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# HELMETTA HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Borough of Helmetta



## Soaking Up Summer

BY MAYOR CHRISTOPHER SLAVICEK

Friends and neighbors:

School is out and it's time to soak up the summer in Helmetta! Congratulations to all our 2026 graduates with sentiments of luck in their next chapters. Special recognition to Spotswood High School graduating senior Michael Palumbo III on being selected as the recipient of the Mayor Chris Slavicek Scholarship award demonstrating distinct acts of community service combined with his academic and athletic achievements.

Summertime is the perfect time to spend time outdoors enjoying the park, playground, and recreation areas. Our Department of Public works certainly focuses on landscaping maintenance throughout the summer months, and we kindly ask that you remain neighborly by keeping these areas clean.

Hope all that attended Spark in the Park, hosted by Helmetta and Spotswood, enjoyed the festivities and fireworks commemorating 250 years! Helmetta Day 2026 is on the horizon and scheduled for Saturday, September 12th.; a day of fun for the family!

Borough Administration continues to closely monitor the operations and fiscal responsibility of the borough. The 2026 budget has been introduced and is set for adoption at the July Council Meeting. A special thank you to our entire Borough Council and team members for their fine efforts and always looking for the betterment of our community.

On the home front, can you believe my niece Hayley graduated Kindergarten and turned six in late June!? My nephew, Gavin, turns four in July. I plan to spend summertime days soaking up the sun poolside and at the beach house alongside family and friends.

Stay cool and go soak up summertime!

Always Available,  
Mayor Chris Slavicek



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# Community Calendar

<b>July 3rd &amp; July 6th</b>	<b>Borough Hall Closed</b>	<b>Independence Day Observance</b>
<b>July 8th</b>	<b>Planning Board Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>
<b>July 15th</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>
<b>August 4th</b>	<b>National Night Out</b>	<b>Jamesburg Police Department</b>
<b>August 12th</b>	<b>Planning Board Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>
<b>August 13th</b>	<b>Summer Splashdown</b>	<b>Maple Street Pavilion 6:00pm</b>
<b>August 19th</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>
<b>September 7th</b>	<b>Borough Hall Closed</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
<b>September 9th</b>	<b>Planning Board Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>
<b>September 12th</b>	<b>Helmetta Day</b>	<b>Maple Street Pavilion 4:00pm</b>
<b>September 13th</b>	<b>Helmetta Day (Raindate)</b>	<b>Maple Street Pavilion 4:00pm</b>
<b>September 16th</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>

“Summer is when communities come alive as neighbors slow down, gather together, and turn everyday moments into lasting connections.”



BY PAUL REED, CPWM

## Soaking Up Summer: Keeping Helmetta Beautiful

As we settle into the summer season, Helmetta Public Works is focusing on community cleanliness, landscaping, and curb appeal. Warmer weather brings more time outdoors, community gatherings, and visitors to our neighborhoods. Together, we can help keep Helmetta looking its best all summer long.

Summer Property Maintenance Tips:



- Keep grass and landscaping maintained to enhance neighborhood appearance and safety
- Remove weeds and overgrowth around sidewalks, curbs, and mailboxes
- Properly dispose of yard waste and debris to help keep public spaces clean
- Secure trash and recycling containers to prevent litter from spreading during storms or windy days
- Stay hydrated and protect yourself from heat when performing outdoor work
- Report any public property maintenance concerns to help us address issues promptly

Street Sweeping Reminder:



To help improve curb appeal throughout the borough, the next round of street sweeping has been scheduled for July 2nd in preparation for the family and friend gatherings.

Residents are encouraged to move vehicles off the street when possible and ensure that trash, recycling containers, and other obstructions are removed from the roadway. Clear streets allow our crews to perform a more thorough cleaning and help present a welcoming appearance throughout the community.

Your cooperation helps us maximize the effectiveness of our street sweeping efforts and keeps Helmetta looking its best for residents and visitors alike.

Community Pride Starts With All of Us:



Summer is a great time to reconnect with neighbors, enjoy community events, and take pride in our shared spaces. Small actions can have a big impact—picking up litter, maintaining your property, and showing courtesy to those around you all contribute to a stronger and more welcoming community.

Here at Helmetta Public Works, we are committed to maintaining our roads, public spaces, and infrastructure while serving the residents of Helmetta with professionalism and care. We are proud to be part of this community and appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

Together, we can keep Helmetta clean, attractive, and enjoyable for everyone as we soak up all that summer has to offer.





## Making a Splash with Online Access

As we soak up the summer season, I'm excited to share a new resource that makes accessing Borough information easier than ever.

The Borough of Helmetta's Ordinance Book is now available online and can be accessed through the Departments section of the Borough website, [www.helmettaboro.com](http://www.helmettaboro.com). This new feature provides residents, business owners, contractors, and prospective homeowners with convenient access to local ordinances whenever they need them.

Whether you're researching property requirements, planning a home improvement project, or simply looking to learn more about local regulations, having the Ordinance Book available online allows you to find information quickly and efficiently without needing to visit Borough Hall.

As this resource continues to grow, please be patient as I work to update and organize the content. My goal is to provide residents with an accurate, user-friendly, and easily accessible source of information.

The summer months can be an especially busy time for residents. Whether you're planning a special event, moving into town, seeking information about municipal services, or preparing for upcoming elections, the Municipal Clerk's Office is here to assist. The Clerk's Office serves as a central source of information for residents and businesses, helping connect people with the resources and services they need.

Summer is also a wonderful reminder of what makes Helmetta special. Our close-knit community, local traditions, and neighborhood connections are what turn a borough into a hometown. As residents gather with friends and family, attend local events, and enjoy our parks and public spaces, we are reminded of the importance of civic engagement and community involvement.

Stay cool, stay informed, and enjoy your summer!





## Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

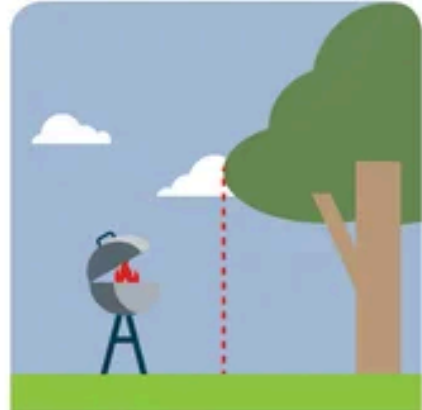
### Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.