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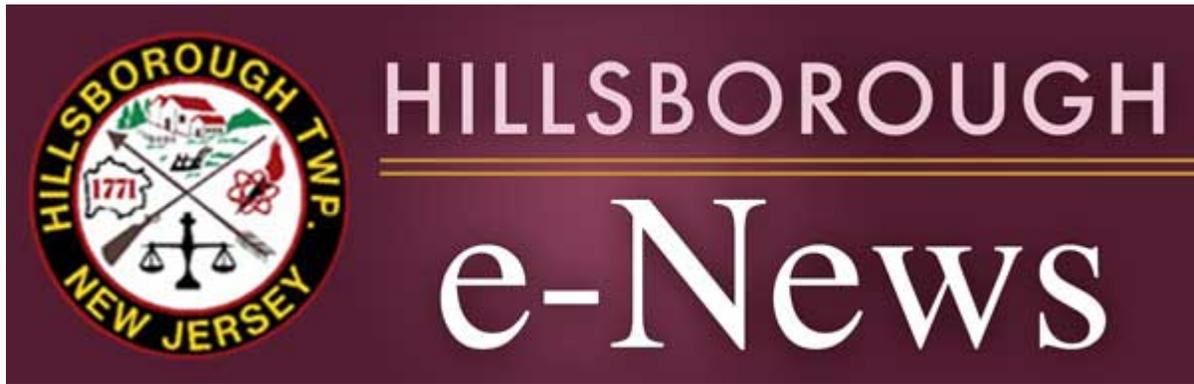
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Mountainview Road will be closed for utility work on
Wednesday February 20 from 8 am - 4 pm.
It will be open to local traffic only.

Township News



[Township Committee Shows Appreciation for Outgoing Mayor McCauley](#)

Each year since 2005, it has been the tradition of the Township Committee to honor the outgoing Mayor with a commemorative gift honoring their Mayoral term. At the January 22nd Township Committee meeting 2019 Mayor Frank DelCore presented 2018 Mayor Gloria McCauley with her commemorative gavel.



[Health Officer, Dr. Glen Belnay, Retires After 45 Years of Service](#)

The Hillsborough Township Committee recognized Dr. Glen Belnay for his outstanding service to Hillsborough Township for the past 45 years during the February 12th Township Committee Meeting. The Township Committee, along with all the municipal employees, thank Dr. Glen Belnay for his service to the residents of Hillsborough and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.



[Hillsborough Goes Red for Women's Heart Health](#)

The American Heart Association's signature women's initiative, Go Red for Women, is a comprehensive platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally.

In the support of the initiative, Hillsborough Township's Health Department is offering a free blood pressure clinic on Thursday, February 21 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the side multipurpose room. This clinic is for township residents over the age of 18.



[Hillsborough Township Recognized by New Jersey Alliance for Action in Conjunction with Somerset County for Route 206 Bypass](#)

Hillsborough Township was recently honored at the New Jersey Alliance for Action's "New Jersey's Leading Infrastructure Projects" awards ceremony. This program was created to highlight innovative, pioneering and landmark construction initiatives that greatly impact the state's economy and to honor the businesses and organizations that work together as partners to ensure the project's success.



[Township Committee Partners with Hillsborough 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 Frank DelCore 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 so Hillsborough students can participate in this scholarship competition," announced Mayor Frank DelCore at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

Annual Fire Commissioners Election to be Held on Saturday, February 16th From 2-9pm at the Municipal Building



There are Two (2) three (3) year commissioner positions open and three (3) people running for these positions:

- Marian Fenwick-Shaffer
- Jeffrey J. Mitchell
- Charles T. Nuara

Four (4) questions on the ballot

1. Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, operate for the year 2019 with a budget of \$3,238,782 and an amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,711,665?
2. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$280,000 for the purchase of a fire truck?
3. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$160,000 for the purchase of a fire investigation vehicle?
4. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$75,000 for the purchase of firefighter gear?

