March 23 at Stanton Ridge Country Club and among those honored was High Bridge resident Christina Giordano.

Christina was awarded the Ralph Muzzey Youth Leadership Award which recognizes an individual who exemplifies leadership skills and character development values. A sophomore honors student at Voorhees High School, Christina is an active volunteer for the Y and the community. She steps up to volunteer whenever she is asked providing an excellent role model and is always willing to go above and beyond.

Other awards were presented as follows: Robert Heerwagen - George Hoffman Humanitarian Award; Valorie Brennan - Y Volunteer of the Year Award; Thomas La Marca - Harris & Betts Smith Distinguished Service Award; and Libby McDonald - Bowden, Byrnes, McCormick Dedication Award.

Congratulations to Christina and her fellow award recipients!

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1-888-238-1233

HB Business Association

The High Bridge Business Association (HBBA) is excited to present the 4th annual Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 11 at 9 a.m.

This year's field of racers is being expanded to 40! Last year we had 32 racers from FIVE COUNTIES, so expanding to 40 will bring even more excitement to the race. It promises to be a fun day for everyone.

We will once again host NJ101.5 radio, and we'll have lots of giveaways, food and fun stuff!

A portion of the proceeds from this year's derby will go to The Land Sharks, a group of seven High Bridge women who are dedicated to raising funds to find a cure for breast cancer by participating in the Annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in NYC in October. The HBBA is pleased to be associated with The Land Sharks and to help them in their journey.

There are a number of Derby sponsorship opportunities available. For details, visit our website at www.hbbusiness.org.

The HBBA can help your business. Membership is open to all local area businesses (not just in High Bridge). To find out more, visit www.hbbusiness.org.

*Joe Dispenza
President, HBBA*

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For more information, visit
www.highbridge.org



Economic Development

With the advent of a New Year came new opportunities for the Borough and the Economic Development Committee. The Highlands Council of New Jersey selected High Bridge to receive grant money for a Sustainable Economic Development Plan Study in 2010. Maser Consulting P.A. was selected to perform an in-depth study of current economic conditions of the Borough and then offer productive suggestions for achieving long-term benefits. The results of this study* were released this year and have validated current EDC activities and provided our group a fresh perspective in coordinating additional objectives with Mayor, Council, Borough committees and the High Bridge Business Association (HBBA). We are very pleased with the new ideas presented and are currently working to achieve those combined goals.

EDC Goals for 2011 include:

- Continue to work with Mayor and Council on redevelopment.
- Implement a new business promotional program in the form of a Business Solicitation Brochure.
- Implement a continuing business visitation program.
- Create an EDC website page as a one-stop information center.
- Maintain our existing and potential building space inventory.
- Reach out to coordinate with nearby regional attractions for promoting High Bridge.
- Hold annual meetings with key organizations in the Borough.

These goals are just part of what we hope to accomplish this year to serve the Borough presently as well as to help us prepare the Borough for its future.

*Brent Dugan
Chair, EDC*

*see http://content.highbridge.org/docs/general/Draft_Sustainable_Economic_Development_

Board of Health: Lyme Time

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

- Ticks become more active once the outside temperature rises above 40 degrees F.
- Daily tick checks are crucial elements in Lyme disease prevention.
- Tick repellents should be worn when in Lyme habitats.

Remember: It is not the tick that you find that is likely to cause Lyme disease; it's the one you never find.

Pooch Parade

The High Bridge Cultural & Heritage Committee will hold the 2011 High Bridge Pooch Parade on Saturday, June 25; the rain date is Sunday, June 26. Registration for pooches will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the parade kicking off at 10:00 a.m. (or if held on the rain date, the registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the parade at 2:00 p.m.).

A High Bridge tradition, this year's parade theme is "A Day at the Beach/Fun in the Sun." Pooches are encouraged to put on their bathing suits, sunglasses and sunscreen and get their owners to compete for prizes in several different categories. This year's prize categories are:



Best Small Dog
Best Medium Dog
Best Large Dog

Most Creative Costume

Silliest Costume

Best Beach Team

Best Surfer Dude/Dudette

Best Beach Bum/Bumette

Best at the Beach, Adult - Ages 13 and older

Best at the Beach, Child - Ages 12 and under

The first place winners will receive prizes and gift certificates worth approximately \$100. All category winners will receive canvas goodie bags sporting the 2011 parade logo filled with canine treats and toys.

