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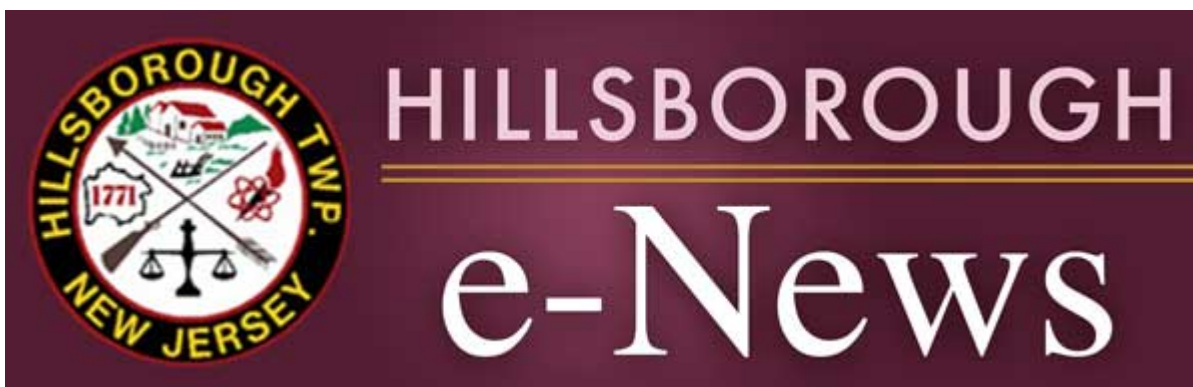
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Robyn Becker Named as Amsterdam School's Educational Services Professional of the Year

Robyn Becker, a Speech Therapist at Amsterdam Elementary, has been named Amsterdam Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2018. Ms. Becker has been a member of the Hillsborough School District since 2006, and has demonstrated tremendous dedication and service to the community.

In 2016 Robyn Becker completed her doctorate in speech language pathology, focusing on enhancing learning outcomes in early literacy via collaboration between teachers and speech language pathologists. She also recently completed an Advanced Certification Program in School Supervision and is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Montclair State University

The Hillsborough Township Committee commends Robyn Becker for being recognized as Amsterdam Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough.



Pictured: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Freeholder Mark Caliguire, Robyn Becker and Mayor Gloria McCauley

Christina Smith Named as Amsterdam School's Teacher of the Year

Christina Smith, a Special Education teacher at Amsterdam Elementary School has been named as Amsterdam Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for 2018. She has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty for 23 years and has demonstrated tremendous dedication and service to the District.

Christina Smith is the co-founder of Field Day at Amsterdam Elementary School, which is now in its 20th year. She consistently delivers meaningful differentiated instruction to meet the needs of her students. Christina is keenly aware of each student's individuality as well as their unique gifts and talents.

The Hillsborough Township Committee commends Christina Smith for being recognized as Amsterdam Elementary School's Teacher of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough.

Pictured: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Freeholder Mark Caliguire, Christina Smith and Mayor Gloria McCauley



Shop Hillsborough Announces Deals of the Month - April 2018

Each month, participating Shop Hillsborough Merchants offer special

deals to Shop Hillsborough card holders. Shoppers can use these coupons in conjunction with their Shop Hillsborough card to increase their savings.

[View Deals of the Month](#)



Shop Hillsborough Reward Program

Shop **Save** **Support**

Shop at a variety of merchants Save money through property tax credit or rebate check Support our local merchants



BE HEALTHY & GREEN
FOR A STRONGER HILLSBOROUGH

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HEALTHY AND GREEN FOR A STRONGER HILLSBOROUGH

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 2, 2018
8:00AM - 11:00AM

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP AND YMCA PARTNER FOR A POST RUN HEALTHY, GREEN LIVING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE YMCA'S HOP 5K RUN

POSTER CONTEST FOR THE KIDS!

PLEASE SEE THE HILLSBOROUGH TWP WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS:
HILLSBOROUGH-NJ.ORG

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE LOCAL RESOURCES AROUND YOU
LOCAL BUSINESSES PRESENTING INFORMATION DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
EVENT OCCURS RAIN OR SHINE



Department Updates

Building Department

Installing a Pool or a Deck this Spring?

