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

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Township News

The Mayor and Township Committee wish
Hillsborough Residents a Happy and Safe
Easter and Passover

Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday, April 19th
The Library will be open 9:30 - 5:00



Mayor Frank DelCore to Host a Town Hall Informational Session on Affordable Housing

TONIGHT - Thursday, April 18th, 6 - 8 pm at the Municipal Building

Hillsborough Shows Appreciation to First Responders

At the April 9th Township Committee Meeting, the Hillsborough Township Committee extended their sincere congratulations and appreciation to Hillsborough Township Fire Marshal John Andreychak, Chief of Hillsborough Fire Company #2 Billy Shaffer, and Hillsborough

Police Officer Jacob Lawrence for saving the life of the ShopRite employee and for being shining examples of the best Hillsborough has to offer



Rich and Debbie Norz Honored

Hillsborough residents and owners of Norz Hill Farm, Rich and Debbie Norz, have been selected as the Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District's 2018 Business Partners of the Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norz were selected for the award for their generous donations, support, curriculum assistance and contributions to the Agricultural Science and Culinary Arts Programs.



April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States with one in every 12 adults imbibing on a regular basis. As a matter of fact, more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking, and more than 10 percent of children live in a household where at least one parent has a problem with alcohol.



14th Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast and Memorial Day Parade – Save the Date: Saturday, May 25th

Non-Profit Community Organizations Invited to Participate in the Parade

"Plans are underway for the 14th annual salute to our veterans. We encourage all Hillsborough residents to save the date, Saturday May 25th, for the Annual Memorial Day Program," announced Mayor Frank DelCore.

Each year the Hillsborough community comes together to honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans during the Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast, Memorial Day Parade and Garden of Honor Commemoration Program.



Operation Take Back

The Day to Dispose of your Unused, Unwanted, and Expired Household Medicine

The Hillsborough Township Police Department is again participating in "Operation Take Back", a program from the Drug Enforcement Administration, for residents to safely dispose of



their unused, unwanted, or expired household medicine. If you have household medicine that you wish to dispose of, please come to the Municipal Complex between the listed hours.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019 Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Hillsborough Municipal Complex,

Police Department Lobby

Hillsborough Township's Community Night at Somerset Patriots -Saturday, July 13th at 7:05 pm

The Somerset Patriots will be hosting Hillsborough Community Night on Saturday, July 13th. Game starts at 7:05pm and there will be a fireworks display after the game.

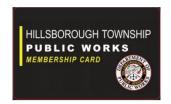
"Save the date and join us on July 13th for Hillsborough Community Night to cheer on the Somerset Patriots," stated Mayor Frank DelCore.



Clean Up & Brush Drop Off Program **Registration Available Online**

Hillsborough Residents Only Ouestions? 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.

Shop Hillsborough

Visit

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.

www.hillsboroughbusiness.org future announcements.



April Deals

Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!



Boro Bingo at Hillsborough Library

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 participating 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.

Notice: Hillsborough Bus Service Schedule Change

Effective April 29, 2019 Suburban Transit's Line 200 Hillsborough-New York City Commuter Bus Service will have a new schedule. Monday through Thursday service will be reduced from four (4) buses to three (3) and Friday will be reduced from four (4) buses to two (2). Suburban Transit has informed the Township that it remains committed to serving Hillsborough Township and will add more buses if demand increases. Suburban Transit has provided express non-stop service to New York City since October 2016. Tickets can be purchased (cash or credit card) at the park & ride at Hillsborough Promenade during morning commute hours or online at https://www.coachusa.com/commuter-wiz



Department Updates

Building

If you are planning on installing a deck this year, there are a few things you need to know.



- Your first step is to visit the Hillsborough Zoning Department to obtain a Zoning permit.
- Before submitting to the Building Department, pickup the handout for deck installations and read it through carefully.
- The Building Department application will require the following documents
 - Zoning Approval
 - Permit application folder
 - Building Subcode Technical section (tech card)

It is important to note that additional tech cards may be required if you are installing Electric or Plumbing.

If you have hired a builder, include a copy of the Home Improvement license.

2 copies of plans are required (plan requirements/details are in the Deck Handout).

In New Jersey, only Home Owners and Design Professionals (i.e - Architect or Engineer) are allowed to draw these plans. Your contractor is not permitted to draw the plans.

Engineering

The Engineering Department would like to advise residents that as a result of the natural topography of land natural stormwater run-off from higher elevations is allowed to drain through lower properties. Typically, this run-off is diverted around homes through swales along property lines.

However, please keep in mind that residents are not permitted to block natural runoff but may re-route swales or water flow to protect their property without creating adverse impact to the adjoining neighboring properties.

If the Engineering Department is contacted about an issue, the department may review and possibly contact the affected parties of potential issues with a letter. The department does not have the authority to issue fines, violations or take court actions. In such cases, any unresolved disputes between homeowners are civil matters and should be handled as a private legal matter.

If an adverse condition is created, it is recommended that the neighbors work together for an amicable solution.

Finance

The first payment by the State of New Jersey for the Homestead Benefit has been received and applied to your May taxes. You should have received a small pink bill in the mail in the past 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

The Health Department would like to recognize April as Sexually Transmitted Diseases Awareness Month.

The Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has designated April as Sexually Transmitted Diseases Awareness Month.

