



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA

SMOKE SIGNAL



FEBRUARY - MARCH 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 7:00 p.m. - Court Room
Borough Council – special agendas -3rd Tuesday at 7:00 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:

Borough Officials, their areas of responsibility, and emails are as follows:

Mike Segeren – Mayor, msegeren@hinellaboro.org

Kris Muska – Council President/ Police and Fire/ Celebrations, krismoo52@gmail.com

Jose Class – Sewer/Storm Water, ofclass@gmail.com

Cindy McCoy- Insurance, cindy.mccoynjhinellaboro@gmail.com

John Lex – Public Works/ Building and Grounds, jlex74@yahoo.com

Hary Uber – Vehicle maintenance, rirtuber.111@gmail.com

Suraiya Basil – Trash/Recycling, suraiya783@gmail.com

Our Tax Collector is JoAnn Watson, taxeshinellaboro@comcast.net and our Borough Clerk is Phyllis Twisler at 856-784-6237.

GET WELL: We wish Fred Simpkins a speedy recovery from his recent surgery!

THANKS to Bill Berringer for his work plowing after the snow storm. Bill is our temporary public works employee while Fred is out.

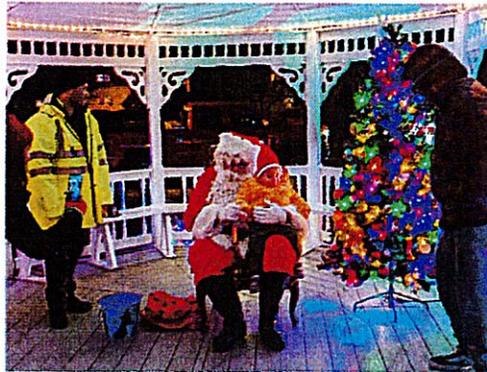
WE WELCOME OFFICER RICHARD SORRENTO TO THE HI-NELLA POLICE DEPARTMENT!

PLANNING BOARD: The redevelopment of the old Somerdale School property has been approved by both Somerdale (townhouse portion) and Hi-Nella (retail building). The plans are available for viewing in Borough Hall.

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 rabies clinic in Hi-Nella.

TRASH SCHEDULE: No changes in the schedule until Memorial Day. On Memorial Day and Labor Day, the trash will be picked up the following day. Trash is picked up on the other Monday holidays. But, if Christmas Day, New Year's Day, or 4th of July should fall on a Monday, the trash will be picked up the following day.

THANK YOU! to Santa Claus, the Fire Department, Kris and Ed Muska, Fred Simpkins, and everyone else who helped with the tree decorating and lighting!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts March 8 at 2:00 a.m. **Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.**

SCHOOL NEWS:

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Upcoming School Events

2/9 – school closed for staff in-service
2/13 – 12:30 dismissal for staff in-service
2/16 – school closed for President’s Day
3/13 – school closed for staff in-service

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: February 17, March 16, April 27, May 11, and June 15. All meetings are at Yellin School Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming School Events

2/13 – early dismissal for students – 12:00 noon
2/16 – school closed for President’s Day
3/16-20 – NJGPA testing – special late opening

SPRING MUSICAL - Sterling High School presents *Little Shop of Horrors!* February 19 – 21. Shows are at 7:00 p.m. on 2/19 and 2/20, and 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on 2/21.

SENIOR TEA – Saturday, 2/21 at 11:30 a.m. If interested, RSVP to Marci Stepash at mstepash@sterling.k12.nj.us.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE SIGNAL: March 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.