Spring is here and the time for deck and pool installation is upon us. During the month of April, the Building Department will be focusing extra time on these applications. Make sure to obtain any required prior approvals from Zoning and Engineering before submitting your application to the Building Department. In order to avoid any delays, it is important to make sure your application is complete prior to submitting. There are handouts available for both pools and decks on the Hillsborough Township Website or in the Building Department. Please make sure to read the handouts thoroughly when filling out your application. All the required information is explained within these handouts. If you have any further questions please contact the Building Department.

Business Advocate

HBA Spring 2018 Business Social

Exchange business cards, build connections, increase your visibility, and develop relations that will grow your business

FEATURED PRESENTATION:

Affinity Credit Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card & Shop Hillsborough Card



The Hillsborough Economic & Business Development Commission (EBDC) will host an evening networking event at The Landing in Hillsborough on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Previous HBA events have sold out, don't miss this one. The price of admission is \$15 and includes passed hors d'oeuvres and food stations served buffet style. A cash bar will be available. Click



on the link to register. Once registered you will receive an email will be sent with a link to make the payment.

Online registration and payment is required
No payment accepted at the door
Tickets are non-refundable

[Get more information](#)
[Register Now!](#)

Engineering

*Maintaining Easement
surface area is
Homeowner's
Responsibility*

Please note that property owners are responsible for maintaining the surface area of easements located on residential property. This includes swales, drainage ditches, streams, etc. If the area where the easement is located needs attention due to downed trees or, silted, blocked or settled surfaces, the maintenance is handled by the private property owner. The Township does not own the property. The easement exists to allow a utility company access to underground utilities or to provide drainage from uphill areas. The utility company and/or the Township are only responsible for the underground piping and/or wiring. The easement restricts property owners from altering or blocking these drainage flow easement areas.

Finance

Homestead Benefits

The State of New Jersey has processed payment of the 2015 Homestead Benefit Credits. The Finance office will be mailing revised 2018 2nd quarter tax bills to those individuals who received this credit. This year, 2,048 Hillsborough property owners received the rebate, for a total of \$587,782.20.

Police



Distracted Driving Crackdown

The Hillsborough Township Police Department will be participating in the nationwide 2018 Distracted Driving Crackdown from April 1st through April 21st. Supplemental patrols will be deployed specifically targeting Distracted Driving Violations. If you have to take a phone call or text message, you are urged to do the right thing and pull off the road to accept the call or wait until you get to your destination. U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

Public Works

*Annual Clean Up
Program Tickets Now
Available*

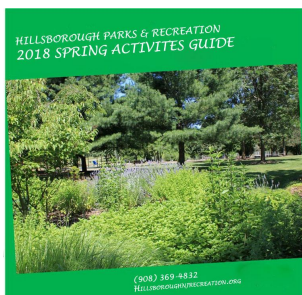
The Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works has begun distributing tickets for the Annual Clean Up Program. This year, for the first time, tickets can be obtained online, as well as in person. For more information, visit the Public Works Department's [Annual Clean Up Program Instructions Page](#).

Hillsborough Township
Department of Public Works
2018 Annual Clean Up Instructions



<http://www.hillsborough-nj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-Annual-Clean-Up-Program-Instructions.pdf>

Recreation



The 2018 Spring Program Brochure and the 2018 Summer Sports Camps Brochures are now available on the [Hillsborough Recreation Website](#)

Don't forget to register for:

Spring Bocce Ball -- Teams of 4 will be formed for a fun and exciting bocce league that will take place on Saturday mornings between 9:30-11:30AM.

Books & Brushes -- Each class we will read through a book that talks about different kinds of creativity, various famous artists, or different mediums and create projects based on the book chosen. For children 3rd-6th Grade

Youth Tennis Classes -- Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of stroke production, court movement, and footwork skills in a low pressure and energetic environment. Ages 5-14

Registration is currently ongoing for Spring Soccer, Spring Softball & Summer Day Camps.

The annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th. Parade kickoff time is scheduled for 10:30 AM.

