



HILLSBOROUGH

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Flags for Heroes

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani announced that Hillsborough Township will be transforming the front lawn of the Municipal Complex into a Field of Honor in time for Veteran's Day.



The Rotary Club of Hillsborough is offering Township residents the opportunity to honor their favorite vets with flags as a way to commemorate their sacrifice and heroism, through the Flags for Heroes initiative.

Residents who wish to sponsor flags for the veterans in their lives can do so for fifty dollars each. The 3' x 5' flags hang on 10-foot poles and will be on display on the corner of South Branch Road and Beekman Lane from November 6th through November 20th.

The Flags for Heroes initiative is a fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Hillsborough Township veterans.

"I am always proud of how Hillsborough Township and Rotary continue to honor our Vets," stated Mayor Shawn Lipani. "This will be a wonderful patriotic display in honor of our heroes."

"My grandfather was a WWII Navy veteran," commented Michele Kidd, the member of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough who is leading this effort together with the Township. "He inspired me with his love of our country and the veterans who made our country possible."

[Click here to sign up to sponsor a veteran.](#)

Thank You for Another Successful Restaurant Week!

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Lipani

expressed his gratitude for the success of Hillsborough Townships Fourth Annual Restaurant Week.

"Thank you to all of the restaurants who participated in the 4th Annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week," Mayor Lipani said. "Despite the ongoing challenges our restaurant community faces such as staff and supply shortages, they came together to showcase Hillsborough as a culinary destination. We look forward to our continued partnership and cannot wait to see what you have in store for us during next year's event."

"Thank you, also, to all of the hard work from our staff, to all departments that helped support this event, and to the EBDC Members," he added.

"I am happy to announce that the 5th Annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week will take place from September 27th to October 2nd, 2022." Mayor Lipani concluded. "Planning is already underway so please contact the Office of the Business Advocate for participation details."



Mayor's Walk and Talk

On October 10th, Mayor Shawn Lipani was joined by Hillsborough residents and Township employees for the annual Mayor's Wellness Walk and Talk.

Hillsborough Township residents chatted with the Mayor and asked questions while enjoying the beautiful fall foliage and orchid garden at Duke Farms. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Mayor's Walk and Talk.



Down Syndrome Acceptance Month

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation designating October as Down Syndrome Acceptance Month.

Approximately 1 in every 700 children are born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 6,000 births per year in the United States. People with Down Syndrome contribute to their families, their schools, their co-workers, and society. They have hopes and dreams and make a difference in this world.



GiGi's Playhouse in Hillsborough has successfully supported families in New Jersey since opening in January 2015. Through community support, they have been able to

educate others about Down Syndrome. Their vision is to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to achieve their greatest potential. Their goal is to create a world where individuals with Down Syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools, and community.

Pictured L to R: Deputy Mayor Frank Delcore, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Jason Tyukody, Liz Kepniss Gigi's Playhouse , Committeeman Doug Tomson, Committeeman Jeffrey Wright

Patrick McCarthy, Eagle Scout

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation honoring Hillsborough High School Junior, Patrick McCarthy, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Patrick's Eagle Scout project consisted of cleaning and rehabilitating the Triangle Elementary School Friendship Garden. Weeds and dead plants were removed, three tons of stone were laid down, the paver brick area was painted and sanded, and the benches were cleaned and painted. The project took over 162 hours to complete with the assistance of 17 volunteers

Congratulations to Patrick for his impressive achievement and the best of luck in the future!



Pictured L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Patrick McCarthy & Family

Italian-American Heritage Month

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation designating October as Italian-American Heritage Month.

Italians began migrating to the United States in the 1880s and today there are more than 26 million Americans of Italian descent in this country. Italian Americans have flourished in all areas of public and economic life while preserving their proud Italian traditions and heritage.



UNICO Italian- American Club was founded in 1922 nationally. The Hillsborough chapter of UNICO was founded in 2009 as an Italian American service organization committed to charitable works, supporting higher education, and performing patriotic deeds under the motto "service above self."

The [Hillsborough chapter of UNICO](#) annually awards the Brian Piccolo Scholarship to two Hillsborough High School students, awards a scholarship to Miss UNICO, supports the Rotary Fair's Family Fun Day, recently donated almost 500 pounds to date to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) as part of the 1000 pounds of pasta project, and has engaged in many fundraising events to support the community and continues to do so.

Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani with UNICO members Nathan Santaromita, Mariann Cialdella,

Neshanic Reformed Church Donates Recipes-in-a-Bag

Neshanic Reformed Church members volunteered their time to research, collect, coordinate and assemble "Recipe-in-a-Bag" meal kits for clients of the Hillsborough Township Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) food bank.

Each reusable bag included all the ingredients for two family-sized meals with recipe cards. Recipes were selected using items commonly distributed to clients on a weekly basis.

In addition to the meal kits, the church collects donations for the food bank every month. Neshanic Reformed Church is located at 715 Amwell Rd in Hillsborough. Sunday Service is offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in person and online. All are welcome!



