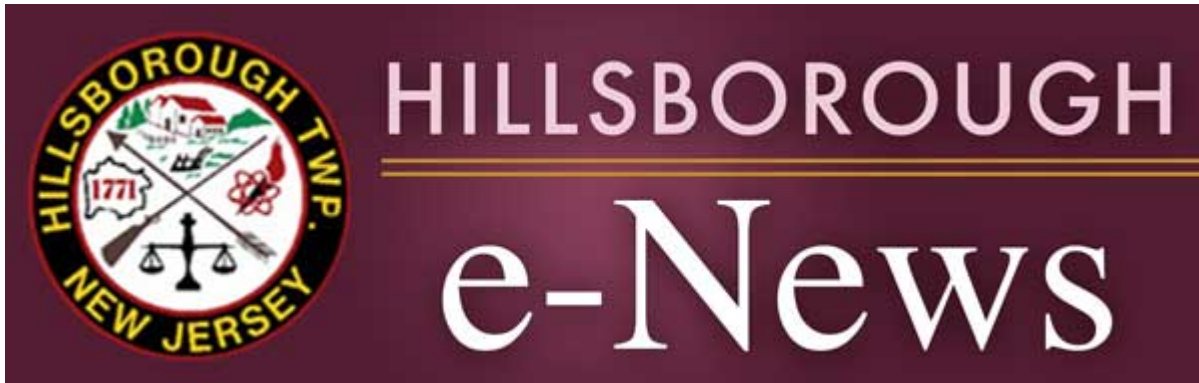


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Eagle Scout Jacob Wirzman Honored With Proclamation

Jacob Wirzman, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and Somerset County Votech and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489 was honored with a proclamation at the January 23rd Township Committee Meeting for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Jacob's Eagle Scout Project consisted of constructing benches and tables for the Somerset County Hillsborough Senior Center near the outdoor bocce court. Jacob raised over \$300 by holding a spaghetti dinner. The project required 31 scouts and volunteers and consisted of more than 159 hours of service. Additionally, Jacob was on staff at Ockanickon Scout Camp for 2 years as quartermaster and a facilities assistant.

Jacob 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, Jacob Wirzman, and Committeeman Greg Burchette

Eagle Scout Justin Wirzman Recognized with Proclamation

Justin Wirzman, a Sophomore at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, was honored with a proclamation at the January 23rd Township Committee Meeting for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Justin's Eagle Scout Project consisted of refurbishing the rope course/climbing wall at the Girl Scouts Heart of NJ Camp Dewitt. The project was to clear over growth of bushes and trim tree branches and rake the course area. Mulch was spread and a drainage area was created to collect water to prevent soil erosion. The project took more than 142 hours of service and involved 33 volunteers. Justin has also earned 6 eagle palms and is a staff counselor for Ockanickon Scout Camp.

In addition to his Boy Scout achievements, Justin is a member of the Hillsborough High School Team #75 Robotics Club.

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Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Justin Wirzman, and Committeeman Greg Burchette

2018 Our Town Night at the NJ Devils

On Saturday, January 13th, Hillsborough Township participated in the New Jersey Devils "My Town Series" for the 4th time. Mayor Gloria McCauley, Committeeman Greg Burchette and Committeeman Carl Suraci were on hand to help honor Ron Newsome, Grand Marshal of Hillsborough Township's 2017 Memorial Day Parade, as hero of the game.



Township Committee Once Again Partners with School District for Scholarship Competition

*Three \$1,000 Statewide Scholarships Available Through the
New Jersey League of Municipalities'
"Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition"*

Mayor Gloria McCauley announced Hillsborough Township's participation in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay II, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. "The Township is once again teaming up with the Hillsborough School District providing students a chance to participate in this scholarship competition," announced Mayor McCauley at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

The purpose of this scholarship program is to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer positions in municipal government while raising awareness of municipal government in general.

