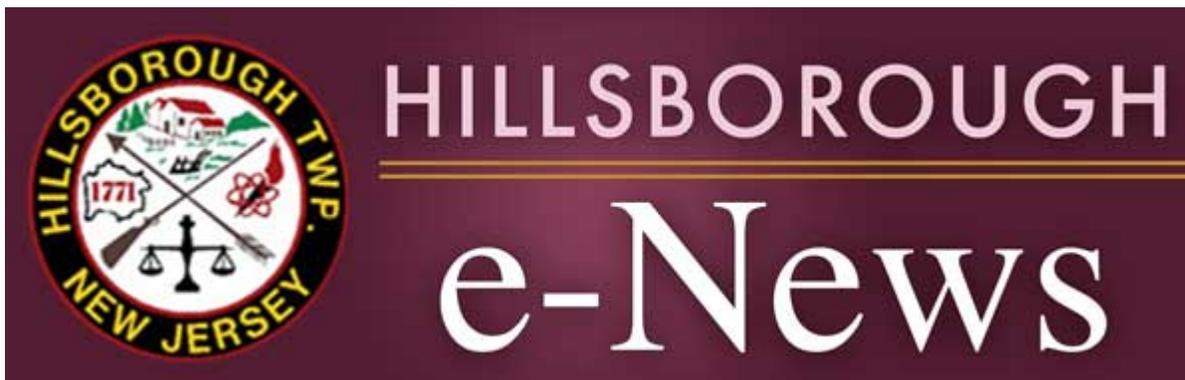


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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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## Kirsten Clerico Selected as Delegate to Attend the 87th National 4H Conference

Kirsten Clerico, currently a Senior at Hillsborough High School, has been involved in the Somerset County 4H for thirteen years. Kirsten participates in three different 4H clubs including the Woof Dog Club, Grade A Beef Club and Senior Council Club.

Kirsten was one of six New Jersey teens selected as a conference delegate to attend the 87th National 4H Conference in Washington, DC in November 2017. The National Conference provides a forum for nearly three hundred 4H members giving teens a voice in program development for future 4H direction.

Mayor McCauley and the Township Committee recognize and extend their sincere congratulations to Kirsten for her outstanding accomplishments in the Somerset County 4H.

*Pictured : Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson, Kirsten Clerico and Mayor Gloria McCauley*



## February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month started in 2016 as an initiative created by President Barack Obama.

Dating violence may include physical force, such as hitting or shoving; emotional abuse, such as constant monitoring; or sexual assault. Teens are easily influenced by their early relationships, and the example set by those relationships can have a lasting impact on their lives.

Violent dating relationships can lead to depression, anxiety, drug and alcohol abuse, and thoughts of suicide. Approximately one in ten teenagers report being physically or sexually victimized by a dating partner, while many other victims do not report it at all.

All Americans have a role to play in ending dating violence and fostering safe, healthy environments for teens and young adults.

The Mayor and Township Committee declare February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and encourage all Hillsborough residents to join the campaign and



*Pictured: Committeeman Frank DeCore, Student Representatives from HHS with advisors Rebecca Balaguer and Karen Sare, Mayor Gloria McCauley and Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson*

become concerned about the violence that occurs every day to our country's teens in the hope of reaching a day where no young person knows the pain caused by dating violence.

## Hillsborough High School Hosts 18th Annual Winterguard Festival

On Saturday, February 3rd, the Raiders were host to the 18th Annual Hillsborough High School Winterguard Festival. Over 40 performing groups from the Tri-State area participated.

Mayor Gloria McCauley and Committeeman Carl Suraci were in attendance to help award some of the trophies and were lucky enough to have the opportunity view Hillsborough High School Winterguard's exhibition performance.

The Hillsborough Winterguard's next performance will be at South Brunswick High School on Saturday, March 3 and they will conclude their season with the MAIN Championships at South Brunswick HS on Saturday, April 21.



*Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley and Committeeman Carl Suraci with the HHS Winterguard*

## Hillsborough Township's 2018 Green Living and Wellness Fair Set for Saturday, June 2nd - Save the Date

***In Partnership with the YMCA – 18th Annual Hillsborough YMCA HOP 5K***



"The Annual Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, in conjunction with the Hillsborough YMCA HOP 5K", announced Committeeman Frank DeCore.

The Fair, which will be held rain or shine, is from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building.

Participating local businesses will have informative presentations, displays and demonstrations to raise awareness of the many facets of living a healthy lifestyle, including making sound nutritional choices,

making long-term life planning decisions, choosing a green lifestyle as well as many health screenings.

