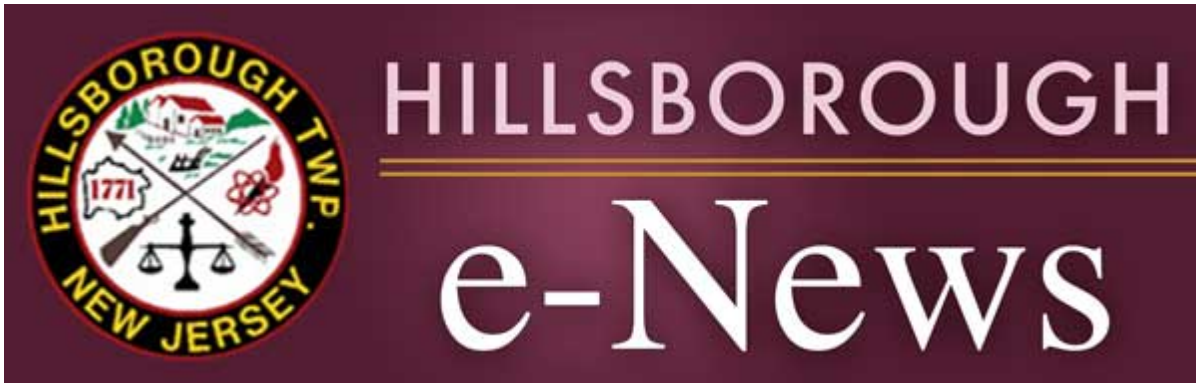


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Road Paving & Closures

- Woodfern Road at the Raritan River Bridge will be closed for repair for approximately 3 weeks. Please plan accordingly and follow the posted detour.



Township News

[Tax Rate Reduced in Township's 2019 Municipal Budget](#)

Hillsborough Township introduced the 2019 municipal budget at the Tuesday June 11th Township Committee meeting, with a tax reduction and a \$397,655 taxpayer savings. After holding flat for 3 consecutive years, the 2018 municipal tax rate was reduced and again for 2019 there will be a reduction.

The public hearing and adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget is scheduled for July 9, 2019.

[Hillsborough High School Student Earns Rank of Eagle Scout](#)

Ian Golden, a Sophomore at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 1776, has recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ian's Eagle Scout project consisted of remodeling a multi-purpose room at the local Oak Spring Girl Scout Camp and coordinating more than 15 volunteers to clean, paint and install flooring, wainscoting, chair railing, shelves and baseboards.



June Designated LGBT Pride Month

The month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are recognized as the catalyst of the LGBT rights movement. The nation was founded upon a set of principles that include every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law.

Hillsborough Township is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination or bullying based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Our community is strengthened by and thrives on our rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identity of all its residents.



June 1st "Healthy Hillsborough" Events Were A Big Success

Hillsborough Family YMCA's Hillsborough Hop 5K and the township's Green Living & Wellness Fair were held on June 1st. These events brought families and the community together to celebrate healthy living.

This year marks the 19th anniversary of the Hillsborough Hop 5K with Mayor Frank DeCore sounding the starting horn. It also marks the 6th anniversary of the Green Living & Wellness Fair.

One Night Only with One of America's Leading Memory Experts

Matthew Goerke is a memory-trainer who's helped corporate executives from numerous fortune 500 companies improve their recall. Mr. Goerke's talk will focus on techniques designed to improve retention and empower the mind.

Your Profession demands that you remember a wealth of knowledge including client information, market data, presentations...and most importantly, names. A simple Slip of the mind can result in thousands of dollars in lost sales or credibility. Fortunately there is a solution. Train your memory!

Your Tickets are now on sale for the next HBA Business Social to be held on Thursday, June 27th at the Highlander Pavilion at the Roycebrook Golf Club from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event will feature Matthew Goerke, a memory trainer who's helped corporate executives from numerous fortune 500 companies improve their recall. Mr. Goerke's talk will focus on techniques designed to improve retention and empower the mind. The price of admission is \$20.50 and includes dinner. A cash bar will be available.