Follow Hillsborough Recreation on Instagram [@Hillsboroughrec](#)

Spring 2018 Bocce League



Dates - Saturdays April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 & June 2

Time - 9:30am - 11:30am

Location - Ann Van Middlesworth Park

Cost is \$40

To register please go to hillsboroughnjrecreation.org

Social Services

Mr Fix-it Program

The Social Services Department reminds residents that the Mr. Fix-it program for Hillsborough seniors 60 and over is available for seniors to request help with small projects and repairs such as changing the batteries in your smoke detectors. Please call the office to schedule your appointment at 908-369-3880.

Library



SCLSNJ to Connect Special Needs Adults and Teens to Job and Volunteer Opportunities

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will host a job and volunteer fair for adults and teens (ages 16 and up) with special needs on April 21 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater.

"SCLSNJ is in a unique position – we work every day to partner with local businesses, and build connections with the community of people with special needs," said Zoe Lopez, adult services supervisor. "We recognize that Somerset County residents with disabilities have the potential to be a committed and productive part of the workforce, and we're thrilled to bring them together with local employers."

[Read More](#)

Boards & Commissions

Credit Card Committee

Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications - Apply by April 5th

Grant Applications are now being accepted for non-profit organizations serving Township youth and seniors to apply for up to a \$2,000 Grant.



Funds for these grants are made possible by the Affinity Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program. The Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card offers the card user rewards in addition to allocating a percentage of purchases to go back into the trust to fund these grants.

[Read More](#) | [Download a Grant Application](#)
[Learn More About Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card](#)

Municipal Alliance

PLC (Parent Learning Community) 2018 Spring Session starts in April.

PLC is a five-week parent-to-parent workshop series focused on strengthening relationships and improving communication with our children and adolescents for the prevention of substance use and abuse. One session includes a presentation by the Hillsborough Township Police on local trends in alcohol/drug use as well as internet safety.

Don't be in the dark when it comes to your kids!



Join P.L.C.

Parent Learning Community

An enlightening program to help you:

- > Have meaningful conversation with your kids
- > Stay up-to-date about youth alcohol/drug trends & technology safety
- > Connect with other parents who want to be involved and informed!

<p>Dates, Time & Location: Afternoon Series, 1:30 - 2:30 PM Tuesdays - April 10th, 17th, 24th, May 1st and 8th Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Route 206</p>
<p>Program Fee: Includes PLC handbook and t-shirt! Pre-registration (recommended): \$15.00 per person OR \$20.00 per couple (spouse or friend) At door (space permitting): \$25.00 per person</p>
<p>To pre-register: 1. Complete the information requested below: 2. Make check out to Life Skills 3. Mail to: Michele Maggini, Life Skills Coordinator/Board of Education, 779 South Branch Road, Hillsborough NJ 08844</p>

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR P.L.C.

Name(s) _____ Daytime Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Grade level of child(ren): _____
 T-shirt size: Small Medium Large X-large

QUESTIONS? Contact Michele Maggini at maggini@hillsboroughnj.org or (609) 431-6000 ext. 2809

[Read More about PLC](#) | [Join Now](#)

Township Job Line

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Full Time Police Officers
- Multi-Licensed UCC Inspector, Full Time
- Building Maintenance Part time

[More Information](#) | [Download an Application](#)



News You Can Use

Premiere Dance Hillsborough Raises \$7,800 For Embrace Kids Foundation With 4th Annual Dance Marathon.

Giving back to the community each year is a high priority for Premiere Dance Hillsborough. For the fourth year in a row, the studio's dancers participated in a mini dance marathon to raise awareness and funds for Embrace Kids Foundation, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for families whose children are facing cancer, sickle cell and other serious health challenges.

Together with family and friends, the dancers raised \$7,800, with all of the money going directly to Embrace Kids' programs. The four-hour dance marathon, held on Saturday, March 24, kicked off with an inspirational talk by several parents sharing stories of how their families have benefited from Embrace Kids' services—services they say have helped their families survive, and even thrive, while their children battled serious illness. Those children—out of the hospital and present at the event—joined Premiere Dance Hillsborough's dancers on the dance floor.



