

Tuesday, September 15, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News

The Mayor's eNews is currently being published twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. COVID-19 case information is updated on the Township [website](#) daily, Monday through Friday.

Traffic Advisory

- Westbound Triangle Road will be closed from Route 206 to Farm Road between the hours of 9 am and 3:30 pm for approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting
- Camplain Road will be closed from Sunnymead Road to Route 206, between 7 am and 4 pm daily
- South Branch Road will be closed for road construction from New Centre to Beekman Lane beginning Tuesday, September 15th
- On-going alternating traffic on New Amwell Road

Please follow posted detours and exercise caution while traveling through the area. Expect delays.

Township News

[Common Sense Local Legislation Yields Continued Outdoor Dining as a Viable Option for Food Establishments](#)

On Monday, June 15, 2020, restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, offered in-person service at outdoor areas provided that the establishment complies with the requirements set forth in the Executive Order. Department of Health and local requirements. Hillsborough officials came together and streamlined the process issuing temporary outdoor dining permits with record turnaround time of just over 1 business day.

"Realizing the financial hardship that the pandemic has caused our business community, the fast execution of this policy change was important to allow our food establishment community the opportunity to participate in outdoor dining, while adhering to the regulations," stated Mayor Doug Tomson.

Hillsborough Township went one step further, while indoor dining has opened up last week at limited capacity per Executive Order #183 issued on September 1st, temporary outdoor dining permits in Hillsborough remain active. [Read more.](#)

[Mayor's Opioid Team Shares Information on Opioid Overdose Reversal Drug Naloxone](#)

Naloxone can reverse overdoses from opioids by blocking the effects of opioids on the brain. NJ Human Services is making naloxone available for free September 24th to 26th at participating pharmacies throughout New Jersey. New Jerseyans will be able to visit participating pharmacies and anonymously obtain naloxone without a prescription or an appointment. Hillsborough locations are CVS at 220 Triangle Road, Shoprite Pharmacy Of Hillsborough at 601 Route #206 & Amwell Road and Weis Markets at 315 Rt 206. Other locations can be found at [NJ Human Services website](#).

Those who obtain the drug will also be given information regarding addiction treatment and recovery through Reach NJ, a 24-hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week addictions hotline where people who have Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or friends and family of people with SUD can get immediate assistance and support from live, New Jersey-based, trained addiction counselors. An individual who calls the program's toll-free number, 844-ReachNJ (732-2465), will reach a live staff member who will help connect you to treatment.

Montgomery Women's Physician Group, Desi Physician Moms, Donates masks to Hillsborough

Desi Physician Moms (DPM) of US/Canada, a non-profit philanthropic organization and network of nearly 7,000 licensed, physician women of Indian Subcontinent heritage donated 100 facial masks to the Hillsborough Township Community Assistance Network. Thank you to local DPM member, Dr. Neha Saraiya and her team of volunteer sewers from Montgomery Township, Vaishali, Preeti, Anita, Madhu and Arva for their talent, efforts and time.



Eleven DPM members from 8 cities throughout the United States volunteered their time and coordinated volunteer teams to make 30,000 masks for physicians in direct patient care, high risk patients, and the elderly during the Covid-19 pandemic. The masks are a variation of an original design produced by Dr. Sonia Mehta, anesthesiologist at the University of Florida. DPM works to support women's and children's issues and other issues regarding work/family balance, immigration, and maintaining Desi culture while residing in North America and assimilating into Western culture.

Hillsborough Township Clean Communities Virtual World, National & Local Litter Cleanup Event Set for September 12-19, 2020

Help Hillsborough Township Clean Communities build a more sustainable planet by being a part of the solution to end litter and illegal dumping! We want YOU to join the movement and make a difference in your community. [For more information and registration.](#)



Let's Help Duke Farms Win #1 Farmers Market - Cast Your Vote by September 20th

American Farmland Trust is conducting their 12th annual Farmers Market Celebration. Let's help Hillsborough's own Duke Farms Farmers Market become #1 in 2020 by casting a vote! Currently, their ranking is 11th nationwide, 2nd in New Jersey and 4th in the northeast. Let's help them reach #1 in all categories! Voting is open until Sunday, September 20th. [To vote.](#)



The weekly Duke Farms Market was created in 2014 to provide the community with an opportunity to purchase wholesome food and goods while promoting local farming and sustainable businesses. What began with several vendors has grown into a thriving market with over two dozen participating businesses. [For the Farmers Market schedule and additional information about Duke Farms Farmers Market.](#)

Hillsborough Social Services Partnering with Foothill Acres Nursing Home to Hold a Drive-Thru Health Fair for Senior Residents on September 22nd

The drive through health fair will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at the Willow Road Complex, 2 Valinor Road, from 11 am to 1 pm. Rain-date is Tuesday, September 29th. There will be a 100-car capacity limit.

