



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA

SMOKE SIGNAL



JUNE – JULY 2026

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

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY BOROUGH MEETINGS:**

Borough Council – 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

**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.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** WITH FINANCES BEING TIGHT THIS YEAR, WE NEED MORE FOOD DONATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY AS SPECIAL AS IT USUALLY IS. If you can bake something or bring a dish, call Kris Muska at 856-904-5117. **Our celebration will take place on July 4 at Memorial Field on Minnetonka Road starting at 11:00 a.m. Come and join your neighbors for food and fun!**

**MEMORIAL DAY:** Thanks to Mayor Segeren, Ed and Kris Muska, the Police and Fire Departments, Public Works, Bob Del Sordo, and everyone else who participated in our Memorial Day celebration!



### **STREET CAPTAIN OUTREACH:**

**Hello Residents!** Many years ago, the town had Street Captains for each street in Hi-Nella to deliver the bi-monthly Smoke Signal and other handouts the Borough might need help with. I have taken it upon myself to try and resurrect this delivery system to get the Smoke Signal out on time and to assist the Borough Council with other necessary handouts. If you are interested in being a Street Captain, please contact me at [terrete@comcast.net](mailto:terrete@comcast.net) or my cell 856-343-2584. Please leave your name, address and a contact number. It would be great if each street had a representative or two. The Street Captain endeavor will only happen if enough volunteers step forward. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Terri Tally, Minnetonka Road

### **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 News:**

Email addresses have been established for the three Hi-Nella School Board members:

**Davita Ryan** ([drvyan@hinellaboro.org](mailto:drvyan@hinellaboro.org))

**Tyran Basil** ([tbasil@hinellaboro.org](mailto:tbasil@hinellaboro.org))

**Terri Tally** ([ttally@hinellaboro.org](mailto:ttally@hinellaboro.org))

The Hi-Nella school budget was approved at the April 27, 2026 meeting. We do not meet monthly so our next meeting will be on August 17, 2026 at the Hi-Nella Borough Hall Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

Terri Tally, Hi-Nella Board of Education President

## **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](http://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**

6/12 – 618 – 12:30 dismissal  
6/18 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## **STERLING HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Upcoming School Events**

6/8 – 6/11 – final exams – 12:00 dismissal  
6/12 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 12:00 dismissal – GRADUATION!

**SCHOOL NEWS NEEDED!** If you know of a Hi-Nella student who is graduating from a private school, college, or university, please let me know. The August Smoke Signal will list all our 2024 graduates, and I want to be sure everyone is included. Also, if you know of a Hi-Nella student who has received any special honor or award, whether in academics, sports, music, etc., please let me know. Smoke Signal news can be E-mailed to Janice McLaughlin at [janrmcl@gmail.com](mailto:janrmcl@gmail.com). Please put “Smoke Signal” in the subject line, or call 856-517-1926.

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE SIGNAL: JULY 20**

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

**SMOKE SIGNAL ONLINE!** Go to [hi-nellaboro.org](http://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.”