



HAMBURG NEWS

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WINTER

2025-26

Dates to Remember:

December 2025

- 15-23 - Annual Holiday Decorating Contest
- 20- Santa Comes to Town
- 24 - Christmas Eve
Boro Hall Closed
- 25 - Christmas Day
Boro Hall Closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve

January 2026

- 1 - Happy New Year!
Boro Hall Closed
- 2 - Animal Licensing Begins
- 5 - Mayor & Council
Re-Ord 6:30
Mayor & Council 7pm
- 12 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 14 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm
- 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Boro Hall Closed
- 20 - Rec. Comm. Mtg 7pm
- 26 - Historic Preservation 7pm
- 30 - Last Day for Live Tree/
Wreath pickup.
- 31 - Animal Licenses Due!

February

- 1 - Animal Licensing - **Late Fees Begin!**
- 2 - Mayor & Council 7pm
- 9 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 11 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 16 - President's Day
Boro Hall Closed
- 17 - Rec. Comm. Mtg. 7pm
- 20 - Family Game Night 6-8pm

March

- 2 - Mayor & Council 7 pm
- 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins!
- 9 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 11 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm

****All events are subject to change or cancellation ****

Congratulations

We would like to thank Russell Law upon his retirement after 17 years as Borough Councilman. Wishing you all the best!

Congratulations to John Burd on his re-election to the Borough Council and Anthony Saliba on his election to the Borough Council.

From Mayor Krasnomowitz...

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to wish each of you and your families a joyful and peaceful time filled with warmth, health and happiness. Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be a year of continued growth and opportunity for our community.

I'm pleased to share that Hamburg has received a \$500,000 grant to help address galvanized and lead water line replacement within the Borough. This funding will greatly support efforts to ensure safe, high-quality water for all residents. Please keep an eye out for additional information on how you can take advantage of this program.

As we plan for the future, our community thrives because of those who step up to serve. The Hamburg Fire Department is actively seeking new members, and we're also looking for volunteers to serve on various municipal boards. If you're interested in getting involved and making a difference, please reach out to the Borough Hall for more details.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our wonderful Borough. Together, we'll make 2026 a great year for Hamburg!

Warm regards, Rich Krasnomowitz

Pet Licensing

All Dogs and Cats, over 6 months old, residing in the Borough of Hamburg must be licensed yearly. Renewal notices are sent in December and the Borough will begin issuing 2026 licenses on January 2nd. Please license promptly. Late Fees begin February 1st!

Pets must have a valid rabies vaccination to be licensed. **Per State Statute 4:19-15.a The current rabies vaccination must be valid for ten full months of the licensing year and therefore cannot expire before November 1st of the licensing year.**

License Fees: \$16 for spayed/neutered animals (you must provide proof for new licenses) and \$19 for pets not spayed/neutered. For more information contact Animal Licensing at 973-827-9230.



Recreation Commission

Congratulations!

Winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest:

1st place - Peter and Kelly Tranes

2nd place - Michael & Lisa Smolinski

3rd place - Anthony & Joyce Saliba

Everyone did a wonderful job and we can't wait to see what everyone does in 2026!

Members of the Recreation Commission will be driving throughout the Borough to cast their votes during the ***Annual Holiday Decorating Contest***



December 14th - 23rd
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We look forward to seeing all the beautiful decorations and We wish you all Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

Breakfast with Santa

12/13 8:45AM-10:30 AM

Family Game Night

2/20 6:00PM - 8:00PM

YMCA Swim Night

3/20 5:45PM - 7:45PM

Trivia Night

4/18 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Recycling Schedule 2025

Co-Mingled - Tues. Dec 30th

Paper - Wed. Dec. 31st



Emergency Preparedness

The Office of Emergency Management encourages you to plan, prepare, and stay alert. By doing so, you drastically increase your odds of safety and are also doing your part in the community by allowing emergency service personnel to direct their resources to those in need of the most dire assistance.

The Borough's Emergency Preparedness Guide can be found at <https://hamburgnj.org/departments/office-of-emergency-management>



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa and his helpers will be riding throughout the Borough on the Fire Truck on Saturday, December 20th starting at 10 AM. (December 21st in the event of bad weather.)

Elves in Turnout Gear

Gift Wrapping Event at Hamburg Fire Department
12/14 12PM-4PM
12/21 12PM-4PM
5 Gifts per person = \$20
Small Gift \$3
Medium gift \$5
Large gift \$7



Water/Sewer Department News



Billing Contact Information - The Water/Sewer Department is requesting contact information from each property owner to facilitate effective communication when necessary. We kindly ask that you return the enclosed form with your next payment or scan the QR code to submit your information online. Thank you for your cooperation. ❄️

Hamburg School Hamburg School's students and staff are excited for the winter season. Both basketball teams have hit the court for another season challenging local schools. Our student entrepreneurs sold their goods and services at our TREP\$ event on December 4th. Our Winter Concert began holiday festivities on December 11th. The Winter Pageant is on December 19th at 9:00AM. The final BOE meeting for the year is on December 18th. Other clubs and activities are already underway. We hope to see you at one of our events!

Community members may notice changes to local vehicle/pedestrian traffic on the following early dismissals : Dec. 23rd, Jan. 16th, and March 20th.



During the holidays Hamburg Police Department asks that all residents keep house numbers visible through Holiday décor for emergency responders and with winter approaching please remember to check on your neighbors during bad weather. 🍷



As of Dec. 1, 2025 the DPW will no longer pick up leaves and brush. Live Christmas trees and wreaths will be picked up throughout the month of January. Please make sure no ornaments, electrical wiring or metal is left on the trees or wreaths and please do not put them in plastic bags. They will not be picked up if any of these items are present. All items must be placed curbside for pickup by 7AM. Absolutely no artificial trees and wreaths will be picked up. Last day for pick up is Wednesday, January 31, 2026.

When bad weather arrives, please remember: No vehicles are allowed to park on any Borough roads when they are snow/ice covered. Make sure all vehicles are removed from roads to allow snow plows to keep roads open. Basketball nets must be removed from the road. The Borough will not be responsible for any damage for items left in roadways. (Ord. 183-14) Do not blow or plow snow back into the roadway, it is against the law and unsafe. (Ord 183-15). It is your responsibility to clear any sidewalks in front of your property of snow (Ord. 183-14).



Hometown Heroes Recognition Program Update

As of the December 3, 2025 Mayor/Council Meeting, the Borough of Hamburg is officially launching the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program honors current and former Hamburg residents who served in the military and were honorably discharged.

If you or someone you know in the Borough is currently serving or has served, please scan the QR code to submit your nominee(s) or return the form enclosed with this mailing.



The Borough is also accepting donations for this program. All funds donated to this program will be placed in a special fund for this program only. If you would like to donate please make checks payable to the Borough of Hamburg and note "Hometown Heroes" in the memo and on the envelope. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: 16 Walkill Avenue, Hamburg, NJ 07419 ATTN: Hometown Heroes.



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year
from all of us
at the Borough of Hamburg!