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Township News

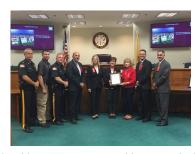
October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease, encourage early detection, and support research to find a cure. While we have seen an increase in mammography rates and a decline in deaths there is more to be done.



October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week

New Jersey has the 6th highest rate of fatal youth drug overdoses in the country. 15 percent of New Jersey teens admit to drinking alcohol for the first time before age 13, compared to 19 percent of teens nationally. 39 percent of teens, ages 12-17, in New Jersey admitted to smoking marijuana at least once daily. The availability



of relatively inexpensive and highly pure heroin in New Jersey has contributed to an increased number of drug-related deaths.

Bentley's Jewelers Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for New Location

On Saturday, September 22nd, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the new location of Bentley's Fine Jewelers. Bentley's, which first opened in 1985 in the Nelson's Corner shopping center, has returned to the shopping center located at the intersection of Route 206 and Amwell Road at 601 Route 206, Unit 15, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.



<u>Hillsborough's Newest Rain Garden</u> Planted

On Sunday, October 6th, the Township's newest rain garden was planted along Hunt Club Road. Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated and to DPW for preparing the site. A special thank you to the two Rutgers Environmental Stewards who designed the rain garden, Gretchen Rotondo and Amy Miller, as part of their Environmental Steward project.



<u>Did You Know Online Ticketing is Available for Hillsborough-NYC Express Bus Service?</u>

Suburban Transit/Coach USA offers Express Service to New York City from Hillsborough. Park for free in the Park & Ride lot at the Hillsborough Promenade shopping center (near Kohl's). Buses depart each weekday at 6:00 am, 6:30 am, 7:00 am and 7:30 am. Return service departs New York at 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm., 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

View Bus Schedule | Purchase Tickets

Looking for an Opportunity to Earn a Property Tax Credit?

The Shop Hillsborough program is growing, with two new merchants recently joining the list of Hillsborough businesses offering a property tax credit or rebate check by simply showing your card.

<u>Sunnyside Gifts</u> at 381 Triangle Rd, Suite 4 is offering shoppers a 3.75% credit while <u>Vella, Singer and Associates</u> is offering clients a 7.5% credit.

The Shop Hillsborough Reward Program combines saving and shopping. Simply present your Shop Hillsborough Reward Card to a participating merchant at the time of purchase and a property credit will automatically be applied to your property tax bill. Not a property owner? Join the program to receive an annual rebate check.



To get started, stop by the Administration Office in the Municipal Building to pick up a card. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Learn More

Resident Spotlight

Meatball Challenge Raises Funds for Multiple Sclerosis

Mayor Gloria McCauley and Committeeman Carl Suraci recently accepted an invitation to participate in a Meatball Challenge fundraiser in support of Multiple Sclerosis, held by Hillsborough residents Steve and Mary Turso (pictured on right with Mayor McCauley and Committeeman Suraci).

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body.



Girl Scouts Hold Pink Pumpkin Painting Party

Pink pumpkins, pink cupcakes and pink crafts! Hillsborough Girl Scouts from Troop 65052 led by Danielle Greco and Christine Bice held their 2nd annual Pink Pumpkin Painting party on Friday, October 5th. Fifty Girl Scouts were in attendance to learn more about breast cancer, make crafts and decorate pumpkins to create a pink pumpkin patch in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



<u>Local Community Groups and Businesses Work Together on 'Fall Facelift' for Woodfern Elementary School</u>

Sponsored by the The YMCA Togetherhood Committee

"I'm really proud of the outcome of this effort and how great everything turned out," beams Karen Briegs, Chair of the Togetherhood Committee. "I'm even prouder of the volunteers and businesses who jumped in to help make this possible." Hillsborough Schools do not have budgets to support improvements to the school grounds beyond basic maintenance.



Township Events

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Operation Take Back

Saturday, October 27, 2018 10 am - 2 pm @ Municipal Building



Howl-O-Ween

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 1

Watch Now!



Township Job Line



Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:

- · School Crossing Guard, Part Time
- Building Maintenance, Part Time
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater
 - Administration/Clerk's Office

More Information | Download an Application

Department Updates

<u>Building</u> <u>Department</u>

Q: I've applied for a permit. How and when will I be notified when it is ready?