At the event, Seniors will drive into the Willow Road Complex parking lot then drive along the vendor tents and receive "goody bags" for each occupant in the car. At the last tent, Seniors will be provided with a boxed lunch then directed to a parking space. They can roll down the windows and eat lunch while listening to music provided by a DJ. There will be an ice cream truck at the event!

Preregistration is required by September 16th. Seniors can contact Cathy Faerber at 908-369-3880 or email her at rooms@hillsborough-nj.org.



Get Ready for Flu Season - Hillsborough Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinic On September 24th

It's more important than ever! The Hillsborough Health Department and Green Brook Family Practice will sponsor the 2020 flu vaccinations for Hillsborough residents. The clinic will be held on Thursday, September 24th at the Hillsborough Municipal Building. Senior Citizens and high risk individuals with chronic conditions only will be admitted from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, and all other residents, ages 6 months and up, will be admitted from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Please do not come to the clinic if you have a fever or feel feverish. [Read more from Hillsborough Health Department](#) and for [NJ Department of Health tips to take care of yourself and others](#).



There's Still Time - Deadline to Respond to the 2020 Census is September 30th

Completing your 2020 census is safe whether done [online](#), by phone, or by mail. Your personal information is kept confidential and responses are used for statistical purposes only. Deadline to complete 2020 Census is September 30th. Find out more at 2020CENSUS.gov.



Township Seeking Historic Scenic Photos for the 250th Anniversary Edition of the 2021 Town Calendar

"The Township is pleased to be working with Town Planner to produce a 250th Anniversary edition of the color printed 2021 calendar which will be mailed out to every residence in Hillsborough," announced Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting. Previous calendars included at least twelve photographs featuring Hillsborough Township's landscape and scenery, submitted by our residents. This year, the twist is historic pictures to commemorate Hillsborough's rich 250 year history. [Read more.](#)

Township Meeting Updates, Cancellations and Closures

Please visit the calendar on our municipal website for meeting dates, cancellations, updates and instructions.



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Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org for all Departmental Updates

Business Advocate

Mark your calendars for Hillsborough [3rd Annual Restaurant Week](#) September 29th through October 4th.



Engineering

Residents are reminded that they should not blow grass clippings into the street. This is a violation of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Requirements. The grass clippings will discharge to drainage inlets and end up in streams and rivers causing environmental concerns. It is recommended that property owners recycle clippings back into the lawn, cart away or compost. Contact the Engineering Department for further information.

Finance-Tax Collector

The 4th quarter 2020/1st and 2nd quarter 2021 tax bills will be mailed the week of September 14th. The State of New Jersey has not released the Homestead Credits yet and therefore you will not see that adjustment on this billing. If the State does release the credits, you will receive an adjusted bill for the 4th quarter at that time.

Hillsborough Parks and Recreation

Look through the [Fall Activities Guide](#) to find your favorite activity. Some offerings include Jr Chef's Cooking Classes, Bricks 4 Kidz Classes, Built by Me STEM Web and Game Design, Senior Steps walking program at Ann Van Middlesworth Park and much more! Don't miss out of the fun! [Register on-line](#).



Police

Old prescription medications can be dropped in the Hillsborough Police Department Medicine Drop Box located in the Police Lobby. The drop box is only available Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm. Residents will have to sign in as they enter the police lobby before they can access the drop box.

If there is other Municipal business that residents need to conduct after dropping off their old prescription medications, they will need to re-enter the building through the front door and sign-in at the Receptionist Desk.

Public Works

Department of Public Works has been diligently prepping and fixing necessary spots in the roads. On September 21st, the Township's first ever high performance chip seal program will begin. We are excited and encouraged with the useful nature of this product for the township roadways. To find out more information about this process please visit the Township website and click on the [Public Works link](#).

