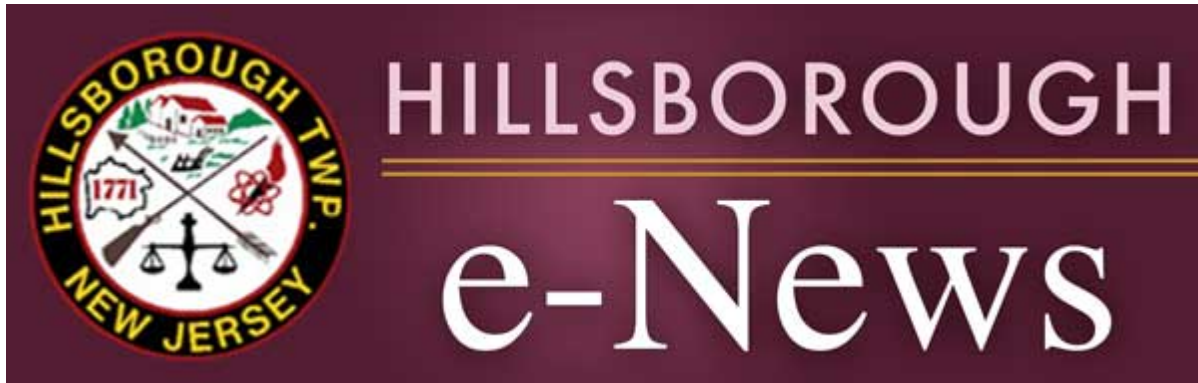


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Township News

[Hillsborough Police Officers Recognized for Life Saving Efforts](#)

Hillsborough Police Officers Joseph Bastardo, Patrick Farrell, Brian Gorka, Craig Heindrichs and Christopher Engelhardt have all been awarded the Department CPR Lifesaving Award by Hillsborough Township Police Chief Darren Powell for being instrumental in reviving victims.



[Hillsborough Township Recognizes 2018 Top Cops](#)

Each year the Hillsborough Township Police Department selects "Top Cops", one from each Patrol Squad, to be recognized for their exceptional performance for the previous year. The award recipients are determined based on a score devised from the Annual Job Performance Evaluations, along with a ranking achieved from their respective supervisors and peers.



[Rutgers Cooperative Extension Recognized by Mayor and Township Committee](#)

At the March 26th Township Committee Meeting, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension was recognized for its efforts to reduce flooding

and clean the water of Royce Brook. The Township Committee also recognized Patricia Rector for her outstanding efforts in disconnection of stormwater, aquatic invasive species and youth and water programming.



Collaboration Between Hillsborough High School Students and HTPD to Create K9 Unit Logo

It was late in 2007 when Hillsborough Township initiated its first K9 Officer in the Township's Police Department, as a result of contributions from the Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance and Duke Farms. That generous donation yielded Fritz, who was known around Hillsborough Township as Officer Raider, was Hillsborough Township's first K9 Officer. He was a German Shepard that came to the Township via Hungary. K9 Officer Raider assumed his service role with the Township in 2008 and proudly served the residents and visitors of Hillsborough Township until his retirement in 2014.

Now, with two working K9 Officers, Hillsborough officially has a K9 Unit. In a collaborative effort between Officer Engelhardt and Miss Carlin Dunne, Applied Technology Teacher at Hillsborough High School, a logo contest for one of her classes was initiated. The result was some very creative and thought-provoking logos for the K9 Unit. The contest involved creating a front pocket sized logo and then a larger one for the back to be adorned on T-shirts and sweatshirts.

And the winners are.....Front Winner-Leigha Giranda and Back Winner-Logan Miller.



Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications

Hillsborough Based Non-Profit Groups Serving Youth and Seniors Invited to Apply - Deadline is April 1st

"The Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee will be accepting grant applications beginning March 4th for the first round of grants for 2019," announced Mayor Frank DelCore.

"Applications will be made available on the Township website (www.hillsborough-nj.org) 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 Mayor DelCore.

