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HELMETTA HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Borough of Helmetta



Reason for the Season

BY MAYOR CHRISTOPHER SLAVICEK

Labor Day has come and gone, Back to School is in business, the brisk Autumn air teases us early mornings....Guess what? It's nearly Hallmark in Helmetta time and the REASON FOR THE SEASON. Get ready for the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Adorable trick-or-treaters, Thanksgiving blessings, Main Street lined with snowflakes, our Rockefeller Center style tree adorns Borough Hall front lawn, with intergenerational fun and festivities in full swing within the Borough; that excitement, yet hustle and bustle of the holiday spirit is certainly in the air!

It's so much more than that to me personally, it's the REASON FOR THE SEASON to make and spend time amongst family and friends, enjoy timeless traditions together, create new ones and make it the SEASON to support those who may be in need. I challenge you to make it your REASON to do just as there is a plethora of opportunity through the simplicity of a random act of kindness or minuscule kind gesture to bring even a smile to someone in need.

Personally, I get more and more excited each year as the niece and nephew grow and I get to witness and instill the importance of the REASON FOR THE SEASON through the magic lens of their love and my Funcler eyes. Teaching them the importance and value of being of service to others warms my heart and is my REASON THIS SEASON!



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As you know, being amongst community is certainly a REASON FOR THE SEASON. I always encourage you to attend and wholeheartedly look forward to connecting with friends and neighbors at the variety of upcoming Helmetta Happenings. It's yet another REASON to celebrate and appreciate our quaint village.

Go on Helmetta- make it your REASON to embrace this upcoming SEASON in a feel-good way of fellowship, health, and happiness!

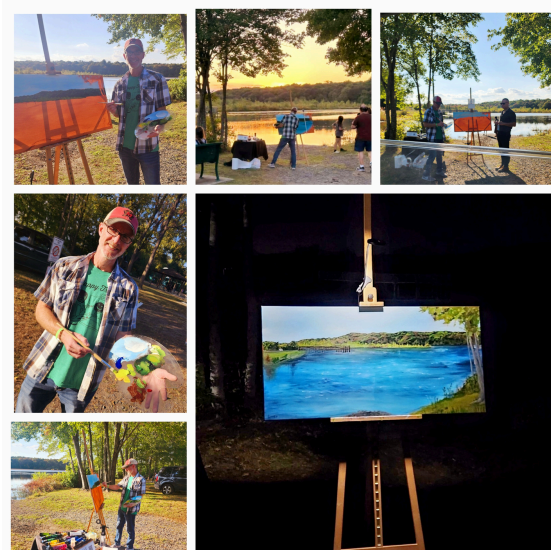
Always available,
Mayor Slavicek

"Everything is good in its season."

P.S.- I must admit that I do look forward to one beautiful snowfall this winter SEASON - it's the REASON to cozy up inside. Well...minus the dreaded shoveling.

Helmetta Day

2024





Community Calendar

October 2nd	Walk-In Health Clinic	Community Center 2:00pm
October 16th	Council Meeting	Borough Hall 7:00pm
October 19th	Fire Dept. Car Show	Railroad Avenue 10:00am
October 19th-20th	Fall Yard Sale	Town Wide 8:00am
October 25th	Hayrides & Bonfire	Pavilion 7:00pm
November 5th	Election Day	Community Center 6:00am
November 10th	Coffee & Conversation	Community Center 9:00am
November 27th	Council Meeting	Borough Hall 7:00pm
November 28th-29th	Borough Hall Closed	Thanksgiving
December 6th	Tree Lighting	Borough Hall 7:00pm
December 7th	Children's Holiday Party	Community Center 10:00am
December 7th	55+ Holiday Dinner	At Your Door 5:00pm
December 18th	Council Meeting	Borough Hall 7:00pm
December 21st	Santa & Sirens	Around Town 10:00am
December 26th	Menorah Lighting	Borough Hall 4:30pm

"Holidays bring the community together."

