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Hillsborough's 250th Anniversary Parade

Hillsborough is celebrating its 250th anniversary with a parade on September 18th. As we've seen over the last week, Hillsborough is an amazing and supportive community. So come out and line the parade route in support of our veterans, first responders, Township employees, and other community groups!



Enjoy viewing the Hillsborough High School Marching Band, classic cars, military vehicles, farm machinery, and more in celebration of this historic milestone!

The parade will take place at 10:00 am and will follow the usual parade route, beginning at the corner of Auten and New Amwell Road and concluding at the Municipal Complex.

Hillsborough Classic Car Show After Parade

After attending Hillsborough's 250th Anniversary Parade, take a short walk over to the Municipal Building for the Classic Car Show!

The car show is taking place in the Municipal Playground parking lot immediately after the parade and cars will be on display until 12:00 pm.

Come on out and get an up-close and personal look at the cars (and their drivers) that were in the parade.



Traffic Advisory

River Road at the Basilone Bridge will be closed on Saturday, September 18th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for a 5K race in Raritan.

Please plan an alternative route if you are traveling in that area during this time.



9/11 Memorial Bench Dedication

On September 11th, Mayor Lipani was on hand to help dedicate Joanie Pucciarello's 9/11 Memorial Bench. Twenty years ago, a tree was planted in her Rohill neighborhood to commemorate the fallen. This year, she added a bench to the 9/11 memorial so people could sit and reflect.

Thank you to Mrs. Pucciarello for her contribution to the Rohill development and Hillsborough community.



Pictured: L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Joanie Pucciarello

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

At the September 14th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented BOROSAFE with a proclamation recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

According to the United States Centers for Disease Control, each year more than 47,500 people die by suicide.



Suicide is the 4th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-34, and is one of the most tragic events a family and community can experience.

Hillsborough lends its full support to local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, scout leaders, police officers, and parents as community partners in

being available to one another.

BOROSAFE's goal is to raise community awareness that suicide is preventable. Residents are encouraged to educate themselves on the warning signs of suicide, understand suicide is preventable, and that there are resources available.

Pictured L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Members of BOROSAFE

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

At the September 14th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation recognizing September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

The American Cancer Society is estimating that 13,770 American women are projected to lose their lives to ovarian cancer this year.

Because ovarian cancer often goes undetected until advanced stages, increasing the awareness of risk factors is critical to fighting this disease, as it is estimated that about 22,410 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

Mayor Lipani and the Township Committee are calling upon residents, government agencies, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping women live longer, healthier lives and urge women to talk to their health care providers to learn more about this disease.

Pictured: L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Susyn Timko & Jim Finkel



In light of the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, the Building Department is expediting the applications for the restoration permits due to storm/flooding damage. They are working diligently to help assist our residents that have been impacted. Please



residents that have been impacted. Please call the Building Department at 908-369-5882 with any questions.

Hillsborough High School Girls Soccer Seniors Help Seniors

Senior members of the Hillsborough High School Girls Soccer Team and other Hillsborough teens volunteered some of their summertime to serve attendees at the Township's second outdoor wellness fair focused on senior health and wellness. The athletes and other volunteers guided seniors, assisted with parking, and served up sunny smiles along with complimentary boxed lunches at the Drive-Through Wellness Fair held at the Willow Road Complex on July 15th. Preregistered senior residents aged 60 and over were provided a grilled lunch and an opportunity to meet area organizations serving senior interests.

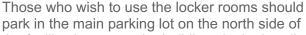
Pictured back left to right: Teen volunteers Mackenzie McLaughlin, Liana Denys and

representing the Hillsborough High School Senior Girls Soccer Team, Sophia Iovino, Nicole LaMastro, Linda Geissler (Booster Club representative), Rylan Geissler, Teagan Hawes, Mady McGowan, Kate Heterich, and Sophie Weinberger and two attendees

Pinnacle Offers Showers to Residents Impacted by Tropical Storm Ida

Pinnacle Health and Fitness is happy to assist those residents who need shower facilities.