To purchase tickets, please click [here...](#)

Hillsborough Music Festival 2019

This year's festival will take place jointly with Hillsborough Township's annual fireworks event on June 29th. Hillsborough 2019 Family Fun & Music Fest will be held at Auten Road School starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Township's fabulous fireworks display after dark!

[Performer Sign Up](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Sponsors](#)

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Parking and shuttle bus are conveniently located at Hillsborough High School,

starting at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy music, food, kids activities, and a great selection of vendors!

Firefighters from Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #2 Support Our Youth

Firefighters Support Girl Scout Cookie Distribution Day 2019

Girl Scouts in Hillsborough delivered more than 36,300 boxes of cookies to hungry customers in town and around the country. In addition, nearly 2,400 boxes were donated to military personnel through Operation Jersey Cares.

This year, as in many prior years, Hillsborough Fire Company No. 2 offered Girl Scouts the use of the Route 206 Firehouse to support the massive undertaking, clearing out their trucks and equipment on March 9th to make room for more than 2,300 cases of cookies, all staged and organized for pickup by dedicated troop leaders and troop cookie managers.



Firefighters Support Boy Scout Troop 89 Food Bank Donation

Boy Scout Troop 89 has successfully conducted their 2019 annual food drive to support Hillsborough food bank / Hillsborough Community Assistance Network. They reached out to their immediate neighborhood and were able to collect donations of over 50 bags comprised of 260 food and supply items. Troop 89 has been conducting these food drives for over 15 years now. Troop 89 was founded in 1958 and is sponsored by Hillsborough Twp Volunteer Fire Company #2



Hillsborough Township Launches New Online Tool to Support Local Business Growth


New Online Assistant will Allow Entrepreneurs, Businesses and Investors Access to Critical Market Research and Guidance in One Easy Location

Hillsborough Township is pleased to team with award-winning technology firm Localintel to launch the Hillsborough Business & Investment Assistant that will provide businesses, entrepreneurs and investors with online information and advice in an easy to use format in both English and Spanish.

Visit the Hillsborough [Business & Investment Assistant](#) by clicking the image below.

Business & Investment Assistant


The Business and Investment Assistant helps you navigate your way through useful business and investment information. Simply click into the section that interests you.



How-To

Discover useful business and investment tips, and beneficial advice.


LEARN



Indicators

Get to know the local business and investment climate.


ANALYZE



Maps

Analyze the size and location of the local workforce, by relevant sectors.

EXPLORE



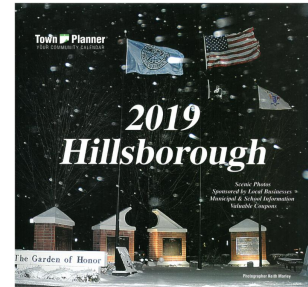
Connect

Explore opportunities to connect with useful business and investment contacts.

CONNECT

[Township to Collect Scenic Photos for the “2020 Hillsborough Calendar”](#)

Individuals interested in submitting photographs for consideration for the 2020 calendar can email their high resolution image, along with a photo release form, to the Township Clerk at pborek@hillsborough-nj.org. The photo release form can be found on the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org. The calendar has limited spaces for photographs so there is no guarantee every one submitted will be used.






HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

INDEPENDENCE DAY

CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

FESTIVITIES START @ 5PM

Auten Road Intermediate School

Shuttle Buses from High School start at 4:30 pm

Rain Date June 30th



[Hillsborough Township's 2019 Independence Day Celebration, Music Fest and Fireworks Set for Saturday, June 29th](#)

Mayor Frank DelCore announced at Tuesday's meeting that the Hillsborough Independence Day Fireworks Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 29th.

"We are pleased to announce the combination of the Fireworks Celebration with the Hillsborough Music Fest this year," added Mayor DelCore.