This is due to the surging increase in the numbers of STDs every year since 2013. Half of all 20 million newly diagnosed infections are in people ages 15 to 24, and it is important for these young people, as well as everyone else, to protect their health. The first step is to understand that these diseases, if left untreated, can result in serious

health issues that include infertility, acquiring HIV, acquiring the resistant form of Gonorrhea, and babies born with Syphilis. The STD caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), can cause cancer as well.

HPV can now be prevented by getting vaccinated. Some other infections can be prevented by using condoms. Abstinence is the only sure way to prevent STDs. Those who are sexually active, should be tested regularly. Speak to your doctor about testing, and for free and low cost testing, please call Zufall Health in Somerville 908-526-2335. Please see the Health Dept. website for links to the CDC website for more information.

April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Health Department would like to recognize Zufall Health in Somerville, NJ for their Sexual Assault Prevention and Recovery Services, Survivor accompaniment to the police station, court and counseling services. Their hotline number is 908-526-7444.

The Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, June 1st in conjunction with the YMCA Annual Hillsborough Hop. Mark your calendars to save the date. More information will be coming soon.

OEM

Just a reminder - 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.

Police

There will be a FREE Personal Safety program for high school seniors offered at the Somerset County Public Safety Center (Police Academy section) There are two dates available: Monday, April 29th and Wednesday, May 22nd. Both dates are from 6 - 9 pm. Pre-registration is required and parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Additionally, the Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police is sponsoring its annual free five (5) day Police Youth Week program from July 15-19, 2019. This program for Somerset County high school students is also coordinated by the Somerset County Police Academy. For more information about the Police Youth Week program visit the County website or see details in Friday's enews.

Public Works

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.

Senior Curbside Clean Up tickets are available at the Public Works Yard between 8 and 2pm Monday through Friday. They are also available through the Social Services Dept. during Senior Chapter meetings. For more information on the Clean Up programs please visit the Public Works Pages on the Township Website.



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.

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.

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.

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.



Sustainable Hillsborough

Hillsborough Township Mayor Frank Delore is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to make a long-term commitment to manage water resources more wisely by taking part in the annual Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The annual challenge is a non-profit national community service campaign that encourages leaders to inspire their residents to make a series of simple pledges to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy.



"Water conservation is critical for a sustainable future and Hillsborough remains dedicated to supportive efforts for further education and awareness to initiatives such as this," stated Mayor Frank DelCore.

Tax Assessor

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.

Municipal Alliance

There will be a Municipal Alliance roundtable discussion on Monday, April 29 at 6:00 PM in Somerville . Several Municipal Alliances will be doing brief presentations highlighting one of their favorite programs, followed by brief group discussions. Dinner will be provided, and please RSVP to Jennifer Sorensen - sorensen@co.somerset.nj.us - by April 15th. Please indicate dietary restrictions.



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



News You Can Use

In light of the potential inclement weather for Saturday's Egg Hunt - please check the Rotary website or their Facebook page.

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.





Join us as we honor New Jersey heroes who are strengthening the foundation and supporting the growth of Red Cross services in our communities. Enjoy an evening with friends and colleagues over delicious cocktails and cuisine, live music and dancing, and a fabulous auction.

We Are Proud to Honor:

BMW

William W. Augustine Award Recipient Edward J. Susco Quinn Award Recipient

The organizers of the Stay Strong Michael Blood Drive:

Michelle Clark

Nicole DiMaggio

Melissa Fitzgerald

Rosalinda Rubio-Williams

Marguerite White

Bob Clancy Culture of Caring Award for Biomedical Services

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Westin Governor Morris

Morristown, NJ

For more information, please contact Aimee Alven at

(609) 819-2093 or

aimee.alven@redcross.org

Register

Important Dates

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 <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

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

Navigating Youth Angst

April 28th 2-4 pm 158 W High Street Somerville

Hillsborough UNICO Golf Outing 2019

May 3rd Hillsborough Golf & Country Club Download Sponsor Form

Municipal Alliance and BoroSafe Chipolte Fundraiser

May 4th Hillsborough Chipolte

Pet Adoption and Awareness Day

May 4th 10 AM - 1 PM Hillsborough Municipal Building

Join the Force Against Lung Cancer

May 4th 8:30 AM Duke Island Park



Angst - Film Screening

May 9th 7 pm - 8:30 pm Hillsborough Municipal Building

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

April 26-May 12 Somerset Valley Playhouse



Suicide Prevention

May 28th 7pm Hillsborough YMCA

Hillsborough Rotary Vegas Casino Night

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

Social-Emotional & Mental Health Awareness

May 31st 6pm - 8pm Woods Road Firehouse

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

Hillsborough Rotary Fair Family Fun Day

August 17

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

Register For 'Take Control of Your Health' Free Workshop Invest in Your Health, It's Worth It

Community Project Ideas Sought! Deadline is April 30

Help Protect Your Family from Rabies

Nominees Sought for 'Profiles of Positive Aging' Recognition

Help Us Honor Our County's Centenarians

Senior Center Offers Free Falls-Prevention Program

Applications Being Accepted for Youth Leadership Somerset Deadline is May 15

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT Tuesdays until 7pm

Press Releases Events Calendar Meeting Dates

Online Payments & Tax Notices

Recreation Activities Guide

Hillsborough Township | Somerset County | State of New Jersey
Hillsborough Business Association
Hillsborough Parks & Recreation | Sustainable Hillsborough
Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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