

OCTOBER 2025

# HELMETTA HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Borough of Helmetta



## Fall into the Season

BY MAYOR CHRISTOPHER SLAVICEK

School busses, leaves changing, and the brisk morning air- autumn has arrived in Helmetta!

Helmetta Day 2025 was certainly a successful celebration amongst the community. Thank you to all who made it possible- employees, volunteers, first responders, local businesses, vendors, and organizations. We are blessed by the generous contributions. Congratulations to Sal Masucci and Wayne Handwerk on being named 2025 Helmetta Hometown Heroes.

Several projects to enhance the Borough have been completed. These include the new Borough Hall marquee sign, milling and paving in Sutton Place, replacement of the Community Center roof, and upgrades to the Borough Hall restrooms. Paving of the Borough Hall parking lot is on schedule for late September, early October. We are excited for these enhancements as we continue to strive to beautify the Borough.

On the horizon is the Flu Clinic, Fire Department Car Show, Town-wide Yard Sale, and Hayrides & Bonfire. Hope to see you there!

At home, my niece, Hayley, started Kindergarten, and nephew, Gavin, Pre-K. I look forward to all the fall happenings and spending time enjoying the autumn air amongst family and friends.

As always, I'm available for any questions or concerns.

Happy Fall!



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# Community Calendar

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| <b>October 4th</b>                                    | <b>Town Wide Yard Sale</b>           | <b>Townwide 8:00am-4:00pm</b>       |
| <b>October 4th</b>                                    | <b>Fire Dept. Car Show</b>           | <b>Railroad Avenue 10:00am</b>      |
| <b>October 5th</b>                                    | <b>Town Wide Yard Sale</b>           | <b>Townwide 8:00am-4:00pm</b>       |
| <b>October 13th</b>                                   | <b>Borough Hall Closed</b>           | <b>Columbus Day</b>                 |
| <b>October 15th</b>                                   | <b>Council Meeting</b>               | <b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>          |
| <b>October 24th</b>                                   | <b>Hayrides &amp; Bonfire</b>        | <b>Maple Street Pavilion 7:00pm</b> |
| <b>November 4th</b>                                   | <b>Election Day</b>                  | <b>Community Center 6:00am</b>      |
| <b>November 8th</b>                                   | <b>Council &amp; Mayor Breakfast</b> | <b>Community Center 9:00am</b>      |
| <b>November 26th</b>                                  | <b>Council Meeting</b>               | <b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>          |
| <b>November 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Borough Hall Closed</b>           | <b>Thanksgiving</b>                 |
| <b>December 5th</b>                                   | <b>Annual Tree Lighting</b>          | <b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>          |
| <b>December 6th</b>                                   | <b>Children's Holiday Party</b>      | <b>Community Center 10:00am</b>     |
| <b>December 6th</b>                                   | <b>Senior Dinners 55+</b>            | <b>Dinner at your Door 5:00pm</b>   |
| <b>December 17th</b>                                  | <b>Council Meeting</b>               | <b>Borough Hall 7:00pm</b>          |

**“Autumn is the season to gather golden moments, warm hearts, and celebrate togetherness.”**

BY PAUL REED, CPWM

As the leaves start to fall, the Helmetta Department of Public Works is out every day helping to keep our Borough clean and safe. Our crews provide daily leaf and brush pickup so that streets stay clear, stormwater can flow properly, and drains remain free of debris.

We kindly ask for your help this season. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the street, as they can quickly clog storm drains and cause flooding during heavy rain. Instead, place leaves and brush at the curb for collection.

It's also a great time to take a quick look at your home gutters. Cleaning out leaves and twigs allows rainwater to drain properly, protecting your home and preventing extra water from spilling into the streets.

Keeping our storm drains clear isn't just about preventing flooding—it also helps protect the environment. When leaves and debris wash into drains, they eventually end up in our waterways. This can add excess nutrients to the water, harming fish and wildlife. By keeping leaves out of the street, you're helping to keep Helmetta's natural surroundings healthy too.

Another way neighbors can lend a hand is by checking in with those who may need extra assistance. If you know a senior, neighbor, or friend who may have trouble managing leaf cleanup, a little help goes a long way. Small acts of community care help us all enjoy a cleaner, safer Borough.

By working together, we can keep Helmetta looking its best while protecting our homes, streets, and stormwater system. Thank you for doing your part to make our Borough a safe and welcoming community for everyone!



# Jamesburg Police Department



BY CHIEF JAMES CRAPAROTTA

## Welcome Back to School, Helmetta!

As summer comes to a close and students return to school, it's important for all of us to keep safety in mind. In Helmetta, many of our children depend on bus stops each day, which means drivers, parents, and students all play a role in making sure everyone gets to school safely.

Drivers are reminded to always stop for school buses when red lights are flashing and never attempt to pass a stopped bus. Extra caution should be used in the morning and afternoon when children are walking to and from their stops. Please give students plenty of space while they wait and reduce your speed in residential areas.

Parents can help by encouraging their children to arrive at bus stops a few minutes early, stand a safe distance from the roadway, and avoid distractions like cell phones or headphones. Students should also be reminded to always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see them, never behind it.

As part of the "Slow Down in Our Town" campaign, officers will be monitoring traffic closely and enforcing all violations with zero tolerance. Together, by staying alert and looking out for one another, we can make this school year a safe and successful one for all Helmetta students.







# Clerk's Corner

BY MELISSA HALLERMAN, RMC, CMR

## Your Vote, Your Voice: What's New This Election Cycle

The Borough of Helmetta would like to remind all residents that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. This is an important opportunity for every registered voter to take part in shaping the future of our community, state, and nation.

### Election Day Voting

On Election Day, all Helmetta residents who wish to vote in person should go to the Helmetta Community Center, Brookside Place. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Please remember that if you are in line by 8:00 PM, you will still be permitted to vote.

### Other Voting Options

In addition to voting on Election Day, voters also have the option of:

- Early Voting – Conducted at designated locations throughout Middlesex County. This provides residents the flexibility to cast their ballot in person before Election Day.
- Vote-by-Mail Ballot – A convenient way to vote without leaving home. Ballots can be returned by mail, dropped in a secure ballot drop box, or delivered directly to the Board of Elections.

### Voter Registration

If you are new to town or need to update your voter registration information (such as a change of address or name), please be aware of the state's voter registration deadline in advance of the election.

### Need Assistance?

If you have questions about your registration status, voting options, or the location of early voting sites, please reach out to the Clerk's Office. I am here to provide guidance and ensure you have the information you need to cast your ballot with confidence.

Your participation matters. Every vote is a voice, and every ballot cast helps strengthen our democracy and our Borough's proud tradition of community involvement.





**HELMETTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**ANNUAL**

**CAR SHOW**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

**\$20.00 PER VEHICLE**



**BASKET & 50/50 RAFFLE**

**RAILROAD AVENUE**

**HELMETTA, NJ 08828**

**EVENT BEGINS AT: 10:00 A.M**

**MUSIC, FOOD, AND FAMILY FUN!**

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**



# Helmetta Day 2025