Hillsborough UNICO Celebrates St. Joseph's Day

The Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO celebrated the Festa di San Giuseppe on March 12, 2019 to benefit the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (CAN). Held at Caffè Piazza Restaurant, 649 Route 206, this event had many Italian specialties for all the attendees and the benediction and blessing of fava beans was done by Father John Rozembajgier of Mary Mother of God RC Church. It was the most attended St.

Joseph's day event since the beginning of the chapter ten years ago and had the most food donated by attendees. Live Italian music was enjoyed by all. For more information about Hillsborough UNICO and if interested in joining our chapter please view our website at www.HillsboroughUNICO.com.



Pictured: Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (CAN) reps Bob Wagner, Marcy Palinkas and Eva Hewitt, UNICO Hillsborough President Nate Santaromita, and VP Anthony Ferrera

First Shredding Event of 2019 to be held on March 30th

Each year, Somerset County offers residents a free document-shredding program at various locations around the county.

This year's kick-off shredding event will be held on March 30th at the Somerset County Public Works South County Facility at 410 Roycefield Road in Hillsborough.

Shredding events are held on 10 Saturdays through the "Operation Secure Shred" program, rain or shine. All shredding events are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they leave and the event is over for the day.



The 2019 Operation Secure Shred program will run from March 30, 2019 to November 9, 2019.

Hillsborough Business Association To Host a Night of Networking

April 11, 2019

Registration Now Open
Limited Space Available

Register Now

Shop Hillsborough

New improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program to 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.



[March Deals](#)

Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!



Department Updates

Building Department

Spring is here, a popular time of year for deck and pool installations. Make sure to obtain any required prior approvals from Zoning and Engineering before submitting your application to the Building Department. There are handouts available for both Pools and Deck applications in the Building Department. If you have any further questions please contact the Building Department.

Business Advocate

Night of Networking Registration is now open - for the the HBA and Affinity Federal Credit Union will host a joint networking event - April 11th.

Engineering

The Engineering Department would like to report they are preparing the bids for the 2019 Road Paving Program. This is a very aggressive paving program being done this year and the bids should be completed in the next few weeks. Typically, the bidding process which includes a review of contractor references, bonding, insurance, contract signing and scheduling is approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Actual paving should begin sometime in May/June. Notices will be sent out a week or so in advance of paving to keep residents aware since their driveway access may be limited during the construction.

Finance Department

The first payment by the State of New Jersey for the Homestead Benefit has been received and applied to your May taxes. You will be receiving a small pink bill in the mail this week which reflects the new amount due for your 2nd quarter taxes. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, they have been notified as well.

Health Department

The Health Department reminds us that March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal Cancer is cancer of the large intestine (colon) and rectum. It is the second most deadly cancer in men and women behind lung cancer. Colorectal cancer can develop over time and with early detection can be cured. When abnormal growths called polyps are removed early enough, they will not develop into invasive cancer.

Although some people can get colorectal cancer at a younger age, a risk factor for this cancer is being over age 50. Therefore, the American Cancer Society recommends that all men and women age 50 and over get screened for colorectal cancer. Heredity can also put you at risk, so if someone in your family developed this cancer, you may be at a higher risk. Other predisposing risk factors can be found in the online links found in the Health Department website under "disease prevention".


For those on Medicaid or without medical insurance, the Zufall Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center, located at 71 4th Street in Somerville offers cancer screening tests for reduced cost or free. Their phone number is 908-526-2335.

OEM

Spring is the time when planting and excavating begins. It is important to remember that Call Before You Dig is the law. A center has been established to triage requests - they are open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The phone number to call is 811 or 1-800-272-1000.

Also - just making our residents aware that if you see emergency services activity near the Hillsborough High School next week, specifically Thursday April 4th - please do not be alarmed - it is the Every 15 minutes program, bringing awareness to the dangers of driving while under the influence.

Public Works



NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

In 2012, approximately 300,000 trees were lost to disease and damage. The New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign is a partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the NJ State Forestry Service. The campaign focuses on "planting trees to honor lives and communities who lost their urban canopy in the wake of Hurricane Sandy."

