



Upcoming Events:

February 28:
Bernards Township 250th Anniversary Tea, 2-4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 140 S. Finley Ave. *Tickets will be limited*, and will be available in January. Check [our website](#) for ticket information!



Notable News:

Ridge High School will graduate its **50th class** in June, 2011! Ridge will begin commemorating the September, 1961 opening of the school with the "Memories of Bernards Township and Ridge High School" event scheduled for October 15 and 16, 2010 at the Ridge Performing Arts Center. Also, if you graduated with the first RHS class in 1962, you can look forward to your 50th reunion, as well as other alumni events for 2011-2012!

What can I do to help?

We need volunteers to make the Anniversary celebrations a success! [Learn more here](#) about how you can help.

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Linking Past Events to Present Lives:

Oral History Project Records Residents' Stories

In a joint effort between the Bernards Township 250th Anniversary Committee and students at Ridge High School, many of the most important stories of our township's history will be preserved and shared with future generations through the **Oral History Project**. The Oral History Project is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with those individuals who were part of history and thus to make a human connection with the past, to "uncover the



Local resident and recent New Jersey gubernatorial candidate, **Chris Daggett** was interviewed by Ridge High School senior **Stephen Bennett** as part of the Oral History Project.

living repositories of our past," as oral historian Studs Terkel once said. Through this experience, students are able to place the personal stories of community members within the larger context of the American story.

Photos of some of the interviews are currently on the [Ridge High School website](#). The full stories and more photos of the Oral History Project will eventually be available on the website of the Historical Society of the Somerset Hills.

Do You Know Where to Find this Local Landmark . . . ?



Check next month's newsletter for the answer, plus another mystery landmark!

Answer to last month's mystery landmark:

The sign shown below, marking the site of Widow White's Tavern, is located at the corner of Finley Avenue and Colonial Drive. **Stay tuned:** The Trilogy Repertory Company will re-enact the arrest of General Charles Lee on Astor Field, December 12, 2010.



Did you know...? Basking Ridge residents Daryl Chapin and Gerald Pearson, along with their Bell Labs colleague Calvin Fuller, developed the first practical silicon solar cell, which was introduced to the world in 1954. (See pictures [here](#).)

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