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# Eagle Scout Galen Fritz Honored With Proclamation

Galen Fritz, 2017 graduate of Hillsborough High School and current freshman at Penn State University was honored at the January 9th Township Committee Meeting for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Galen's Eagle Scout Project consisted of coordinating 25 volunteers that worked a total of 258 hours to demolish and replace a retaining wall at Oak Spring Girl Scout Camp. The wall helped shore up the decking and foundation of the main hall at the camp.

Galen was Librarian, Quartermaster and Den Chief of Troop 489. He was also a member of the Hillsborough High School Soccer team, travel soccer team, Hillsborough Baseball league and played the alto saxophone in Hillsborough High School Jazz Band and Concert Band.

Galen serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level leadership and community service, and the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee are very proud that he is a member of our community.



Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Casey Fritz (Galen's Brother), and Committeeman Greg Burchette

# Eagle Scout Alexander Fung Recognized with Proclamation

Alexander Fung, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, was recently honored for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Alexander's Eagle Scout Project consisted of managing 32 volunteers that worked a total of 210 hours to build a shelter at Oak Spring Girl Scout Camp to house a tractor backhoe attachment. The new structure shelters the backhoe from the sun, helping to prevent damage to its hoses.

Alexander was Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Quartermaster of Troop 489.

He is also a member of the Hillsborough High School Orchestra, playing Double Bass and serves as Treasurer for the Orchestra. Additionally, Alexander is a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society and Odyssey of the Mind team at Hillsborough Reformed Church.

Alexander serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level leadership and community service, and the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee are very proud that he is a member of our community.



Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Alexander Fung, and Committeeman Greq Burchette

# Hillsborough Senior Citizens Chapters A and B Swear in New Officers

Hillsborough Senior Citizen Chapters A and B recently swore in their new officers for 2018.

Township Clerk Pamela Borek conducted the swearing in ceremony for Chapter A as 6 new officers took their oaths of office. New officers for Chapter B include: President Dorrie Guarniero, Vice President Gene Reinhardt, Recording Secretary Geri Toth, Financial Secretary Joan Purdy, Corresponding Secretary Josephine Lojun, and Treasurer Kathleen Page.

Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera conducted the swearing in ceremony for Chapter B Trustee Donald Dean while President Tony Fusco held the Bible.

Pictured on Right: Township Clerk Pamela Borek with Senior A Officers: President Dorrie Guarniero, Vice President Gene Reinhardt, Recording Secretary Geri Toth, Financial Secretary Joan Purdy, Corresponding Secretary Josephine Lojun, and Treasurer Kathleen Page



Pictured Above: Senior B's Donald Dean, Tony Fusco and Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera



### **Department Updates**

### Building Department

Pipe Break Advisory Recently with the cold weather there has been an increase in pipes bursting in town. In order to avoid this, The Building Department recommends that if you have any concealed pipes in crawl spaces to insulate the area to provide warmth. If you are planning on going away for an extend period of time, avoid turning your heat off to prevent a pipe break.

### **Engineering**

Sump Pump Discharges in Extreme Cold Weather Due to the recent extreme cold temperatures some homeowners who have sump pump discharges to the public street or sidewalk could be causing an unsafe condition. These discharges are creating icing conditions to the street or sidewalk which are hazardous to pedestrians and motorists.

An updated Township ordinance does not allow these discharges to the public right-of-way. Existing discharges that are causing icing conditions will be requested to relocate these discharges away from the roadway or sidewalk.

The Engineering Department has been notifying residents that are causing these hazardous conditions and the Township Committee is asking for cooperation from the residents in this matter.

The Township does not want to have to initiate legal enforcement on any resident, so please work with the Engineering Department to resolve and address their requests. We want to prevent a sidewalk slip and fall or a traffic accident.

#### **Finance**

Effective January 2, 2018, you may renew your dog license for 2018. The cost is \$21 for spade or neutered, and \$26 for non-spade or neutered. You may

Dog License Renewal mail your payment, pay in person at the Finance office, or use the free on-line system at <a href="www.hillsborough-nj.org">www.hillsborough-nj.org</a>. Please make sure the rabies vaccination is good through October 2018.

#### Health

Animal Incident Advisory This is to advise you that on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, a resident of Bigley Road in Hillsborough, and her dog, were attacked by a raccoon after they stepped out of the house onto the porch to go for a walk. The raccoon was unprovoked by the dog, jumped on the dog and bit it, and would not release it. The dog owner was able to push the dog back into the house because she had not closed the door yet. The raccoon then bit the person on the leg and wrist, and she was able to to get back into the house. The raccoon escaped before it could be captured and tested, but the unprovoked and aggressive nature of this attack is symptomatic of rabies. If a person is bitten, treatment must be given before symptoms begin in order to prevent illness and death. Rabies is fatal unless treatment is given before symptoms begin. A currently vaccinated dog must receive a booster rabies vaccine and observed for 45 days.

