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

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COVID-19 Update

Local Emergency Planning Meeting Held - COVID-19 Discussed

The Local Emergency Planning Committee held its first meeting of the year and one of the items discussed was COVID-19. Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani and Committeewoman Gloria McCauley were in attendance. "As always, in Hillsborough, we prepare - not panic," said Committeewoman McCauley. Questions regarding symptoms should be directed to your healthcare provider. For more information go to our Township website.

A special message from New Jersey American Water President, Cheryl Norton



Township News

<u>Township Committee Declared March as American Red</u> Cross Month

At the March 10th meeting, the Township Committee declared March as American Red Cross Month. This is a special time to recognize our everyday heroes, and thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross.

March Declared National Nutrition Month at Township Committee Meeting

The Township Committee declared March as National Nutrition Month ® at the March 10th meeting. National Nutrition Month ® is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the Academy of Nutrition and

Dietetics. It helps spread the word about the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Girl Scout Week

Green Ribbon Event Held on March 2nd

On Monday, March 2nd, Girl Scout SU72 held a Green Ribbon event at the Hillsborough Municipal Complex. The event included a visit from GSHNJ CEO, Natasha Hemmings.

National Girl Scout Week Recognized at Township Committee Meeting

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each year during the month of March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday, ending with the Girl Scout Sabbath on Saturday, and always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12th which commemorates the day the organization was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scout Leaders of Troop 60561 Recognized at Township Committee Meeting

At the March 10th meeting, the Township Committee recognized Karen Briegs, Kathy Kafka and Ginny Houle for creating Girl Scout Troop 60561 to cater to the needs of girls with cognitive disabilities. The newly created troop currently has 3 members and the leaders use their creativity when teaching the Girl Scouts to give them the best Girl Scout experience they can.

Join Hillsborough Police Officers for Community Hoops on March 20th

The Hillsborough Township Police Officers took to the courts at the YMCA recently for some community hoops. The next one will be Friday, March 20th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm for some more fun. Grades 7-12 welcome.

Did You Know?

Recycling

- Do not leave the caps on plastic bottles.
- Plastic bottle caps must be discarded in the trash.



Hillsborough Visa Credit Card

 The Hillsborough Township Credit Advisory Committee started accepting 2020 grant applications on March 2nd.



You can reserve one of our Park Pavilions for your next gathering

- Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department rents our two park pavilions on a first come first serve basis.
- Pavilions available to rent are located at Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Docherty Park.

 Both parks feature a playground, heated restrooms and a covered pavilion area with tables.

Upcoming Township Events

<u>Follow Kaptain Cleanup on Hillsborough's Clean</u> <u>Communities Facebook Page</u>

Kacey Green, also known as Kaptain Cleanup, has made it her mission to educate Hillsborough Township's residents about the importance of keeping our community clean. The Litter Hero, in conjunction with the Hillsborough Clean Communities program, now maintains a Facebook page to foster education programs throughout the Township that address litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction and recycling. Follow Hillsborough Clean Communities and Kacey Green on Facebook at

facebook.com/HillsboroughCleanCommunities/ and find out when you can meet the Litter Hero in person at one of the 2020 Hillsborough Township Clean Communities Litter Cleanup Events.

Reminder: Saturday, March 21st is the 1st Annual Hillsborough Township Litter Awareness and Cleanup Day.

One-Stop Career Day Being Held on March 24th

Maria Heidkamp, from the Heldrich Center's New Start Career Network, will be making a presentation for job seekers from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on March 24th.

Register for Hillsborough Business Association's Free Night of Networking To Be Held On Thursday, March 26th

Reminder...the first Networking Event for 2020 will be held on Thursday March 26th at the Affinity Federal Credit Union from 5:30 pm until 8 pm. The event will feature Paul Grzella as the Keynote Speaker. He was recently named as Citizen of the Year for Somerset County and had previously spent a 35 year career in journalism and is now with the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board. Please be sure to register to attend the first HBA 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













Township Jobline

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Fire Fighter / Fire Marshall
- <u>Building Maintenance Person Part</u> Time
- Building Inspector Part Time



2020 Census Jobs

Department Updates

Building

- Email Address on Building Permit Applications
- Closing Out Building Permits
- HVAC Unit Stop Working?
- Stay In Contact With Your Contractor
- 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

