

Tuesday, September 29, 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
- On-going alternating traffic on New Amwell Road

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

Township News

[Hillsborough Township Receives “Best of” Recognitions from Niche](#)

Hillsborough Township received several “Best Of” rankings in 2020 according to Niche.com. “We are honored to announce the accolades that Hillsborough Township has received from Niche.com,” stated Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday’s Township Committee Meeting. [Read more.](#)



[Hillsborough Township and HEF Partner for Book Drive to Support Classroom Libraries](#)

Hillsborough Township was approached over the summer by members of the Hillsborough Education Foundation to assist with a book drive. The goal was to collect new and gently used books that could be repurposed into classroom libraries. Over the course of a few days, the side multipurpose room became a dropoff spot for residents who had books to donate. Volunteers from HEF spent countless hours sorting the books by appropriate age groups so that the teachers could easily peruse the selections available and stock their classroom libraries. [Read more.](#)



[Deadline to Respond to the 2020 Census is September 30th - There's Still Time to Complete Your Census!](#)

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.



[Virtual World, National & Local Litter Cleanup Event September 25th - November 13th](#)

Calling all Litter Heroes! 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. [Read more.](#)



[Hillsborough Township to Host Fall Flea Markets](#)

"Hillsborough Township will host three flea markets this fall at the Willow Road Complex," announced Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday September 22nd's Township Committee meeting. The flea markets will be held on Saturdays in **October, 3rd, 10th and 24th**. Individuals interested in participating and obtaining a space can register online through the Recreation Department's Community Pass at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org. The cost of the space is \$20 per date. The flea market will run from 8 am until noon on each of the dates. Set up will begin at 7 am. [Read more.](#)



[Mark Your Calendars for Hillsborough Recreation's Halloween Events](#)

[Go Green for Halloween](#)

Get into the spirit of recycling by exchanging old, gently used costumes for "new to you" versions. Donation boxes will be available in the Municipal Building near the Recreation and costumes can be dropped off between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, from **September 28th to October 9th**. Donated items should already be cleaned and in good, wearable condition. **October 15th** is the special pick up day for those who donated a costume and want a new one. All others can pick up a new-to-you costume on **October 16th**.



[Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest](#)

on October 31st

On Saturday, October 31st, starting 8:30 AM will be the annual dog "Howl-O-Ween" which will take place at the Ann Van Middlesworth Dog Park. During this event families and pets will be able to gather in the dog park while our Hillsborough Girl Scouts rank the costumes and select prize winners such as best costume, best group costume and much more! All prizes are donated from local businesses and this is sure to be a great event! No pre-registration required! Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the parade will start at 9:00am by the Pavilion.



Trunk or Treat on October 31st

The Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 31st, from 1:30-2:30 pm at the Willow Road Complex. There are two options residents can take advantage of for this event:

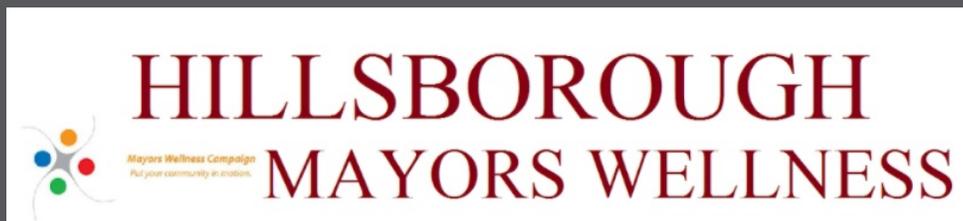
- Option 1: Families can provide a decorated "Trunk/Vehicle" as well as candy to hand out to the Trunk or Treaters.
- Option 2: Don't have a vehicle to decorate or include? -- No problem! Families can register their children to "Treat" without a "Trunk" for \$5 per child. (Limited capacity)

Trunk or Treaters will also be able to vote on "Best Trunk"! Registration is required for both options by Friday October 23rd at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org.



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.](#)



New Jerseyans Feeling the Emotional and Mental Toll of COVID-19 Can Get Support From a Special Helpline

NJ Mental Health Cares, the state's behavioral health information and referral service, will now also offer help to people dealing with anxiety and worry related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. New Jerseyans can call 1-866-202-HELP (4357) for free, confidential support. NJ Mental Health Cares will be answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week by live trained specialists.

2020 General Election

[County Clerk Releases Step-By-Step Vote by Mail Tutorials](#)

[Board of Elections Adds 14 Poll Locations and 8 Ballot Drop Box](#)

[US Post Office Card Misstates NJ 2020 Election Process - Every Active Voter in New Jersey will Automatically Receive a Vote by Mail \(VBM\) Ballot](#)

Election Day - Important Dates

- Tuesday, October 13 – This is the last day to register to vote and be able to cast a ballot in the 2020 General Election.
- Friday, October 23 – This is the last day to request a replacement ballot through the mail.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Election Day

[For additional information about election go to the Voting Information page on the Township website](#)



HBA
Hillsborough Business Association

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Department Updates

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

[Business Advocate](#)

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

Mayor Doug Tomson made the rounds to see what our local eateries will be offering. Go to [Mayor's Tour](#) and browse through the page. You can also visit the [Restaurant Week website](#) to see the menu and specials.



[Finance-Tax Collector](#)

The 2020 final/2021 preliminary tax bills are in the process of being mailed. You should receive your bill by the end of the month. The State of New Jersey has not released the Homestead Benefits and therefore there is no credit for that on the 4th quarter 2020 tax bills.