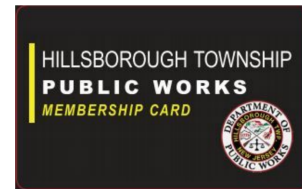
This years celebration will feature:

- Fireworks
- Food Tent
- Free inflatable amusements available from 5pm to 8pm
- Free Dunk Tank
- Pay to Play Boardwalk Games
- DJ and live performances for musical entertainment from 5pm to 9pm



Clean Up & Brush Drop Off Program Registration Available Online

Hillsborough Residents Only
Questions? Contact DPW 908-369-3950
dpw@hillsborough-nj.org



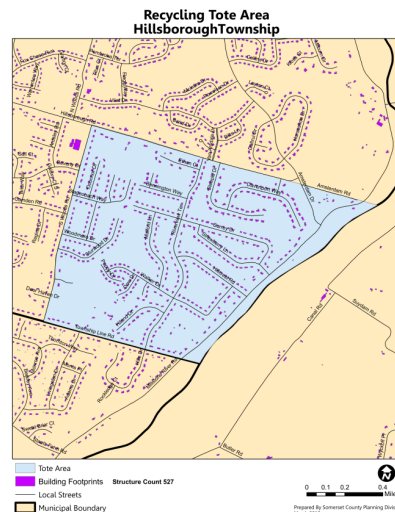
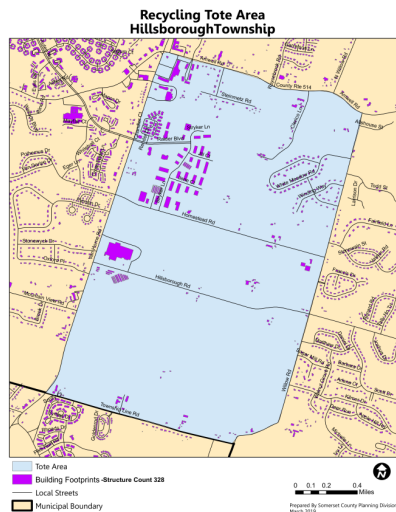
Register Now

Please Note: You will receive your membership card at the gate at your first scheduled clean up date.

Dual Stream Recycling Program Expanding to Include More Hillsborough Neighborhoods

The Somerset County Recycling Division is providing two 65-gallon wheeled recycling totes to residents. Each tote has a different color lid (yellow and lime green). Stickers on the lids indicate what materials are to be placed in the totes. Regular scheduled pickups with the new totes will begin on your next scheduled recycling date after delivery of totes. The tote with the lime green lid is for the cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the yellow lid is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.

Check the maps below to see if your neighborhood is included in this phase.



Shop Hillsborough Reward Program

Shop Shop at a variety of merchants

Save Save money through property tax credit or rebate check

Support Support our local merchants

Shop Local and Receive Discounts

The Shop Hillsborough Property Tax Reward Card Program Combines Saving and Shopping.

Simply present your Shop Hillsborough Card to a participating merchant at the time of purchase and a property credit will be applied to your property tax bill or receive an annual rebate check as a renter or visitor.

Find participating businesses and discover monthly deals.

Reward Cards are available at the Hillsborough Township Administrative Office
www.hillsboroughbusiness.org

Shop Hillsborough
PROPERTY TAX REWARD PROGRAM

shop in town-earn property tax credits

Register Your Card Today!

Register your Shop Hillsborough Card at www.propertytaxcard.com using the ID Number and Pin from the back of your card.

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!



Department Updates

Building

Construction season is upon us! Make sure to obtain all prior approvals before submitting permit applications to the Building Department. Once you receive your Construction Permit, it is important to get all of your Inspections. Permits will remain open until all Final Inspections have passed. This is important to remember, especially when selling your home!

Business Advocate

Registration Now Open for Restaurant Week and Hillsborough Harvest

Registration for Hillsborough Restaurateurs is now open to participate in the second annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week beginning on Tuesday, August 20th running through Sunday, August 25th. Go to Hillsboroughbusiness.org and click on Restaurant Week to register.

Calling all Hillsborough Farmers. Hillsborough Township has created Hillsborough Harvest, a campaign promoting the value of Hillsborough farms and local products. Participating farms will be featured on the Hillsborough Harvest page on Hillsboroughbusiness.org where they can advertise their local products and events for free. Please contact David Kois, Business Advocate / Sustainability Director at (908) 369-4313, Ext 7106 or dkois@hillsborough-nj.org to participate.

