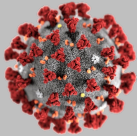




HILLSBOROUGH e-News



All COVID-19 resources and case information is updated on the [Township COVID-19 page](#) daily, Monday through Friday.

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

Two Eagle Scouts Recognized by Mayor and Township Committee

At the April 27th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented two Eagle Scouts with proclamations, recognizing the many hours these young men devoted to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Read a little about their projects below and follow the links to learn more about their extensive accomplishments.

[Aravind Krishnan](#)

Aravind's Eagle Scout project consisted of creating mental health awareness and improving the facilities of Spring Reins of Life, a local provider of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy for at-risk teens and also for veterans suffering from PTSD. Aravind raised \$4545 for the project to prepare the site, install a 12 foot by 20 foot shelter, and construct a gutter system to collect rain water to feed the horses during the summer months. The project took over 800 hours to complete with the aid of 20 Scouts and 34 volunteers.



Pictured: Mayor Lipani with Aravind Krishnan and his family

[Shreyas Pani](#)

Shreyas' Eagle Scout project consisted of building a play area at the local YMCA for their Early Childhood Program by raising approximately \$600 for materials. The project took over 146 hours to complete with the aid of 25 volunteers.



Pictured: Mayor Lipani with Shreyas Pani and his family

Hillsborough Township once again ranked among the top safest communities in the State of New Jersey, according to a report by Safewise, a security product review platform.



The SafeWise Report released its "50 Safest Cities in New Jersey" list earlier this month, naming Hillsborough Township the 41st safest city in the state. To compile this report, SafeWise used the most recent FBI crime data, population, and other ranking factors, like unique safety initiatives and security programs implemented within the past few years. From the hundreds of cities and towns in New Jersey, the list was narrowed down to 50 and assigned rankings according to how each city met the criteria.



Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer
- Part Time Violations Clerk (Temporary)
- Electrical Subcode Official
- Building Inspector - Part Time
- Electrical Inspector - Full Time
- Part Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part Time IT Assistant
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an [employment application](#), cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org

The Somerset County Election Board is hiring voters to serve as poll workers for the upcoming primary and general elections in 2021. Training is provided prior for every election (online training now available) and poll workers are paid \$200 per election.

For more information visit the Board of Elections website:

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/affiliated-agencies/election-board/poll-worker-information>

for an application click on:

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/home/showdocument?id=12584>

or call 908-231-7086



Hillsborough Township is Celebrating 250 Years

Be a part of the big anniversary celebration!

Hillsborough Township is 250 years old! This is a time to celebrate the

history and progress of the community. With that in mind, The municipality will be hosting a variety of commemorative activities and events throughout the year



[Enter the "History of Hillsborough Diorama Contest"](#)

All residents, businesses, community groups, classrooms, clubs and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate. Registration closes May 15th.



Show Your Hillsborough Pride

Complimentary commemorative magnets are available for all residents. If you haven't yet picked up yours, stop by the Municipal Building and request yours.

Additionally, limited-edition commemorative merchandise is available for purchase on the Recreation Department [website](#). Mugs are only \$5 each!

**How well do you know Hillsborough?
Take the quiz and see how you score.**

[Take the Quiz](#)



Community Health Survey

Health and wellness matter to everyone. That is why RWJUH Somerset/RWJBarnabas Health is asking for your feedback and suggestions about health care needs in your community.

Bruno and Ridgway Research Associates Inc., a private market research firm,

will be conducting this online survey on behalf of RWJBarnabas Health. Results will be used to inform program offerings and services in your community.

Please go to the web address below to complete the survey and make your voice heard!

[Online Survey](#)



Do you use reusable shopping bags when you grocery shop?

Take a 10 second Survey

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

On Monday, April 19th, vaccine eligibility expanded to include all individuals 16 and older who live, work, or study in New Jersey.