[Health](#)

The Hillsborough Township Health Officer and her team are continuing to monitor the Township's COVID-19 case count and contact individuals to conduct Contact Tracing. If you have been exposed, you should self monitor as usual and be alert for any symptoms for 14 days. If you receive a call from Hillsborough Township Health Department regarding your activities, please return their call promptly. Your cooperation is extremely important. If you have tested positive or if you receive a call from someone you know who has tested positive, please contact the Hillsborough Township Health Department immediately at 908-369-5652, Monday through Friday 8 am until 4:30 pm, or email during non-business hours to sspano@hillsborough-nj.org.

Township Employment Opportunities

- [Full Time Planning and Zoning Clerk](#)
- [Part Time Office Assistant / Floater](#)
- [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](#)



[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

Local Hillsborough may be helping anthers getting together at the 2020 Steeplechase Distance Run. Just a month from now we're expecting thousands of local patients and their families who rely on the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Join us for hope and healing.

GO THE DISTANCE FOR CANCER PATIENTS!

Run, walk, bike or swim 10K, 5K or 2 miles between September 27 - October 4 or challenge yourself to complete 100 miles during the month of September.

Register - Start a team, join a team or sign up solo.
Sell a Good - Choose your mileage. Let others know why you are participating & why they should too.
Photo for Good - Use your family, friends and colleagues to support you.
Get Active - Track your mileage and keep your family, friends and colleagues updated on social media or your customizable fundraising page.

Registration fees:
 10K, 5K or 2 Miles - \$30 or \$15 for children 15 & under
 100 Mile Challenge - \$40 or \$30 for children 15 & under

Funds raised support 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.](#)

HILLSBOROUGH'S got MAGIC

A virtual and interactive fundraiser benefiting The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, featuring the greatest magicians from TV!

Thursday, October 1st @ 7pm - Purchase tickets at RotaryMagic.com

Scholarship Opportunities

[VFW 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Scholarship](#)

Commander Tom Cellilli of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Hillsborough Memorial Post # 8371 announced the kick-off of this year's VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington D.C. Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed [entry form](#) to Post # 8371 by **October 31st**. The mailing address is Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228 in Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

2020-2021 Theme
"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
 Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
 Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?
 Since 1921, the Voice of Democracy has been the "Voice of America" for young people. It is a national program that encourages high school and college students to express their views on the issues of the day. The program is a national competition for high school and college students. The program is a national competition for high school and college students. The program is a national competition for high school and college students.

Why should I enter?
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Who can enter?
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What do I need to enter?
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2020-21 Official Entry Form
 Voice of Democracy Competition
 Must Be Completed by 10/31/2020

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Grade _____
 School Name _____
 School Address _____
 School City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone (Home) _____
 Telephone (School) _____
 Telephone (Mobile) _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Parent/Guardian Name _____
 Parent/Guardian Address _____
 Parent/Guardian City, State, Zip _____
 Parent/Guardian Telephone _____
 Parent/Guardian E-mail _____
 Signature of Student/Participant _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

[VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual Essay Competition](#)

Commander Tom Cellilli of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post # 8371, announced the kick-off of the VFW's annual Patriots Pen youth essay competition. Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards. Deadline for student entries is **October 31st** with entries mailed to Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)

PATRIOTS PEN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

2020 - 2021 Theme
 "What is Patriotic to Me?"
 Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
 Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is Patriot's Pen?
 Established in 1958, the VFW National youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an actual patriotic issue. The essay area is for the area that VFW Post #8371 and participants live in or near. The national contest will award at least \$1000. The first grand prize winner receives \$5,000.

Big National Prizes
 1st Place: \$5,000
 2nd Place: \$2,500
 3rd Place: \$1,000
 4th Place: \$500
 5th Place: \$250
 6th Place: \$100
 7th Place: \$50
 8th Place: \$25
 9th Place: \$10
 10th Place: \$5

Who Can Enter?
 The VFW National youth essay competition is open to all middle school students in grades 6-8 in the United States and its territories. The contest is open to all students who are citizens of the United States or who have been admitted to the United States as permanent residents. The contest is open to all students who are currently residing in the United States or who have been admitted to the United States as permanent residents. The contest is open to all students who are currently residing in the United States or who have been admitted to the United States as permanent residents.

Somerset County News

[Cancer: Thriving & Surviving Workshop](#)

[Somerset County 2nd Annual Virtual Diversity Festival Begins October 1st-Residents Can Share Diversity-Related Information Online](#)

[COVID-19 Closures Extended for County-Operated Senior Centers- Grab & Go and Zoom Programs Are Available](#)

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

- [SCLSNJ Offers Resources, Support for Families and Schools During Virtual Learning](#)
- [SCLSNJ's 5th Annual Book Lovers Tea Goes Virtual](#)



[Somerset County Curbside 2020 Recycling Schedule](#)



COVID-19 Community Resources

[Hillsborough Township COVID-19 Special Bulletins](#)

- [Covid19 Case Investigation, Contact Tracing Guide for Residents](#)
- [Coronavirus Resources and Information](#)

[COVID-19 Reported Case Information is Updated on the Township website Monday through Friday. A list of COVID-19 Resources can be found on the Township website 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 Through the End of September](#)

[COVID-19 Information on Underlying Conditions and NJ Contact Tracing](#)

Contacting Your State and County Officials

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

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