A: If you or your contractor have applied for a permit application with the Building Department, you will be notified when the application has been approved and is pending payment. Payment has to be made in order for the permit to become active. If the permit gets voided due to nonpayment, you will have to resubmit a new permit application. When taking out a Building Permit, please remember the Permit will remain open until all Final Inspections have been passed. Don't let open, unfiled, or unpaid permits hold you up if you plan on selling your home or business!

Engineering Department

Grant Money to Help Reduce Township's The Engineering Department strives to save road paving dollars for the Township. The Engineering Department recently applied for 2019 New Jersey Department of Transportation local aid grant. Most grants awarded to a Township are for complete streets which are roadways with all means of transportation such as cars, bikes, and pedestrians. The Township Engineering Department has obtained grants for the Township most years which reduces the cost to local tax papers.

Cost of Road Paving

This year the Engineering Department submitted to NJDOT for a section of Willow Road between Amwell Road & Valinor Road as Phase 1. The balance of Willow Road will be additional phases in future years. Breaking the project into phases maximizes the amount of funding because the NJDOT will only pay up to approximately \$500,000.00 and phase 1 was estimated at approximately \$543,195.00. If awarded the actual road paving will not take place until Fall of 2019 or Spring of 2020 since the NJDOT awards are not granted till summer of 2019. The plans and specifications must be prepared and the project must be public bidded by the Township.

Finance Department

The final tax bills have been mailed. For those property owners who were eligible the 4th quarter reflects the additional homestead benefit. If you have not received your tax bill please contact the Finance office and they will be happy to send you a copy.

Health Department

The Health Department has created a family emergency health plan using our <u>Family Emergency Health Information Form</u>. Make sure your family has up to date vaccinations and that a copy of the vaccination records are stapled to your medical information cards.

Also, the Hillsborough Health Department is still offering a limited number of FREE radon test kits to Hillsborough Township residents. Homeowners may contact Michael Carr at (908) 369-5652 with any questions. Interested residents can obtain a kit at the Health Department Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



Local Drive-Thru Clinics Open for Flu Shots

Please visit the Get Ready for Flu Season page on the Health Department's website for more information on upcoming flu vaccination clinics.



Public Works

Coupons are no longer available for the October 27th Clean Up Day. This will conclude the cleanup program for 2018. Keep an eye on the **Public Works page** on the Township website for information on the 2019 program.

The 2018 Leaf Collection program will begin the first week of November. Please visit the <u>website</u> in upcoming weeks for pick up schedules, which will be posted weekly for the various parts of town.

Recreation

The Fall Brochure is now available online. Click below to view.

Children's Halloween Party: NEW this Fall the Children's Halloween Party will be located at Norz Farm on Thursday, 10/25, from 3:30-5:30 pm. You will be able to take a hayride, tour the pumpkin patch and venture through the children's bale maze. Don't forget to wear your costume!

This years Howl-O-Ween event is scheduled for October 27th, 8:30 am at Ann Van Middlesworth Park. Howl-O-Ween is a great event where residents are able to bring their dogs dressed in costumes to the AVM Dog Park with a chance to win various prizes.



Recreation in-town basketball leagues offered for grades 4th-12th are currently holding registration with league max capacities getting near. Games will be played Saturday mornings for 4th-8th grade while the High School leagues will play on Monday nights. The season is scheduled to begin in the beginning of December. Don't miss out on the fun and signup today!

Social Services

The Social Services Department is sponsoring a driver safety course on Tuesday November 13th, in the senior activities room, cost for AARP members is \$15.00 Non members \$20.00. It is an 8 hour class.

Township Clerk

Mail in Ballots

The Somerset County Clerk's Office, in addition to regular weekday hours of 8:15 am to 4 pm will have extended hours to accommodate those who want to pick up a ballot in person: Wednesday, Oct. 24 and 31, until 6 pm and Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 am to noon.



Applications for <u>mail-in-ballots</u> are available online at http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/CountyClerkElectionDiv or at the County Clerk's Office, located in the lobby of the county Administration Building at 20 Grove St., Somerville.

Completed mail-in ballots can be mailed to the Somerset County Election Board, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876. Ballots also can be dropped off at the Election Board, located next to the County Clerk's Office in the county Administration Building . Mail-In ballots can be returned in person until the polls close at 8 p.m. on election night. Ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and received by the Election Board within 48 hours after the polls close also will be accepted.