Registration is \$5 per dog (please bring exact change). The first 50 people to register their pets will receive a complimentary 2011 Pooch Parade T-shirt. Shirts are limited, so please arrive early! Any dog may participate in the parade, but only registered dogs can win. Please note that although High Bridge appreciates all types of pets, for the safety of participants, the parade must adhere to a "Pooches Only" policy.

So, bring your video camera and your sense of humor and come celebrate your pet. Canine rescue groups and vendors are encouraged to participate. If you would like to set up a table or volunteer at the parade, please contact Ruby Reuter at 638-8904.

*Lynn Hughes,
Cultural & Heritage Committee*

www.highbridge.org

Scout Project Wins Award

The Cultural & Heritage Committee congratulates Eagle Scout Will Wyckoff upon receiving the Hunterdon County Planning Board 2011 Youth in Planning Award for his historic High Bridge video and self-guiding tour.

Will led the research, writing, filming and editing of this video. The video contains footage of historic places today, past pictures of them taken from historical sources, and narration containing research about the places. The places highlighted on the video are arranged in such a way that they lead people logically through various historic areas in town as if one were walking through High Bridge. The brochure guides visitors along these sites in order. The video is broken into sections based on topic and posted on the Borough's website, www.highbridge.org.

The brochure is available for download on the Borough website, as well as in Borough Hall, at many local businesses, and in the library for visitors to take and follow.

Lynn Hughes, Cultural & Heritage Committee

Wildlife Habitat Project

We are looking to be named a wildlife-friendly community. To achieve this recognition, we need 100 homes and two public places to be certified. Thank you to all of you who have certified their Backyard Wildlife Habitats. Please tell a neighbor about this Borough goal.

The National Wildlife Federation's requirements for certification are fairly basic, and it is likely that many of you have some of the components already in place. The four basic elements of a backyard wildlife habitat are food, water, cover, and places for wildlife to raise their young.

The Food element can include plants that provide nectar, pollen, sap, seeds or berries as well as feeders. You need a minimum of three food sources for your yard to qualify as a wildlife habitat.

The Water element can include, among others, a pond, stream, wetland, water garden or a birdbath. Your backyard needs one Water element to qualify.

The Cover and Places for Wildlife to Raise their Young elements often overlap and can include shrubs, woodpiles, stone walls, a water garden, as well as nesting boxes, wooded areas and evergreens. You need at least two of these for certification.

Additionally, the National Wildlife Federation wants to ensure that we are all utilizing Sustainable Gardening Practices. These include the elimination of chemical pesticides and chemical fertilizers, utilizing mulch, composting, removing invasive plants, restoring native plants, reducing lawn areas and reducing erosion. A minimum of two Sustainable Gardening Practices is required.

More information can be found at <http://www.nwf.org/backyard/>. The NWF application (which also lists the specific requirements) can be found here: <https://secure.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certify/page1.cfm>.

Address any other wildlife habitat questions to: lhughes@highbridge.org.

Looking for a store to help create your backyard habitat?

There is a wonderful store on Route 22 in Whitehouse called Backyard Birds. They carry all anyone ever wanted to support a wildlife birding area, and they will give discounts on seed, etc. They offer a high-quality seed and have a large assortment of feeders, birdbaths, etc.: Backyard Birds, 547 U.S. 22 East, Whitehouse Station, NJ; Owners Carolyn & Jim Moore; backyardbirds.com; 908.823.3320.

SKIT Performances

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) is rounding out its 25th anniversary season with one of the largest musicals in its history, 'Hairspray.' The production is set in 1962 and Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad is doing whatever it takes to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Don't miss this dancing, romancing, musical comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture and won eight 2003 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

SKIT's 'Hairspray' is being presented on Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will take place in the Voorhees High School auditorium, Route 513, Lebanon Township. Tickets are priced between \$12 and \$19.

