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[Authorities Investigating Reported Hillsborough Township Sexual Offenses](#)

Somerset County Prosecutor Michael H. Robertson, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Chief of County Detectives John W. Fodor, and Hillsborough Township Chief of Police Michael McMahon announced an investigation into multiple sexual offenses that occurred in the areas of Farm Road and Robin Road during the evening hours of Thursday, October 7, 2021, and Friday, October 15, 2021, in Hillsborough Township.



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[Mayor Shawn Lipani Issues Statement on Political Civility](#)

At the October 26th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani issued a statement regarding political civility, especially as it pertains to the theft of election signage.

"Over the years, we have prided ourselves in Hillsborough Township as being ranked one of the best places in America and one of the safest places in New Jersey to live. That being said, I am disappointed by reports of individuals tampering with political lawn signs," stated Mayor Lipani.



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[Proclamation Honoring Devin Arriaga](#)

At the October 26th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation honoring the heroic efforts of HHS graduate and Hillsborough resident Devin Arriaga.

On September 1, 2021, Tropical Storm Ida brought severe rain to Hillsborough causing extreme flooding. Jessi Andruzzi was leaving work and attempting to get home via Gemini Drive when her car started filling up with water. The water picked up her car and began pulling it into the creek causing the electrical panel to short out. Ms. Andruzzi climbed through her sunroof and screamed for help as the waters rose to dangerous levels and the current increased in intensity.



19-year-old Devin Arriaga was home helping his mother in their flooded basement, heard Ms. Andruzzi's screams, and ran to help. In fact, he jumped into the raging waters, pulled Ms. Andruzzi from the car, and carried her to a nearby fence where they both held on to avoid getting pulled into the current. Several times Ms. Andruzzi let go of the fence and Devin grabbed hold of her to protect her from the raging waters. Thanks to Devin's extreme courage and bravery, Jessi Andruzzi was rescued from her car and then saved again as she was pulled away from the fence into the rushing waters.

Devin received a standing ovation at the Township Committee meeting for his heroism and he is to be applauded for his heroism, and outstanding example of selflessness.

Pictured L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Denise Arriaga, Devin Arriaga, Jessi Andruzzi, and her father

Women's Small Business Month

At the October 26th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani issued a proclamation in honor of Women's Small Business Month.

The National Women's Business Council established the Women's Small Business Month several years ago to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of female entrepreneurs, to recognize the vital role they play in our economy, and to spotlight successful women business owners who have been the trailblazers for future generations of women.



The office of the Business Advocate acts as the catalyst for the Economic and Business Development Commission's mission to encourage development by attracting, retaining, and assisting businesses to expand and grow in the Township.

Pictured L to R: Business Advocate, David Kois, Committeewoman Janine Erickson, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Marisa Narula of Code Ninjas, Jayne Mochnacz of Super Sundaes, and Lydia Imhauser of Industrial Tube Corporation.

Red Ribbon Week

At the October 26th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a

proclamation in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

New Jersey has the 6th highest rate of fatal youth drug overdoses in the country due to inexpensive and highly pure heroin in New Jersey and opioid dependency can begin in just five days.

The National Family Partnership for Drug-Free Youth, the Hillsborough School District, and the Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance are sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign which is celebrated October 23rd through 31st, offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles.

The Township of Hillsborough further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign and its theme, "Drug-Free Looks Like Me."



Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Minda Maggio

Hillsborough Purple Heart Recipient Will Serve As Special Guest Speaker for Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Hillsborough Mayor Shawn Lipani announced that longtime Hillsborough resident Ted Dima, a Vietnam Veteran who serves as Senior Vice Commander of Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will lead Hillsborough's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 6 pm at the Garden of Honor. "We are honored to have Ted Dima, an Army combat veteran who was wounded in action and served our nation during one of the most difficult periods of the war in Vietnam, be our guest speaker this year. Additionally, it was Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient Ted Dima who was instrumental in having Hillsborough become a Purple Heart Community," stated Mayor Lipani.