Engineering

If you live in a new development you know there is construction activity around you. New developments are nice but along with the new home is construction equipment, materials, dust noise, mud, etc.

The Engineering Department makes every effort to keep this construction activity away from the occupied homes, but new home construction does have all the nuisance activities as listed.

The Township ordinances require construction activity be limited from 7am to 7pm Monday through Saturday. There should be no construction activity on Sundays except for private homeowners.

If any resident sees construction activity past these hours they should bring it to the attention of the Engineering Department or the Police Department.

Finance

The 2018-2019 Shop Hillsborough credits have been applied to the 3rd quarter property taxes. This year, there were 520 properties that received these credits for a total of \$12,258.91. Property owners will see their credit when the 3rd quarter tax bills are mailed in early July.

Health

Measles Update

Over 800 people in 23 states have been affected by measles this year. Most of those cases have been in the New York metro area, in very close proximity to Hillsborough. In order to prevent the spread of measles, and to protect our vulnerable population, anyone who is exposed to measles may be quarantined for several weeks if they do not have proof of vaccination or immunity.

Please be ready. Have your vaccination records handy. If you don't know whether or not you were vaccinated, or if you have immunity from having the disease, please talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated, boosted, or having a blood test to prove immunity. The vaccination has been studied thoroughly for many years, and it is over 90% effective (2 vaccines are 97% effective). Please help to protect yourself and your community. Be ready.

For more details about measles, please see the NJ Department of Health website: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/measles.shtml.

Dog Licenses

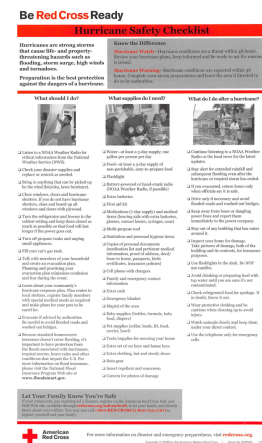
Reminder to Hillsborough Township residents who own dogs: Please be advised that dog licensing is required by NJ law and by local ordinance. Hillsborough requires annual dog license registration. We will continue to conduct a canvass for unlicensed dogs. Please license your dogs immediately for 2019, and avoid a fine. See the website and go to "How do I?" or go to "Animal Alley" under the Health Department.

OEM

Hurricane Season is Upon Us

June 1st marks the beginning of Hurricane Season and although New Jersey isn't overly susceptible to direct paths of hurricanes, preparedness is always key. Visit the OEM website for tips to prepare for hurricane season.

Download this Hurricane Safety Checklist from the Red Cross.



Flood water and Flash Floods - Reminder to residents - Turn Around - Don't Drown

Remember:

- DO NOT drive onto a flooded roadway
- DO NOT go around barriers
- DO NOT drive through flowing water. If you approach a roadway that is flooded, TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.
- Drive with extreme caution if roads are even just wet or it is raining. You can lose control of your vehicle if hydroplaning occurs, which is when a layer of water builds up between your

tires and the road, causing there to be no direct contact between your vehicle and the road.

Police

Social Security Administration Scam

Scam artists go to great lengths in an attempt to obtain your personal information. Below is a link from the Social Security Administration regarding one of the current scams:

<https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-releases/may17-advisory>

Never provide your contact information to the caller. Ask for a call back number. Do not automatically enter your information into the key pad. Only provide such information on a call that you initiate with the respective agency.

To report a possible Social Security scam, visit the website below:

<https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness>

Never leave a child unattended in a car

Never leave a child unattended in a car. Not even for a minute. Always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them. Warn your children about playing in and around cars.

Left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, a child is in danger of:

- Abduction.
- Injury.
- Dehydration.
- Death.

If reported to the Police you will be referred to the Department of Child Protection and Permanency and may face criminal charges.

Public Works

The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that the rainy weather has some of the basin and roadside mowing behind schedule. Thank you for your patience as we are closer to catching up with these tasks.

Public Works managers were out meeting with Branchburg Township DPW officials this past week regarding the upcoming high performance chipseal road surface treatment program. Branchburg is having their program begin now and it has been a help to have good neighbors as they offer their advice on how to make the program as successful as it can be.

Preparations for Hillsborough's surface treatment program will begin within the next month.