As of this week:

- More than 5.8 million vaccine doses have been administered in New Jersey
- More than 3.6 million people have received at least one dose
- More than 2.3 million people are fully vaccinated

[Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Register online via the [NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System](#). If you do not have a computer, call the COVID Vaccine Hotline at 855-568-0545.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

Hillsborough Township Social Services Department: 908-369-3880

Assistance is available for Hillsborough Senior Citizens who are unable to register for the Covid vaccine because they do not have a computer. Transportation to and from vaccine appointments is also available.

Somerset County COVID Hotline: (908) 231-7155

NJ Senior COVID Hotline (75 plus): 856-249-7007

Providing scheduling support, predominantly through dedicated appointments, to ensure 75+ seniors are able to access appointments

Somerset County Office on Aging: 908-704-6346

Covid Connect Helpline: 833-223-0011

For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

[COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available](#)

[Covid Connect Health Line](#)

Covid Connect Entity (also known as CCE) is a grant funded venture formed by

Rutgers UBHC and the State of New Jersey. Rutgers UBHC will serve as a 3rd party to assist clients with getting connected with a mental health clinician and/or substance abuse clinician to assist with their short term needs. They have a toll-free phone number which is live Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, serving as an initial point of entry for individuals seeking mental health and substance uses services as a result of COVID-19. Therapeutic services are provided through telehealth only.

Mental Health & Addiction COVID CONNECT

Are you Experiencing Undue Stress Related to the Spread of the COVID-19 Virus?

You are Not Alone...

One of our specialists will conduct a brief triage and assessment of your immediate symptoms related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. You will be offered telephonic support and referred to a provider. All referrals are to licensed treatment providers and our staff will follow up with you to ensure successful connection.

- Mental Health & Addiction Triage
- Immediate Telephonic Support
- Referrals for Ongoing Treatment

(833) 223 - 0011
Monday - Friday 8 am - 8 pm

RUTGERS
University Behavioral Health Care

Funding for this project is made possible by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency COVID-19 Grants Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.665.

RUTGERS
University Behavioral Health Care
in collaboration with New Jersey DHRMS

Call us at
(833) 223 - 0011
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mental Health & Addiction COVID Connect

Call (833) 223 - 0011
"Covid Connect, can I help you?"

Triage

- Are you an adult impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Are you experiencing mental health or substance abuse symptoms related to COVID-19?
- Are you looking for mental health or substance abuse service linkage?

Intervene

- Our staff will offer immediate telephonic support.
- We will assist with finding the best treatment option.
- Our staff will connect you to a provider.

Connect

- Referrals will be made utilizing your insurance network.
- Referrals will be made even if you are not covered by insurance.
- Licensed treatment providers will offer Telehealth services.
- Our staff will follow up with you to ensure successful service linkage.

The Covid Connect program will provide and expand behavioral health treatments and supports to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. A series of screening tools will be used to assess the caller's mental health/addiction needs. University Behavioral Health Care will provide a warm handoff to licensed treatment providers throughout the state that offer telehealth services. To ensure successful service linkage, our staff will follow up with you. Call us today at (833) 223 - 0011.

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More News from Hillsborough Township

- [Hillsborough Senior Transportation Services Expand](#)
- [HHS Marching Band & Choir to March in Parade](#)
- [Thomas Cellili is the 2021 Grand Marshall](#)
- [Homestead Benefit Credit Update](#)
- [Road Paving Updates](#)
- [Does Your Pool Need a Permit?](#)
- [Updates: Well Water Testing, Radon Kits and Covid Vaccine Registration](#)
- [Hillsborough Among Top 50 Safest Cities in New Jersey](#)
- [Video Tips for Attending Virtual Court](#)
- [Sign Up for Summer Camps!](#)
- [Social Services Transportation Program Continues](#)
- [Clean Communities Update](#)
- [Disc Golf Course Opens at Willow Road Complex](#)
- [Hillsborough is a "Healthy Town to Watch"](#)
- [Save The Date: Veteran's Drive Thru Breakfast & Memorial Day Festivities](#)
- [Hillsborough Township Satisfaction Survey](#)

Visit the [News & Media](#) page and individual department pages on the [Township website](#) for all updates