"We are delighted to partner with the Township through the New Jersey League of Municipalities to participate in this scholarship competition opportunity for our students," commented Dr. Jorden Schiff, Superintendent of Hillsborough Township Schools.

[Read More](#) | [Download Application](#)

Department Updates

Building Department

Pipe Break Advisory

There have been multiple pipes bursting in Town due to the recent cold weather. As a reminder, we recommend to insulate pipes in crawl spaces to create warmth. If you are planning on going away for an extend period of time, avoid turning your heat off.

Please note that if your HVAC units stop working and need to be replaced, the building department must be notified. The permit application needs to be submitted by the licensed contractor within 72 hours of the notification.

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

Property Tax Assesment Cards

The annual assessment cards will be mailed in mid-February. Property owners are reminded that these cards show the assessed value and billed taxes only. They do not reflect actual tax payments made in 2017. Anyone wishing a printout of their 2017 tax payments can contact the Finance Department, who can mail or email you a statement showing the taxes paid, including any pre-payment for 2018 taxes made in 2017.

Dog License Renewal

Effective January 2, 2018, you may renew your dog license for 2018. The cost is \$21 for spayed or neutered, and \$26 for non-spayed or neutered. You may mail your payment, pay in person at the Finance office, or use the free on-line system at www.hillsborough-nj.org. Please make sure the rabies vaccination is good through October 2018.

Health

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](#)

ONE LESS REASON TO HATE WINTER

FREE FLU SHOTS

It's not too late!

Tuesday, January 30th 2018
4:00pm until 6:00pm
Somerset County Dept. of Health
27 Warren Street, Somerville

Thursday, February 1st 2018
4:00pm until 7:00pm
Franklin Township Public Library
485 Demott Lane, Somerset

Tuesday, February 6th 2018
4:00pm until 6:00pm
North Plainfield Memorial Library
6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield

Thursday, February 8th 2018
4:00pm until 7:00pm
Franklin Township Public Library
3391 Route 27, Franklin Park



Open to Adults 18+

Sponsored by Somerset County Department of Health
908-231-7155 ~ www.co.somerset.nj.us/health



OEM

Be Winter Storm Ready

FEMA Region II Preparedness Tip Staying Safe During a Winter Storm

- 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](#)

Police



Annonymously Report a Crime With STOPit App

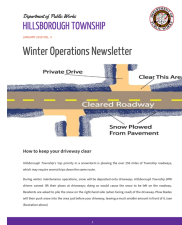
The Hillsborough Township Police Department has partnered with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and STOPit, a leading provider of anonymous reporting software solutions. This application provides residents with a safe, secure and anonymous way to provide law enforcement with information or criminal intelligence, and to report non-emergent incidents or concerns.

The anonymous message will be received by personnel from the Somerset County Communications Center along with detectives from the Prosecutor's Office.

The Hillsborough Police Department would like to stress that this application does not replace 9-1-1. Individuals needing immediate assistance or observing a situation requiring an immediate response are urged to call 911.

The STOPit app can be downloaded for free onto your mobile device from the App Store or the Google Play Store. Once downloaded, you can access "Somerset Strong" by entering the access code: SOMERSETNJ

Public Works



Winter Operations Update - How to Keep Your Driveway Clear

Hillsborough Township's top priority in a snowstorm is plowing the over 250 miles of Township roadways, which may require several trips down the same route.

During winter maintenance operations, snow will be deposited onto driveways. Hillsborough Township DPW drivers cannot lift their plows at driveways; doing so would cause the snow to be left on the roadway. Residents are asked to pile the snow on the right-hand side (when facing road) of the driveway. Plow blades will then push snow into the area just before your driveway, leaving a much smaller amount in front of it.

