



All COVID-19 resources and case information can be found on the <u>Township COVID-19 page</u>.

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

Municipal Building Closed Monday, September 6th for Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, all Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th. All branches of the Somerset County Library are also closed for Labor Day on Sunday, September 5th, and Monday, September 6th. The Municipal Building will reopen on Tuesday, September 7th at 8:00 am.



Kyle Toland Rejeuvenates Fire Pit at Ann Van Middlesworth Park

On Tuesday, August 24th, Mayor Shawn Lipani stopped by Ann Van Middlesworth park for the inauguration of the recently refurbished fire pit. The Mayor also congratulated prospective Eagle Scout, Kyle Toland, for his fantastic work in refreshing the fire pit area.

Kyle, a member of Scout Tropp 1776, along with several volunteers, trimmed overgrown bushes, swept and tidied the brickwork, and refurbished the firepit itself. Kyle also installed a new bench, and, in compliance with Fire Safety, set up a sand bucket.



We thank Kyle and his team for helping to make Hillsborough one of the best places to live in America and wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

Restaurant Week Returns September 28th - October 3

The 4th Annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week is returning on September 28th and will run through October 3rd. Participating restaurants will present special dishes, pre-fixe menus, and discounts for Hillsborough's residents to enjoy.

Visit <u>Hillsborough Township's YouTube</u> <u>channel</u> to see Mayor Shawn Lipani tour some of the participating restaurants and check back often for updates!



Hillsborough Prepares for Impending Storm

On Tuesday, August 31st, Hillsborough Township's Office of Emergency Management conducted a Storm Preparedness Meeting with essential emergency personnel. Police, Fire, Rescue, Township Administration, Department of Public Works, Engineering, Health, and Social Services were in attendance to review the mobilization plan.



911 Reminder

An important reminder that 911 is for emergencies only. For nonemergencies, please call 908-369-4323.



Flood and Flooding Reminder

- -DO NOT drive onto a flooded roadway -DO NOT go around barriers
- -DO NOT drive through flowing water.

If you approach a roadway that is flooded, TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into floodwaters.



Drive with extreme caution if roads are even just wet or it is raining. You can lose control of your vehicle if hydroplaning occurs, which is when a layer of water builds up between your tires and the road, causing there to be no direct contact between your vehicle and the road.

Be cautious of broken or leaking gas lines, flooded electrical circuits, submerged furnaces or electrical appliances, and flammable or explosive materials coming from upstream.

Turn off the main power switch before floodwaters crest if you think the electrical circuits are going to be underwater. Never touch the switch while you are wet or standing in water. Do not turn the electrical system back on until it has been inspected by an electrician.

Know what a river height forecast means for your property especially how far your property is above or below expected flood levels.

Know where to go in case of flooding. Remember that you must seek higher ground as quickly as possible, on foot if necessary.

Visit the <u>American Red Cross website</u> for more information about flood safety and preparation.

New Traffic Pattern at the Municipal Building

The public is to be advised that there is a new traffic pattern at the front of the Municipal Building.

Veterans Way is now a (1) one-way aisle with some parallel parking and a loading zone for delivery trucks. The revised layout creates a safer traffic circulation along the front of the building and eliminates delivery trucks parking in the drive aisle causing unsafe conditions.

Additionally, blue line striping is installed, not only on portions of Veterans Way but also around the sides of the building toward the police parking lot.



Back to School Reminders from the Hillsborough Township Police Department

The Hillsborough Township Police Department reminds everyone that school is back in session, which means increased pedestrian traffic as some students walk to school. Residents should also expect increased bus traffic.



Please be alert to flashing lights on stopped buses as children are entering and exiting the buses. Passing a stopped bus with warning lights activated can result in a 5 point violation and substantial fines.

When traveling on a divided road, such as Raider Blvd. or Triangle Rd., and on the opposite side of the median as the bus, you are not required to stop, but must reduce speed to 10 mph.

The Police Department will be monitoring school bus stops and active school zones throughout the school year. Motorists should allow for extra travel time and anticipate increased volume around school facilities.



Flu Shot Clinic

Hillsborough Township is holding a flu shot clinic on September 23rd. Clinic time for Seniors is from 1:30 to 2:30. The general public can receive their flu shots on that same date from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Bring the family! Flu shots are available for both adults and children, and residents are reminded to bring Medicare or healthcare insurance cards.

250th Anniversary Commemorative **Mugs Available**

Hillsborough Township has limited-edition, 250th Anniversary commemorative mugs available for purchase. Mugs are \$5.00 each, cash or check and supplies are limited, so stop by the Clerk's Office at the Municipal Building to pick up yours!

