



Mayor's Message

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March Wind and April Showers Bring May Flowers!



Virginia Bluebells at Duke Island Park

2016 Road Improvements Begin

As we move into warmer weather, we see the beginning of the 2016 Road Improvement Projects. Each year the Engineering Department evaluates the Township's roads and ranks them to establish a priority for funding for infrastructure improvements. As an added layer of transparency, I ask a volunteer committee of fellow residents to look at the recommendation and concur from a lay perspective that the list is acceptable. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Council for approval and funding. Each year the

needs exceed the amount of available funding, but the Council and I use our best professional determination to address the priorities and spread the improvements throughout the various sectors of our Township. For the last four years, we have increased the amount of capital funds dedicated to road resurfacing. In 2016 we continue this trend as we focus improving road surfaces throughout the Township. Your patience and safety during times of construction is greatly appreciated.

-Mayor Hayes

Dates to Remember

- RABIES CLINIC— MAY 28TH FROM 9-11 AM AT THE BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 100 COMMONS WAY.

DOGS ONLY FROM 9AM-10AM
CATS ONLY FROM 10AM-11AM
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 327 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE— MON, MAY 30TH AT 11 AM. MARCHING UNITS FORM AT ARDMAER DRIVE AND BEACH AVE AT 10:30
- VFW POST 6588 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT VETERAN'S PARK ON CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD ON MON, MAY 30TH. ARRIVAL TIME 10:30AM

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Bridgewater Celebrates Arbor Day with Accolades



It is with great pride that I share our Township's milestone accomplishment in becoming a 20th year Tree City Community. To qualify as a Tree City USA community, you must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters:

1. A Tree Board or Department
2. A Tree Care Ordinance
3. A Community Forestry Program with An Annual Budget of At Least \$2 Per Capita
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver. ~Martin Luther

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MAYOR HAYES THROWS OUT THE FIRST PITCHES AT THE OPENING DAY CEREMONIES. (BRIDGEWATER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ABOVE, BRADLEY GARDENS LITTLE LOOP BELOW)



Mayor Hayes and Council Attend Bridgewater Baseball & Softball and Bradley Gardens Little Loop

On Saturday, April 16th, Mayor Hayes and members of the Council Bridgewater Baseball & Softball's Opening Day and Bradley Gardens Little Loop Opening Day.

Throwing out the first pitch at these games is always a highlight of his year.

Mayor Hayes would like to thank both Bridgewater Baseball & Soft-

ball and Bradley Gardens Little Loop for the contributions to their organizations and to the community. The players, coaches, parents, family friends, and all who showed support should feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment for being part of this valuable and successful commencement to baseball season.



COUNCILMAN NORGALIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PEDROSO, AND COUNCILMAN MOENCH LINE UP TO SHAKE PLAYERS' HANDS.



GENERAL WASHINGTON, PORTRAYED BY SAM DAVIS, MAYOR HAYES, AND HENDRICK FISHER, PORTRAYED BY GEORGE APGAR.

The Battle of Bound Brook at the Van Horne House

On April 9th, Mayor Hayes attended the "Breakfast Before the Battle" at the Historic Van Horne House, where he was treated to an interpretation of an 18th Century Style breakfast and enlightened with the significance of the Battle of Bound Brook, which took place on April 13th, 1777.

He witnessed a reenactment of events that resulted in a greater understanding of what actually occurred. Although the Battle of Bound Brook was considered a victory for the British, it proved a failed operation in regards to their tactical objective of captur-

ing a large number of American Troops and advancing further North. In fact, this surprise attack enabled the American Army to strengthen in numbers and increase vigilance of future attacks. This prevented any other sudden movements toward Bound Brook and restricted the British Army from further advancement toward Morristown, forcing them to march back to New Brunswick after a useless triumph.

"This is a tremendous asset located in our town and brings to light an event of historical significance." stated the Mayor.



ELIZABETH AND PHILLIP VAN HORNE, PORTRAYED BY CINDY AND ERIC BLUMENKRANTZ (STANDING) MAYOR HAYES AND GENERAL WASHINGTON (SEATED).