[Read More](#) | [View More Winter Operations Newsletters](#)

Recreation

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Hillsborough Township's Parks & Recreation Department is now on Instagram! For a chance to see the Parks as well as Recreation programs from a new unique perspective go follow us [@Hillsboroughrec](#)

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Winter Programs

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

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](#)

Library



Somerset County Library System of New Jersey Partners with Rutgers University to Digitally Preserve Local History

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Somerville Library branch librarian Jim Sommerville, before his retirement in 2017, had been working for many years with Rutgers University to preserve photographs of local history for submission to the New Jersey Digital Highway (This link opens in a new tab).

"We are pleased to announce that SCLSNJ's very first local history collection of digitized photos has been ingested into the New Jersey Digital Highway. The collection, titled 'Somerville and its Environs: Images from Central Jersey History 1885-1925' was curated by my former colleague Jim Sommerville. This was an initial test of loading 50 items into the New Jersey Digital Highway, and we will continue to add more from the vast collection that Jim digitized during his time with SCLSNJ," said Technical Services Manager Rebecca Sandoval Sloat. "Additionally, due to the System's recently awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Common Heritage grant, we will be able to begin collecting memories from all community members across the County."

[Read More](#)

Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

Community Conversation - Open Space

February 10th
9 am to 12 pm
Hillsborough High School Commons

Please join with members of the Hillsborough community on February 10th for a discussion focused upon the mental health and substance abuse challenges facing our town. We will discuss information harvested from our January 20th meeting and the next steps in building upon community stakeholder collaboration. **Attendance at the previous meeting is not required to attend.**

This conversation will be facilitated by a highly trained organizing professional, who will employ the "Open Space" model. "Open Space" is a meeting practice that enhances collective activity to release the inherent creativity and leadership in people. Through a focus on resolution and personal investment, "Open Space" establishes a marketplace of inquiry, reflection and learning, bringing out the best in both individuals and the whole as they seek to address complex issues. We welcome any ideas from attendees and "Open Space" will allow for these ideas to be explored.

Through our conversation, we can continue to harness the wisdom and knowledge of our wonderful community as we collaborate to address the difficult challenges facing the Hillsborough community.

This event is open to all interested community members, but we please ask that no one below the age of thirteen attend. A light breakfast will be served.

[RSVP Now!](#)



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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



[More Information](#) | [Download an Application](#)

News You Can Use

Two Scholarships Available!

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is now accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program. Two scholarships are available to college students who reside in New Jersey and are pursuing a degree in environmental science, natural resource management, conservation, horticulture, park administration, or a related field. The application deadline ends April 1, 2018.



Applications can be downloaded [here](#) or can be obtained by calling (973) 541-1010 x14. Potential candidates must be enrolled in a college or university, be in good standing, have at least 15 credits completed, and have an academic average equivalent to a 3.0 or higher.

Park Commission and served for more than a quarter century. His dynamic leadership established the Morris County Park System, which remains the largest county park system in the State of New Jersey and one of the finest in the nation.

"This year we are pleased to be able to provide \$7,500 to each of our two scholarship recipients," announced Rick Simon, Trustee and Member of the Scholarship Committee for The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

The Rogers Family Scholarship was established in 2005 by Gray and Mollie Rogers, dedicated conservationists who wanted to expand The Land Conservancy's educational support for outstanding environmentally-oriented students. Gray Rogers is a Trustee Emeritus of the non-profit land trust.

"The Land Conservancy has made a long-term commitment to help future environmental leaders in New Jersey," said The Land Conservancy President, David Epstein. "We are excited to meet a new group of passionate students and hope that our scholarships can assist with developing their skills so that they can help New Jersey meet its future environmental challenges."

Past recipients have hailed from nearly 40 different New Jersey towns and have used their scholarships to obtain bachelor, master's, and doctorate degrees at an array of institutions including New Jersey's own Rutgers University and Richard Stockton College. Their fields of study have included environmental law, policy, chemistry, and planning; as well as wildlife ecology, geography, landscape architecture, and forestry management.

