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HILLSBOROUGH e-News

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

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Township News

Mayor Town Hall - Thursday April 18th at 6 pm

Mayor Frank DelCore will be hosting a Town Hall on April 18th at the Municipal Building in Hillsborough to discuss the state mandated requirements on Affordable Housing and its impact on our municipality. Details and agenda will be shared later this week.

Arjun Jain Promotes Awareness While Battling Leukemia

At the March 26th Township Committee Meeting, the Mayor and Township Committee commended Arjun Jain for his courage, bravery, compassion, and spirit.

Arjun, a local student and hockey player, was diagnosed with leukemia on August 19, 2018, taking him away from school and the sport he loves.

HHS Hockey Fights Cancer

The Hillsborough Township Committee recognized the Hillsborough High School Ice Hockey Team at the March 26th Township Committee Meeting for providing a memorable experience for Arjun Jain and creating a sense of community and camaraderie. Mayor DelCore stated

that he is proud of the honor they have brought themselves, their team, and our community through their compassion and thoughtfulness.

Click to view highlight video from Hillsborough Night at the New Jersey Devils

Hillsborough Township and Hillsborough Education Association (HEA) Working Together for BORO Pride

The BORO Pride initiative grew from conversations with Dr. Lisa Antunes, Assistant Superintendent of Hillsborough Township Public Schools, and the Hillsborough Education Association (HEA) related to collaboration and stakeholder connections that strengthen our schools and community. Following these conversations, Elena Maucere, HEA 2nd Vice President and PRIDE Chair, began looking into how we could further develop these ideas and share them with the community.

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.

April Deals

Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!

Hillsborough Library Announces Boro Bingo

The Hillsborough Branch of the Somerset County Library System is excited to announce Boro Bingo.

This fun bingo board encourages the community to learn a bit more about some of the services and, or programs offered through both Hillsborough Township and the Library. Bingo Boards and instructions are being distributed through the Library and can be found on the counters of the various departments throughout the municipal building.

Take the Pledge to Drive Less You Could Win a Prize

Do you like a challenge? Join RideWise Inc.'s Drive Less Somerset Challenge. RideWise is an independent non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and advocating for transportation choices that are efficient, safe, and sustainable.

The Drive Less Somerset Challenge is easy and free! The object is to try sustainable ways to travel and reduce solo driving. Any trip for work or pleasure that replaces solo driving counts!

Points are awarded for telecommuting, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking and transit trips. Participate as an individual, a group or employer. Start by taking the pledge. Create an account. Then starting on June 1st, track your trips.

Tracking your trips will earn you points for weekly prizes, which will be awarded for top participation by

travel category and miles.

Individuals participants who track their trips in Drive Less Somerset have the chance to win weekly prizes based on the most point logged per week in different categories. The individual who logs the most trip points by June 30th will be named the 2019 Grand Challenge Champion and win a Tesla Weekend Experience in a Model 3.

Register as an employer and compete against other worksites in Somerset County to become the 2019 Drive Less Somerset Employer Champion.

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.

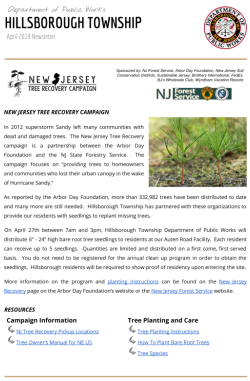
Although some people can get colorectal cancer at a younger age, a risk factor for this cancer is being over age 50. Therefore, the American Cancer Society recommends that all men and women age 50 and over get screened for colorectal cancer. Heredity can also put you at risk, so if someone in your family 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.

Public Works



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NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by: NJ Forest Service, Arbor Day Foundation, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts: Sustainable Jersey, Brothers International Foods, B.A.'s Wholesale Club, Wyndham Vacation Resorts

NJ Forest Service

NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

In 2012 superstorm Sandy left many communities with dead and damaged trees. The New Jersey Tree Recovery campaign is a partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the NJ State Forestry Service. The campaign focuses on “providing trees to homeowners and communities who lost their urban canopy in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.”

As reported by the Arbor Day Foundation, more than 332,982 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 replant missing trees.

On April 27th between 7am and 3pm, Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works will distribute 6”- 24” high bare root tree seedlings to residents at our Auten Road Facility. Each resident can receive up to 5 seedlings. Quantities 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 Recovery page on the Arbor Day Foundation’s website or the New Jersey Forest Service website.