Hillsborough Township's 2021 **Community Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge**

We challenge our residents to recycle their clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging!

If we receive a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film bags in 6

months, Trex Company will provide the residents of Hillsborough with a free, highperformance composite bench for one of our parks!

Requirements are that the bags and packaging be clean, dry, and empty so Trex can repurpose them into Earth-friendly composite outdoor decking and railing.

Please deposit your bags and other plastic films in one of the three receptacles located around the Hillsborough Municipal Building and join us in creating a sustainable









Share Your Vaccine Story!

We want to hear your positive vaccine stories! Tell us why you got the COVID-19 vaccine. If you were hesitant at first, tell us what changed your mind. We are personal stories collecting from Hillsborough residents to help promote the vaccine to more people in our community.

If your story is selected for publication, we may follow up to request a photograph and/or video.

Click here to share your story

In Case You Missed It - The Latest **Hillsborough News!**

What is going on around town? Check out the second edition of the Hillsborough Township Committee News Break.

And in case you missed it, you can access the first edition of the Hillsborough Township Committee News Break on the official Township YouTube page.

HILLSPOROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tell a Friend!

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading the Mayor's eNewsletter? Share this link so they can sign up to receive updates in their inbox every

HILLSBOROUGH e-News Sign-up

Wednesday! And if you're not already following the Hillsborough Township Facebook page for official news, updates, and other items of interest, there's no time like the present!

Hillsborough: An Architectural **History**

Hillsborough Township is happy to announce that we have vintage copies of the award-winning book "Hillsborough: An Architectural History" available for purchase. Each copy offers a collection of the interesting architectural history of our beautiful township. Originally offered to the public in 1996, this celebration of the architectural styles, chosen by the residents, provides fascinating pictures and insider information on Hillsborough's



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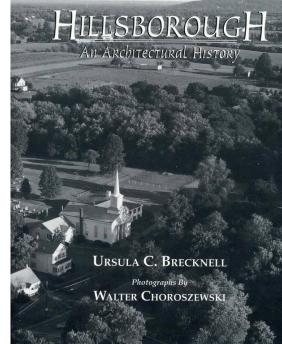
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prized landmarks. Different expressions of settlement, growth, and maturity of Hillsborough during the 200 year time period of 1700-1900 are shown. This hardcover book offers almost 300 pages of interesting history. Books are on sale at a price of \$20 each, so stop by the Clerk's Office and get yours today!



Calling All Hillsborough Veterans!

Calling all Hillsborough Veterans -- on Saturday, September 18th, Hillsborough will be hosting its 250th Celebration parade kicking off at 10 am sharp. All interested Veterans will be provided a shuttle the morning of the parade and leaving from the main entrance of the Municipal Building at 9:30 am. We invite all Hillsborough Veterans interested in

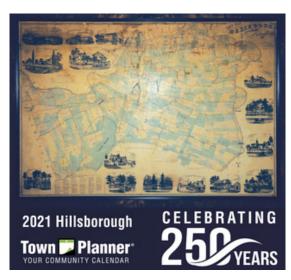


participating in the parade to register by calling the Hillsborough Parks & Recreation office at 908-369-4832 or registering online via Communitypass.

Time is Running Out to Submit Calendar Photos!

The deadline for submitting scenic photos for inclusion in the 2022 Hillsborough Township Planner is Monday, September 27th.

Individuals interested in submitting photographs for consideration for the 2022 calendar can email their highresolution image, along with a photo release form, to the Township Clerk at pborek@hillsborough-nj.org. The <u>photo</u> <u>release form</u> can be found on the Township website at hillsborough-nj.org.



The calendar has limited spaces for photographs so there is no guarantee every one submitted will be used.

Advertising opportunities are also available in the calendar and are being handled directly through Town Planner. For more information regarding advertising, please contact Jim O'Dowd at 973-650-2736 or jimodowd@townplanner.com.

More News from Hillsborough Township

- Final Approval Needed to Close Out Pool Permits
- Updates from DPW
- <u>Reminders to Prevent Rabies</u>
- Dangerous Dead Trees
- 4th Quarter Tax Bills
- Interpreters Available
- Road Paving Updates
- Radon Kits Available

Visit the <u>News & Media</u> page and individual department pages on the <u>Township</u> <u>website</u> for all updates



Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Part-Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part-Time Office Assistant/Floater
- Zoning Official

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an <u>employment</u> <u>application</u>, cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: <u>sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org</u>



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Scargerow FESTIVAL

Scarecrows in 'Boro!

