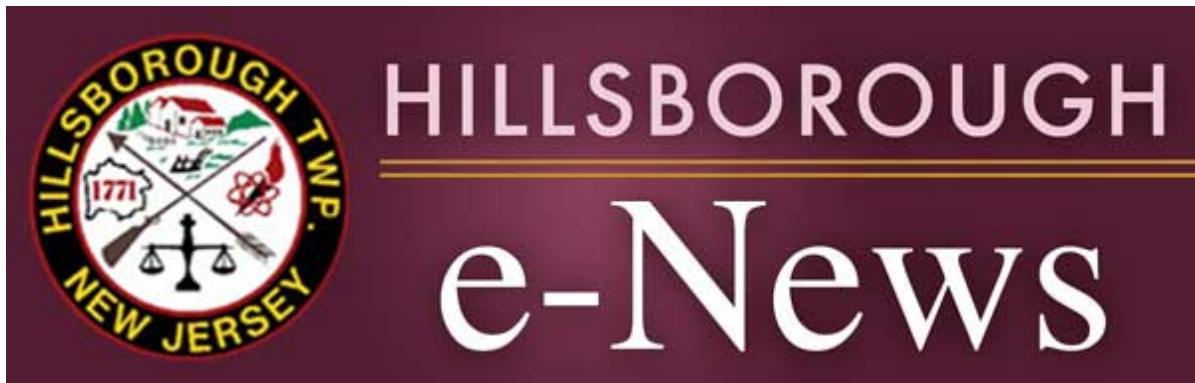


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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani

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Frank DelCore

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Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th,
in observance of Presidents Day

The library will be open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Monday

[Hillsborough Fire District Annual Election Being Held on
February 15th from 2 pm to 9 pm](#)

Annual Election will be held in the Hillsborough Municipal Complex, Multi-Purpose Room. All Districts will vote at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building.

There is one 3-year commissioner position open.

Five (5) questions on the ballot:

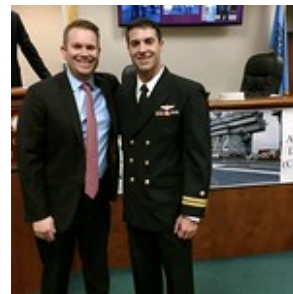
1. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, operate for the year 2020 with a budget of \$3,800,004 and an amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,785,887?
2. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$350,000 for the purchase of a fire/rescue truck?
3. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$65,000 for the purchase of a fire marshal vehicle?
4. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$75,000 for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment?
5. Shall the Hillsborough Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to spend not in excess of \$80,000 for the purchase of a command vehicle?



Township News

[Hillsborough Welcomes Home Lt. Anthony P. Jenkins](#)

At the February 11th meeting, the Township Committee welcomed home Lt. Anthony P. Jenkins, F-18 A/E Super Hornet Fighter Naval Aviator. Lt. Jenkins recently came home after a 295-day deployment on the USS Abraham Lincoln - the longest deployment since the Vietnam War.



[Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #2 Held 2020 Officer Installations on January 18th](#)

On January 18th, the Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #2-Woods Road held its 2020 Officer Installation. Mayor Doug Tomson and Committeewoman Olivia Holmes attended the events.



[Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #3 Held 2020 Officer Installations on January 25th](#)

On January 25th, the Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #3 - Woods Road held its 2020 Officer Installations. Mayor Doug Tomson and Committeewoman Olivia Holmes attended the events. Mayor Tomson swore in the new officers.



Township Committee Declares February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

At the February 11th meeting, the Township Committee declares February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. This initiative started in 2016 and was created by President Barack Obama.



All Township Residents Invited to Litter Awareness Day and Special Appearance by Captain Cleanup Saturday, March 21st

This kickoff event is to provide litter education and promote awareness to the community before performing a litter cleanup. Outreach and education are two major goals of Clean Communities and all Township residents are encouraged to be informed, involved and committed to making a difference in their community.

Online registration for the event is available through [Community Pass](#) or [Eventbrite](#). In addition to registering, volunteers must complete a [waiver](#) to participate.



Upcoming Event

Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge Being Held on Saturday, February 22nd

The Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, February 22nd in Seaside Heights, NJ. This year the Hillsborough Police PBA 205 and Hillsborough Fire Safety IAFF 4897 are both participating in the fundraising event.



Affordable Housing Information

Mayor's Town Hall Information Session: Hillsborough's Affordable Housing Obligation

In April, Mayor Frank DelCore held a Town Hall to discuss Hillsborough Township's Affordable Housing obligations. [A video of the Town Hall is available on Hillsborough's YouTube Channel.](#)



HILLSBOROUGH THE GOOD LIFE Latest Episode!!