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Hillsborough Night at New Jersey Devils

Hillsborough Township will participate in the 7th annual Hillsborough Township Day at the Prudential Center Saturday, November 13th Devils game against the Boston Bruins.

"We are looking forward to cheering on the New Jersey Devils on November 13th, so be sure to get your tickets soon," said Mayor Shawn Lipani.

As in years past, Hillsborough Township will be recognized throughout the evening including the Hillsborough Police Department's Honor Guard presenting the colors, a pre-game social with special guest Mayor Shawn Lipani, a special in-game raffle ticket to win a pair of club seats to another game, and a Hillsborough Township

NIGHT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEVILS



Hillsborough Twp Day at
Prudential Center

SAT | NOV 13 | 1:00 PM

GROUP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Access to Hillsborough pre-game social
- In-game raffle ticket
- NJ Devils t-shirt
- Access to group post-game photo

PAYMENT METHOD

To Purchase Tickets, Please Visit:
<https://fevo.me/hillsborougtonight>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Orcei at korcei@prucenter.com & (973) 757 6464

Prudential Center

post-game group photo on the Devils' main ice.

Any tickets purchased for the Hillsborough Game from now until Monday, November 1st at noon, will receive two (2) complimentary lower-bowl tickets to another mutually agreed upon NJ Devils' home game for the 2021-22 season. After purchasing your two or more tickets for the event on 11/13/21, please contact Kevin Orcel at korcel@prucenter.com to claim your complimentary tickets.

[Click here to register.](#)

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BREAKING NEWS

Scarecrow Festival Winners Announced

At the October 26th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani announced the results of Hillsborough Township's first-ever Scarecrow Festival.

"Thank you to all Hillsborough residents and visitors for making our first Scarecrow Festival a success," Mayor Shawn Lipani said "And thank you to all the groups, individuals, and Township employees who created fun and festive crows to share with the community."

Mayor Lipani also thanked local businesses Provident Bank, Petrock's Liquors, Catered Affair & Central Jersey Nurseries for providing prizes for the winners.

The first-place winners are as follows:

- Thrills & Chills Crow- "Harold" a resident



entry by Ben Andrews

- Character Crow - "Rapunzel" a local business entry by The Day Spa at Hair Plus
- Upcycled Crow- "Scaredy Cow" a local youth organization entry by The New Centre Dairy 4-H club
- Traditional Crow - "Newman," a resident entry by Courtney Newman

Prizes will be mailed to all winners and honorable mentions.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all participants. The response to the Scarecrow Festival has been amazing and plans are already underway for next year's event!

Scarecrow Festival Honorable Mentions

In addition to the winners of the Scarecrow Festival, Mayor Shawn Lipani read the names of four Honorable Mentions whose crows were chosen at random to also receive prizes.

- Thrills & Chills Crow - resident entry "Guy FEARari by Scott, Abbi & Mia Merry
- Character Crow - resident entry "Arr...you scared" by the Schafer family
- Upcycled Crow - local business entry "Who Runs the World" by the Tippet Street School
- Traditional Crow - resident entry "Spooky Sparkle" by Madison & Kerry Svec

Prizes will be mailed out to all Honorable Mentions. Thank you to all who participated, voted, and stopped by the Municipal Building to view all the scarecrows.



2021 Bocce Winners

Hillsborough Recreation's 2021 Bocce season began on September 11th. After 5 weeks of regular season participation, the playoffs took place last Saturday and Team 5 was the first place winner. Congratulations to Anthony Ferrera, Mary Ann Ferrera, and Nathan Santaromita (Pictured here with Bocce supervisor Emily Gottfried) for their win and to all players for a great season!



Flags for Heroes

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO SPONSOR A FLAG!

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.

The quantity of displayed flags is limited. Reserve your flag dedication by October 28, 2021, while supply lasts.