Showers are available today, September 15th, and Thursday, September 16th from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm. They have three newly renovated locker rooms; men's, women's, and family locker rooms are available.



the facility then enter the building via the handicap ramp. Anyone entering the facility who is not a member will be required to proceed up to the second floor and fill out a guest form at the Member Services desk.

Pinnacle Health and Fitness is located 30 Brower Lane.

Scarecrow Festival Registration Closes Soon!

There's still time to register for Hillsborough's firstever Scarecrow Festival. In fact, all Hillsborough residents, businesses, and organizations are invited to participate! Interested parties can create scarecrows that depict historic people and famous characters, or they can go the traditional route. All entries are welcome as long as they are familyfriendly and homemade.



Scarecrows will grace the grassy knoll and winding pathway beside the Rain Garden at the Municipal Complex. Click here to register your scarecrow. Registration closes on September 18th.

Drive Through Food Distribution

Hillsborough Township would like to offer assistance to those residents experiencing financial

difficulty.

The Community Assistance Network is sponsoring a Drive-Thru Food Distribution, which will provide residents in need with perishable items, such as cheese, produce, and meats.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, as a result of the pandemic or the tropical storm, please complete the form below to register. The Drive Through Food Distribution takes place on September 30th. Please click here to register.



Are you experiencing financial difficulty? We C.A.N. Help

Hillsborough residents experiencing financial difficulty are invited to register to pick up perishable food items on:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

10AM - 11:30AM

At the Willow Road Complex 530 Willow Road

Items distributed will include:
PRODUCE - CHEESES - MEAT PRODUCTS

This is a no contact event, items will be placed directly in your vehicle's true

Please register on the Township Web page Hillsborough-nj.org or by calling the Social Services Office at 908-369-3880 Proof of residency is required, please bring your drivers license



sborough Township Municipal Complex The Peter J. Biondi Building 379 South Branch Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844 908-369-3880

Auten Road Debris Facility Open Saturday 25th

The Debris Facility on Auten Road will be open on Saturday, September 25th for residents who were impacted by Tropical Storm Ida. Updates regarding hours of operation will be posted in next week's eNews and on the Hillsborough Township Facebook page.

Senior Curbside Pickups

Senior Curbside Pickups will begin on September 16th and are available to residents 65 and over. Please see the DPW website for more information on this program.



Lock Your Car!

As a reminder, the Hillsborough Township Police Department is asking residents to lock their vehicles at night due to an increase in vehicle burglaries and thefts throughout the Township and State. Please do not leave valuables, vehicle keys, or key fobs in your unlocked vehicle.



NJEDA Board Approves \$10.5 Million Grant Program for Small Businesses to Support Recovery From Tropical Storms Henri and Ida

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced the approval of the Henri/Ida Business Assistance Grant Program at a special meeting of its Board held earlier today. The \$10.5 million program



will provide grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for businesses and non-profits that suffered physical damage from the effects of recent tropical storms Henri and Ida.

The approval follows Governor Phil Murphy's announcement of preliminary details of

the program last week. The NJEDA has been tasked with creating and administering the program, which will provide short-term, immediate rent/mortgage reimbursement support to New Jersey businesses and non-profits with up to 50 full-time equivalent employees that suffered physical damage from Tropical Storm Henri on August 22nd and 23rd, or from Tropical Storm Ida on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2021.

More information about the Henri/Ida Business Assistance Grant Program is available at https://www.njeda.com/henri-ida-relief/.

Damage to Electrical Panels

If your electric panel in your home was submerged or sustained water damage in flooding and you have power, we strongly encourage you to consult an electrician. If you do not have power, please contact PSE&G. PSE&G is responsible for replacing or repairing



the service wire coming from the street to the point of connection on the customer's home along with the electric meter if it was damaged. If there is any damage to the electrical panel and/or the wiring inside your home, please contact an electrician as this is the homeowner's responsibility. Once the work is complete, contact your municipality for an inspection before PSE&G can restore services.

