

Friday, June 12, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News

**Reminder: the Mayor's eNews will be published three (3) times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. COVID-19 case information will continue to be updated daily on the Township [website](#).**

## Traffic Advisory

### **Overnight road work on Route 206 between Amwell Road and Raider Boulevard:**

- Tuesday June 16th between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am
- Wednesday June 17th between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am

There will be lane closures with alternating traffic. Please exercise caution when traveling through the area and expect delays.

## Township News

### **[Taxes Reduced for the 3rd Consecutive Year in the Introduced Hillsborough Township 2020 Municipal Budget Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

Hillsborough Township introduced the 2020 municipal budget at the Tuesday June 9th Township Committee meeting, with a tax reduction for the 3rd consecutive year. "This budget is a result of our team's continued fiscal responsibility regarding municipal operations, despite continued operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic," commented Mayor Doug Tomson. The Finance team is composed of the Mayor Doug Tomson, Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Administrator Anthony Ferrera and CFO Nancy Costa. [Read more](#)

### **[View 2020 Budget Presentation and Budget Introduction](#)**

### **[Hillsborough Township Basketball Courts Opening June 12th](#)**

Hillsborough Township Basketball Courts will be opened effective Friday, June 12, 2020. As per the Governor's Executive Orders relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing is required and no organized or pickup games are permitted at this time. With the courts opening, this is a great time to work on your individual skills.

### **[Reduce / Reuse Household Waste in Hillsborough](#)**

While recycling is still extremely important, the most effective practices are aimed at reducing the amount of waste each of us create, and to find ways to reuse as much as possible. Making new products requires more materials, energy, and money than reusing. Finding ways to reduce and reuse is the best way to save natural resources, reduce the amount of material that is dumped in a landfill, and save money. [Read more.](#)



### Sustainable Hillsborough:

For the months of February and April 2020, Nikita Agarwal from Girl Scout Troop #60364, as part of her Gold Award project, partnered with Hillsborough Township to conduct the Hillsborough Compost Challenge 2020. A digital and in-person outreach and was initiated to spread awareness about the importance to compost.

This effort included a green challenge component where 360 Hillsborough households pledged, exceeding the 2.5% of the population requirement for Sustainable Jersey. This accounts for almost 1 ton of waste that would be removed from every 100 tons disposed.

Congratulations to Nikita on her excellent work and to Kristina Stump for winning the a free compost bin. To learn more about composting, please visit [sustainablehillsborough.com](http://sustainablehillsborough.com).



### Primary Election Update:

- June 16th is the last day to register to vote in the July Primary.
- The Primary will be held on July 7th and voting by mail (VBM) for the primary is encouraged.
- All registered Democratic voters will receive a Democratic Mail In Ballot, with pre-paid postage.
- All registered Republican voters will receive a Republican Mail In Ballot, with pre-paid postage.
- All registered unaffiliated and inactive voters will receive a Mail In Ballot Application, with pre-paid postage.
- To receive the ballot by mail, the application must be received by the *County Clerk* seven (7) days prior to the election. A voter may also return the application in person to the *County Clerk* until Election Day, but the voted ballot must be returned by 8 pm. The *County Clerk* cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of a Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required.
- There will be drop boxes located in several locations throughout the County. All voted ballots must be in a drop box, returned to the Board of Elections or postmarked by 8 pm on Election Day.
- **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** In person voting will be via provisional ballot only, unless the voter is visually impaired or otherwise certifies to a disability which requires an accessible voting machine.
- All other voters who visit a polling location will be required to vote on a provisional ballot.



[Hillsborough Township Youth Services Commission Sponsors 5th Grade Running and Character Development Co-curricular Clubs](#)



The Youth Services Commission sponsors two 5th grade running and character development co-curricular clubs. The Girls **iRUN** (I am Responsible, Unique, Non-drinker) and the Boys **BLUR** (Boys Learning United through Running) are programs serving over 100 students in the Fall and Spring each year. There are four dedicated facilitators who guide and mentor students in the clubs. Among the topics that the clubs discuss, in a safe environment, are self-respect, confidence building, handling peer pressure, nutrition, and substance abuse prevention.



This Spring, the facilitators developed a virtual program that about 110 students will participate in and some of their parents will join as well. One of the highlighted events this year will be the Hillsborough YMCA's Hillsborough Hop Virtual 5K.



## Hillsborough Township Municipal Services Open to Residents and Businesses

Hillsborough Municipal Services are open to serve both our residents and business community, despite the Municipal Building being closed to the public. [See the full list of services.](#)

### Department Updates

#### Business Advocate:

- There are several Hillsborough Farms open and offering services for our community as an additional resource for food products. For the latest information regarding the Hillsborough farming community, please visit [Experience Hillsborough](#) and click on [Hillsborough Harvest](#) or visit the [HBA Facebook page](#).
- Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are "Open for Business"? Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!