MAYOR HAYES PROUDLY POSES WITH TEAMMATES FROM THE HOMETOWN HEROES.

Hometown Heroes support Project Graduation

On Saturday, April 9th, the Harlem Wizards took on the Hometown Heroes in a basketball game raising money for Project Graduation at BRHS. Mayor Hayes coached the Hometown Heroes as the Harlem Wizards kept the crowd entertained through their basketball tricks and theatrical antics. "This event is a testament to the success created by our residents when they collaborate towards a common goal", stated Mayor Hayes. Project Graduation is an annual event that provides a safe and substance free atmosphere for recent high school graduates to celebrate their success.



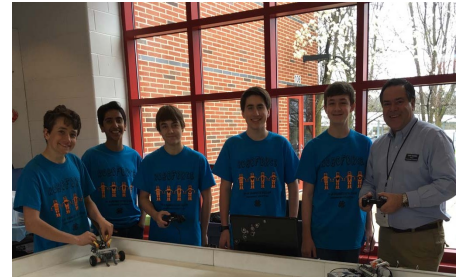
"COACH" HAYES ENCOURAGES HIS TEAM, THE HOMETOWN HEROES AS THEY FACE OFF AGAINST THE HARLEM WIZARDS.

Support Grows in the Community for STEAM Activities

On Saturday, April 2nd, Mayor Hayes joined thirty-eight teams of high school robotics enthusiasts in support of this year's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics game, FIRST stronghold. In addition to enhancing engineering and math skills, the students acquire leadership, teambuilding, and community service skills through participation in the competition. Later that day, the

Mayor attended "STEAM in ACTION" at the Microsoft Store as they teamed up with VH-1 to showcase how a complete education incorporates creativity and design. "My background as a Chemical Engineer and High School Physics teacher bears a strong affinity to "STEAM" (science, technology, engineering, art, and music) components, and I always enjoy attending and supporting these events."

RIGHT: MAYOR HAYES SUPPORTS BRHS STUDENTS DURING "FIRST STRONGHOLD" ROBOTICS GAMES



LEFT: MAYOR HAYES ATTENDS "STEAM IN ACTION" EVENT AT MICROSOFT STORE IN THE BRIDGEWATER MALL

Chinese American Cultural Association New Year's Gala

On March 12, 2016 Mayor Hayes attended the Chinese American Cultural Association Annual New Year Gala as a guest of honor. The C.A.C.A. is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization, devoted to preservation of Chinese culture and heritage and promotion of community harmony.

As a long time supporter and participant of events towards the enrichment of the Chinese-American culture and community, it was an honor for Mayor Hayes to be part of a magnificent evening.



MAYOR HAYES ATTENDS AS A GUEST OF HONOR AND EXTENDS HIS WISHES TO ALL FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

Mayor to Proclaim June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in Bridgewater Township

For their Girls Scout Silver Award, Camila Jimenez, Ilina Joshi, and Jaclyn Lenox chose to raise awareness for Tourette Syndrome (TS), a neurological brain disorder that causes people to make involuntary and uncontrollable movements and/or sounds called tics. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest that they as Cadettes can earn. After meeting with the Cadettes, Mayor

Hayes, in an effort to support their project, will proclaim June 4th as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in Bridgewater Township. During the month of May, there will be a TS information table in the Bridgewater Library foyer. Join Mayor Hayes in support of Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing TEAL on June 4th!



CAMILA JIMENEZ, JACLYN LENOX,
Page 3 MAYOR HAYES, AND ILINA JOSHI



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Linde to Move Regional Headquarters to Bridgewater

“WE WILL BE THE LEADING GLOBAL GASES AND ENGINEERING GROUP, ADMIRER FOR OUR PEOPLE, WHO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD.”

The Linde Group is a world-leading gases and engineering company with approximately 65,000 employees in more than 100 countries worldwide. Linde's strategy is synonymous with Bridgewater's forward-thinking vision and goals.

Beginning in the summer, Linde will be relocating 450 employees to a

more modern and appropriately sized work environment that will enable Linde to remain in New Jersey, close to the epicenter of where their employees currently live.

