

Tuesday, October 6, 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

[Join Mayor Doug Tomson Podcasts](#)

Mayor Doug Tomson was interviewed for the 2nd and 3rd episodes of the Official Hillsborough Township Podcast, hosted by Paul Scaltro.

- [Click here to listen to Episode 2](#) - Fall Events in Hillsborough
- [Click here to listen to Episode 3](#) - Understanding your Tax Bill and the Budget Process



[There's Still Time to be Counted - 2020 Census Deadline Extended to October 31st](#)

The census is more than just a population count. It's the data that the federal government and the state government rely upon to make decisions that impact our communities.

New Jersey was undercounted in 2010, and because of that, we have left -- over the course of the past decade, and even today -- untold billions of dollars in federal aid on the table. There's still time to make a difference for your community.

Take 10 minutes and fill out your census form on-line [here](#) or by [phone](#).



[Township Committee Recognizes October as](#)

[Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)

At the September 22nd meeting, the Township Committee recognized October as Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. The month-long initiative was first recognized in 1981, by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, as a Day of Unity to connect battered women advocates across the country. [Read more.](#)



[Township Committee Recognized September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)

At the September 8th meeting, the Township Committee declared September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The month-long initiative is known through the United States and helps raise awareness that prevention is possible, treatment is effective and people do recover. [Read more.](#)



[Hillsborough Township Hosts First Fall Flea Market on October 10th with Over 20 Registered Vendors - Don't Forget to Stop By and Shop](#)

The first of the Fall Flea Markets will be held this Saturday, **October 10th**, at the Willow Road Complex from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Dates for the other Saturdays are **October 17th 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. 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**.



[Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 29th](#)

The Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm will be held on Thursday, October 29th, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. All registered children will get a goodie bag and can go on a hayride, receive a pumpkin from the patch and walk through the kids bale maze. Pre-registration is required on-line at www.hillsboroughrecreation.org by noon on October 29th.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

AT NORZ HILL FARM

120 South Branch Road, Hillsborough



Come in costume and have some Halloween Fun on the Farm!



Thursday, October 29th

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

\$8 per child



All registered children can go on a hayride, receive a pumpkin from the patch, walk through the kids bale maze and get a goodie bag!!

Pre-Registration Required online at

www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org

Register by Thursday, October 29 at NOON



[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.



[Fall 2020 Virtual Litter Cleanup Event on September 25 - November 13, 2020](#)

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.](#)



[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.](#)

Hillsborough Economic and Business Development Commission (EBDC) Recognizes National Women's Small Business Month

[Spotlighting Debbie Norz of Norz Hill Farm & Market](#)

October is "National Women's Small Business Month" and was created to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of female entrepreneurs and to

recognize the vital role they play in our economy. The Economic & Business Development Commission (EBDC) is taking the opportunity to recognize women business owners in Hillsborough. The EBDC has invited all Hillsborough women business owners in the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) to share a few details of their business by completing a questionnaire. These business owners' responses will be released on the Hillsborough Business Association Facebook page, the Township's website and in the Mayor's e-newsletter. Additionally, October will feature weekly "Q&A Profiles" of successful female business owners in Hillsborough. EBDC member, Janine Erickson, kicked off the first weekly spotlight by meeting with Debbie Norz of Norz Hill Farm & Market. [Read more.](#)



HILLSBOROUGH MAYORS WELLNESS

Mayors Wellness Campaign
Put your community in motion.

Virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset Community Health and Steeplechase Cancer Center will be hosting a virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event, featuring Erin Brockovich, on Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset



Erin Brockovich
Superhero's Not Coming
The Story of the Woman Who Took on a Powerful Corporation

Breast surgeon Deborah Luo, MD, of RWJ Barnabas Health medical group's Steeplechase Breast Specialists who is medical director of breast cancer services at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset's Steeplechase Cancer Center, will provide an overview of your risks for breast cancer; causes of breast cancer, including environmental contaminants; signs of breast cancer; diagnostic tools (i.e. Mammogram, ultrasound and MRI) and the latest treatment options, including RWJUH Somerset's High Risk Breast Cancer Program.

Erin Brockovich, the renowned crusader whose case against Pacific Gas and Electric was dramatized in the Oscar-winning film, and author of *Superman's Not Coming*, will share her story, inspire changes that look at our present situation with water and reveal the imminent threats to our most precious and essential element.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset
Steeplechase Cancer Center

RWJ Barnabas

Virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event
Breast Cancer Clusters: Blown Out of the Water featuring Erin Brockovich
Wednesday, Oct. 21
7 to 8:30 p.m.

To register for this free Webinar, visit www.friendshealthconnection.org.