Department of Public Works



BY PAUL REED, CPWM

Autumn is upon us. Leaf and brush pick up will continue to be picked up Monday through Friday. If your stop is missed it will be picked up as soon as possible. Leaf bags are available at Borough Hall until supplies run out.

Street sweeping will be scheduled for November/December and will be announced when it is on the calendar.

In preparation for the Winter months, please be mindful of neighbors and lend a helping hand when able. When the trucks are out plowing, please note the main focus is on clearing the roadways. As a result, snow will unfortunately be left in front of driveways and on sidewalks. This is not intentional, and we will do our very best to minimize the snow left behind.

Please remember that when you are shoveling to take frequent breaks as well as to not overload the shovel as the weight will add up quickly.

If you have the option to park in a driveway or out of the roadway this will ensure that the road is cleared to the best of our abilities.

Please do your best to clear off your vehicles in your driveway to avoid DPW having to push the snow back onto you or your neighbor's property to ensure the roadway is safe for drivers.

Disposal questions – If you should have any questions regarding how to dispose of an item, please contact me at 732-521-4946 Ext 110 and we will come up with a solution.

Our Public Works Department prides ourselves in all the above. We view ourselves as part of Helmetta's customer service department. We are here to help and to understand the needs of our residents. We look forward to talking with each of you and making our town the best it can be. With your help we can continue to focus on the NOW and strive for excellence.



**Don't get stuck
'In The Weeds'!**

Please help us keep our community
maintained by tending to your landscaping,
weeding and curb appeal
as per Borough Ordinance.

Property Maintenance Code 302.4

Exterior of properties shall be maintained free of
weeds or plant growth in excess of 8 inches. Weeds
shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and
vegetation other than trees or shrubs.

Jamesburg Police Department



BY CHIEF JAMES CRAPAROTTA

Slow Down In Our Town:

The Jamesburg Police Department is proud to introduce the “Slow Down in Our Town” program, aimed at encouraging motorists to reduce their speed throughout the Borough of Helmetta. This initiative fosters a collaborative partnership between law enforcement and residents, allowing us to strategically place high-visibility lawn signs and a vehicle speed display trailer on borough streets. This is complemented by targeted speeding enforcement conducted by our officers.

Program Details:

Sign Placement: To maintain effectiveness, the signs will be relocated approximately every week. Studies indicate that drivers may become desensitized to signs left in one location for too long. Following the removal of the signs, police officers will conduct targeted enforcement in the area.

Community Involvement: Police Chief James Craparotta emphasizes the importance of this program, stating, “While officers are vigilant in enforcing speeding and traffic violations daily, there is a critical need for innovative traffic safety initiatives.” Many resident complaints focus on speeding in residential areas, and this program empowers the community to play an active role in traffic safety.

Targeted Locations: The locations for the “Slow Down in Our Town” program have been selected based on identified speeding concerns and feedback from residents. The targeted streets include Main Street, Maple Street, Lake Avenue, and Old Forge Road.

If you live on one of these streets and wish to participate in the “Slow Down in Our Town” program by placing a lawn sign in front of your residence, please email us with the following information: Name, Address, Phone Contact and Email JamesburgPolice@JamesburgBorough.org

Please note that our goal is to evenly distribute the lawn signs throughout each street. Depending on the number of participating residences, your location may or may not be selected for sign placement.

Thank you for helping us promote safety in our community!



Clerk's Corner

BY MELISSA HALLERMAN, RMC, CMR



It's officially Election season! People often ask themselves if their one vote really matters. It does! Voting is how you make a difference in your town, your country, and the world. Voting is one of the most impactful things you can do for yourself and your community. Every vote truly counts and matters! It lets you say what's important to you and helps decide who will take care of the things you care about, like schools and clean air. When you vote, you're putting your ideas and hopes into action. Your vote can bring change, look after freedoms, and make sure the leaders listen to what you want. It's also a way to thank those who fought hard so we all could vote.