#### Engineering:

Update on the 2020 paving program

- Willow Road Phase 1 (between Amwell Road & Valinor Drive) – Completed
- Andria Avenue – Completed
- Hillsborough Road (between Bypass & Willow Rd) – Completed
- Brooks Boulevard – Completed
- Wertsville Road – Completed



- East Mountain Road – Completed
  - Green Hills should be completed by the end of June
  - Camplain Road has been delayed due to PSE&G work on the gas main replacements
  - Willow Road Phase 2 (between Valinor & Hillsborough Rd) is under NJDOT review and paving is planned for Fall 2020 or Spring 2021
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### **Finance/Tax Collector:**

- The Township will be issuing estimated 3rd quarter tax bills. The bills will be a small, single sheet and will be for the August payment only. The Shop Hillsborough credits will be applied to those bills as well. The Finance Department will be mailing the bills during the week of June 22nd.
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### **Health:**

- Reminder - be sure your pets are currently vaccinated against rabies and dogs are licensed. The dog license application or renewal can be found on the [Township website](#).
  - On the [Township website main page](#) there is a recycling icon - click there to learn more ways to recycle and reuse and ultimately consume less.
  - The Health Department continues to receive guidance from the State regarding opening procedures for child care facilities, summer camp and coming soon will be pool guidance.
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### **Police:**

- Through the collaboration with the Police, Engineering Department and Administration a letter was sent to the NJDOT to revisit the cost sharing of the Raider Boulevard dedicated left-turn arrow. The result was the Township is now not responsible for 25% of the electrical costs associated with the revision of the existing traffic signal on Raider Boulevard (dedicated left arrow).
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### **Public Works:**

- Public Works Department is back in full swing with its Annual Clean Up Drop Off Program along with many other infrastructure repairs and maintenance items.
  - Ditch maintenance completed this Spring to assure the proper flow of the water runoff from the more rural roadways.
  - Plan to start the crack sealing program which helps prolong the life of the roadways by keeping damaging moisture out of the subsurface materials of the road.
  - We urge everyone participating in any of our programs to read the new safety guidelines available [on our website](#).
  - Public Works Department would like to thank the Borough of Raritan for their donation of a Mack garbage truck that was headed for public auction. This will be utilized for our Senior Curbside Pickups and Clean Communities Townwide Clean Up days.
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### **Parks and Recreation:**

- Hillsborough Township Basketball Courts will be opened effective Friday, June 12, 2020. As per the Governor's Executive Orders relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing is required and no organized or pickup games are permitted at this time.
- Hillsborough Parks & Recreation is proud to begin offering virtual camps such as Basketball, tennis, soccer and Music Academy, with registration starting on June 10th, at 9:00 am. This is only the beginning of summer programming here in Hillsborough. Residents can expect both virtual and in person programs, camps and clinics as the summer moves forward. Continue to check the [Parks & Recreation website](#) and social media accounts for future release dates and information
- With the lifting of additional restrictions from the Governor





on June 9th and increasing the amount of people that are allowed to gather we will be opening the dog park along with the skate park out at AVM on June 10th.

### **Social Services:**

- For residents facing financial difficulties during this public health crisis, the Community Assistance Network is here to help. Through the generosity of our community the CAN provides non-perishable food products and toiletries. To apply for services, visit the [Social Services Department website](#) or call their office at 908-369-3880.
- The Community Assistance Network thanks the many residents and local organizations who have dropped off donations of groceries to the department and to those who have organized local food drives on our behalf.
- Royce Brook Golf Course continues to partner with Social Services in providing meals for a number of our seniors who are housebound with a limited capacity to obtain food amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below are photos of Hillsborough Township Departments delivering the services that you have come to expect from Hillsborough Township.



Administration / OEM:  
Township Clerk Pamela Borek and OEM  
Director John Sheridan participating in a  
planning conference call



Parks and Recreation:  
Parks' Cody Woodrick and Brian Staats  
securing the fence at the skate park

## **Community News**

### **Rotary Club of Hillsborough Cancels Annual Rotary Fair**

As a result of COVID-19 related risks and restrictions, the Rotary Club of Hillsborough decided to cancel this year's annual Rotary Fair, held each August at the Hillsborough Promenade, 315 Route 206 (adjacent to the Lowe's parking lot). [Read more.](#)



### **JCP&L Annual Vegetative Management Aerial Patrol 2020**



Jersey Central Power & Light will be conducting their Annual Vegetation Management Aerial Patrol. Vegetation Management Aerial inspections are scheduled during the April through September time frame on an annual basis and cover all transmission facilities system-wide. Patrols consist of a Forestry Specialist who accompanies the pilot to identify effectiveness of prior year's herbicide application and identification of any conditions warranting further inspection from the ground and/or corrective action.