The event is coordinated by the hospital's Community Health Department in collaboration with Friends Health Connection.

2020 General Election

2020 NJ Voter Information Portal website Vote.NJ.Gov



[Somerset County Opens Atrium for In-Person Registration, Ballot Submission and Requests](#)

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

[Board of Elections Adds 14 Poll Locations and 8 Ballot Drop Box Locations for the November 3rd General Election](#)

Important Information about the 2020 General Election

Key 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

The mail in ballot drop box in front of the Hillsborough Complex at 379 South Branch Road is opened for completed mail in ballots to be dropped off

The 2020 General Election is a Mail in Ballot Election - ballots can be mailed through US Postal Service or dropped in the designated Drop Boxes throughout the county ([for locations](#))

In person voting is only available on November 3rd via audio machine, provided the voter can certify to a disability to use the machine

On Election Day, completed/voted mail in ballots can be delivered to your respective polling location and handed in there ([for Hillsborough polling locations, important dates and other information](#))

For questions and concerns, you may visit the Somerset County Board of Elections [website](#)

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



HBA
Hillsborough Business Association

Experience Hillsborough



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Department Updates

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

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](#)

Community Bulletin Board

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



[Fall Fest Flea Market Sponsored By Gemini Entertainment and Mary, Mother of God Church to be held on October 25th from 12:00pm to 5:00 pm](#)



[Sourland Conservancy Fall Events](#)



[Hillsborough Education Foundation NJ \(HEF\) Fundraiser Event](#)



[Social Security - Here to Help](#)

Social Security remains committed to providing uninterrupted benefits and vital services the public relies on, especially during the current coronavirus pandemic. Although their offices are not providing service for walk-in visitors, you may be able to schedule an appointment for limited, critical issues if you cannot be assisted by phone. Call or take advantage of the Social Security secure and convenient [online services](#) to:

- Apply for Retirement, Disability, and Medicare benefits,
- Check the status of an application or appeal,
- Request a replacement Social Security card (in most areas),
- Print a benefit verification letter, and
- Much more

Social Security Administration Important Information

We are still available to help by phone.

A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at:

1-866-446-6198
(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone.

Please do not come into one of our local offices. We cannot accept walk-in visitors at this time.

You may also visit **SSA.gov**. Many of our services can be completed online.

Visit **CDC.gov** for information about COVID-19.



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Administración del Seguro Social Información Importante

Aún estamos disponibles para ayudar por teléfono

Un representante local está disponible para atender su llamada de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. llamando al:

1-866-446-6198
(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

Es posible que podamos programar una cita si no podemos ayudarlo por teléfono.

Por favor no venga a una de nuestras oficinas locales. No podemos aceptar visitantes sin cita en este momento.

También puede visitar **SeguroSocial.gov**.

Muchos de nuestros servicios se pueden completar por internet.

Visite **CDC.gov** para obtener información sobre COVID-19.



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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 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
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 1925, the Voice of Democracy has been the foremost of youth contests in the United States. It is a national contest in which high school students 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 their local VFW Post. The contest is held annually in October and is open to all high school students in the United States.

Why Should I Enter?
Prize and scholarship can be awarded in the Post, District, State and National level.

The Rules
Who can enter?
The contest is open to all high school students in the United States. It is held annually in October and is open to all high school students in the United States.

What do I need to do to enter?
1. Write an original 3-5 minute audio CD or flash drive recording on the selected theme. The recording should be made on a CD or flash drive that is at least 128 MB in size. The recording should be made on a CD or flash drive that is at least 128 MB in size. The recording should be made on a CD or flash drive that is at least 128 MB in size.

How Do I Submit My Entry?
All entries must be submitted to the local VFW Post. The local VFW Post will provide the necessary forms and instructions for submitting your entry.

How Do I Contact My Local VFW Post?
For more information, contact your local VFW Post. The local VFW Post will provide the necessary forms and instructions for submitting your entry.

What is the Deadline?
The deadline for entries is October 31, 2020. Entries must be submitted to the local VFW Post by this date.

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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 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.](#)

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

What is Patriot's Pen?
Patriot's Pen is a youth essay competition that is held annually in October. It is a national contest in which middle school students write an original 250-500 word essay on the selected theme. The contest is held annually in October and is open to all middle school students in the United States.

Why Should I Enter?
Prize and scholarship can be awarded in the Post, District, State and National level.

The Rules
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The contest is open to all middle school students in the United States. It is held annually in October and is open to all middle school students in the United States.

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Somerset County News

County-Operated Senior Centers Offer Virtual Programs and Activities in October

Cancer: Thriving & Surviving Workshop

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

[COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC will be Held on Thursday October 8th](#)

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 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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