There will be a poster contest open to all school aged Hillsborough residents to design a "Living Green" themed poster. Submitted posters should communicate a positive message on the benefits of living a Green Lifestyle, on an 8 ½" x 11" size paper. Please include name, address, home phone number, age, grade and school on the back of the poster. Posters must be submitted to the Administration Office by Friday, June 1st at 4:00 pm for consideration for the contest. All participants will receive a certificate of participation from Mayor McCauley and finalist prizes will be presented at a future Township Committee meeting.

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## Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications



### *Hillsborough Based Non-Profit Groups Serving Youth and Seniors Invited to Apply - Deadline is April 5th*

"The Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee will be accepting grant applications beginning February 14th for the first round of grants for 2018," announced Committeeman Greg Burchette, Liaison to the Credit Card Advisory Committee.

"Applications will be made available on the Township website or can be picked up in the Administration Office for any Township based non-profit, senior or youth organizations to apply for grants up to \$2,000 funded through the Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program," continued Committeeman Burchette.

Grant applications can be found on the Township website at [hillsborough-nj.org](http://hillsborough-nj.org) in the [form center](#) or copies are available at the Administration Office. Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, April 5, 2018 to the Administration office to be considered for eligible grant funding.

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## Hillsborough Parks and Recreation 5th Annual Run Around the Park 5K

The 5th annual Run Around the Park 5K hosted by the Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department will take place on Sunday, April 22nd at 9:00am at Ann Van Middlesworth Park, announced Committeeman Frank DelCore, Liaison to Parks and Recreation.

The non-competitive, recreational run is held on trails and through fields of Ann Van Middlesworth Park and is for the whole family.

The event represents a fun way to enjoy Hillsborough's parks and participate in an active lifestyle.

After the run, all participants enter the Finish Line Festival, with music, food, and even more fun.



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## NEW EPISODE of Hillsborough The Good Life! Just Released

***Tune in to Hillsborough's YouTube Channel to view the latest episode of Hillsborough The Good Life!***

Featured in this episode: Recreation Winter Basketball, Shop Hillsborough and scenes from the 2017 Tree Lighting.



## Department Updates

### Building Department

As a reminder, the Building Department is issuing roofing and siding permits at the counter for single family dwellings. Keep in mind when scheduling inspections, the roof must be clear of all snow.

*Roofing & Siding  
Permit Reminders*

### Business Advocate

*Sponsorship  
Opportunity - Run  
Around the Park*



The Hillsborough Township Department of Parks and Recreation is busy making plans for the 5th Annual Run Around the Park, a non-competitive, family friendly 3 mile run/walk through at Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Woodfield Park. Each year, this event brings 150 to 200 people of all ages to participate in the run/walk. In an effort to continuously improve the event while keeping registration fees low, the Department of Parks and Recreation have made various levels of sponsorship available for the

Run Around the Park. By sponsoring the event, your business or organization will gain positive publicity and a sense of community pride. If a business is interested in becoming a sponsor please contact the Recreation Department at 908-369-4832.

### Engineering

*Do you know how  
many miles of  
roadway  
Hillsborough  
Township  
maintains?*

The Engineering Department would like to make residents aware of the many miles of roadways and sidewalks within the Township that needs to be maintained. The public must understand that when a roadway has a pothole or a sidewalk is uneven the Township will temporarily repair the condition as soon as possible, but it needs to be noted that the Township has 530 lane miles of roadways and 115 miles of sidewalk that need to be maintained. To put that in perspective NJ to Maine is approximately 500 miles or NJ to South Carolina is approximately 500 miles so we would like the public to realize the monumental amount of roadway



and sidewalks that require maintenance - by our Public Works and Engineering Departments. With our aging roads and sidewalks the Township Departments are working as best as they can to assist every resident with their roadway and sidewalk concerns.

## Finance

*Final Reminder for  
Dog License  
Renewal*

*2017 Tax Payment  
Information  
Available from Tax  
Collector's Office*

Pet owners are reminded that all dog licenses must be renewed by March 1st, after which a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed and a failure to license ticket may be issued. For those pets who cannot have their rabies vaccine done by March 1st on the advice of your vet please send a note from your vet along with the renewal form and the license will be issued.



By now you should have received the green post card from the Assessor's office. Please be reminded that this card shows the assessed value and taxes billed for 2017. It does not reflect what you paid. The Tax Collector's office would be happy to provide you with a print-out of your 2017 payments via fax, email or mail, so please do not hesitate to contact them for that information.

## Health Department

*February is Heart  
Health Month*

Heart Disease is the number one killer of men and women in the US. Any of these risk factors may increase your risk:

- Family history
- Age- most heart disease occurs in those age 65 and over
- Sex- most cases are in men
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Diabetes



Please check out the [Health Department's Disease Prevention Page](#) for information on how heredity affects your risk for diseases such as heart disease under My Family Health Portrait and "How is Your Heart Hillsborough?", which is an information tool developed by nurses at the Raritan Valley Community College.