[Click here to reserve your flag.](#)

Littercon

Have you registered for Littercon 2021 yet? It's not too late to help clean up Hillsborough for the holiday season!



For those of you who are still unsure of what Littercon is, it is a litter cleanup that is held in preparation for the Holidays. This fun community event, where volunteers can dress in Santa, Elf, Grinch, or other holiday attire costumes and pick up litter around the community is targeted to get everyone involved in making our community shine. Registration is held through Eventbrite and litter cleanup kits will be distributed to volunteers at the event. If you have previously registered and already have a kit, bring that along and get ready to take on one wrapper at a time! Thank you for being a #litterhero!

[Click to register](#)

Early In-Person Voting Underway

In-person early voting has begun in Hillsborough. Anyone who is registered to vote can participate in early voting at the Municipal Building. Voting hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 8 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. The last day of in-person early voting is October 31st.



Registered voters can also vote at their designated polling location on Election Day, Tuesday November 2nd. If you're unsure of where to vote on Election Day please see the [voting information page](#) at the Hillsborough Township website. Polls are open on Election Day from 6 am until 8 pm.

Halloween Safety Tips

Chief Michael McMahon would like to remind

residents of safety precautions for those participating in various Halloween festivities, in addition to offering suggestions to parents of young children who “Trick or Treat” from door to door at this time of year.

The following precautions are intended for a safe and happy time for all Township residents.



- Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front, and back of the costume
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or cosmetics
- Adults should accompany young children
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight after nightfall
- Stay within family neighborhoods and/or visit homes that you know
- Watch for traffic
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it
- Keep control of pets as they may react unexpectedly to children in costumes

Additionally, please remember also to adhere to Township Halloween Curfew regulations for October 28th to November 1st, between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am, in which no person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted on any public place, public street, or public property in the Township of Hillsborough unless such person is in attendance at a program or function sponsored by the municipality, a church or school. This section shall not apply to persons under the age of 18 years while they are returning home from a place of employment, school, fraternal or religious meeting or going to and from a doctor's or dentist's office, where treatment has been rendered or is to be rendered, or to persons under the age of 18 years who are accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 21 years.

Simple precautions can go a long way in making this Halloween a safe one.

DEP, NJDOT Urge Motorists to Beware of Deer and Drive with Extra Caution

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is reminding drivers to be extra vigilant on roadways this fall as the mating season for white-tailed deer gets underway and daylight hours decrease.



Deer are more likely to suddenly enter roadways at this time of year, also known as the fall rut, as bucks pursue does, increasing the risk for sudden stops or collisions. Deer activity is more likely to occur during early morning hours and around sunset, when visibility may be difficult and more motorists are on their work commutes.

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More News from Hillsborough Township

- [Shake Your Mailbox!](#)
- [No C.O. Needed for Residential Resale](#)
- [Winter Basketball Leagues Open for Registration](#)

- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics
- Added/Omitted Tax Bills Mailed
- Leaf Collection Begins
- Amsterdam Phase 1 Awarded
- Saturday Electrical Inspections Now Available
- Deadline to Apply for SDA Disaster Loans Approaching

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
- Part-Time Building Inspector

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 28, 2021

1:00 pm Job Fair at Foothill Acres
3:30 pm Children's Halloween Party
7:30 pm Planning Board Business Mtg

October 30, 2021

8:30 am Howl-O-Ween
10:00 am Iron Peak Fallfest
11:30 pm Trunk or Treat

November 1, 2021

All Day Property Tax Payment Due
8:00 am Board of Health
6:30 pm Economic and Business Development Commission
7:30 pm Board of Health

November 2, 2021

9:30 am Cancer: Thriving and Surviving Workshop

November 3, 2021

7:00 pm Board of Adjustment
7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Commission

November 4, 2021

1:30 pm Get your Free Covid-19 Booster
6:00 pm Open Space Advisory Committee
7:30 pm Planning Board