#### **Read More**

Flu Season is Upon Us The 2017- 2018 flu season is in full swing with increased activity in our area at this time. The flu can stick around through May, so it is not too late to get a flu shot. Remember that you cannot get the flu from the flu shot and the flu shot takes 2 weeks to be fully effective. Please read reasons to get a flu vaccine on the **Center for Disease Control's website**. This document also lists conditions that increase the risk of complications from the flu, since people with immune deficiencies, chronic conditions, the elderly, and young children can be at a greater risk of complications from the flu which may be severe.

The flu virus is contagious for 24 hours before symptoms appear to 7 days (or more for children) after symptoms begin. Most of the time it is spread by droplets in the air when someone coughs or sneezes, but it can also be spread when the droplets land on a surface, and a person touches that surface and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. Once the virus enters a person's body, it incubates for 1 to 3 days before symptoms appear.

#### **Read More**

#### **OEM**

# FEMA Region II Preparedness Tip Staying Save During a Winter Storm

Be Winter Storm Ready

- Stay indoors and wear warm clothes.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio or NOAA Weather Radio for updates.
- Bring your companion animals inside before the storm begins
- Move other animals to sheltered areas with a supply of non-frozen water.
- Eat regularly.
- Keep the body replenished with fluids.
- Conserve fuel.
- Check on relatives, neighbors, and friends, particularly if they are elderly or live alone.

#### Winter Safety Checklist | Prepare for a Winter Storm

Learn how to prepare for extreme cold or a winter storm during a webinar on January 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Webinar: Winter Preparedness Promising

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Individual and Community Preparedness Division is holding a winter weather preparedness webinar.

#### Mayor's eNewsletter: Issue 2018-03 - January 19, 2018

Practices: Tools and Resources for Organizations and Families Webinar speakers will outline effective preparedness practices and programs for organizations to prepare for extreme cold and winter storms. The webinar will also offer safety tips for communities and families. Plus, the webinar will have a resource sharing session to access various winter weather preparedness materials available for download.

Title: Winter Preparedness Promising Practices: Tools and Resources for Organizations and Families

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (ET)

This webinar will feature presenters from the following organizations:

National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Georgia Power

Scituate Alliance for Natural Disaster Services (SANDS) Individual and Community Preparedness Division, FEMA

**How to Join the Webinar** 

#### **Public Works**

#### Winter Operations Update - Snow Removal



The Township of Hillsborough's Public Works Department operates and maintains the infrastructure of the Township's two hundred and fifty plus miles of roadway, maintains all municipal grounds and buildings and Township Open Space. The Department works closely with the Police Department in monitoring road and safety conditions in the Township, and responds to emergencies as needed.

Hillsborough Township's maintenance crews work hard to keep Township roads drivable through changing winter conditions. The intensity, timing and duration of each winter event is different and response is adapted to address variables including type of precipitation, air and pavement temperature, traffic, wind, and time of day.

Read More | View More Winter Operations Newsletters

#### Recreation

Winter Programs are underway but that doesn't mean it is to late to register for an activity. Please contact the recreation office to check availability.

Register for Winter Programs and Spring Soccer

Spring is quickly approaching---Don't forget to register for rec soccer and girls softball. Registrations will end in the beginning of March.

**Register Now** 

### **Boards & Commissions**

### Municipal Alliance

Three Upcoming Events to Help Our Community, Our Schools and our Families Understand Substance Abuse and Help Fight Addiction

Saturday, January 20th

#### **Community Conversation**

Please join with members of the Hillsborough community for a facilitated discussion focused on the mental health and substance abuse challenges

facing our community. This program will be held in the High School Commons from 9AM - 12 Noon.

#### **RSVP**

#### Tuesday, January 23rd

#### **Parent Information Session**

Examining Relationships: How the Community, schools and families can fight addiction. Learn about vaping devices, the substance abuse policy and what to look for to keep your children safe and drug-free. Presented by Hillsborough School Administrators, Student Assistance Counselors and the district School Resource Officer, this program will be held in the High School Auditorium starting at 7 pm.

#### Wednesday, January 31st

#### Steered Straight/Michael DeLeon

The Hillsborough High School sophomore class will attend Steered Straight, a substance abuse and addiction program delivered by Michael DeLeon. That evening DeLeon will do a second presentation for parents and students (ages 12 and up) at 7PM in the High School Auditorium.