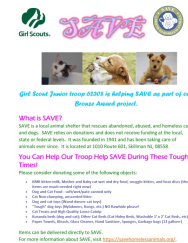
Please be advised that Haverfield will be the helicopter company assisting in the inspections on all JCP&L Transmission Lines, beginning June 15th through June 20th, weather permitting. The pilot will be in communication with any local airports when in their airspace. The helicopter will be flying at a speed of about 35-40 mph above or alongside the lines and may circle around for a closer inspection. The helicopter is a Black MD500 helicopter with red tail number N500LK.

### **Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to Respond to the Census!**

The Census is important because it impacts future planning and funding for infrastructure, future employment, training and healthcare programs. To learn more about the impacts of the census or to complete it online visit the website [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov). Take a few minutes and complete your census.



### **Girl Scout Junior Troop #62308 Helping SAVE as Part of Bronze Award Project**



### **Updates from the Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance**

#### **Parents Who Host - reminder for parents about the consequences of serving underage kids as the summer/grad season approaches.**

For the safety of your children and our community, please keep this in mind as you celebrate this accomplishment.



#### **Safe + Sound Somerset**

Safe+Sound Somerset is a team of dedicated and qualified diverse professionals and volunteers sharing a commitment to empowering survivors and engaging the community to end abuse.



#### **Webinar Series**

- June 22nd: Relating About Dating: Talking to Teens About Healthy Relationships
- July 29th: Spotting the Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship
- August 24th: An Inside Look at Safe+Sound Somerset, The County's Lead Domestic Violence Response Agency

[To register](#)



### **PIONEER Family Success Center**

The Pioneer Family Success Center offers the community a gathering place, connect

families to helpful resources in Somerset County, NJ and bring families together through free events, programs & local activities. [For June Events.](#)

## Somerset County News

[Mail In Ballots Arriving in Somerset County Mailboxes Starting This Weekend](#)

[Updated information regarding Somerset County Parks and Leash-free Dog Parks](#)

[Operation Secure Shred to Occur on June 13](#)

[County Provides COVID-19 Online Resource Center](#)

[Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board - Free Online Resources Help Residents Hone Virtual](#)

[Somerset County June Recycling Schedule](#)

[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#)

- [Explore From Home: Challenge Yourself With SCLSNJ This Summer](#)
- [Somerset County Means Employment: Library System Offers Virtual Training. Resources, Assistance, More for Job Seekers](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## COVID-19 Updates

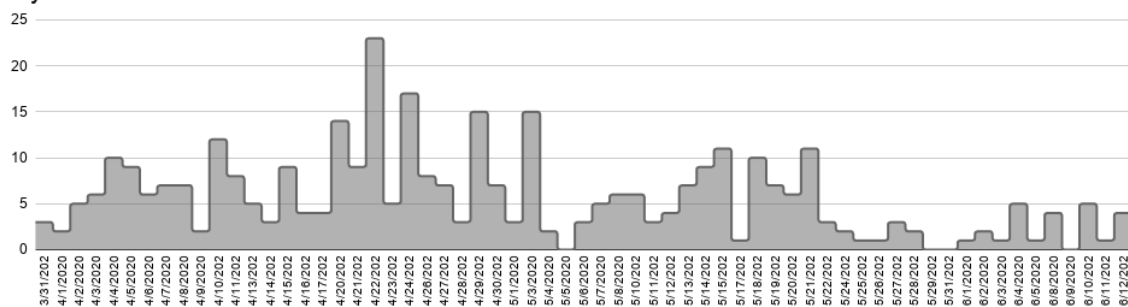
### COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

[COVID-19 Case Information is updated daily on the Township website](#)

	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
<b>CASES</b>	390	3	4,164	166,164	2,016,027
<b>DEATHS</b>	53	NA	436	12,489	113,914
<b>RECOVERED</b>	193	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department**

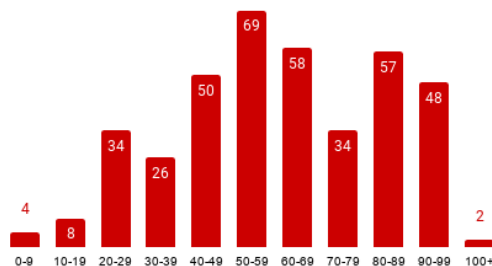
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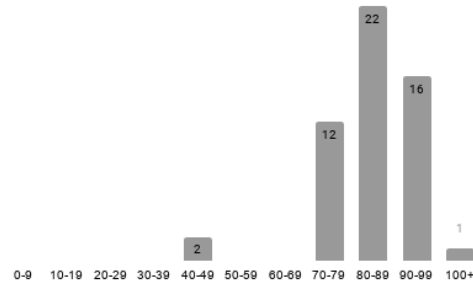
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Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range