Season 4 - Episode 5

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Township Jobline

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- [Executive Administrative Assistant to Mayor, Administrator and Township Committee](#)
- [Building Maintenance Person - Part Time](#)
- [Public Works Worker](#)
- [Township Arborist](#)
- [Building Inspector - Part Time](#)



Department Updates

Building

- [HVAC Unit Stop Working?](#)
- [Stay In Contact With Your Contractor](#)
- [Email Address on Building Permit Applications](#)
- [Don't Forget Your Permits](#)

Business Advocate

- [Hillsborough Networking Night Out on March 26th](#)
- [Shop Hillsborough Program](#)
- [Commercial Permit Overview & Resources Available on HBA Website](#)

Engineering

- [National Engineer's Week Celebrated February 16th to 22nd](#)

- [Wertsville Road and Willow Road Repaving Projects Delayed Due to Winter Conditions](#)
- [State Grant Received For Repaving Willow Road Phase 2](#)
- [Inspections During The Winter Months](#)
- [Sump Pump Discharge Maintenance](#)

Finance

- [Attention Dog Owners - Dog License Renewal Notices](#)
- [Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund](#)

Health

- [Radon Test Kits Available In Health Department](#)
- [Hillsborough Health Department Receives Updates Regarding New Coronavirus](#)

OEM

- [Winter Weather Links](#)

Police

- [Reminder: Don't Leave Valuables In Your Car](#)
- [Message from US Dept. of Commerce, Office of Security, Regarding Upcoming Census](#)

Public Works

- [First 2020 Litter Clean-Up Event Will Be Held on March 21st](#)
- [Hillsborough Township Clean Communities and Kaptain Cleanup Wants You To 'Scoop The Poop'](#)
- [Helpful Information To Prepare For Snow Storms](#)
- [Looking For Reclaimed Barn Wood](#)

Parks and Recreation

- [Spring Activities Guide and Spring Program Registration Will Be Available by February 14th](#)
- [Work Being Done at Willow Road Baseball Complex](#)
- [Registration Open for Co-Ed Spring Soccer and Girls Softball](#)

Social Services

- [Sixth Annual ARIS "Soup-er Bowl" Food Collection is a "Win-Win"!](#)
- [Girl Scout Brownie Troop 60807 Takes Action for the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network](#)
- [Hillsborough Education Associate Coordinated Annual Food Pantry Drive for Community Assistance Network](#)

Hillsborough/ Millstone Municipal Alliance

- [HERO Campaign For Designated Drivers Seeks To End Drunk Driving Tragedies](#)

Sustainable Hillsborough

- [Hillsborough Compost Challenge 2020](#)
- [New Jersey's Clean Energy Program](#)

Library

- [SCLSNJ to Host Career Readiness and STEM Event for Tweens and Teens](#)
- [SCLSNJ Events Calendar](#)

- [SCLSNJ 2020 Holiday and Closing Schedule](#)

How To Contact Your State Officials

Governor Phil Murphy

phone #: 609-292-6000

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: Office of Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625

Senator Bob Menendez

phone #: 973-645-3030

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: One Gateway Center Suite 1100, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Cory Booker

phone #: 973-639-8700

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: One Gateway Center 23rd Floor, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman

phone #: 908-526-3600

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 36 East Main Street, Somerville NJ 08876

Assemblyman Roy Freiman

phone #: 908-829-4191

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 390 Amwell Road Suite 301, Hillsborough NJ 08844

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker

phone #: 732-823-1684

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 1 Deer Park Drive Suite D-1, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852

News You Can Use

[Rotary Club of Hillsborough Announces Scholarships Available to Graduating Seniors](#)

The Rotary Club of Hillsborough today announced the availability of multiple scholarships for high school age residents pursuing a post-secondary school education. Scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough for over a decade.

[Affinity Federal Credit Union - Student Loan Consolidation Program](#)



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[EmPoWER Somerset Partners with Somerset County Wellness Committee to Present 5K Race to Wellness](#)

EmPoWER Somerset is partnering once again with the Somerset County Wellness Committee on the 7th Annual 5K Race to Wellness on Saturday, March 28th. Join them for a run or walk with your family and friends on this beautiful 343-acre recreational site while you are on your journey to wellness. [Click here to register.](#)

2020 Census Is Coming - What You Need To Know



THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS?

The Census is a survey to count every person in the United States, which helps government officials make important decisions that affect our lives. The Constitution requires that every ten years, every person living in the United States must be counted: all ages, races, and ethnic groups including citizens and non-citizens.

Why is participating in the Census important?

Census counts are used to decide where to send more than \$22 billion in federal funding for New Jersey's schools, hospitals, roads – and more. Those numbers impact the next ten years, until the next Census count in 2030. An undercount in 2020 means less funding for ten years for our communities.

Census population counts are also used to decide federal government representation for New Jersey. New Jersey lost a congressional seat and electoral vote after the 2010 Census count, due in part to its Census count.

When does the Census happen? What do I need to do?

Most people will receive letters starting in March 2020 with instructions on how to respond online, by phone or by mail. Responding to the Census is easy. Most households will be done in ten minutes.

If a household does not respond by late April 2020, a Census Bureau representative, known as an enumerator, will visit to ask the questions in person. This is to help prevent an incorrect count.

What does the Census ask?

The 2020 Census will ask for the name, age, sex, race/ethnicity and relationship to the head of household of each person living in the home, as well as whether they rent or own their home. The Census will never ask for financial information, social security numbers or credit card/bank information.

Will my information be kept safe?

