



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA

SMOKE SIGNAL



AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 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:

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:

FALL FESTIVAL: In light of the cancellation of our July 4th celebration due to the weather, Hi-Nella will hold a Fall event in Memorial Field on October 24 (rain date October 25), 1 – 4 p.m. There will be food, pumpkin carving, music, trick or treating. Old or unusual vehicles are welcome for display, trunk or treat stations from the residents are most welcome. We will also have games, costume judging with prizes, and raffles. Anyone who can help, please contact Kris Muska at 856-904-5117.

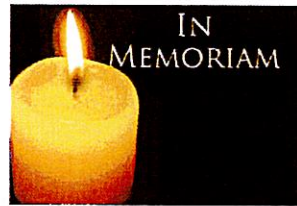
DOG AND CAT LICENSES: Fee is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$18.00 for non-spayed or neutered. Cat fees are \$10.00 and \$13.00. **Starting April 1, a late fee will be added.** Free rabies clinics will be held in the following nearby communities: Gibbsboro, 2/16/25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire 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.

CHANGE IN TRASH SCHEDULE: There will be no trash/recycling pick up on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Pickup will be Tuesday, September 8.

CAMDEN COUNTY LINK TRAIL: Mayor Mike Segeren and Council member Cindy McCoy joined Somerdale Mayor George Badie and County Commissioner Jeffrey Nash at the ground breaking ceremony for phase II of the Camden County link trail on July 22. (Photo below.) Construction is expected to begin next month on the .4- mile segment from Somerdale Road to Wakonda Road. For information on the planned 34- mile trail and more photos, visit www.camdencounty.com.



Update on Street Captains: We currently have people willing to distribute the Smoke Signal on Wykagyl, Minnetonka, Navajo, Nokomis, and Ogg. **We need help with the other streets! If you can volunteer to cover your street, please contact Terry Tally at 856-343-2584, or email terrete@aol.com. Just one street every other month.**



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Assistant Chief Michael Ali passed away in June. Mike joined the Department in 1973 as a Junior Fire Fighter. He rose through the ranks serving as a Fire Fighter, Chief Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and three terms as President. Mike served the Borough of Hi-Nella for 53 years and was awarded a Life Membership in the organization. He will be deeply missed by his friends and colleagues in the Department.

Former member Steve Cunningham passed away in July. He served as a Junior Fire Fighter in the mid 1960's and seven years as a Fire Fighter in the early 1990's.

The Department thanks these gentlemen for their service to Hi-Nella. May they rest in peace.

Brian Cunningham, Chief

REMINDER FROM PUBLIC WORKS:

BOROUGH ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THE DISCHARGE OF ANY MATERIAL OTHER THAN STORM WATER INTO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWERS. THIS INCLUDES GRASS CLIPPINGS AND YARD WASTE. PLEASE MAKE YOUR LAWN CARE SERVICE AWARE THAT GRASS CLIPPINGS MUST BE BAGGED FOR TRASH PICKUP!



All yard waste will be collected along with the regular trash on Mondays beginning 6:30 am. Branches, and large shrubs should be cut into 4-foot bundles, placed in trash cans, or bagged and placed neatly at curb along with trash. Large fallen branches will be picked up by the Borough when staff are available. 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

SCHOOL NEWS:

Hi-Nella Board of Education:

Next meetings are September 21 and November 16 at the Hi-Nella Borough Hall Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

YELLIN SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Logan Cipperone

Jack Murphy

James Hadfield

Kimberly Palillero-Bautista

Ryan Hadfield

Yaritza Sanchez

Sophia Kelly

J'sai Sotomayor

Garrett Kent

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK MURPHY, THE HI-NELLA GRADUATE WITH THE HIGHEST GPA!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STRATFORD SCHOOLS: September 2

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

There were no graduating seniors from Hi-Nella this year.

Sterling Board of Education Meetings are scheduled for September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 5, February 18, March 4 & 18, April 15, May 6, and June 24. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Center, 801 Preston Avenue.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STERLING STUDENTS: September 2

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE SIGNAL: SEPTEMBER 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 hi-nellaboro.org and click on "Community News and Events" at the top. Then scroll down below the Borough calendar and click on "Smoke Signal Newsletter."