Linde is committed to avoiding harm to people, society and the environment while providing quality products and services to its customers. The

safety and health of all their colleagues, customers, and business partners and communities in which they do business is their number one priority.

Welcome to Bridgewater Township!

Somerset County Freeholders Recognize Three Bridgewater Residents

On May 10th, three Bridgewater Township Residents were recognized with Profiles of Positive Aging Awards. Honorees were recognized by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Tuesday, May 10, at the county Administration Building, located at 20 Grove St. in Somerville.

The program honors residents age 60 and above who inspire others through their contributions to the community.

This year's theme is "Blaze a Trail," acknowledging the perennial contributions of older adults who take charge of their health, give back to their communities and

make a positive impact in the lives of others.

The Bridgewater Residents honored for 2016 were Pushpavati Amin, Engineer, Dr. Lawrence Livornese, and Dr. Sidney Horowitz.

Pushpavati Amin is a dedicated volunteer yoga instructor at the Bridgewater Senior Center. She is a member of the Mayor's Wellness Taskforce, the Environmental Commission, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Dr. Lawrence Livornese is the Chair of the Bridgewater Professional Health Advisory

Board and a member of the local Emergency Planning Committee. He is an avid scuba-diver and advocate of "Walking for Health" program.

Dr. Sidney Horowitz is a member of the Open Space Committee, the Sustainability Task Force and the Environmental Commission. Through his volunteer service on the Open Space Committee and Environmental Commission, Sidney has played an active role in Open Space Preservation and the improvement of nature trails and steam clean-ups.

Mayor Hayes would like to formally congratulate and proudly extend his gratitude to the honorees for their contributions made towards the betterment of our community and Township of Bridgewater.

Hampton Inn & Suites Project



Bridgewater Township welcomes The Hampton Inn & Suites, expected to be completed near the end of 2016. Construction has begun on the hotel which will be four stories with 135 rooms and suites and will primarily be considered a Business Traveler facility

with an exercise room and indoor pool. It will be located on the corner of Route 22 West and Ronson Road with an entrance from Route 22 West and an entrance and exit from Ronson Road at the Foothill Road overpass.

Mayor's Wellness Campaign



The Mayor's Wellness Campaign (MWC) was created to develop and implement active-living initiatives in the community. The ultimate goal of the MWC is to improve health and the quality of life, while reducing the health care costs that are associated with a sedentary lifestyle. In support of this initiative, the Township will offer a series of public events. These events will include community hikes, educational workshops and nutritionally – oriented community breakfasts. Please accept Mayor Hayes' challenge to work cooperatively with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign to incorporate active living initiatives and wellness options into a healthier lifestyle. These scheduled events and programs will be posted below under News as they are announced. Also listed below are Links to established and nationally recognized active living and nutritional websites, as well as Sponsors of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Finally and most importantly, consider the opportunity to review and commit to the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Pledge. Explore community wellness through nutritional balance and an active lifestyle.

Across New Jersey, there has been noted a documented trend in the increase in health conditions related to poor nutrition and sedentary lifestyle. Some of these conditions include but are not limited to high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes. The concern is particularly acute in children. Recent studies link childhood obesity to a disturbing predication: the current generation of children in the United States may have shorter life expectancies than their parents. A lack of active living, healthy eating, and overall wellness in the community may be the reason for this increase in obesity-related conditions.

Mayor's Healthy Recipe Exchange



Do you have a favorite recipe with a healthy twist?

Accept the challenge of Mayor Hayes to share your recipes with the community!

Don the chef's hat and submit your best healthy recipes in any category. All recipes will be considered for posting in the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Community Cookbook!

The virtual cookbook will be posted on the Bridgewater Mayor's Wellness Campaign Webpage. Try new sensational salads, seasonal side dishes, eloquent entrees, delectable desserts, or simple comfort food. All ages welcome to participate!

Submit all original recipes to the Bridgewater Mayor's Wellness Campaign to:

health@bridgewaternj.gov

OR deliver directly to:

Bridgewater Human Services – 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey