



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA

SMOKE SIGNAL



APRIL – MAY 2024

Hi - Nella Fire Company meets each
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. - Fire Station

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY BOROUGH MEETINGS:

Borough Council – 1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. - Court Room

Planning/Zoning Board - 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. - Court Room

Borough Council – special agendas -3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. - Court Room

Court – 1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. - Court Room

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Municipal Clerk	Monday through Thursday	9:00AM - 3:00 PM
Tax Collector	Tuesdays	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Court Administrator	Tuesday and Thursday	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
	Friday	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Building Code Official	Tuesday	11:00 AM - noon

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Phone 856-784-2917, ext. 120

BOROUGH NEWS:

Primary Election is June 4. Polls are open 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Kris Muska and Jose Class will be filing petitions for re-election.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

The Camden County Board of Elections is in need of poll workers for the upcoming elections:

Primary Election: June 4th, 2024

General Election: November 5th, 2024

This year the Board of Elections is now hiring employees 16 and over. \$300 for the day

5 AM – 9 PM

Job requirements:

- Be registered to vote as a Democrat or Republican.
- Mandatory training.
- Ages 16 and older.
- Must be certified as a poll worker, recertification is required every two years.

For more information call (856) 401-8683.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: The Hi-Nella Police Department would like to remind residents to call 911 for police, fire, and emergency medical service assistance. Should you require police assistance for a **non-emergency** event, please call (856) 783-4900. All calls for emergency or non-emergency incidents will be recorded and documented by the Camden County Communications Center. Please do not call the station as officers are out patrolling the borough and this will delay our response.

Additionally, we have been receiving reports of careless and erratic driving on our borough streets. Residents are reminded that the speed limit on our roads is 25 miles per hour, 35 miles per hour on Atlantic Avenue and Warwick Road. Residents are also reminded to come to a complete stop at stop signs **behind the painted white line**.

THANK YOU to Kris and Ed Muska for hosting the annual Easter Egg hunt!



MEMORIAL DAY: Our Annual Memorial Day observance will take place at Memorial Field on May 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

4TH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Call Kris Muska at 856-784-4866 or Phyllis Twisler at 856-784-6237 if you can help.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES: Fee is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$18.00 for non-spayed or neutered. Cat fees are \$10.00 and \$13.00. **Starting April 1, a late fee will be added.** No free rabies clinic is scheduled for Hi-Nella. Low-cost vaccines are offered at the Community Animal Wellness Center in West Berlin, 856-306-8551

CHANGE IN TRASH SCHEDULE: No trash pickup on May 27, Memorial Day. Trash will be picked up the following day.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS: Yard waste will be collected along with the regular trash on Mondays beginning 6:30 a.m. Branches, and large shrubs that cannot be cut into 4-foot bundles, placed in trash cans, or bagged will be picked up and chipped by the Borough. This takes place the last week of each month, during April thru September only. For large amounts contact the Borough. In the Spring and Summer months, grass, leaves, and debris should be bagged and placed at the curb with regular trash pickup. Brush and vines should be cut and placed in trash cans or bagged, (not to exceed 40 lbs.) for regular trash pickup.

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER LEAD SERVICE LINE

REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: New Jersey American Water will replace lead or galvanized steel pipes from the main in the street to your home for free. Go to www.amwaterr.com/njaw/water-quality/lead-and-drinking-water. Enter your address in the interactive map to find out if you have those types of pipes.

STRATFORD SENIOR CENTER: Senior residents from Stratford, Hi-Nella, Laurel Springs, and Somerdale are welcome to attend events at the Stratford Senior Center, 302 Union Avenue, Stratford. Join their mailing list by emailing StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com or by calling 856-783-0600.

COUNTY NEWS:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: April 13, Collingswood Public Works Complex, 713 N. Atlantic Avenue. May 18, corner of Atco Avenue and Raritan Avenue in Atco. All collections are 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. County residents may bring items such as paint thinner, varnish, oven cleaners, pesticides, antifreeze, etc. for disposal. For questions call 856-858-5241. A complete list of items accepted is available at www.camdencounty.com.

PAPER SHREDDING: April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Woodcrest Patco Station. Limit of 5 boxes/bags per vehicle of paper weighing no more than 10 lbs each. Household papers only, no businesses. See www.camdencounty.com for more details.

PET FOOD PANTRY: The Pet Food Pantry supported by the Animal Alliance of Camden County has recognized a community need for pet food assistance. Owners surrender pets to local shelters regularly, and financial hardship is a common reason for doing so. The Alliance seeks to help Camden County residents keep pets in their homes by providing nutritional assistance to those in need. The only requirement is a need for assistance in providing food for a pet.

- Animal Welfare Association
509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ, 08043, United States
- Sunday, Apr 7th, 2024 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SCHOOL NEWS:

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children who reside in Stratford and Hi-Nella are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2023 if they are five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2023. Registration forms are on the Stratford School District website, www.stratford.k12.nj.us. Registration is April 23, 24, and 25 by appointment only. Contact Linda Hall at hall@stratford.k12.nj.us or call 856-783-2876, ext. 301.

Upcoming School Events

2/12 – school closed for staff in-service
2/16 – 12:30 dismissal for staff in-service
2/19 – school closed for President’s Day
3/22 – school closed for staff in-service
3/28 – 12:30 dismissal
3/29 – school closed for Spring Recess

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming School Events

2/16 – early dismissal – 12:00
2/19 – school closed for President’s Day
3/11 – 3/15 – NJGPA testing
3/28 – early dismissal – 12:00
3/29 – school closed for Spring Recess

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE SIGNAL: May 20

To submit items for the Smoke Signal contact Janice McLaughlin, email janrmcl@gmail.com (please put “Smoke Signal” in the subject line) or call 856-517-1926.