



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA
SMOKE SIGNAL



APRIL – MAY 2026
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:

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| 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 2. Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Borough Court Room.

The Camden County Board of Elections is in need of poll workers for the June 2 primary and the November 3 general election. Salary is \$300 for the day (5:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Applicants must be registered to vote as a Republican or Democrat and attend mandatory training. For more information call (856) 401-8683.

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.** Free rabies clinics will be held in the following nearby communities: Gibbsboro, 2/16/25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station; Somerdale, 3/22/25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station; Stratford, 3/8/25, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Fire Station.

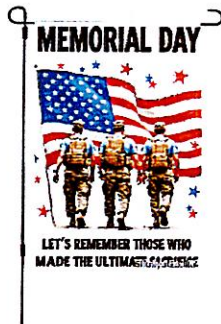
TRASH SCHEDULE: No pick up on Memorial Day. Trash will be collected the following day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of Dominic Palese, who passed away on March 22. Dominic and his late wife Mary moved to Hi-Nella in 1968. He joined the police force that year as a patrolman, eventually becoming chief in 1981 until his retirement in 2013. He was a servant of the community, a good neighbor, and a friend to many.



EASTER EGG HUNT: The Muska family will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Earl Schilling Memorial Field. Please RSVP to Kris at 856-904-5117. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

MEMORIAL DAY: Our Annual Memorial Day observance will take place at Memorial Field on May 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.



4TH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Call Kris Muska at 856- 904-5117 or Phyllis Twisler at 856-784-6237 if you can help.

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.

COUNTY NEWS:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: April 18, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 N. River Road, Pennsauken; May 16, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Atco Parking Area at the corner of Atco Avenue and Raritan Avenue; June 6, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Camden County Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Road in Lindenwold. County residents may bring items such as paint thinner, varnish, oven cleaners, pesticides, antifreeze, etc. for disposal. A complete list is available at www.camdencounty.com.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: It's that time of year. Protect against West Nile Virus by wearing insect repellent or protective clothing when working or playing outdoors. Mosquitoes are most active in the evening. Be sure to empty the standing water from any containers, wheelbarrows, toys, etc. in your yard. Check for blocked gutters and change the water in birdbaths often.

SCHOOL NEWS:

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children who reside in Stratford and Hi-Nella are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2026 if they will be five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2026.

To register your child, go to the Stratford school website, www.stratford.k12.nj.us. In the drop down menu under "Parents", click on "New Student Registration", and follow the instructions below.

1. Go to [Open Registration](#) and follow the on-screen instructions to register your student within our Genesis system.
2. Gather all required documents listed. You have the option to upload these documents directly in the portal AND/OR bring them with you to your in-person registration.
3. Come to Parkview School during your selected time on 4/15 or 4/16, with your documents.

During your scheduled appointment, you will meet with Mrs. Hall to submit or confirm all required documents and sign up for a Kindergarten Screening time slot in June. You will also meet with the school nurse, Kim Haines, to confirm all medical information.

Upcoming School Events

4/2 – 12:30 dismissal
4/3-8 – school closed for spring recess
4/15, 4/16, – 12:30 dismissal for conferences
5/1 – 12:30 dismissal for staff in-service
5/22 – 12:30 dismissal

5/25 – school closed for Memorial Day

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming School Events

4/2 – 12:00 dismissal
4/3 - 4/9 – school closed for spring recess
4/10 – 12:00 dismissal
4/14 – parent/teacher conferences
5/1 – 12:00 dismissal - Senior Prom!
5/22 – 12:00 dismissal
5/25 – school closed for Memorial Day

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.

SMOKE SIGNAL ONLINE! Go to hinellaboro.org and click on “Community News and Events” at the top. Then scroll down below the Borough calendar and click on “Smoke Signal Newsletter.”