As reported by the Arbor Day Foundation, more than 300,000 trees have been distributed to date and many more are still needed. Hillsborough Township has partnered with these organizations to provide our residents with seedlings to replace missing trees.

On April 27th between 2pm and 5pm, Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works will distribute 1" - 2 1/2" high bare root tree seedlings to residents at our Auten Road Facility. Each resident can receive up to 3 seedlings. Seedlings are limited and distributed on a first come, first served basis. You do not need to be registered for the annual clean up program in order to obtain the seedlings. Hillsborough residents will be required to show proof of residency upon entering the site.

More information on the program and [planting instructions](#) can be found on the [New Jersey Tree Recovery](#) page on the Arbor Day Foundation's website or the [NJ Tree Recovery Campaign](#) website.

RESOURCES

Campaign Information

- NJ Tree Recovery Program Locations
- Tree Services Manual for NJCIS

Tree Planting and Care

- Tree Planting Instructions
- New Jersey Tree Recovery Program
- Tree Services

The Public Works Department has begun efforts to fix over 80 storm drains in preparation for the upcoming road resurfacing projects. This concerted effort will ensure that a quality job is performed and help the new surface last as long as possible.

Repairing potholes continues to be a top priority with several crews being deployed on a daily basis to make driving conditions better where these conditions exist.

Senior Curbside Clean Up tickets are available at the Public Works Yard between 8 and 2 pm Monday through Friday. For more information on the Clean Up programs please visit the Public Works Link off of the Township Website.

It's that time of year again - seedlings will be available on April 27th at the Auten Road Facility - through the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign.

Recreation

Spring has sprung and our Recreation Department has a variety of programs available to our residents of all ages. Here's a small sampling of our exciting programs this spring. We are offering Parent and Me Squirts on Saturday afternoons. Get out on the field with your 2 - 3 year old and play games and activities.

Does your child like to run? Are they in 3rd - 6th grade? If so have them join the Hillsborough Running Club. We will meet weekly on Thursdays to go over the fundamental mechanics of running.

Finally don't forget about our 6th Annual Run Around the Park Fun Run held on Sunday April 28th. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Register by March 29th to get your free T-Shirt. See

our website hillsboroughnjrecreation.org for more details and to register for any programs.

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

Foothill Acres Nursing Home is looking for performers for "Hillsborough's Got Talent". Auditions will be held on April 2nd. Please contact the Social Services Department for more details.

Tax Assessor/ Finance

The New Jersey Division of Taxation has announced that the first credit due for the 2016 Homestead Benefit will be released next month. For those eligible property owners, the credit will be applied to your 2nd quarter tax payment. Once the information has been received in our Tax Office, you will receive a revised May Tax Bill, which will reflect the reduced amount due on May 1st.

Sustainable Hillsborough

Hillsborough Township has been recognized by Sustainable Jersey as one of 14 towns featured as the March 2019 Sustainability Heroes. The 14 towns selected were all among the first 34 towns ever to receive the inaugural Sustainable Jersey certification in 2009. These towns have continuously maintained their certification since 2009. Sustainable Jersey recognizes the hard work and dedication that these towns and their sustainability program leaders have demonstrated. From the first 34 municipalities that registered to become certified in March 2009, to the 449 municipalities currently registered in 2019, Sustainable Jersey is inspired by the individuals at the local level who are contributing to a more sustainable New Jersey.

Rain Garden Survey Winner Announced!

Congratulations Corey
Murrey



Participation in the Challenge takes place at mywaterpledge.com where residents go to select from pre-populated pledges to conserve water and other natural resources on behalf of their city. To begin the pledge, residents select their city and there they see a quote and or video from their mayor or sustainability leader sharing the city's personal message on conservation.