February 19th is the Deadline for Voter Registration for the School Referendum

Hillsborough residents who are not currently registered to vote are reminded that the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming March 12, 2019, school referendum is February 19, 2019. Residents will be asked to vote on Hillsborough Township Public Schools' plan to invest in the future of the district by implementing a full-day kindergarten program as well as assisting the Board in laying out a plan for long-term financial stability.

To obtain a voter registration form, please visit the New Jersey Division of Elections [website](#).

Important Dates:

February 19, 2019 -- Voter registration deadline

March 5, 2019 -- Deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot by mail

March 11, 2019 -- Deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot in person (may be done until 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election at the County Clerk's office)

March 12, 2019 -- Referendum Date

March 12, 2019 -- Deadline for post office receipt of mail-in ballots as well as deadline for in-person submission (by 8:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's office)

Additional details and referendum information are available on the district website at www.https.us.

Shop Hillsborough Program Improvements Coming Soon

New improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program. Fincredit, the administrator of the program, is upgrading the system and replacing terminals with new scanners that will make it even easier for shoppers to earn tax credits or cash rebates.

Forgot your card? Not a problem, just tell the participating merchant your phone number.

See how quickly your rewards add up by checking the balance in your account at www.propertytaxcard.com.

Visit www.hillsboroughbusiness.org for future announcements.



February Deals of the Month
Meet the Merchant: Fruity Yogurt

[Complete Survey to Enter Random Drawing for \\$50 Gift Certificate to Hillsborough Restaurant](#)

Rain Garden Survey Focuses on increasing adoption of Green Infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water

Since 2014, Hillsborough Township has collaborated with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension on a 319(h) Clean Water Act Grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on several projects that has engaged the community to adopt green infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water in the Royce Brook.



**COMPLETE SURVEY
RECEIVE CHANCE
TO WIN \$50
GIFT CERTIFICATE**

**A Hillsborough Mayors Wellness & Ridewise, Inc. Collaboration
The Benefits of Walking and How to Approach Long-term Fitness**



**Tuesday, February 26th
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Conference Room A)**

Presentation followed by an optional "1,000 step walk" around the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building

The program is free and open to the community. To register please visit the Hillsborough Township Mayors Wellness page at

<http://www.hillsborough-nj.org/government/mayor/wellness/>

Presented by Mike Schatzki, creator of the No Sweat Couch Potato Recovery Program

ridewise.org recoveringcouchpotato.org

RideWise connects people and businesses to safe and sustainable travel options that enhance quality of life and create a vibrant economy.



Register Now

Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 2

Watch Now!



Department Updates

Building Department

The Building Department is excited to announce the implementation of a new computer operating system. During the transition, we ask for your patience. On February 28th, the Building Department will be open, but will be unable to accommodate any computer-based operations for this day only. (i.e. scheduling inspections, issuing permits, printing of construction-related documents...) We are working diligently to continue the highest level of customer service. Please make sure to plan accordingly.

The Building Department is also extending the amnesty program to residents and business owners, running until February 28, 2019. This program will excuse residents and business owners from getting penalized for having open permits, having previous work done without permits, failing to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, and/or have an expired Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. If you visit the Building Department within this allotted time frame, we will assist you with gaining compliance for your projects. Permit fees will still be applicable but, again, you will not be penalized for noncompliance.

Please contact the department with any further questions.

Business Advocate

Save the date! On April 11th the HBA and Affinity Federal Credit Union will host a joint networking event. Stay tuned for more details.

As a reminder, new improvements were made to Shop Hillsborough. Fincredit the administrator of the program is upgrading the system by replacing terminals with android devices, which will allow merchants to scan a QR code. The merchants will use these devices to process your property tax credits. Please visit www.hillsboroughbusiness.org for directions to download your cards QR code onto your smartphone or physically attach to your card. Additionally, Merchants will need to input your registered phone number or card ID. The new system is totally paperless, therefore a receipt will be sent to your registered email address. Remember, you can always check your balance in your account at www.propertytaxcard.com

Engineering

The Engineering Department reminds residents that sump pump piping must be properly discharged. Due to the extreme weather conditions of wet/rain then freezing cold temperatures, the Engineering Department has received numerous calls about sump pump discharges icing and impacting the roadways.