SKIT's annual pre-show complimentary Senior Citizens brunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 (reservations for the brunch are required by calling the SKIT ticket office). SKIT's ticketing system can be accessed via www.showkids.org and allows guests to select their seats and print their own tickets. The SKIT ticket office can be reached at (908) 638-5959.

While the performances are appropriate for all ages, parents are asked that their young children be able to sit quietly and enjoy the shows without distraction to other audience members. Children under four years old will not be admitted into the theater.

This program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through the funds administered by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Mary Dickson

Lynn Hughes, Environmental Commission Council Liaison

Senior Corner

Outdoor Activities

Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you, spring has finally arrived. The Senior Center provides two opportunities for you to participate in outdoor activities. Bocce games are being played on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.; no experience is needed. If you like to walk in Hunterdon County's beautiful parks, you can do this with the Senior Walking Group once a month for about one hour. For more information on both activities, call Betty Kenny at 908-284-6128.

Country and Western Music Concert

Charlie Pierman, WDVR Heartlands Hayride personality, will perform traditional country and western music on May 6 at 1:00 p.m. Also, three young boys - ages 8 to 14 - will play traditional Bluegrass music on banjo, guitar and fiddle. Call 908-788-1359 to register.

Brunch 'n Learn

This educational series offers two programs presented by healthcare professionals from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.:

May 6 - Stroke - Managing your Blood Pressure

June 3 - UV/Sun & Health Safety Tips

A light lunch will be served, provided by ShopRite of Flemington. Seating is limited and registration is required. Call Eleanor at 908-782-7224.

Health Screening

The health screening that many of us have enjoyed for many years has changed. It is now only available for the younger seniors 50-64 years of age. If you are in this age group and wish to participate in the various screening tests free of charge, you need to call 908-782-7224. For those age 65 and older, Medicare offers a free wellness exam via your regular physician.

Blood Pressure and PAD Screenings

Blood pressure and Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) screenings will be held on May 10 and June 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. No registration is required.

Music Appreciation

Enhance your enjoyment of classical music with a "guided tour" of the most beautifully composed and performed music. The group leader will provide commentary on:

"American Masters of the 20th Century" on May 20 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

"Vladimir Horowitz and Russian Pianism" on June 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 908-788-1359.

Fred Loozen

High Bridge Fire Department Annual Picnic Saturday, July 30, 2011 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Beer & Birch Beer**

**Door Prizes
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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 through July 19.
Only 300 tickets available.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

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towards a new fire truck.**

High Bridge Library Info

The High Bridge Library has craft programs, a poetry workshop and a storyteller over the summer. If your child wishes to participate in these programs, please call the Library at 908-638-8231 after May 31 to hold a place for your child. Space is limited.

*Hope to see you this summer!
Miss Terry*

Dog License Information

Dog license renewals done after June 30, 2011 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 2011 are as follows: spayed/neutered dogs \$11.20; unaltered dogs, \$14.20.

Diane Seals, Clerk

2011 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.**

Oral History Interviews

Please help us preserve High Bridge history. We are looking for lifelong or long-time residents in High Bridge willing to be interviewed. Any remembrances of life in High Bridge from years ago are welcomed. The interviews are recorded and will be placed on the Cultural & Heritage page of the Borough website and copies will be kept with the Union Forge Heritage Association, the Cultural & Heritage Committee, and in the Borough Library. Each person interviewed will also receive a copy of the recording.

If you are interested in being interviewed or you know of someone we should interview, please e-mail lhughes@highbridge.org or call Borough Hall 638-6455.

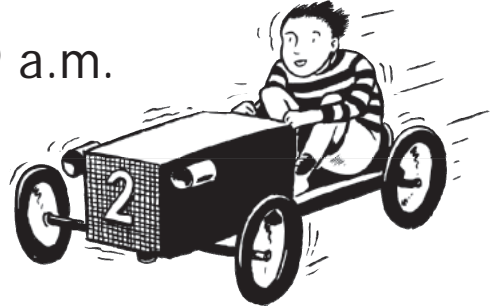
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I Remember When

"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 there were railroad tracks and lots of them in High Bridge and some actually ran right up Main Street, down Church Street, and around the corner to the High Bridge Public School on Thomas Street! It was "Dave's Freight Train!"