It is also important to be aware of the signs of a heart attack. According to the American Heart Association, these signs include:

1. Pain or discomfort in the chest lasting more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. It may feel painful, or like a squeezing, or feeling of fullness in the chest area.
2. Shortness of breath with or without chest pain.
3. Pain or discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
4. Other symptoms may appear such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness

**If you have any of these symptoms, you could be having a heart attack. Call 911.**

## OEM

*Hillsborough  
Township Hazard  
Mitigation Plan  
Update*

Natural hazards have the potential to cause property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. While an important aspect of emergency management deals with disaster recovery (the actions that a community takes to repair damages), an equally important aspect of emergency management involves hazard mitigation - sustained actions taken to reduce long-term risk to life and property. They are things we do today to be more protected in the future. For example, elevating or



acquiring buildings in flood hazard areas, relocating critical facilities out of hazard areas, using fire-resistant construction materials in wildfire hazard areas, etc. Hazard mitigation actions are essential to breaking the typical disaster cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. With careful selection, they can be long-term, cost-effective means of reducing risk and helping to create a more sustainable and disaster-resilient community.

A hazard mitigation plan describes an area's vulnerability to the various natural hazards that are typically present, along with an array of actions and projects for reducing key risks. This project list is known as a "mitigation strategy." While natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring, the continued implementation of mitigation strategies identified in the plan will gradually, but steadily, make our communities more sustainable and disaster-resilient.

[Read More](#)

## Police

### *Project Medicine Drop*

The Hillsborough Police Department would like to remind residents of Project Medicine Drop. Located in the Police Department Lobby is a drop box for the disposal of unwanted medication. Access is available 24 hours a day seven days a week. Protect your loved ones by disposing of unneeded medications. Liquids and hypodermic needles are not permitted.

## Public Works

### *Pothole Repairs*

### *Senior Curbside Pickup*

The Department of Public Works has been putting much of our attention into the pothole repairs throughout the town. Many of the repairs are temporary at best because of the adverse conditions we are working in. Potholes on main roadways will be addressed first then working our way to the development roads.

Senior Curbside Pick - up coupons may be picked up at the Chapter A and B Senior meetings in March or beginning on March 1 at the information desk located at the Municipal Building or the Department of Public Works between 7 am. and 2 pm. located at 21 East Mt. Rd. next to the YMCA.

### **Do NOT Crowd the Plow: Maintain a Safe Distance**

Snowplows are large and operators cannot see directly behind the truck.

- **YELLOW STROBES Means Go Slow! SLOW DOWN** When You See a Snow Plow! Snowplows travel at a slower speed; the most common crashes are motorists hitting the rear end of the plow. Stay alert and watch for a plow's amber strobe lights.
- **Do NOT Pass a Snow Plow on the Right!** Many plows are equipped with a wing plow: a 6-8 foot extension on the right-hand side of the plow. The wing is difficult to see and can do damage to a passing car.
- **Do NOT Pass in a Snow Cloud!** Be sure the road ahead is clear of vehicles or snow drifts before attempting to pass on the left. A snow cloud could be caused by crosswinds or a snowplow, so be patient!
- **REMEMBER: Snow Plows Do More Than PLOW!** Plow trucks also spread salt and deicing agents, and these can spray your car. Maintain a safe distance between your car and the plow truck and be extremely cautious before passing on the left.



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

## Recreation

### *Spring Soccer & Girls Softball Registration*

Spring Soccer League registration and Girls Softball registration are both currently ongoing with registration end dates set for March 2nd.

Hillsborough Recreation hits Instagram (@Hillsboroughrec) with the hopes of providing new and unique looks at the many programs and parks offered in

Run Around the Park

Follow us on Instagram @Hillsboroughrec

town.

Planning is in motion for the 5th Annual Run Around the Park, a non competitive, family friendly 3 mile run/walk through Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Woodfield Park. In an effort to continuously improve the event, Hillsborough Recreation has made various levels of sponsorship available. By sponsoring this event, your organization will gain positive publicity and a sense of community pride. If interested please contact the Hillsborough Parks & Recreation office.

Library



Discover the Luck of the Irish with SCLSNJ this March

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) 10 Library branches will commemorate Irish culture through an exciting series of creative and educational programs during the month of March.

"SCLSNJ is ready to don lucky green to celebrate all things Irish," said Marcela Dunham, SCLSNJ's program coordinator. "Families can enjoy traditional Irish music and dance performed at various locations throughout the Library System. Adults can learn about the history of Saint Patrick and participate in a book discussion of 'Dubliners (This link opens in a new tab)' by James Joyce, led by Professor Timothy Martin from Rutgers University. Our younger patrons can also join in the fun by following the leprechaun's trail and making specially-themed crafts at our participating branches."