Pictured L to R: Marcy Palinkas (Social Services), Pastor Chris Kile, and members of the Neshanic Reformed Church Community Outreach Team

Brother International Donations

Brothers International Corporation Helps Residents Impacted by Tropical Storm Ida.

Brother International Corporation, provider of home office and business products, home sewing and crafting appliances, industrial solutions, and employer of Hillsborough residents, donated items to help the community in its effort to recover from Hurricane Ida. Headquartered in Bridgewater, Brother International Corporation exercised its mission of being "At Your Side" for those in the community in need.



Pictured L to R: Representing Brother International Corporation; Shannon Sullivan, Kelly Sullivan and Cathy Faerber, Hillsborough Township Social Services

Plastic Bag Update

Thank you to all Hillsborough residents who donated their plastic shopping bags and other plastic items. You truly came through and the Township collected more than 500 pounds of plastic in less than two months! In fact, we received so many bags that we can't collect any more bags at this time.

Trex will use the collected plastic to create composite decking and other items.

Thanks to you, we will soon have a brand new, sustainable bench from Trex that will find a home in one of Hillsborough Township's beautiful parks.



Voting is Now Open for the Hillsborough Scarecrow Festival!

Hillsborough is celebrating its first-ever Scarecrow Festival!

Drop by the Municipal Complex to see the more than 40 scarecrows on display. While you're strolling "Scarecrow Lane," don't forget to take photos and share on social media using the hashtag [#BoroScarecrowFestival21](https://twitter.com/BoroScarecrowFestival21).

Look for the QR code signs to vote for your favorite scarecrow or use the [online form](#).



Voter Information

Registered voters can take part in early in-person voting beginning October 23rd through October 31st. Voting will take place in the Municipal Building on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all other days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Registered voters can also vote in person on election day at their designated polling locations. Please see the [Somerset County Elections](#) website for more information on the 2021 election.

More News from Hillsborough Township

- [Ida-Related Permit Fees Waived](#)
- [Fourth Quarter Tax Payments Due November 1](#)
- [Updates From the Public Works Department](#)

- Veteran & Senior Deduction Applications Due December 31
- Hillsborough C.A.N. Thanks Ida Relief Volunteers
- Halloween Activities From the Recreation Department
- National Take-Back Initiative for Prescription Drugs
- Well Water Testing

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



Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- [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

October 14, 2021

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Flu Vaccination Clinic
7:30 pm Planning Board

October 15, 2021

9:00 am - 10:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance

October 18, 2021

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Free Covid-19 Booster Clinic
6:30 pm Youth Services Commission Tuesday

October 19, 2021

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee

October 21, 2021

7:30 pm Historic Preservation Commission

October 22, 2021

6:00 pm Trivia Night Sponsored by Safe and Sound Somerset

October 23, 2021

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

October 25, 2021

6:30 pm Sign Review Committee
7:00 pm Environmental Commission

October 26, 2021

7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

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

Get your flu vaccine!

Flu vaccine clinic: no appointment needed.

October 7 and 14
1:30-2:15 PM



**Hillsborough
Municipal Building
379 S. Branch Rd.**



Bring your insurance/Medicare cards.



**Hillsborough Township
Health Department**



Green Brook Family Medicine



Get your free COVID-19 booster!



Oct. 12 and 18, from 2:30-4:00 PM

Hillsborough Municipal Building, 379 S. Branch Rd.

The Pfizer vaccine will be given to these groups:

**Pfizer booster
(at least 6 months after
your 2nd shot)**

- Adults 65 and older
- Adults with high-risk health conditions
- Adults in high-risk jobs
- People who live in long-term care

Pfizer 1st or 2nd dose

- People 12 and older

**Pfizer 3rd dose
(at least 4 weeks after
your 2nd shot)**

- People with moderate or severe immune system deficiencies

**Sign up at <https://hillsboroughcovidvax.timetap.com/>
or call 908-369-5652.**

Bring your insurance/Medicare card and vaccine card.



**Hillsborough Township
Health Department**





HILLSBOROUGH TWP
NEW JERSEY

FOOTHILL ACRES
Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

presents

HALLOWEEN Boo Bash

Join us for carnival games, lunch, vendors,
music, prizes, and more!

Costume contest! Best dressed wins a prize!

Date: October 27
Registration begins 10 am
Ann Van Middlesworth Park
17 Pleasant View Rd. Hillsborough Township, NJ

Preregistration Required by 10/22
RSVP to Cathy Faerber at rooms@hillsborough-nj.org or call 908.369.3880



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



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Ag Board Applauds Female Farmers for Successful Panel Discussion

View the panel discussion online and gain a new perspective about female farmers in the agricultural industry.

Somerset County Commissioners to Hold Roundtable Seeking Public Input on ARP COVID Recovery Funds This Thursday

Session Will Focus on Utilizing Federal Funding to Maximize the Strength and Equity of Recovery from COVID for Residents and Non-Profits

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

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