Hillsborough Township

PROUD TO BE

stigma FREE

*there is no health
without
mental health*

[Visit the Stigma Free Page on the Hillsborough Township website](#)

[for information on the following programs.](#)

Penelope the Powerful Parrot

May 12 6:30 pm

An interactive experience for children and adults to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through the use of storytelling, movement and song
[Register Now](#)


Please Join Us!
FRIDAY, MAY 14 ~ 5-7 PM
HILLSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING
379 S. BRANCH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH

Hope for Tomorrow
Mental Health Fair
a wealth of information for families about wellness

FEATURING:
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
MUSIC, GAMES & CRAFTS
POSTER CONTEST & PRIZES
"What Does Wellness Cook Like?"

LET'S STAY SAFE!
MASKS REQUIRED!

This event is FREE OF CHARGE
Register Here: [Hope for Tomorrow](#)
Sponsored by BoroSAFE
Wellness for today
Hope for tomorrow
Suicide is preventable
Questions? Contact: amahler@hills.us



[Enter the Hope for Tomorrow
Poster Contest](#)

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month!

With over 5 million cases diagnosed in the United States each year, skin cancer is America's most common cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer. About 90 percent of nonmelanoma skin cancers and 85 percent of melanoma cases are associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. By sharing facts about the dangers of unprotected exposure and encouraging people to check their skin for warning signs, we can and will save lives.

[Skin Cancer FAQs](#)

Community Fundraisers

[Visit the Community Fundraiser page on the Hillsborough Township Website](#)



Support Hillsborough High School's Project Graduation

- [5K Trainer-Assisted Obstacle Race](#) (May 15)
- [Donate Gift Cards](#)
- [Purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards](#)
- [Card Your Yard](#)



Eagle Scout Project Support

Help Drew Macias, a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1776, raise funds for his Eagle Scout project "A StoryWalk at Woodfield Park".

Available First-Aid kits include: sports kit, home kit, auto and ultimate survival kit.

[Order Now](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

May 5, 2021

12:00 pm Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

7:00 pm [Cancelled] Recreation and Parks Commission

7:00 pm Board of Adjustment 7:00 pm Board of Adjustment

May 6, 2021

6:00 pm [Cancelled] Open Space Advisory Committee

7:30 pm Planning Board

May 11, 2021

7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

May 13, 2021

7:30 pm Planning Board

May 14, 2021

9:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance

May 15, 2021

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Operation Secure Shred

May 17, 2021

6:30 pm Youth Services Commission

May 18, 2021

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee

Visit the [Township Calendar](#) for all Meetings and Events



Somerset County Library System [News](#) and [Events](#)



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Goes Appointment-Free at COVID Vaccination Clinics Following Successful Pilot

Following the successful pilot of appointment-free vaccination clinics at mobile sites and Rutgers Plaza over the past two weeks, the Somerset County Department of Health is eliminating appointment requirements.

Somerset County Expands Appointment-Free COVID Vaccinations to Include Rutgers Plaza Drive-Thru Clinic

The Somerset County Department of Health opened up the Rutgers Plaza drive-thru clinic to any resident 18 years or older who arrives by car from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Friday, May 7. The clinic will be providing the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) one-shot vaccine.

Take Advantage of Wellness Wednesdays in May

A free wellness workshop will be offered every Wednesday. Registration is required.

Somerset County Reaches 50% of Adults Fully Vaccinated, 70% of Adults Received First Dose

Somerset County reached a major milestone with 50 percent of adults 18 years or older being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and 70 percent having received their second dose, but we need everyone who can to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Somerset County Expands COVID Vaccination Clinics in Response to Increased Vaccine Allocations

Somerset County today announced a significant expansion of vaccination appointments at a variety of clinics next week following significantly increased vaccine allocations from the New Jersey Department of Health.

County-Operated Senior Centers Offer Virtual Programs Via Zoom in May to Celebrate Older American's Month

Some outdoor activities are available.

Visit the [Somerset County Website](#) for all news articles

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

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