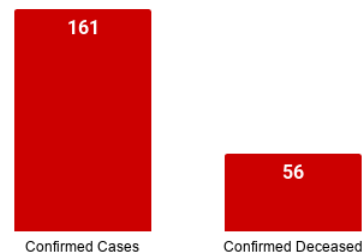


Deceased by Age Range

**Disclaimer:**

Please be advised that the numbers posted here and on the Township website are those that are reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department based on reports from the NJ Department of Health surveillance system. The reported numbers are only from those individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and are confirmed positive through an FDA approved laboratory for COVID-19 testing purpose. It does not include those contacts of the positive individuals or any individuals, who are sick and have not been tested.

Hillsborough Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities



\* Confirmed cases and confirmed deceased from Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities may not also be included in the total number of cases above.

The number of cases from the above section by age and deceased cannot be added to the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities confirmed cases and confirmed deceased to get a total case count and a total deceased count. The reason for this is that there are different reporting mechanisms in place capturing that data. The NJ Department of Health surveillance system obtains reports from State run labs. The Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities utilize many different labs, State, out-of-state and private, therefore, their numbers are not completely reflected in the total Hillsborough numbers from the State system at this time. That withstanding, you cannot simply add the two sets of numbers either to get a total case count, as some of the LTC/ALF numbers are counted in the State system.

**If you are a Hillsborough resident and have tested positive for Coronavirus / COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 908-369-5652.**

The Hillsborough Township Health Department continues to monitor all cases and is working with the State to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Township Health Department will reach out to all individuals determined to have been in close contact with the positive testing persons within 24-48 hours of each case being confirmed.

### [NJ Residents with a Positive COVID-19 Test:](#)

#### [Instructions & Next Steps](#)

## Somerset County COVID-19 Testing Site

### [Testing at Raritan Valley College \(RVCC\) Continues on June 18th and 25th](#)

COVID-19 Testing continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Thursday June 18th and Thursday 25th. Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required. Testing site will be



open from 10 am to 1 pm.

## Meeting Updates, Cancellations and Closures

Due to the Governor's Executive Orders and pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11, all Township meetings will be held using virtual technology and the public may only participate in meetings remotely. Please [visit the calendar](#) on our municipal website for meeting dates, cancellations, updates and instructions.

## COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#)

[For Weekly COVID-19 Message from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Superintendent of Schools](#)

[Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care](#)

### [Contact Tracing Opportunity](#)

Are you interested in assisting NJ's contact tracing efforts? [Register at the NJ COVID-19 Information Hub website](#) and be notified when opportunities become available.

### [NJ TRANSIT UPDATE](#)

NJ Transit will continue to respond to the latest on COVID-19 with customer and employee safety as a top priority and keep you informed of our response. To keep informed, go to [COVID-19: How We're Protecting You](#).

Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 125,

The number of passengers is limited to 50% of a vehicle's capacity.

50%

Customers must wear a face covering while on board a NJ TRANSIT vehicle.

Please do your part when you ride. Plan Ahead - Slow the Spread

[COVID-19: Red Cross Offers Virtual Care for New Jersey Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones](#)

Our hearts are with you.

If you lost a loved one to COVID-19, please contact us for emotional support and other services.

[redcross.org/VFAC](https://redcross.org/VFAC)

American Red Cross

## How Can I Help?

[Click here for information on Hillsborough Township's Community Assistance Network \(C.A.N.\) Program](#)

Donations to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made [online](#). Donation of items are also accepted - [see list of most needed items](#).

Community Assistance Network

HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK

Updated 5/22/20

C.A.N. we count on you?

The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network continues to rely on the local community to help your Hillsborough neighbors in need.

Items we are currently low on:

Stuffing	Snacks	Laundry Detergent
Mashed Potatoes	Breakfast Bars	Dish Detergent
Pasta Sides	Canned Fruit	Cleaning Products
Hamburger Helper	Boxed Spaghetti	Cleaning Sponges

Items may be dropped off by the entrance to the Social Services Department. Located across from the wooden Gasbto. At the municipal complex Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Monetary donations can also be made by mailing in a check or going to [hillsborough-nj.org](https://hillsborough-nj.org)

Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex  
The Peter J. Biondi Building  
378 South Broad Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08544  
609-261-1800  
[hillsborough-nj.org](https://hillsborough-nj.org)

[Somerset County Office of Emergency Management Continues to Accept Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donations](#)

The Somerset County Office of Emergency Management continues to accept donations of personal protective equipment. A collection box has been set up in front of the Emergency Services Training Academy, located at 402 Roycefield Road,

[Register to Volunteer](#)

## Contacting Your State and County Officials

[Click here for information on contacting NJ State and Somerset County Officials](#)

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

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