Yes. Census data with personal information must be kept confidential by federal law.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

To find out more about the Census, visit the Census 2020 NJ Coalition website at census2020nj.org.



EL CENSO 2020 VIENE: LO QUE DEBES SABER

¿QUÉ ES EL CENSO 2020?

Un Censo es una encuesta que cuenta a cada persona en los Estados Unidos, lo cual ayuda al gobierno a tomar decisiones importantes que afectan nuestras vidas. La Constitución de los EE.UU. requiere que cada diez años, cada persona que vive en los EE.UU. tiene que ser contada: todas las edades, raíces, y grupos étnicos; ciudadanos y no ciudadanos por igual.

¿Por qué es importante la participación en el Censo?

El resultado del Censo es utilizado para decidir a dónde enviar más de \$22 billones en fondos federales para escuelas, hospitales, proyectos de infraestructura – y más en Nueva Jersey. Esos números tienen impacto por diez años, hasta el próximo Censo en el 2030. No contar a ciertas poblaciones en el 2020 implica menos fondos por diez años para nuestras comunidades.

Los resultados del Censo también son utilizados para decidir la cantidad de representación en el gobierno federal para Nueva Jersey. Nueva Jersey perdió un miembro en el Congreso y un voto electoral después del Censo 2010, en parte a causa de los números que resultaron del Censo.

¿Cuándo es el Censo y qué necesito saber?

En la mayoría de los casos, las personas recibirán cartas por correo a partir de Marzo y Abril del 2020 con instrucciones sobre cómo responder – por internet, por teléfono o por correo. Responder al Censo es fácil. La mayoría de las familias lo terminan en diez minutos.

Si una casa no responde antes de fines de Abril del 2020, un representante de la Oficina del Censo, llamado un "enumerador", visitará la casa para hacer las preguntas del Censo en persona. Eso es para prevenir una cuenta incorrecta.

¿Qué pregunta el Censo?

El Censo 2020 preguntará el nombre, edad, género, raza/ethnicidad, y relación a la cabeza del hogar de cada persona que vive en la casa, y si alquilan o son dueños de la casa. El Censo nunca preguntará información financiera, números de seguro social, información de tarjetas de crédito, o información del banco.

¿Puedo confiar que mi información estará segura?

Sí. Los datos del Censo con información personal tienen que ser confidencialmente mantenidos según la ley federal.

¿CÓMO PUEDO APRENDER MÁS?

Para saber más sobre el Censo, visite el sitio web del Censo 2020 NJ Coalition en census2020nj.org.

JCP&L Winter Storm Preparation Checklist

Winter storms bring heavy snow, high winds and downed trees, which could lead to power outages. If your power goes out, [here](#) are some quick tips to be prepared and to stay safe.



Important Dates

February 19th	Board of Adjustment Meeting	7:00 pm
February 25th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
February 27th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm

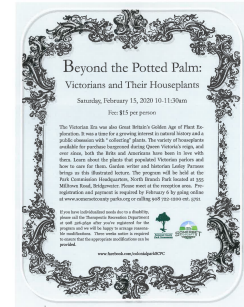
Community Events

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

Somerset County Parks Commission: Beyond the Potted Palms

February 15th 10:00 am to 11:30 am



Hillsborough High School Choir Presents: Comedy Night

February 22nd 7:00 pm



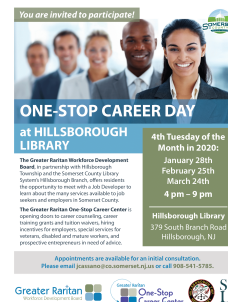
Knights of Columbus - Comedy Knight 2020

February 22nd 6:00 pm



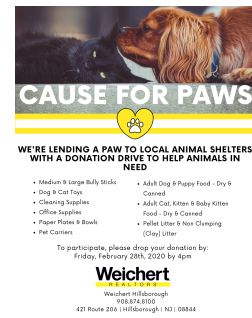
One-Stop Career Day

February 25th and March 24th 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm



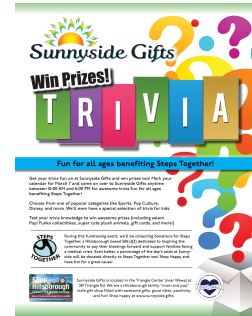
Cause For Paws

February 28th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



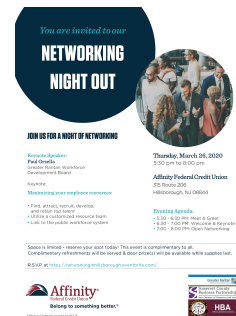
Trivia Fun at Sunnyside Gifts Benefiting Steps Together

March 7th 19:00 am to 6:00 pm



Hillsborough Business Association & Somerset County Business Partnership Present: Networking Night Out

March 26th 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm



Somerset County News

[County Health Department Continues to be Vigilant About New Coronavirus](#)

[Want to Volunteer on a Somerset County Board or Commission?](#)

[Deadline Nearing to Win Ballpark Box Seats](#)

[Tax Counselors Are Ready to Help This Tax Season](#)

[Planning for the 2020 Census](#)

[February Recycling Calendar](#)

[Somerset County Senior Centers Announce February Activities](#)

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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