#### PLEASE COME TO ANY or ALL OF THESE EVENTS TO BE INFORMED!

### **Township Job Line**

#### Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Part Time Building Inspector
- Full Time Police Officers
- Multi-Licensed UCC Inspector, Full Time
- · Building Maintenance Part time





### **Important Dates**

#### **Meeting Dates**

January 22, 2018	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 23, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting
January 25, 2018	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission Reorg Meeting
January 25, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
January 31, 2018	6:00 pm	Capital Planning Committee Reorganization Meeting

All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates | Community Events | Library events

### **Community Events**

Visit the Community Events Calendar Page on the Hillsborough Township Website to see what's happening around town or to post your event

Click on flyers for more information

#### **Community Conversation**

Saturday, January 20, 2018 9 am to 12 pm Hillsborough High School Commons

#### **Used Clothing Collection**

Saturday, January 20, 2018 10:00 am - 12:00 pm HHS Front Entrance

#### **Princeton Skating Club Open House**

Sunday, January 21, 2018 2:45 pm - 5:15 pm Princeton Day School Rink 650 Great Rd., Montgomery, NJ

### Hillsborough High School Choir 2nd Annual Flapjack Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21, 2018 8 am - 10 am Applebee's 315 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ staff. Please come out and support the choir while enjoying with friends wonderful music and breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and juices. Tickets are \$10 per plate. Advanced ticket orders can be purchased through HHS CPA, by emailing HHSChoirParents@gmail.com or by calling (908) 230-2398. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. Questions please contact Paula Obenauer at pcobenauer@gmail.com.

HHS Choir members will be appearing as your singing wait

#### Free Rabies Clinic

Saturday, January 27, 2018 10 am -12 pm Hillsborough Department of Public Works 21 East Mountain Rd., Hillsborough

#### **Project Graduation Prom Dress Sale**

Saturday, January 27, 2018 9 am-1 pm Hillsborough High School

#### Steered Straight

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7 pm Hillsborough High School Auditorium



#### **Cupid's Chase 5K**

Community
Options, Inc.

In support of People with Disabilities

Saturday, February 10, 2018 Duke Island Park 191 Old York Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

Register Here

Friday March 16, 2018

G rab your friends and come on out for a night full of laughs, luck, and some fabulous designer bags!

## **School News & Updates**

### Are You A.W.A.R.E....

Of what your kids deal with everyday?



Find out what your kids already know.

Come and learn what's REALLY going on with alcohol and drugs in our own backyard with

### Michael DeLeon of Steered Straight

Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 at 7:00PM Hillsborough High School Auditorium For Parents and students (ages 12 and up)









#### PLEASE COME AND BE INFORMED!

No Registration needed. For questions, contact Minda Maggio at: mmaggio@htps.us

# Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray Friday March 16, 2018

Grab your friends and come on out for a night full of laughs, luck, and some fabulous designer bags!

#### Tickets are \$35 and include:

- A dabber and book of 12 rounds of BINGO with 3 BINGO faces per round to win designer handbags from Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors and more! All bags have a retail value of over \$300!
- Coffee, Tea, and Water Bring your own snacks and alcoholic beverages!

At the event, our fantastic team of Sunnymead Dads will be back again this year offering additional games and prizes to win, including:

- A 50/50 raffle
- Calendar raffle
- Mega Raffle for a high end designer bag
- A high-end tricky tray auction with all prizes over \$250 in retail value!
- And much more!

#### **Register Here**

#### ARIS/HMS Discount Card 2017-2018

ARIS/HMS 2017-2018 Discount Cards available for \$10.00 each, with all proceeds going to ARIS and HMS school programs and staff grants. The card includes reusable discounts from 34 local businesses including ShopRite's \$4.00 off \$100.00 purchase, McDonald's, Super



Sundaes, Lenny's, Philly Pretzel, Revival Barbershop, Olympia Sports and many more!! Discounts are valid through 9/30/18. Special Promotion: Buy 5 cards, get 1 card free!

To purchase a discount card, please email <u>wenholt@aol.com</u> or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

### **Somerset County News**

#### Somerset County Senior Centers Announce February Program Schedule

The senior centers operated by the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services have announced the February program schedule. All programs begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise listed.

This month, all centers will be closed on Monday, February 19, in honor of Presidents Day.

All Somerset County-operated senior centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for anyone age 60 and above. Menu choices include a hot meat-based or meatless entrée and a cold meat-based or meatless boxed lunch. Please make reservations before 10 a.m., at least one business day in advance. Why not invite a friend or neighbor to join you for lunch! Or come earlier in the day and enjoy one of the center's many programs.

#### **View Full Schedule**

#### Free Flu Shots Available to Adults Age 18 and Above

Are you noticing how many people are under the weather? It could be influenza, commonly called the flu. The New Jersey Department of Health reports flu activity is high in New Jersey, including Somerset County.

Somerset County Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh, **public health and safety liaison**, is urging anyone who has not gotten a flu shot already this season to do so as the flu is widespread throughout the state.

The <u>Somerset County Department of Health</u> is sponsoring free flu clinics for adults 18 and above as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Somerset County Human Services Building at 27 Warren St. in Somerville
  - Thursday, Feb. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Franklin Township Public Library at 485 DeMott Lane
- Thursday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Franklin Township Public Library at 3391 Route 27 in Franklin Park

#### **Read more**

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE 2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2nd Tuesday until 7pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT Tuesdays until 7pm

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Online Payments & Tax Notices

in Somerset (Franklin Township)

Recreation Activities Guide

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Hillsborough Parks & Recreation | Sustainable Hillsborough
Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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