

Thursday, October 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

- 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

### [Police Officers Promoted within the Hillsborough Township Police Department](#)

On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the Hillsborough Township Committee promoted two police officers from the Department to fill recent vacancies. After a thorough interview process, Sergeant John Carney was promoted to Lieutenant and Corporal Joseph Paschall was promoted to Sergeant. [Read more.](#)



Pictured: Mayor Tomson, Lieutenant Carney, his family, Committeewoman McCauley and Chief McMahon



Pictured: Mayor Tomson, Sergeant Paschall, his family, Committeewoman McCauley and Chief McMahon

### [Township Committee Recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)

At the October 13th meeting, the Township Committee recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease, encourage early detection, and support research to find a cure. [Read](#)



[more.](#)



### [Census Deadline Changed to October 15th](#)

The 2020 Census will end on Thursday, October 15. Online self-response in NJ will be available until 6 AM on October 16th.



### [New Nest Platform for Three Bridges Eagles](#)

PSE&G is currently replacing the metal lattice towers with monopoles, including the tower which has "hosted" the Three Bridges eagles nest since 2015.



### [Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance](#)

- The Alliance invites all visitors to the Municipal Building and the Library at 379 South Branch Road to check out the display cases on the way into the Library. In partnership with the Hillsborough branch of the SCLSNJ, the cases are all set for Red Ribbon.
- [Virtual Substance Abuse Parent Education Program](#)



### [Join Mayor Doug Tomson for the 5th Podcast Episode - Preparing for the Unpredictable Pandemic of 2020](#)

Click the icons to link to the Official Podcasts of Hillsborough Township.



### [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. **Stop by and SHOP!!!** Click [here](#) to register for the 17th and 24th events.



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

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

Costumes can be picked up from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Municipal Complex, 379 South Branch Road, on October 16th.



## Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 29th

Pre-registration is required by noon on October 29th at [www.hillsboroughrecreation.org](http://www.hillsboroughrecreation.org).



### 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 fall foliage maze and get a goodie bag!!  
Pre-Registration Required online at [www.hillsboroughrecreation.org](http://www.hillsboroughrecreation.org)  
Register by Thursday, October 28 at NOON

## Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest on October 31st

Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the parade will start at 9:00am by the Pavilion.



## Trunk or Treat on October 31st

Registration is required for both options by Friday October 23rd at [www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org).



## Mayors Wellness



### **Nutrition Dialogue on Cancer Prevention on Tuesday October 27th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

This program run in collaboration with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey will educate participants on how to reduce cancer risk through healthy eating and physical activity. [To register.](#)

### **Nutrition for Colorectal Health Workshop on Thursday November 5th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

A conversation with a Q&A session on nutrition and colorectal health. Dr. Miral Grandhi, Assistant Professor of Surgery, at Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ will provide an overview on colorectal cancer screening, prevention and surgical intervention. Michelle Jansen, MS, MAT, a Community Cancer Control Specialist at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey will talk about how to promote your colorectal health through nutrition. [To register.](#)

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

### Spotlight On Tina Rear of Scrap U & Artistry Too

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 and the Township's website. Additionally, during October will feature weekly "Q&A Profiles" of successful female business owners in Hillsborough. This week's spotlight is on Tina Rear of Scrap U & Artistry Too. [Read more.](#)



## 2020 General Election

### [Somerset County Board of Elections - Your Vote is Secure](#)

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



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

2020 NJ Voter Information Portal website [Vote.NJ.Gov](#)



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



**HBA**  
Hillsborough Business Association

*Experience Hillsborough*



## Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org) for all Departmental Updates

### Building

- Reminder - please include your email address on your permit applications. Our computer system will send you correspondents for your permit status' and will let you know when it is ready to be paid for.



### **Engineering**

- A bid to repave the section of Willow Road between Valinor and Hillsborough Roads was awarded to Stilo Paving and Excavation. This project will complete the repaving of Willow Road between Amwell and Hillsborough Roads.
- Regarding the PSE&G Paving projects around town - all roads on the PSE&G 2020 repaving program have been completed except for Camplain Road, which is held off due to the PSE&G gas line replacement taking place.

### **Finance**

- Anyone who has not received their 2020 final/2021 preliminary tax bill should contact the Finance office to receive a copy. The next tax payment is due on November 1st, with a 10 calendar day grace period.