The Township understands that the use of sump pumps is necessary during times of wet/rain conditions, however, if the sump pump discharge ices the roadway the Township may ask that you relocate it to prevent the danger. It is acceptable for the discharge to ice the shoulder / gutter of the roadway (the first 3-4 feet). only if it does not extend into the traveled way or create safety concerns to motorists.

In some cases, sump pump discharge to the shoulder or gutter of the roadway may be better than pumping on lawns which may flow toward adjoining downhill homes. Neighbors should work together to minimize impacts during extreme weather conditions.

Refer to [Township Code for § 341-8: Discharge of stormwater](#) for more information.

Finance Department

Pet owners are reminded that March 1st is the deadline for renewing your dog license without incurring a late fee. Your dog's rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019. If your vet feels it is too soon to vaccinate your pet, please provide a note stating that, and the license can be issued. Don't forget that you can renew your dog's license online at no cost at www.hillsborough-nj.org, under the "How Do I" section.

Health Department

Radon Kits

Free Radon Test Kits are still available! The local health departments in Somerset County (Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership) have agreed to designate January as Radon Action Month. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that can be emitted from naturally occurring rocks and soil that contain uranium and radon. The Hillsborough Health Department will continue to distribute free radon test kits to Hillsborough Township residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents can call the Health Department at 908-369-5652 or stop in the Health Department between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm to get a kit. Please see further information on the health website.



Police



Residents are reminded to protect themselves from becoming a victim of personal property and identity theft in their vehicles

- Keep your vehicles locked at all times
- Remove all valuables, especially personal identity items
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle lock them in your trunk or your glove box
- Keep your valuables out of sight
- It is always better not to leave valuables in your car

Public Works

Public Works has filled over 2,500 potholes from the end of December to the present time. Main roadways are of course a priority as the higher speeds create a more significant impact when a pothole is struck. Despite the wet weather, the department is doing the best that can be done as these conditions compromise the quality of the patch.

The Annual Clean up campaign will begin soon. We are working with a new online provider to facilitate the registration system for the Township Clean Up which takes place at our Auten Rd site. Online registration will be available starting in March.

Seniors 65 and older will be able to pick up their coupons for the Curbside Clean Up at the Public Works building between the hours of 8am and 2pm Monday through Friday starting March 1st.

Residents are reminded to visit the Public Works link on the Hillsborough Township Website for all information pertaining to the department including upcoming programs.

Recreation

Registration Open

- Spring Soccer Registration is open until March 8th for boys and girls aged 3 and up.
- Also open for registration is our girls softball league. Girls softball is open to all girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Want to try Yoga? We now offer single day registration for Monday classes only. The cost is \$15 per class. [Register online](#) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Visit the Parks and Recreation website hillsboroughnjrecreation.org for more details.

Spring is just around the corner and the 2019 Parks and Recreation Spring Activities Guide is full of great programs for all ages. Tennis, Golf, Skateboarding, Adult Volleyball and Bocce are just a few of the many activities we offer. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

Want to keep your kids active this summer? Send them to the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. Our camps run from June 24th through August 16th for children aged 5-13. We also offer Tiny Camp for 4 and 5 year olds who have not finished Kindergarten. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

Social Services

Community Assistance Network - Update

Did you know: If you are a Hillsborough Resident and are in need of non-perishable groceries and toiletry products, you may be eligible for assistance from the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network.

Here is how it works: Present the appropriate identification to show proof of residency.

What you will receive on the initial visit: You will be provided 2 bags of non-perishable groceries and 1 bag of toiletry items.

Some additional information: Please contact the Social Services department 908-369-3880 to schedule an appointment

Sustainable Hillsborough

Since 2014, Hillsborough Township has collaborated with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension on a 319(h) Clean Water Act Grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on several projects that has engaged the community to adopt green infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water in the Royce Brook. Numerous projects were completed including the municipal complex rain gardens, rain garden rebate program, Wescott & Amwell Road detention basin retrofit, and phase I of the foxchase pond restoration project. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension is inviting participants to take a survey. The purpose is to determine the influence of incentives and barriers to the residential rain garden rebate program and impacts of the rain garden rebate program in Hillsborough, along with any influence of municipal rain gardens. Participants who complete the survey will receive a chance for a random drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local Hillsborough restaurant, The Landing restaurant. To take the survey, an email will be sent out to Hillsborough Township e-News subscribers or visit www.sustainablehillsborough.com.

