



BOROUGH of HI-NELLA

SMOKE SIGNAL



JUNE - JULY 2025

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

WE NEED A BOARD OF EDUCATION! Hi-Nella has gone too long without being able to participate in decisions regarding our children's education. Council is actively looking for volunteers to step up and be part of our board. Please call Phyllis at Borough Hall (856-784-6237) or email Treasell Barnes at treasell.barnes@gmail.com for information and questions.

4TH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: WITH FINANCES BEING TIGHT THIS YEAR, WE NEED MORE FOOD DONATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S 4TH 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!**

SEWER BILLS will increase to \$250.00 this year.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES ARE NOW OVERDUE! At this time a late fee will be added!

THANK YOU to the Muska family and all their helpers for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for Borough children!

THANK YOU to Mayor Mike Segeran and Council President Kris Muska for hosting our annual Memorial Day ceremony. Thanks also to Rev. Ed Muska for offering the prayer. As usual, Fred Simpkins did a great job landscaping the memorial!



FROM PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you to those who participated in the cleanup project along Atlantic Avenue. Your environment appreciated it. Looking forward to your participation next year!

COUNTY NEWS:

DOCUMENT SHREDDING: Help prevent identity theft by shredding your personal documents on June 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Woodcrest PATCO Station in Cherry Hill. Limit of 5 boxes/bags per vehicle. PAPER ONLY - no cardboard, magazines, junk mail, or books. Residents only, no businesses.

NEED HELP PAYING FOR UTILITIES? Several programs are available for New Jersey residents who need assistance with utility payments:

LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) – helps very low-income residents with heating and cooling bills. Call 800-510-3102 for information.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) – Credits to make energy bills more affordable for low-income customers. Call 866-240-1347 for information.

NJSHARES – provides grants to moderate and fixed-income households in a temporary financial crisis. Payments go directly to the utility. Call 866-657-4273 or visit njshares.org.

SCHOOL NEWS:

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children who reside in Stratford and Hi-Nella are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2025 if they will be five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2025. Registration forms are on the Stratford School District website, www.stratford.k12.nj.us (under “news and announcements”). Registration is by appointment. Call Linda Hall at Parkview School, 856-783-2876, ext. 301 as soon as possible.

Upcoming School Events

6/16-6/19 – 12:30 dismissal for students
6/19 – Last Day for students and staff

HONOR SOCIETY: Sophia Rose Kelly, a 7th grader at Yellin School was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations Sophia!

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming School Events

6/13 – last student day, GRADUATION!

COLLEGE GRADUATE: Jasen Schules graduated from Rowan University, William G. Rohrer College of Business with a Bachelor of Marketing. Congratulations Jasen!

SCHOOL NEWS NEEDED! The August Smoke Signal will list all our 2024 graduates from Yellin and Sterling. If you know of a Hi-Nella student who is graduating from a private school, college, or university, please let me know. 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. Contact information is below.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE SIGNAL: July 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.