At least my old friend David Heater, with his railroad engineer's cap on, saw the tracks, because he ran his entire freight train on those tracks from the giant steam locomotive and coal tender, to the freight cars including box cars, flat cars, gondola cars, tanker cars, and caboose!

Dave himself was the steam engine, engineer, fireman, conductor, switchman, and flagman!

He would start out in front of Joe Berterelli's Confectionery Store on Main Street right across from Lewie Baron's Hardware Store and The Blue Front Restaurant. He would fire up the steam engine and spin the giant wheels like the real ones do to get traction making all the sound effects himself. Cho, cho, cho, cho, chooooo spinning the wheels! Then he would back the train up or go forward to connect all the freight cars off of sidings and whatnot until he had a full freight train; he would then chug up Main Street to the Red Stone School House on Thomas Street picking up speed as he went along, blowing the engine whistle along way.

Dave, who was on the thin, lanky side and of some tallness, would use both arms like two pistons to represent the steam locomotive's crank arms between the wheels! He would stop the train to switch tracks, and he would make that panting sound that the old steam locomotives made when standing still, like poof, poof, poof! It was really something to see because Dave had it down pat! Dave even had car derailments! He would go through this routine almost every day unless it was raining! You know what? Sometimes I even thought I actually saw puffs of steam coming out of Dave's engine!?

I saw Dave and his wife Jennie at the Reformed Church Sunday Services while I was back home in 2010, and I reminded him of this story and I told Dave that I would do a story on "Dave's Freight Train!" So, here you are, Dave!

Now some words on the passing of a great High Bridge lady of 104-plus years old Dorothy Cawley. Dot passed away at the Flemington Care Center, and there was a Memorial Service in High Bridge at the end of March 2011 with Pastor Steve Yon and Rev. Thomas Wm. Higgins presiding!

Dot Cawley was a lifetime friend whom I kept in touch with and did so just four days before she passed on! We had a 10-minute telephone conversation, and I called her to lift her spirits because she had just lost her friend and roommate. But like always, Dot lifted my spirits instead - that was the blessing Dot had to give! Two days later I received a thank you card from Dot dated in mid-February thanking me for caring about her with my phone calls from time to time, mailing her copies of my *I Remember When* stories, and for my visits to see her every time I came back home to High Bridge!

Pastor Steve at the Reformed Church, where I am a member, would always see to it that the white Christmas poinsettia and the Easter lily I sent to the Church each year for their altar in memory of my Mother, Father, and other family members, would then be delivered to Dot Cawley and Mary Cole, who is still with us there at 106 years plus. Dot had three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild I believe and most certainly many friends! The Herbert Cawley American Legion Post was named after Dot's brother-in-law!

Must have been the water in the old High Bridge reservoir, which I drank a lot of, too, back then! I would tell Dot that the good Lord kept her here because she was "SPECIAL!" Dot can see and hear again now! "Rest in peace, Dot! I will miss you!" Amen!

God Bless America, our U.S. Constitution, and our brave and courageous military!

Until Next Time!

Buddy Adler

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Emergency Squad

National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week will take place May 15 - May 21, 2011. Our cadets are very excited to keep up with tradition and go to the schools to talk with the students. This year the cadets will visit the Elementary School to talk about sports safety. At the Middle School the cadets will talk about what they do on the squad and about medicine safety.

EMS Week is the most exciting time of year for our members, especially the cadets! We have the unique opportunity to go out and meet everyone and share with them what we love to do!

We look forward to our celebrations and thank you for letting us celebrate with you!

As we look forward to EMS week, we also look forward to warm weather and summer fun! Here are a few tips to keep you safe so you can get the most fun out of your summer!

Tips to Stay Safe and Have Fun this Summer!