Federal Disaster Assistance

FEMA has approved a Major Disaster Declaration for six New Jersey counties (Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, Somerset), which will make direct federal assistance available to individuals who suffered storm-related damages resulting from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Federal disaster recovery funds may be available to assist with home repairs, temporary housing, low-cost loans, and other expenses resulting from the impacts of Ida.



Additionally, sheltering assistance for residents who lost their homes may be available. Click here to find out if you qualify.

Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance at Disaster Assistance.gov.

Hillsborough Township's 2021 Community Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge

We challenge our residents to recycle your 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 a free, high-performance 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 film in one of the three receptacles located around the Hillsborough Municipal Building and join us in creating a sustainable environment!

Tell a Friend!

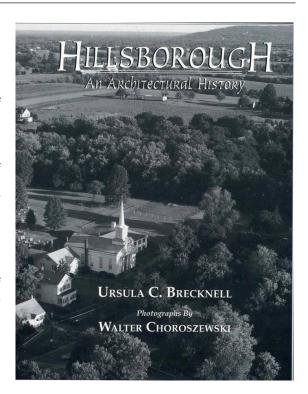
Do you know someone who would enjoy reading the Mayor's eNewsletter? Share this link so they can sign up to receive updates in their inbox every



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 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!



Hillsborough Business Association's 4th Annual Restaurant Week

Registration for Hillsborough Restaurateurs is now open participate the 4th annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week beginning on Tuesday, September 28th, running through Sunday, October Participating Hillsborough restaurants will have an opportunity to promote their own creative masterpieces to be enjoyed by foodies from Hillsborough and beyond. Go to hillsboroughbusiness.org to register.



More News from Hillsborough Township

- Final 2021 Tax Bills to Be Mailed Week of September 20th
- Updates from the Department of Public Works
- New Traffic Pattern at Municipal Building
- Poll Workers Needed for Early Voting
- Well Testing After Tropical Storm Ida
- Mechanical & Electrical Assessment and Repair Procedures
- Bldg Dept. Damage Assessment Announcement
- Directions for Disinfecting a Home Well in New Jersey
- Information about Mold in the Home
- Well Water Testing Information
- FEMA Help After a Disaster
- FEMA Fact Sheet Individuals and Households Program

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

Important insurance information for filing claims after a disaster:

- Homeowners Disaster Recovery Insurance Manual
- Filing a Business Insurance Claim After a Disaster

Additional Resources:

- Tropical Storm Ida Information and Resources (State of NJ)
- FEMA Hurricane Ida Assistance
- FEMA State and Local Referral Resources in NJ



Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Part-Time Building Maintenance Person
- 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









Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Iron Peak (137 Mountain View Road)



Sunday, Sep. 19 10 AM - 1 PM

Vaccines: Pfizer (ages 12+) and J&J (ages 18+)

All are welcome! Iron Peak supports the health and wellness of our community! As a thank you for doing your part, please join us after your vaccine for \$5 pick-up sports on the outdoor field (soccer, football, lacrosse).

Sign up here: https://bit.ly/HBvaccine919



Hillsborough Health Department



Hillsboro Pharmacy



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

September 16, 2021

7:30 pm Historic Preservation Commission

September 17, 2021 6:00 pm Comedy Night

September 19, 2021

SPEAK 5K Hybrid Run/Walk for Healthy Relationships

September 20, 2021

6:30 pm Youth Services Commission

September 21, 2021

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee

September 23, 2021

7:30 pm Planning Board Business Mtg

September 25, 2021

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

September 27, 2021

6:30 pm Sign Review Committee

7:00 pm Environmental Commission

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

Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women to Host Free Zoom Webinar 'Women in Public Life Part Two: Pathways to Civics and Service' will occur on Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

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Testing Scheduled for Free Literacy Programs in Hunterdon and Somerset CountiesFree literacy testing will occur in late September and early October.

Project First Class Donors Get an A+ for Generosity

"For families who are struggling, receiving these gifts through Project First Class means the world," said Somerset County Commissioner Deputy Director Sara Sooy.

Visit the **Somerset County Website** for all news articles

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