Are you registered to vote? If not, stop by the Clerk's Office as soon as you can because the deadline to register to vote for the upcoming General Election is October 15th!

Here are some important dates for Election Day, November 5, 2024:

October 23: Mailing of Sample Ballots for General Election

October 26 - November 3: Early Voting Period

October 29: Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

November 4 – by 3:00 p.m.: Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

Our polling location is at the Helmetta Community Center, 1 Brookside Place, and polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm. Be sure to thank our hard-working poll workers if you are voting in person. The Clerk's Office is open all day on Election Day should you have any questions or concerns, 732-521-4946, Ext: 100.

Most importantly, don't forget to get out there and vote, because it really does matter. Your vote is a big deal—it's your voice, and it's waiting to be heard!





HELMETTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

\$20.00 PER VEHICLE



50/50 RAFFLE

RAILROAD AVENUE

HELMETTA, NJ 08828

EVENT BEGINS AT: 10:00 A.M.

MUSIC, FOOD, AND FAMILY FUN!

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH



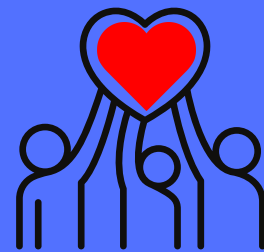
Helmetta, meet Hector and Rosario, officially known as Mr. & Mrs. Figueroa! They have a unique love story with our annual Helmetta Days as the picturesque perfect backdrop.

At Helmetta Day 2022 they met by a chance encounter. After each separately spending the day at the festive event at the Maple Street Pavilion they were both getting ready to watch the spectacular fireworks show. Hector and his daughter were walking past a woman who was with her dog. Hector's daughter asked if she could pet the dog and started having a conversation with Rosaria. Hector says now recalling the exchange, "I stood back and witnessed the whole interaction, and I was even more interested in this woman just from the nice conversation she was having with my daughter." After a few minutes he approached her and introduced himself and asked her name. Come to find out she was a friend of Hector's cousin that he mentioned to him that he would love to introduce him to.

Hector and Rosario watched the fireworks display together that evening and spent the rest of the night getting to know each other. Little did they know at the time that they would marry two years later right before Helmetta Day 2024!

Although the couple loves many events in the town, they both agree Helmetta Day 2022 will always be the best one for both of them!





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
2:00 - 8:00 PM

No Pre-Registration Required

**Flu, Senior Flu, RSV, Pneumonia
& Covid-19 Shots Available**

**Please bring valid photo identification &
health insurance cards**

Helmetta Community Center
1 Brookside Place

For more information, please contact:
732-738-1085

Holidays in Helmetta

**Pictorial Postmark
Design Contest**



**Create and submit your own Holidays in
Helmetta themed postmark
design drawings by October 11th to
Melissa Hallerman,
M.Hallerman@HelmettaBoro.com.**

Design Requirements:

- Can not exceed 4 inches horizontally and 2 inches vertically
- All designs should be sharp and clear
- Be creative and have fun!

**The United States Postal Service is
coming to Helmetta!**

**Visit the Helmetta Post Office on
Saturday, December 7, 14, or 21
between 8:30-11:30am to
apply our unique
Holidays in Helmetta postmark.**



Fall
**TOWN WIDE
YARD SALE**

OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH
8:00AM - 4:00PM

NO PERMIT NEEDED FOR THIS TWO-DAY EVENT!

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER!

**Please contact Borough Clerk, Melissa Hallerman,
732-521-4946, Ext: 100 or
M.Hallerman@HelmettaBoro.com to register.**



**Common space available at Borough Hall Front Lawn for
residents with no private yard. Please bring your own table.**
**Directory map with all participating addresses to be provided
closer to the event date.**



Hayrides & Bonfire

Friday, October 25th
7:00pm
Maple Street Pavilion

Donuts, Cider & More...