RESOURCES

Campaign Information
- NJ Tree Recovery Pickup Locations
- Tree Owner’s Manual for NE US

Tree Planting and Care
- Tree Planting Instructions
- How To Plant Bare Root Trees
- Tree Species

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. 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 through April

30th. 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.

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

Girl Scout Cookies On Sale Now!

Girl Scout cookies will be sold throughout Hillsborough, on weekends through Sunday, April 14th. Come support our town's Girl Scouts, and enjoy your old cookie favorites.

store locations and times of sales

Rotary Club of Hillsborough Annual Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled for 10:30 AM, Saturday, April 20th

The Annual Rotary Club of Hillsborough Easter Egg Hunt, a Hillsborough tradition for the past 18 years, will be held this year on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 10:30 AM at the Youth Athletic Complex on Triangle Road (Between Auten and South Triangle Roads). The event activities and snacks are open to Hillsborough residents only.

Rotary Club of Hillsborough Hosts Vegas-Style Casino Night Scheduled for Saturday, June 15th

On Saturday, June 15th, The Rotary Club of Hillsborough will host a very special Vegas-style Casino Night. The event will be held at the Royce Brook Golf Club at 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough, from 7-11 PM. All funds raised will go to the Rotary Club of Hillsborough Foundation which supports local charitable and educational initiatives.

WALK, BIKE, HIKE PLAN

The Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County: Connecting Vibrant Communities Plan will help create an integrated network of multi-use trails, paths, and bicycle infrastructure that serve a variety of transportation needs by connecting all users to opportunities, services, and destinations in the region. This plan supports the development of a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, trails, and greenways across Somerset County that will improve access to education, employment, and quality of life opportunities for residents, workers, and visitors. This study is being funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA).

Tech Dependency: How it Impacts Children, Families and Predatory Behavior

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!"

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

Annual Spring Forum

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Presented by John Kriger, MSM, LCADC, CPS

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Friday, April 12, 2019
Somerville Lodge No. 1068, B.P.O. ELKS
375 Union Avenue, (Route 28)
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Registration fee: $40.00
(Includes breakfast and 2.5 CEH's upon request)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12:30 p.m.

For information, contact Mariann Bruno at mbruno@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-704-6356
To register, contact Gretchen Craig at gcraig@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-704-6333

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

To request CEH's please follow link below
http://saw-web.rutgers.edu/ssw/cei/index.php?m=catalog&cid=1916

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

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.

Important Dates

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

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

Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast Hillsborough Baseball League

April 6th
8 am 10 am
Applebee's Hillsborough - **buy tickets**

Girl Scouts Recycle the Runway

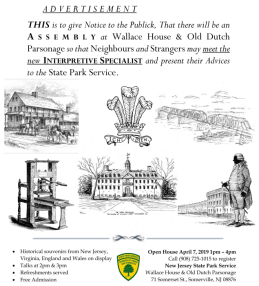
April 7th
2 -4 pm
246 Belle Mead-Griggstown Rd, Belle Meade
Register

Raritan Valley Habitat Youth Rainbow Run 5k

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

Open House at Wallace House & Old Dutch Parsonage

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



HHS Cheer Breakfast With Bunny

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

Annual Rotary Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th
10:30 am
Youth Athletic Comlex, Triangle Road

Comedy Night for a Cause

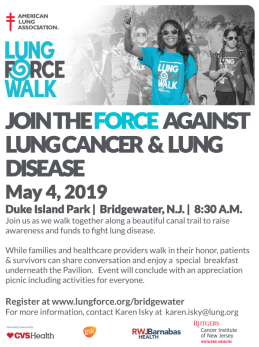
April 27th
6:30 pm
Princeton Elks

Hillsborough UNICO Golf Outing 2019

May 3rd
Hillsborough Golf & Country Club
Download Sponsor Form

Join the Force Against Lung Cancer

May 4th
8:30 AM
Duke Island Park



Hillsborough Community Night at the Patriots

July 13
TD Bank Ballpark, Somerset, NJ

Wildlife Explorers Summer STEAM Program

July 15-26
Duke Farms

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

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

Somerset County News

[Help Us Honor Our County's Centenarians]

[Applications Being Accepted for Youth Leadership Somerset Deadline is May 15]

[Seeking Public Input at Second Meeting for Walk, Bike, Hike Study Keeping Vibrant Communities Connected and Informed]

[Chess Club Youth Square Off With Freeholder Levine]

[April Recycling Calendar: First Saturday, E-waste, Household Hazardous Waste]

[Nine Outstanding Women Are Honored]

[Celebrate Autism Awareness Month Take Part in Bubbles 4 Autism!]

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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

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• Announcements • Upcoming Events