- If an insect stings you and the stinger remains, never squeeze it out. Scrape it off with your fingernail. After the stinger is removed, wash the area with soap and water; then apply an ice pack or cold cloth. If you start having trouble breathing or if you know you are allergic to that insect, call 9-1-1. **STAY CALM!**
- Drink plenty of water, Gatorade, and natural juices to keep your body hydrated and full of energy.
- Eat plenty of fruits, veggies, and other healthy food to keep your body full of energy so you can run and play all day.
- Wear sunblock to protect your skin from the sun!
- Be sure to reapply your sunblock every three hours when you are outside for a long time and when you get out of the water.
- If you or someone you know suffers from heat exhaustion you(they) will be very tired, hot to the touch and will feel very dizzy. Get them to a cool, shaded place and have them drink plenty of water, Gatorade, and natural juices. Apply cool, wet cloths to the body to help cool down the body temperature.
- Wear insect repellent to protect yourself from insect bites.
- Always wear a life jacket when in an open or large body of water such as a lake or reservoir. If you do not know how to swim or cannot swim well, be sure to wear one in the pool also.
- Always be careful when in the water. Don't horse around because someone could get hurt and slip under the water or hit their head on the side. Don't hold anyone under the water!

Jessica Luteran

Free Movies in the Commons

Once again we will be offering our free "Movies in the Commons" series. Held under the stars, the films will begin at dusk, approximately 8:30 p.m.

The movie dates are:

Friday, June 17 (rain date Saturday, June 18):
The Spiderwick Chronicles

Friday, June 24 (rain date Saturday, June 25):
Despicable Me

Friday, July 1 (rain date Saturday, July 2): *True Grit (the Classic)*

Movie Summaries:

The Spiderwick Chronicles - Rated PG; 101 minutes (2008); Genre: Family Adventures, Fantasy

When city-raised twins, Jared and Simon (both played by Freddie Highmore), move to a tumbledown country mansion with their mother (Mary-Louise Parker) and sister (Sarah Bolger), it's quite an adjustment - especially after they uncover a magical and sometimes dangerous fantasy world. Joan Plowright, David Strathairn and Nick Nolte also star in this family adventure populated with all manner of fanciful creatures.

Despicable Me - Rated PG; 96 minutes (2010); Genre: Family Animation, Family Comedy

Villainous Gru (Steve Carell) lives up to his reputation as a despicable, deplorable and downright unlikable guy when he hatches a plan to steal the moon from the sky. But he has a tough time staying on task after three orphans land in his care. Julie Andrews voices the role of Gru's malevolent mom, and Jason Segel, Kristen Wiig and Will Arnett round out the ensemble cast in this comic tale that earned a Golden Globe nod for Best Animated Feature.

True Grit (The Classic) - Rated G; 128 minutes; (1969); Genre: Classic Western

John Wayne landed one of his last great screen roles as crusty lawman Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn, who reluctantly helps teenager Mattie Ross (Kim Darby) pursue her father's killer. *True Grit* is more a character study than many of Wayne's formulaic Westerns. The rousing final showdown between Wayne and the villains adds to the Duke's long list of outstanding movie moments.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in this lovely outdoor venue. Popcorn will be sold by the High Bridge Recreation Committee; candy and soda will also be available for purchase. For more information contact the Borough Hall at 638-6455 or Lynn Hughes at 638-8887.

*Lynn Hughes,
Member, Cultural & Heritage Committee*

Environmental Committee News

Please help keep the Commons mulch area clean!

Being able to bring your yard brush and pick up mulch at the Commons is a service we provide to our residents. Recently people have been dumping items not allowed at this site.

Reminder: Only grass, leaves, brush, and tree branches are to be brought to the area behind the Commons Park. Please do not leave items in plastic bags. Pieces of lumber/wood should not be left at the Commons.

It is against the law to dump any other items and violators are subject to a fine up to \$1000 / 90 days jail/ community service Ordinance No. 2006-3

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

Free Mulch

If you are unable to pick up mulch from our Borough pile or if you just require more than you can easily transport, you may call Borough Hall and request free mulch delivery to your home by our Department of Public Works.

Storm Water Management

Look for storm drain markers in your neighborhood with the message: "No Dumping, Drains to River." These markers will serve as a reminder that our storm drains lead directly to the South Branch of the Raritan River and that we all play a part in the solution to water pollution!

What can you do to help? It's simple! Dump nothing on your property or down the storm drain that you wouldn't swim in or drink!

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

- Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in the garbage not the storm drain.
- Use less fertilizer.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Compost garden trimmings.
- Take motor oil to the recycling center.
- Pick up litter in the street.