News You Can Use



On April 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm
for a night of

At Hillsborough Middle School Media Center



1. **Samantha Nuzio**- Dietitian from Hillsborough ShopRite-
"Breakfast in 15 Minutes or Less"
2. **Arianna Cohen**- SASS Coordinator from Zuffall Health Center -
"Strengthening Bonds- Preventing Unhealthy Relationships for Youth"
3. **Lea Kimmelman**- Educator/Coordinator from Somerset County
Department of Health- "Public Cervix Announcement: The HPV vaccine is
Cancer Prevention"



Click [HERE](#) to register, walk-ins are also welcome

-----Sponsored by the ARIS/HMS School Nurses-----

Somerset County
Commission on Child Abuse and Missing Children
Rutgers School of Social Work
and the
Annual Spring Forum

Tech Dependency: How it Impacts Children, Families and Predatory Behavior
Presented by John Kriger, MSM, LCADC, CPS

Learn how technology forces children, parents and professionals to deal with subjects they are totally unprepared for. As a NJ State Police trained Sex Abuse Investigator, John Kriger will show you how our children are potentially being "groomed" and steps needed to be safer in this wild world of the internet. See how an innocent web search or gaming session can yield contact with pornography and predators. Better understand how late elementary students are flirting through sexting, and how this can produce life altering results. Ask questions and get answers. See the apps, sites and patterns of use you need to be concerned about. **A great professional development session!**



Friday, April 12, 2019

Somerville Lodge No. 1068, R.O.G. ELKS
375 Union Avenue, (Route 28)
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Registration fee: \$48.00
(Includes breakfast and 2 C.E.F.'s upon request)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

For information, contact Marianne Brune at mbrune@cs.somerset.nj.us or call 908-784-4356
To register, contact Gretchen Craig at gcraig@cs.somerset.nj.us or call 908-784-6333

Checks should be made out to "Friends of Somerset County Youth"

To request CEF's please follow link below
<http://ksaa-south.nyreg.org/efc.asp?efccat=efc&efcid=1016>

Premiere Dance Dynamics Company Dancers started their season on a high note at Starbound National

Talent Competition in Bridgewater, NJ and Legacy Dance Championships in Sparta, NJ. The Dynamics will be attending 3 more regional competitions in the tristate area later in the season.



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](#)

29th Annual STREAM CLEANUP

SATURDAY APRIL 13th 9am-12pm

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

AARP Offers Free Tax Preparation Help

AARP Foundation **Tax-Aide** offers free, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers - especially those 50 and older - at nearly 5,000 locations nationwide. Find a location near you by searching below. Before visiting a Tax-Aide site, please note:

- You will need to bring your important documents to the site. **[Access the complete list.](#)**
- Federal Tax assistance is available at all locations. State tax assistance is available at all locations in your state for in-state residents, and may be available to out-of-state residents in select neighboring states. Please contact sites in your neighboring state to confirm availability.
- Site hours are subject to change on a weekly basis. Therefore, please check again the day before you plan to go to the site.

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.

Important Dates

April 3rd	Board of Adjustment	7:00 pm
April 4th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 9th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

April 11th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 23rd	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 25th	Planning Board Business 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

6th Annual 5K Race to Wellness

March 30th
9 am - 11 am
Duke Island Park, Bridgewater, NJ



Electronics Recycling Fundraiser

March 30th
9 am - 1 pm
Woods Road School

Tribute to Johnny Cash

March 30th
7 pm - 11 pm
Manville-Hillsborough Elks

5th Annual "i have a Voice" Gala

March 30th
6 pm - 11 pm
Bridgewater Marriott

The Learning Experience Open House

March 30th
10 am - 12 pm
The Learning Experience

HHS Orchestra performance with Mark Wood

April 6th
7 pm
HHS Auditorium

Gently Used Children's Clothing Sale

April 6th
8 am - 1 pm
Christian Nurturing Center

April 6th
8 am 10 am
Applebee's Hillsborough - [buy tickets](#)

April 7th
2 -4 pm
246 Belle Mead-Griggstown Rd, Belle Meade
[Register](#)

April 7th
9 am
White Oak Park- 220 Baird Road Branchburg.

April 7th
1 pm - 4 pm
71 Somerset St, Somerville



April 7th
8 am - 10 am
Hillsborough Applebee's

April 27th
6:30 pm
Princeton Elks

May 3rd
Hillsborough Golf & Country Club
[Download Sponsor Form](#)

July 15-26
Duke Farms

10/12