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Library

SCLSNJ Create Valentines for Veterans



Marketing for Your Small Business

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 27
7-8 p.m., Program Room II

Explore how to use Facebook more effectively to develop relationship marketing and grow your business with social media expert Kim Pearlstein.

Register at sclsnj.org or contact the information desk at 908-688-4400 ext. 8423



Photograph attached (DSCN1148 (1).jpg): Throughout the month of January patrons and staff at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Hillsborough Library branch made over 200 valentines for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Lyons. Pictured is Brandon Campbell, 3, of Hillsborough crafting a Valentine for a veteran. For more Valentine's Day crafts and programs at your Library System visit: sclsnj.libnet.info/events.

Social Media Marketing for Your Small Business

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February 27, 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, located at 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough.

[Register Now](#)

Township Job Line



Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Police Officer
- Plumbing Inspector

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

Important Dates

February 26th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
February 28th	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

Raritan Headwaters Seeks Volunteers for Annual Stream Cleanup

Below are sites in the Hillsborough area with links for registration and the exact location.

- Site 14: [Three Bridges](#)
- Site 16: [Neshanic Station](#)
- Site 18: [Old York Road](#)
- Site 35: [Darby Tract](#)
- Site 38: [North Branch Church](#)
- Site 44: [Basilone Park](#)



Raritan Headwaters

29th Annual
STREAM CLEANUP

SATURDAY
APRIL 13th
9 am - 12 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It only takes three hours to make a big impact.

Register at raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup
Questions?
Contact Jeff Geist at streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org

[All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates](#) | [Community Events](#) | [Library Events](#)

AARP Tax-Aide

Free Tax Help!

For taxpayers with low- and moderate-income,
with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Free Preparation of federal and state income tax returns
plus help filling out PTR-1 and PTR-2 forms will be
provided from February 1 thru April 15th.

**For appointment call:
908-541-5710**

6 sites in Somerset County

Hillsborough site is Somerset Emergency Training Academy
(SEMTA) 402 Roycefield Rd

All ages and income levels are welcome, however
special attention will be given to seniors.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with
the IRS and the New Jersey Department of Taxation.

Hillsborough Vol. Fire Co. 3 to hold 20th Annual Golf Outing

The Woods Road Fire Company will be holding their 20th annual golf outing on Monday June 10, 2019, at Royce Brook Country Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey.

To those who have so generously supported us in the past, we offer a heartfelt thank you and hope that you can once again join us this year. To those of you who haven't previously participated in our outing, we hope you strongly consider joining us. As most of you know, we're a completely volunteer fire company. This fundraiser represents one of our more significant annual fundraising events. In the past, proceeds from the event have helped us address regular building maintenance, deferred maintenance, capital improvements, and retention and recruitment efforts. To say the least, we could not continue doing what we do without your assistance. The attachment provides additional information on how you can participate. We hope you can join us this year for what promises to be a great event. For additional information please email deputychief@hillsboroughfire3.org

[Download Registration Form](#)

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

HHS Band Orchestra Pajama Concert

Somerset County News

[Nominations Sought for Excellence in the Arts Awards](#)

[Deadline Nearing to Win Ballpark Box Seats Don't Lose Out, Enter Drawing by Feb. 15](#)

[Somerset County Offers Free Disaster-Preparedness Course Think Safety – Plan, Prepare, Protect](#)

[County Clerk Expands Services During Extended Office Hours](#)

[Is Identity Theft Keeping You Up At Night? Free Document Shredding for Somerset County Residents](#)

[Outstanding Women to Be Honored at March 29 Dinner Advance Reservations Due March 1](#)

[County Emergency Services Training Academy Offers Courses for Everyone First Responders, Organizations, Industry and Residents](#)

[Tax Counselors Ready to Help Out This Tax Season Appointments Available Through April 15](#)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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