Allstates Materials Group will be applying the surface treatment to the following roads:

- Steeple Dr
- Davenport Way
- Merryl Ave
- Opie Rd - 206 to Falcon rd
- Beekman - New Center to Conover Drive
- Atkinson Circle

Township Employment Opportunities

- [Part Time Systems Administrator Assistant - Hillsborough Police Department](#)
- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

[Visit the Hillsborough Township Website to apply](#)

Community Bulletin Board

[For Meetings and Events Check Out our Township Calendar](#)

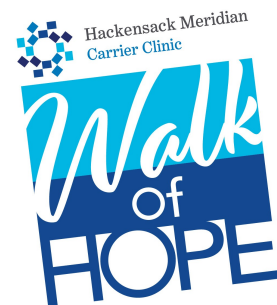


[Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center Sponsors September 23rd Virtual Career Webinar](#)

The Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center, a system partner of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board, will host a Virtual Career Webinar for hopeful job seekers. The September 23rd virtual webinar will be presented via Zoom from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://conta.cc/3ePy3VS>.

[Carrier Clinic to Host Virtual 'Walk of Hope' on September 26th](#)

Join Carrier Clinic's 2020 Virtual Walk of Hope on Saturday, September 26th, at 10 am. This event is a fundraising campaign to help those suffering with mental illness and addiction. Be sure to mark your calendars for when Carrier Clinic will go live with walk festivities at www.facebook.com/carrierclinic. Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, participants are invited to walk, run, bike, swim, etc., remotely from anywhere, at any time, and for any distance! [For more information.](#)



[2020 Steeplechase Distance Run will be Held Virtually, September 27th through October 4th](#)

The virtual event benefits the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Register at www.steeplechasedistancerun.com



The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, Petrock's Bar & Grille and Petrock's Liquors Hosting Hillsborough's Got Magic on October 1st

On Thursday, October 1st, at 7 pm, The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, together with Petrock's Bar & Grille and Petrock's Liquors, will host Hillsborough's Got Magic. [Read more.](#)



Somerset County News

Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women Presents a Personal Development Webinar 'Dollars & Sense: Rebuilding After COVID' on Thursday, September 17th



Somerset County Sponsors Operation Secure Shred, a Free Document Shredding Event, on Saturday September 19th in Branchburg

Somerset County Celebrates Diversity Awareness Month in October - 2nd Annual Diversity Festival Will Occur Virtually



Somerset County Library System of NJ (SCLSNJ) News and Events



Somerset County Curbside 2020 Recycling Schedule



COVID-19 Community Resources

COVID-19 Reported Case Information is updated on the Township website Monday through Friday For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

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

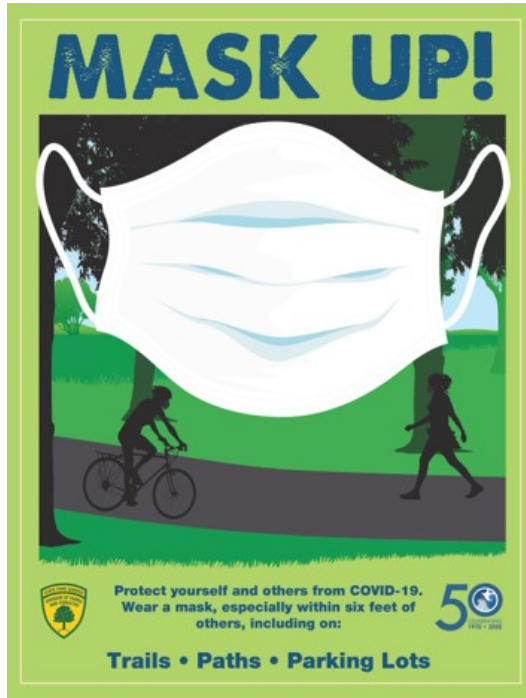
COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC will be Held on Thursdays

[COVID-19: Information on Underlying Conditions](#)

[NJ Contact Tracing Information](#)

Mask Up, New Jersey!

Face coverings, along with social distancing, staying home when you are sick and good hand hygiene, are vital tools in the fight against COVID-19. Wearing a face covering or mask has been shown to dramatically decrease the release of droplets from people's mouths, which can carry infectious particles.



Contacting Your State and County Officials

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

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