- Information on Soil Importation
- Engineering Winter Inspections

Finance

• 2020 Notice of Property Assessment Cards

	Reminder: Dog License Renewal Due March 1st
<u>Health</u>	 Rutgers Pet Care School Being Held on April 4th Radon Test Kits Available In Health Department Hillsborough Health Department Update Regarding Coronavirus
Police	 Saint Patrick's Day - Safe Passage Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign Police Department Begins Accreditation Process through New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) Reminder: Don't Leave Valuables In Your Car Message from US Dept. of Commerce, Office of Security, Regarding Upcoming Census
Public Works	 Registration for Annual Clean-up Programs Now Open Hillsborough Businesses and Residents Urged to Keep Property Boundaries Liter Free Public Works Gets Jumpstart on Spring Maintenance Project 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'
Parks and Recreation	 Reserve one of our Park Pavilions for your Next Gathering or Party Deadline to Register for the Spring 2020 Girls Softball League is March 13th 2020 Summer Camp Registration is OPEN! 2020 Spring Recreation Brochure Available and Registration is Open Registration Open for Co-Ed Spring Soccer and Girls Softball
Tax Assessor	Access Information and Reprint Assessment Notice Postcard Online
Hillsborough/ Millstone Municipal Alliance	 Hillsborough Township Public Schools Parent Technology Night - Social Media Awareness Seminar Fentanyl Factor - Documentary Screening & Free Narcan Training on March 23rd HERO Campaign For Designated Drivers Seeks To End Drunk Driving Tragedies
<u>Sustainable</u> <u>Hillsborough</u>	 Hillsborough Compost Challenge 2020 New Jersey's Clean Energy Program
<u>Library</u>	 SCLSNJ to Host disABILITIES Job and Volunteer Fair for Adults and Teens With Cognitive and Developmental Disabilities on April 4th SCLSNJ to Host Career Readiness and STEM Event for Tweens and Teens on March 14th SCLSNJ Events Calendar SCLSNJ 2020 Holiday and Closing Schedule

How To Contact Your State Officials

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Important Dates

March 12th Planning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

March 24th Township Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

March 26th Planning Board Meeting 7:30 pm



News You Can Use

2020 Census Is Here!

- <u>Letters to Fill Out Census Online Being Mailed on March 12th</u>
- YouTube Video Explains Different Ways to Complete Census
- What You Need to Know

Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications

Hillsborough based non-profit groups serving youth and seniors invited to apply. Deadline is April 10, 2020.

Township Committee Partners with Hillsborough School District for Scholarship Competition

Mayor Doug Tomson announced that Hillsborough Township is, once again, participating in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay II, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. Three \$1,000 Statewide Scholarships available through this competition.

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.



Featured Events

Apex Sports & Events Community Play Day on March 15th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

All visitors must sign Apex waiver to participate. Visit their <u>website</u> for more information and for the waiver form.

<u>Hillsborough Dukes Spring Flex and Fall Football & Cheer Programs</u>

The Spring Flex Football Program begins in May and the traditional fall registration is open as well. All information can be found at www.hillsboroughdukes.com



Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Services for Veterans

Free 8-week Group on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm starting on March 10th. Contact **Spring Reins of Life** for more information.

<u>Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey Wildlife</u> <u>Explorer Programs at Duke Farms</u>

Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey's summer programs are available. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information and to register, please visit their website at www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/kidssummerprograms/.



A combination of online and live contest. ONLINE CONTEST from March 1 to Aug 31 and LIVE FINALS in October in New Jersey. COT is a competition designed to bring out the best in you. In this digital age, why restrict yourself by location? Compete in the online contest from wherever you are in the US for the title of "COT Stars"!

<u> Affinity Federal Credit Union - Hi 5 Cash Back Program</u>

Earn 5 Bonus Points or 5% Cash Back on Restaurant Purchases when you use your Affinity Pure Rewards Visa or Affinity Cash Rewards Visa Signature Credit Card EVERY DAY in January, February and March.



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

It's Girl Scout Cookie Season

Weekends from February 29th to March 29th

HHS Theater Presents Footloose The Musical

March 13th and 14th 7:00 pm

Purdue Varsity Glee Club in Concert at Hillsborough High School

March 16th 7:00 pm

Hillsborough Township Public Schools Parent Technology Night - Social Media Awareness Seminar

March 18th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

BoroSafe and Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's

March 20th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Jersey Harmony Chorus Presents "Vocal Harmony Fair"

March 23rd 7:30 pm

One-Stop Career Day

March 24th 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Home Buying Seminar

April 2nd 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Raritan Headwaters - 30th Annual Stream Clean-up

April 18th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Hillsborough Baseball League Annual Clothing Drive

April 18th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Woods Road Volunteer Fire Department Presents The Beatles Story

June 20th 7:30 pm

Somerset County News

Help us Celebrate National Agriculture Day

Register for a Free Disease-Management Workshop

5K Race to Wellness to Be Held at Duke Island Park on Saturday, March 28th

<u>SCDOH Keeps Residents Informed About Coronavirus</u> and <u>Additional Disease</u> Resources

Tax Counselors Are Ready to Help This Tax Season

Planning for the 2020 Census

Somerset County 2020 Operation Shred Schedule

March Recycling Calendar

Senior Centers March 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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