November 9, 2021

9:30 am Cancer: Thriving and Surviving Workshop
6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee
7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

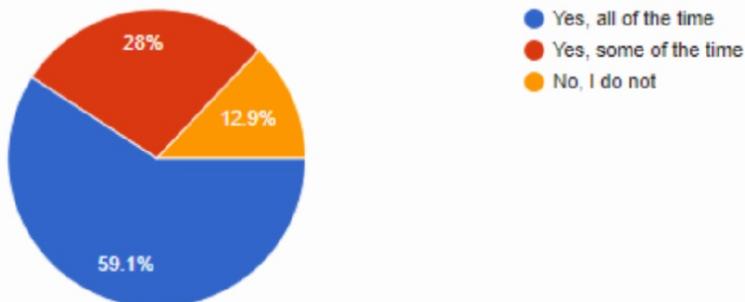
November 11, 2021

All Day Municipal Offices Closed
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Escape The Vape 2.0- Event for Middle And High School

Litter Did You Know

What did Hillsborough residents say
when asked

"Do you use reusable bags when you
grocery shop?"



Did you know that only 10% of
the 4.20 million tons of plastic
bags, sacks and wraps produced
in 2018 were recycled?

<https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/frequent-questions-regarding-epas-facts-and-#PlasticBags>





Public Health

Healthy Hillsborough

Updates from the Health Department



Get your free COVID-19 booster!



November 4, 1:30-6:00 PM

Hillsborough Municipal Building, 379 S. Branch Rd.

Vaccines will be given to these groups:

Pfizer OR Moderna booster
(must be 6 months after your 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or 2 months after your J&J vaccine)

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

Pfizer 1st or 2nd dose

- People 12 and older

Moderna 1st or 2nd dose

- People 18 and older

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

Bring your insurance/Medicare cards and vaccine card.



Hillsborough Township
Health Department



Green Brook Family Medicine



EmPoWER Somerset Presents

Escape The Vape 2.0

MORE THAN 5 MILLION U.S. MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS USED E-CIGARETTES IN THE PAST 30 DAYS (U.S. FDA) AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE 4X MORE LIKELY TO TRY CIGARETTES AND 3X MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE REGULARLY IF THEY'VE ALREADY USED VAPING PRODUCTS (TRUTH INITIATIVE).

Join us for a virtual discussion on the dangers of vaping, JUUL, and other tobacco products featuring,
Robb Holladay

Featured on TV, radio and a variety of news outlets, Robb Holladay is an internationally in demand youth motivational speaker who presents to hundreds of thousands around the US and Canada.

Thursday, November 11th
6:00-7:30 PM
[Click Here to Register](#)

(YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK VIA EMAIL)

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT/CAREGIVER. YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



**DOOR PRIZES AND
GIVEAWAYS
INCLUDING
APPLE AIRPODS!**



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and Recovery

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Atlantic Health System
Goryeb Children's Hospital



Community
in Crisis





HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK

DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

5:30PM - 7:00PM

At the Willow Road Complex

530 Willow Road

FOR ANY HILLSBOROUGH RESIDENT



ITEMS DISTRIBUTED WILL INCLUDE:
PRODUCE - CHEESES
MEAT PRODUCTS

Please register on the Township Web page Hillsborough-nj.org
or by calling the Social Services Office at 908-369-3880



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



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



Somerset County Library System [News](#) and
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Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Board of Elections Releases Step-By-Step Early Voting Video to Help Voters with New Machines

For the First Time, In-Person Voting Will Be Available Before Election Day at Six Locations in Somerset County

Somerset County Seeks Donations for Adopt-A-Family Program

Donations are accepted online. Checks must be post-dated by Sat., Nov. 20th.

Somerset County Park Commission Seeks Funding for Boardwalk and Footbridge Repairs

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2021.

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

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