The Russell W. Myers Scholarship was established in 1983 to honor Mr. Myers, founder of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. An outstanding leader in the field of conservation, Mr. Myers was the first Director of the Morris County

New Jersey State Forest Fire Service Prescribed Burning Program is Under Way to Reduce Wildfire Risk

The New Jersey State Forest Fire Service seasonal prescribed burning program is under way. The annual program reduces wildfire risk by

burning the buildup of potential fuels such as undergrowth, leaves, branches and pine needles on forest floors.

Forest Fire Service personnel use best management practices to control smoke impacts during the burns, but nearby residents and visitors should expect to see large plumes of smoke and may experience temporary impacts from smoke.

Motorists are also reminded to use caution when approaching areas where prescribed burns are taking place. Motorists traveling through these areas are advised to observe posted reduced speed limits, and to be alert to the presence of trucks and Forest Fire Service personnel.



"Since 1906, the Forest Fire Service has protected property, lives and infrastructure by creating defensible space and strategic fire breaks near developed areas," said Greg McLaughlin, Acting Chief of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. "These prescribed burns help prevent wildfires, reduce the intensity of these fires, and provide a foundation for safer, more effective fire suppression and protection operations."

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Important Dates

Meeting Dates

February 7, 2018	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
February 8, 2018	Canceled	Planning Board
February 13, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting
February 22, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
February 27, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee 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

South Branch Reformed Church Preschool Open House

Saturday, February 3, 2018
9:30 am - 12 pm
870 River Road, Hillsborough

HHS Baseball Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8 am - 1 pm
Municipal Building

HHS Band Clothing Drive

Saturday, February 10, 2018
10 am - 12 pm
Hillsborough High School

Cupid's Chase 5K



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

Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

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

[Register Here](#)

Friday March 16, 2018

Triangle School Basket Auction

Friday March 16, 2018
6 pm - 8 pm
Falcon's Nest

Wildlife Explorer Program at Duke Farms

July 10-14 (ages 8-10)
July 23-27 (ages 11-13)

School News & Updates

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 wenholt@aol.com or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

Somerset County News

Sheriff Calls for Designated Drivers on Super Bowl Sunday

Super Bowl 52 will be played Sunday, Feb. 4, and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office has put plans in place to keep our community safe from drunk and distracted drivers during this annual event.

Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano has announced that the Sheriff's Office DWI Enforcement Team will be patrolling the roads of Somerset County. "With help from the community, we are working together to promote the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers aimed at encouraging safe and sober driving during the Super Bowl game," he said.

[Read More](#)

County Clerk's Website Has Information for Candidates

Somerset County Clerk Steve Peter has updated his office's website to include information for the upcoming primary election, including essential information for those who wish to be on the ballot. All candidates running in the June 5 primary must file their petitions by April 2.

"I'm excited to announce that the County Clerk's Office is offering this information online for the first time," said Peter. "I'm particularly pleased that the site now has downloadable petitions. This will make the process for running for election easier, since candidates will no longer have to come to the clerk's office or to their local municipality for these documents."

Other new content on the website includes information on how many signatures are needed for each type of petition and when they are due.

"My staff and I are available to assist all candidates who have questions about the process," Peter said. "We encourage candidates and campaigns to work with our office as early as possible to ensure that the petitions are correct for filing."

To access this information, click [here](#) to visit the website or call the County Clerk's Office at (908) 231-7013.

Protect Yourself and Loved Ones with CERT Training

Disasters can strike quickly and without much warning. Would you know what to do if local emergency personnel were overwhelmed during a disaster or were unable to access your neighborhood for up to 72 hours?

Learn the skills necessary to be a successful part of emergency preparedness and response in order to assist during the first 72 hours following a disaster. Community Emergency Response Team members have the capability to assist in many ways, including during scheduled events.

Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh invites Somerset County residents to take advantage of the upcoming free CERT training, hosted by the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management, starting Thursday, March 1. Seating is limited to the first 25 residents. Registration forms are due by Thursday, Feb. 22.

[Read More](#)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
2nd Tuesday until 7pm (starting in May)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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