Grass Cuttings & Storm Water Regulations

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

Lynn Hughes, Environmental Commission Council Liaison

'Tis the Season to Cut Food Miles

Now that spring is upon us, your local organic farm co-operative will soon be in full bloom. Supporting local, organic farmers is the single best way to reduce the miles your food travels. Most industrial-grown food travels over 1500 miles and is four-to-seven days old upon arrival. Only 18% of the purchase price is food cost. The remaining cost of your food pays for transportation and middle men. Industrial-grown food, unlike organic, is heavily reliant upon petroleum-based fertilizers and pesticides. As we hit peak oil pricing, these methods of farming will clearly become the unsustainable practices of the past.

Why not support sustainable organic farms now? Go green in your kitchen today by joining a local co-op. Asbury Village Farm, located just 15 minutes from High Bridge, offers full and half shares of organic vegetables, herbs and fruit to families. The shares offer 28 weeks of food with full shares feeding a family of four and half shares feeding a family of two. If the cost of a share is too much, a work share is also offered where you commit to three hours of farm work a week for 25 weeks and then pay a partial fee for your share.

Fresh eggs from Vinnie's Organic Egg Farm are also sold on the premises. More info can be found at www.asburyfarm.org.

*John Hickson
2009 Green Award Recipient*



The High Bridge Hills Golf Association

2011 Tournament Schedule

Tournament Name	Dates
Schweikert *	May 14, 15, 21, 22, June 4, 5
Best of the Best	June 11, 12
High Bridge Classic *	June 25, 26
The Par 3 Challenge	July 9
Mixed Scramble	July 23
President's Cup *	August 6, 7, 13, 14
Two Person Multiple Shot	August 27
Senior Championship *	September 17, 18
Pre-Senior	September 17, 18
The Oktoberfest Double	October 1
The Closer	October 15

(* Denotes a major championship tournament)

What are you waiting for?

Membership Dues : \$85.00 (Does not include green fees)
 Ages/Gender : 14 and up / Men and Women
 Prizes : Pro Shop Gift Certificates
 Formats : Gross, Net and Fun

(You need a USGA/GHIN handicap to play. Ask the Pro how to get one.)

Sign up now!

www.hbhga.org

Or in the clubhouse

Recycling Opportunities

Bottle Caps: Bottle caps are not to be recycled with plastic or glass bottles. Bottle cap recycling is being offered through the ReCap Co. in Loveland, OH. Bring specified bottle caps to the High Bridge Library. A marked collection bucket is on the recycling shelf just inside the back door. The Environmental Committee will periodically ship these caps to the ReCap Co. to be recycled.

BRING screw-on plastic caps from these types of bottles: soda, water, tea, milk, sports drinks, fruit juice drinks, spirits, and ales. You can also bring jar tops from spices, medicine, peanut butter, and mayonnaise.

DO NOT BRING laundry caps, shave creams, flip tops, pull tops, butter or cottage cheese type lids.

Check out the floor mat made of reused bottle caps on display in the library.

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.

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 (next to the Bagelsmith and the dry cleaners). The hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday the store is closed. For info: 638-3500; website: store4525@theupsstore.com. Please note: UPS no longer accepts large, solid pieces of Styrofoam.

Wood: At this time, wood cannot be recycled. You must cut it into no more than 4-foot lengths and tie it in a bundle for garbage pickup. One 50 pound bundle counts as your 1 bulk item sticker.

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.

Note: 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.

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.

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.

ALSO SEPARATELY ACCEPTED: Dry cell batteries

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Dates to Remember

May 14 - "Historic Main Street" Walking Tour: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

May 21 - Town-Wide Garage Sale

May 28 - Memorial Day Ceremony (C. K. Hoffman Park)

June 11 - Soap Box Derby

June 17 (rain date 6/18) - Free Movie in the Commons

June 24 (rain date 6/25) - Free Movie in the Commons

June 25 - Pooch Parade

July 1 (rain date 7/2) - Free Movie in the Commons

July 9 and 23 - Concerts in the Commons

July 30 - Fire Department Annual Picnic
