

Tuesday, October 13, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH

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# 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

- On Wednesday, October 14th, there will be alternating traffic on Farm Road, between Triangle Road and More Road, from 7 am to 11 am
- 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.**

## Meeting Notice

Hillsborough Township, while in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders is permitting in person attendance at the October 13th Township Committee meeting. For the health and safety of the Township Committee, Township employees and any members of the public who wish to attend the meeting in person, it is still recommended that interested individuals still participate via zoom. Please see below for more information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE has been amended to include both in person and virtual public participation for the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex, The Peter J. Biondi Building  
379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

PURPOSE: Regular business

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION PLEASE NOTE: this meeting is open for public attendance, with COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

ATTENDANCE: PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE ABOVE LOCATION AT 7:15 PM, face masks are required and you will be asked to sign in at the registration desk. Upon entering the courtroom, you will be required to physically distance at least 6 feet from any other attendees. Overflow will be available in the multi-purpose room, with audio only. The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom as indicated below.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/91561675666?pwd=S0FyZC9RU2xSWDZxZUhhcGVsVUtGZz09>

Passcode: 2QkQ5S

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +19292056099,,91561675666#,,,,,0#,,876265# or  
+13017158592,,91561675666#,,,,,0#,,876265#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833 or  
+1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 915 6167 5666

Passcode: 876265

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/abM9IFRiMF>

## Township News

### [Township Committee Celebrates Hillsboro Pharmacy's Grand Opening With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)

On Saturday, October 3rd, the Hillsborough Township Community was invited to come out and celebrate the official Grand Opening of Hillsboro Pharmacy with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. There were raffles, prizes, and refreshments. Mayor Doug Tomson had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Joining him was Owner Nirav Patel, Business Advocate David Kois, EBDC Members, Janine Erickson, Ken Hesthag, and Toni Natale. [Read more.](#)



### [Join Mayor Doug Tomson Podcasts](#)

Mayor Doug Tomson was interviewed for another episode of the Official Hillsborough Township Podcast, hosted by Paul Scaltro. Mayor Tomson discusses the drawbacks and benefits Hillsborough has encountered as farmland has given way to development over the years and the ongoing challenge of meeting Affordable Housing obligations. [Episode 4 - Preserving an Expanding Township](#)



The Official Podcast of Hillsborough Township is now available in iTunes! Open the Apple Podcasts app on your iPhone, search for "Official Podcast of Hillsborough NJ" or access directly with [this link](#). Be sure to subscribe so you don't miss future episodes.



The podcast is also available on it's own [webpage](#), where episodes can be streamed, downloaded and shared.

### [Hillsborough Township Next Fall Flea Market to be Held on October 17th - Still Time to Register](#)

The next Fall Flea Market will be held this Saturday, **October 17th**, at the Willow Road Complex from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

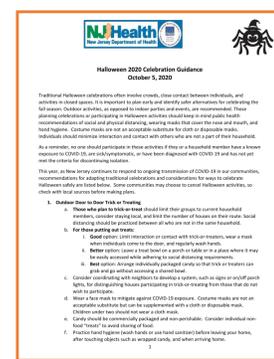
Individuals interested in participating and obtaining a space for Saturday the 17th and Saturday the 24th can register online through the Recreation Department's Community Pass at [www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org). The cost of the space is \$20 per date. Set up will begin at 7 am. [Read more.](#)



### [NJ Department of Health Guidelines for Halloween](#)

This year, as New Jersey continues to respond to ongoing transmission of COVID-19 in our communities, recommendations

For adapting traditional celebrations and considerations and ways to celebrate Halloween safely are listed below. Some communities may choose to cancel Halloween activities, so check with local sources before making plans. [Read more.](#)



## [2020 Census Deadline Extended to October 31st](#)

There's still time to make a difference for your community. Take 10 minutes and fill out your census form at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV) or by [phone](#) at 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish).



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

### [Go Green for Halloween - Costume Pick up on October 15th and 16th](#)

Costumes can be picked up from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Municipal Complex, 379 South Branch Road, on Thursday October 15th and 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](http://www.hillsboroughrecreation.org) by noon on October 29th.



### [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](http://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.](#)



## 2020 General Election

2020 NJ Voter Information Portal website [Vote.NJ.Gov](http://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.



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## Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://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](#)

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

## Community Bulletin Board

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



### [Somerset Safe Coalition Provides Narcan Training Resources](#)

**NARCAN TRAINING PROVIDERS**

"Suspected overdoses nationally jumped 18 percent in March, 28 percent in April and 42 percent in May, data from ambulance teams, hospitals and police shows." (Washington Post) We are happy to offer practical and fun training for your community during COVID-19. These agencies are all offering virtual Narcan training. You can find these websites to learn more about their virtual trainings and become equipped with Narcan.

**Community in Crisis**  
<https://communityin-crisis.org>

**Prevention Resources, Inc.**  
<https://njprevent.com>

**Rutgers RWJ Medical School**  
<https://rwmj.rutgers.edu/department/psychiatry/division-of-diagnosis-and-treatment-psychiatry/clinical-services/prevention-network>

**Somerset County Treatment Services**  
<https://www.somersetnj.org/our-services/training.html>

**More Narcan resources**  
<https://www.somersetnj.org/our-services/training.html>

Check out the Safe County Plan (SCP) [www.somersetnj.org](#) for more prevention resources and information  
Email: [scplan@somersetnj.org](mailto:scplan@somersetnj.org)

### [Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society Holds On-line Exhibit](#)



9TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT  
VIRTUAL GALLERY  
OURPHOTOCLUB.ORG

## Scholarship Opportunities

### [VFW 2020-2021 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.](#)

### [VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual 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**. Mail [entry form](#) and essay to Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)

## Somerset County News

### [Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders Sponsors 11th Annual Adopt A Family for a Thanksgiving Dinner](#)

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

- [Therapy Dog, Local Story May Help Somerset County Children Improve Self-Esteem, Happiness During Virtual Library Program](#)
- [Explore Ways to be Positive, Safe on Social Media With Alexa Chalnick and SCLSNJ](#)



## COVID-19 Community Resources

### [COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC will be Held on Thursday October 15th](#)

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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