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Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

Family Unity Night

Family Unity Night is a free 7-week program for 10 -14 year-olds and their parents/caregivers.

Topics covered will include Communication Skills, Stress Management, Family Fun, and Problem Solving.

February 28th - April 14th, 2018
Session runs from 6:30PM-8:30PM

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

United Way Offers Free Tax Sites

During tax season, United Way of Northern New Jersey works with community partners and IRS-certified volunteers to offer free tax preparation sites across the region. Beginning each February, we assist ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) and those in poverty with this free service.

If you have a simple return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Schedules A & B), you can utilize these free tax sites. Day, evening, and weekend hours are available by appointment only. Sites open in February and remain available through Tax Day\*. Please note: Tax preparation is not available for businesses, stockholders, or landlords.

[Learn More](#)

## "Spring" Receives Planetree Animal Therapy Medal of Honor

Please Join Spring Reigns of Life on the First Day of Spring (Tuesday, March 20th) at 10:30 am in Three Bridges, NJ to honor "Spring", the horse for which Spring Reigns of Life was named.



This date will be a special day of honor for all of us at Spring Reigns of Life (Horses, Humans & Healing 501c3) and Hunt Cap Farms! Help us to pay tribute and respect to a New Jersey horse who recently passed away AND who was just chosen to receive a Medal of Honor by Veterans in the State of New Jersey.

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## Important Dates

### Meeting Dates

February 22, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
February 27, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting

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## 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

### Somerset Valley Players Present "California Suite"

March 2-18, 2018  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm  
Somerset Valley Playhouse

### RoboRaiders Pasta Dinner

Saturday, March 3, 2018  
4:00 to 8:00 PM  
Municipal Building

## HHS Theatre Presents "Pippin"

March 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7 pm  
March 11 at 1 pm  
Hillsborough High School

## SCVTHS PTO Presents Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

Saturday, March 10, 2018  
8 am - 10 am  
Applebees Bridgewater

## Indoor Winter Farmers Market

Saturday, March 10, 2018  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Hillsborough Municipal Building

## 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

## Music of Sinatra and the American Song Book

Saturday April 21, 2018  
7 pm - 9:30 pm  
Hillsborough Municipal Building

## Wildlife Explorer Program at Duke Farms

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

# School News & Updates

## 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](#)

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

## Somerset County News

### March Recycling Calendar

- March's First Saturday of the Month Drop-off event will be held on March 3 from 8 am to 2 pm at the Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater 08807.
- The next free-of-charge Saturday electronic waste drop-off event will be on March 3 from 8 am to 2 pm at the South County Public Works Garage at 410 Roycefield Rd., Hillsborough 08844.
- The first Household Hazardous Waste drop-off in 2018 for Somerset County residents and farmers is Saturday, March 17, from 9 am to 2 pm at the Bernards Township Public Works Garage, located at 277 S. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge 07920.



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## Deadline Nearing to Enjoy Ballpark Community Box

Requests are now being accepted to use the 30-seat community box at the TD Bank Ballpark. To be eligible, applicants should be nonprofits whose client base consists of at least 50 percent Somerset County residents or community organizations that are located in Somerset County or have a facility based in Somerset County that serves the citizens of Somerset County. Applicants should provide a significant community service or volunteer element to Somerset County residents.

"Since the time the ballpark was constructed by the county, one 30-seat community box has been available for the benefit of nonprofits and community organizations," said Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione. "We are pleased to continue the tradition again this year."

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## 5K Race to Wellness - Register by March 13th to get t-shirt

The Somerset County Employee Wellness Committee is partnering with **EmPoWER Somerset** on the fifth annual 5K Race to Wellness and one-mile Fun Walk for county residents on **Saturday, March 24**.

The event will be held (rain or shine) at **9 a.m.** on **Saturday, March 24**, at Duke Island Park, located at 191 Old York Road, Bridgewater NJ 08807. **[Registration and directions can be found here](#)**. The 5K course is USATF certified.



"Each year, the county Employee Wellness Committee and EmPoWER Somerset do a great job of coordinating the 5K Race to Wellness for the benefit of the community," said Freeholder Patricia Walsh. "I encourage residents and county employees to sign up with their friends so they can have a good time while taking advantage of the health benefits of exercise."

Four-time Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs will lead a warm up before the start of the race. Participants who pre-register will pay a \$30 entry fee and those who register by **Tuesday, March 13**, will receive a free long-sleeve t-shirt. The fee for residents age 60 and above or for youth, age 19 and under, is \$20. On the day of the race, registration will increase to \$40. Free goody bags will be distributed, while supplies last, and prizes will be awarded to top finishers. To register online, visit **<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Bridgewater/5KRacetowellness>**.

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### 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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