### **Parks and Recreation**

- Register for the [NEW Fall Basketball Leagues](#)
- The 2020-2021 Fall / Winter Activities Guide is available [on-line](#)

### **Public Works**

- Department is finalizing roadside mower routes and other vegetation management as we are getting closer to the November Leaf Program
- Reminder to make sure your mailbox is in good solid condition

### **Sign Review**

- remind residents that tampering with, stealing or vandalizing political signs is a violation of other people's freedom of speech. Citizens also need to know that, according to the law, those who tamper with political signs can be charged with theft, criminal mischief and/or trespassing.

### **Social Services**

- Curbing Hunger, Inc., the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Food Bank Network of Somerset County are sponsoring the 26th annual Curbing Hunger Month food drive to help alleviate the increase in need being experienced by local food banks due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **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](#)



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

**NARCAN TRAINING PROVIDERS**

"Respected overdoses nationally jumped 18 percent in March, 20 percent in April and 15 percent in May, with two emergency teams, hospitals and police shown." (Washington Post) We are happy to offer NARCAN training and NARCAN kits to your community during COVID-19. These agencies are all offering virtual NARCAN training. You can take these webinars to learn more about their virtual trainings and become equipped with NARCAN.

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

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

**Rutgers RWJ Medical School**  
<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/departments/psychiatry/division-of-addiction-psychiatry/clinical-sciences/prevention-network>


**Somerset County Treatment Services**  
<https://www.sccnj.org/narcan-training.html>

**More NARCAN resources**  
<https://www.addictionnexus.org/newsletter>

Check out the Safe County/FIVE [addictionnexus.org](https://www.addictionnexus.org/newsletter) for more prevention resources and information

## Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society Holds On-line Exhibit

**OHDPs**  
Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society



**9TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT VIRTUAL GALLERY**  
[OurPhotoClub.org](http://OurPhotoClub.org)

## 2020 Guidelines for Halloween

**NJHealth**  
**Admission Requirements**  
**October 1, 2020**

Admission to the 2020 Halloween event is open to all students in grades 9-12 who are currently enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

**I. What is the Voice of Democracy Program?**

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**Why Should I Enter?**

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level.

**The Rules Who can enter?**

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**What do I need to enter?**

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# Scholarship Opportunities

**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**

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### 2020-21 Official Entry Form

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School Name, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have Read and Understand the D.C. National Finals Rules (On Opposite Side)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PATRIOT'S PEN** **VFW**  
**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**

**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?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 138,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contents and Activities.

### Big National Prizes

National awards total: \$55,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$5,000 7th: \$1,750  
2nd: \$4,000 8-10th: \$1,500  
3rd: \$3,500 11-12th: \$1,250  
4th: \$2,750 13-25th: \$1,000  
5th: \$2,500 26-25th: \$750  
6th: \$2,000 26-35th: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

### How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/areas/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

### Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

**Official Student Entry Form**  
**Patriot's Pen Competition**  
**Entry Form Must Be Completed by All Contestants Please Print or Type Clearly**

Name: First, M.I., Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Essay Word Count \_\_\_\_\_

School Name, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name and Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name Please Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules**

Signature of Student Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the VFW Post**  
I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

VFW Auditor/President's/Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Post Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Post Email \_\_\_\_\_

No. of students participating \_\_\_\_\_ No. of winners advanced to District \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Post/area additional expenses (transport, meals, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the VFW District**  
I certify that the student named in the previous section is the sole selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is the sole entry into the Department level.

District Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman**  
I certify that the student named in the previous section is the sole selected first place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is the sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: Please \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The winner **Chosen One** will be checked and notified that they are the first place Department winner at \_\_\_\_\_ Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

**VFW 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Scholarship**  
Deadline is **October 31st**

**VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual Youth Essay Competition**  
Deadline is **October 31st**

# Somerset County News

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Hillsborough - Residents Can Safely Dispose of Harmful Items**



## [RX Drive-Thru Medicine Drop-Off - Saturday October 17th in Hillsborough](#)

### [Somerset County Communications Online Resident Survey](#)

Somerset County is in the process of gathering feedback from residents about our communications and community outreach. This survey will guide our strategies going forward to help us reach more of our residents and raise awareness of the amenities that Somerset County has to offer. [For survey.](#)

### [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](#)



## COVID-19 Community Resources

- [COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC](#)
- 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 contact information on NJ State and Somerset County Officials](#)

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

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