Recreation

Community Connections

The Recreation Department is excited to announce a new program. Children currently in grades first through eighth can travel to Legend Equestrian in Hillsborough each day to learn about HORSES! Learn about safety on and around horses, barn management, basic anatomy, different horse breeds, grooming, saddle types, tack and harness, and different styles of riding. Practice horsemanship basics and learn about hippo-therapy, an exciting branch of physical therapy. Participants will also enjoy all the other camp activities like a variety of games, arts and crafts. More details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website hillsboroughnjrecreation.org under the Summer Sports Camp page.

Attention Hillsborough Residents 60 & Over. Looking for something fun to do this summer, look no further!

Come join some of Hillsborough's most youthful residents in a fun filled week of activities and trips at the 2019 J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) camp.

During the week of July 22-25 join us for a light breakfast followed by activities each day such as bocce tournaments, barbecues, movies and much more! Registration begins on Friday, June 14th and can be done at the Recreation Office.



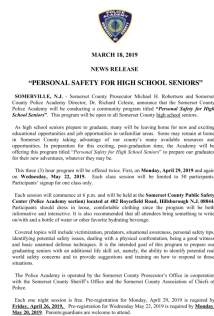
Social Services

Christmas In July

Take a break from the heat, and join us as we celebrate a fun filled day in the spirit of the Holidays. Bridgeway Senior Healthcare will be hosting our first Christmas in July with lunch, games and presents. Free admission, but you must register no later than July 8 in the Social Services Office.

Municipal Alliance

FREE Police Youth Week program from **July 15 - 19, 2019** for Somerset County high school students. Please see the attached flyer.



Library

[Take the Summer Reading Challenge - Somerset County Libraries and Businesses Partner to Promote Literacy County-Wide](#)

[Friends of the Library Summer Blowout Book Sale Going On Now!](#)

[All Somerset County Library branches will be closed on Sunday June 16th for Father's Day.](#)

[NJ Family names Hillsborough branch of the Somerset Library System best in Somerset County.](#)

News You Can Use

[CORE Volleyball Hillsborough 12U Girls Secure Bid to USA Volleyball Junior National Championship](#)

[DEP Encourages Residents To Take Steps To Improve New Jersey Air Quality](#)

[Apex Sports and Events Welcomes Local Partners](#)

Opening in Fall 2019, Apex Sports & Events is the state-of-the-art sports and events destination

in Hillsborough, New Jersey. With the first phase, Apex Sports & Events has officially signed on a few local groups looking to bring programming to the facility. Hillsborough Parks and Recreation, Jr Raiders, Hillsborough Soccer Club, and Leading Edge Lacrosse will be among the organizations that will have a large presence at the complex starting in September.

Important Dates

June 17th	Youth Services Commission	6:30 pm
June 18th	Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee	6:30 pm
June 27th	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm
July 9th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

[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

Hillsborough Rotary Vegas Casino Night

June 15th
7pm - 11pm
Royce Brook Golf Club

Free Men's Health Fair

June 20th
11am - 1:30pm
Somerville Elks

5th International Day of Yoga

June 22nd
Registration starts 8:45am
Yoga Class starts 9:30am
Dev-Yoga



Blood Drive

June 25th
12:30 pm - 6 pm
Bridgeway Senior Healthcare

Horseback Riding Camps

Beginning July 8th
Register at hillsboroughnjrecreation.org

Hillsborough Community Night at the Patriots

July 13
TD Bank Ballpark, Somerset, NJ

Wildlife Explorers Summer STEAM Program

July 15-26
Duke Farms

Hillsborough Rotary Fair

August 13-17

Somerset County News

[Register Now for Teen CERT Training](#)

[Free Document Shredding for Somerset County Residents](#)

[Senior Centers Announce June Activities](#)

[June Recycling Calendar: First Saturday, E-waste & Household Hazardous Waste Drop-offs](#)

[Watch for Those Orange Curbing Hunger Bags It's the 25th Annual Food Drive, Donate and Help Kick Hunger to the Curb](#)

[Somerset County Adopts 2019 Budget](#)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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Recreation Activities Guide

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

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