As we continue to celebrate Hillsborough Township's 250th Anniversary please join us this Fall as we host the all-new Scarecrow Festival. For three fun-filled weeks, scarecrows will grace the grassy knoll & winding pathway beside the Rain Garden at the Municipal Complex. Some will be inspired by famous characters, some will be humorous, some might even scare you– but all of them will be carefully handmade and contributed by Hillsborough Twp. Residents, Businesses and Organizations!

Registration online: https://forms.gle/GzMfi2Czj159Wqhe6

Inspiration for your creation:

Traditional-Pay homage to the scarecrows that have been "scaring crows" from farmers' fields for centuries in this category. Utilize old cloth, straw, and natural supplies.

Thrills & Chills-"It's Alive!" Create a scarecrow that scares. Ideas: You're only limited by your darkest nightmares.

Upcycled-Repurpose and reimagine found objects into a scarecrow that is more than its parts.

Character - Create a scarecrow interpretation of your favorite book, tv or movie character: human, animal or animated! Ideas: Historical figure, Disney character, superhero or villain

Please direct any questions to Erica via email lenzoe@hillsboroughpd.org

Scarecrow Festival

October $1^{st} - 26^{th}$

Registration open to all residents, local businesses and Groups

Register between 8/10 - 9/10

Voting & Prizes!

Use the QR code to **register** now!



Hillsborough Township

379 South Branch Rd. Hillsborough, NJ 08844

908-369-4313 www.hillsborough-nj.org

EVENING OF LAUGHTER! Join us Friday, September 17, 2021



Featured on Comedy Central and the Sopranos Show! COMEDIAN GEMINI from the Borgata Casino and Caroline's on Broadway!

With A Special Guest Performance by the Winner of the NJ Comedy Festival Contest!

KEVIN ISRAEL Cohost of the Comedy Point Radio Show!

Sponsored by Hillsborough UNICO!

Dinner-Show Special Only \$65! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Community Options of Hillsborough!

DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM | COCKTAILS @ 6:30 PM DINNER @ 7 PM | SHOW TO FOLLOW Tickets can be purchased @ www.hillsboroughunico.org Royce Brook Golf Club 201 Hamilton Rd, Hillsborough Township, NJ Call (908) 823-4647 for more information!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

September 1, 2021 7:00 pm Board of Adjustment 7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Commission

September 2, 2021 Canceled - Open Space Advisory Committee 7:30 pm Planning Board September 6, 2021 Municipal Offices Closed

September 9, 2021 7:30 pm Planning Board

September 10, 2021 9:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance

September 11, 2021 10:00 am Free Vaccine Clinic at YMCA

September 13, 2021 6:30 pm Economic and Business Development Commission 7:00 pm Environmental Commission 7:30 pm Board of Health

September 14, 2021 7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

Visit the **Township Calendar** for all Meetings and Events

C_{S}^{S} Somerset County Library System News and Events S_{S}^{S}

Sign-Up for Your Library Card this September, Experience the Extras Waiting for You at SCLSNJ

Today's modern Library is so much more than just books, especially when you are talking about the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey. The executive staff at SCLSNJ is excited to invite you to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Card Sign-Up Month initiative.

With a library card, you can open yourself up to the world of digital selections such as audio and ebooks using the Libby app, or use Newsbank to



catch up on the latest current events. Flipster is also a fantastic electronic resource and NoveList is a database of book recommendations from library staff. CreativeBug features artistic videos and Gale Presents Udemy shares educational resources.

Are you still not sold on getting an SCLSNJ Library Card? Email an SCLSNJ staff expert at <u>ask@sclibnj.org</u> and they will have many more reasons to share about why #LibrariesRock.

Click here to learn more



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Commissioners & Sheriff Welcome Governor Murphy to RVCC for Signing of New Anti-Hazing Law

The new law is intended to protect students by expanding the scope of activities that legally constitute hazing.

Somerset County Senior Centers Offer Outdoor Programs and Zoom Activities Throughout 'National Falls Prevention Month' in September

Somerset County Senior Wellness Centers will not have classes or programs on Labor Day

Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Accepting Grant Funding Applications for Local Arts Programs

Free technical assistance workshops are available via Zoom.

Career-Related Services Available Through One-Stop Career Centers There are many career development resources available to job seekers.

Somerset County Accepting Applications for Emergency Housing Voucher Program Applicants must earn 50% or less of the Area Median Income.

Somerset County Accepting Submissions for Senior Art Show The 2021 Senior Art Show will be held from Sept. 13 to Oct. 22.

Visit the Somerset County Website for all news articles

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