Important Dates

Sample ballots will be mailed to all registered voters about a week before the election.

Digital copies are available on the Clerk's website.

October 30 - Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election (not less than 7 days prior to election).

November 5 – by 3:00 p.m. Deadline for In-Person <u>Mail-In Ballot Applications</u> for General Election (up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election) N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

Where do I Vote?

November 6 - Election Day 2018

How to Find Your Polling Location

Before you head to the polls on November 6th, check your sample ballot to see where you vote. Can't find your sample ballot? Use this online <u>Polling</u> Place Locator



Library

SCLSNJ's 3rd Annual Book Lovers Tea

On November 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will host the 3rd annual Book Lovers

Tea at the Hillsborough branch, located at 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough. Library customers will spend the afternoon savoring tempting sweets, learning about books, Shakespeare's kitchen, and feasting in the Renaissance. Food historian Francine Segan will give a talk on fanciful foods, intriguing table manners, etiquette, and unusual dining customs during Elizabethan times. Segan is the author of "Dolce: Italy's Sweets" and "Pasta Modern: New and Inspired Recipes From Italy."

Local Author Day at the SCLSNJ Hillsborough Library branch on Saturday, November 10 from 1-4 p.m. Program Rooms A&B

Meet local authors and learn more about their craft and inspiration. Over 25 writers of adult, young adult and children's books will be in attendance. Author readings, book signings, and books to purchase will be available throughout the afternoon.

Explore the concept of fake news with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) this winter.

Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

Upcoming Events

Parent Education Program

Thursday, November 1st 7-8 pm

Substance Abuse Prevention

Hillsborough Middle School Media Center

Night of Conversation

An interactive Discussion to prevent drug use and promote mental health.

Wednesday, November 14th 7-8:30 pm Hillsborough Municipal Building



Important Dates

October 23rd Township Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

October 25th Planning Board Business Meeting 7:30 pm

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

News You Can Use

Hillsborough VFW Youth Scholarship Programs

Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371 Commander Tom Cellilli announces the Post is now accepting entries to the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen national essay competitions.

Download Entry Forms:

- Patriot's Pen
- Voice of Democracy

Read More



Join Us In Supporting Our Troops Overseas!



On Saturday evening, November 17th at 6:30 pm, the Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO will host our annual "Night of Comedy" fundraiser dinner to be held at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater, NJ. UNICO (www.unico.org) is the largest national Italian-American service organization, which engages in charitable works, supports higher education, and performs patriotic deeds.

Proceeds from this event's gift auction will benefit Operation Shoebox New Jersey. Founded in 2005, Operation Shoebox New Jersey is an all-volunteer grassroots organization dedicated to collecting donated supplies and shipping care packages to U.S. troops based in Iraq, Afghanistan and other Middle East countries. To date, with the generous support of the community, Operation Shoebox has shipped more the 120,000 packages to military personnel abroad.



Download a Donation Form

Community Events

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

Click on flyers for more information

Trunk or Treat

October 27th 5 pm Triangle Road Complex

Princeton Skating Club Open House

October 27th 11:15 am - 1:15 pm Princeton Day School

Veteran Mental Health Webinar

November 1st 12:30 to 1:15 pm

More Info

Bill Turner & Blue Smoke Band Concert

November 3rd

7 - 9 pm Harlingen Reformed Church

Local Author Day

November 10th 1 - 4 pm Hillsborough Library

Vendor Fair

November 14th 6:30 - 9 pm St. Joseph's Church

Annual Craft Fair at the Princeton Elks

December 9th 12 pm - 4 pm 354 Route 518 Skillman

On Sale! New ARIS/HMS 2018-2019
Discount Card - Save Money at Local
Businesses & Support Hillsborough
Students

If you would like to purchase a ARIS/HMS Discount Card, email laura@brightsoftware.com for details, or visit Super Sundaes ice cream shop (near the Post Office).



Somerset County News

Municipal Youth Services Commission Grants Awarded

Polling Locations Now Online

November Recycling Calendar: First Saturday & Drop-offs

County Clerk Extends Office Hours for Mail-in Ballots

Adopt-A-Family Program to Aid Needy Residents

'Project Warm Your Heart' to Collect Winter Clothing for Kids

Local Clinics Offer Flu Shots

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

Recreation Activities Guide

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

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