Andrea Wolkofsky, the mother of one of the studio's dancers, and Premiere Dance Assistant Director Allie Nagy organized the event. They were joined Saturday night by Premiere Dance Director Michelle Cunningham and Assistant Directors Lisa Burton and Corinna Ahart. They kept the dancers—aged 5 to 16—on their feet for the four hours with a mix of line dances and games. New this year was the participation of DJ Heywood, who donated his time to the event. At the start of the night, dancers received tickets to “cash” in, if needed, for cell phone breaks or rest time. For the fourth straight year, not one dancer turned in a ticket. At the end of the night, tickets were raffled off for prizes.

[Read More](#)

Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity Partner to Offer Two Free Events

Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity International have a longstanding partnership and offer Women Build week to educate, inspire and empower women to take action and advocate for affordable housing in their community.

As part of their continued partnership, Lowe's of Hillsborough is offering 2 free clinics to the public before Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity's Women Build on Saturday, May 5th. All are invited to participate and pick up some handy new skills!

The two events are:

- **Sheet Rocking** on Tuesday, April 10 from 7-9
- **Siding** on Thursday, April 19 from 7-9 PM

To reserve your spot, please email Rebecca Maier at rmaier@rvhabitat.org . Reservations are required.

A limited number of spots are still available for the 2018 Women Build so don't miss out.. . [sign-up today!](#)



Girl Scout Cookie Booths
Weekends starting
Friday, March 23rd through Sunday, April 15th
Come support our town's Girl Scouts,
Times and locations at the following link

<http://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookies.html#08844>

Girl Scout cookies will be sold throughout Hillsborough, on weekends starting Friday, March 23rd through Sunday, April 15th....come support our town's Girl Scouts, and enjoy your old cookie favorites.
[Click here for store locations and times of sales.](#)



Troop 60056 of Service Unit 72 presents
Bring a Friend to CAMPrend

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 1:30-3:00 PM
At the Hillsborough Municipal Building

For their Bronze Award Project, the Juniors of Troop 60056 are hoping to share all the fun Girl Scouts can be with girls who are not in Girl Scouts (yet)!

So ... we are asking our Daisy and Brownie sisters to help us by attending and **INVITING A FRIEND** to this CAMPrend event where we will play camping at CAMPrend!

This event is open to all Daisies & Brownies (with a non-scout friend)
 And we welcome all girls (and parents of girls) entering grades K-3 during the 2018-19 school year who are interested in learning about Girl Scouts.
Non-scouts MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
 Current Troops attending as a troop are asked to bring their Volunteers/Leaders to maintain adult-girl ratio

Events will include:
 crafts, games, snacks, songs, and a parent presentation.

Scouts should wear their vests/sashes so they can share stories about their many fun badge activities during the event.

This event is FREE, but please bring an item for donation to the Hillsborough Food Pantry.

Registration closes Saturday, April 7th
 See flyer for registration info and more details:

Contact - Gwen Duralek at gs.troop60056@gmail.com

girl scouting builds girls of **courage**, **confidence**, and **character**, who make the world a better place!



Hillsborough UNICO to Host Golf Outing

Hillsborough UNICO is hosting their 1st annual Golf Tournament on Friday, April 13, 2018, 8:00 am at the Hillsborough Golf & Country Club. They are hoping to make this event a very successful one and are asking you to consider helping us with this fundraising event.

Hillsborough's UNICO chapter is part of the largest Italian American Organization in the country (www.unico.org). The objectives are to promote and enhance the Image of Italian Americans; for members to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members' interest in public welfare; and, to cooperate with others in civic, social and cultural development.

Part of the proceeds from this year's golf outing will be going to the Organization for Autism Research (www.researchautism.org). OAR is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to apply research to the challenges of autism. OAR is dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by autism by supporting research that produces meaningful and practical results. OAR also keep families, educators, self-advocates, and professionals informed by delivering free, evidence-based resources and information every day.

To help Hillsborough UNICO raise funds, we are asking you to consider sponsoring a hole for \$200.00 or to donate a prize (item or cash) to our prize table. Each donation will be recognized at the tournament on the Sponsor/Donation acknowledgement display for each golfer to see. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. It is because of the support we receive from businesses and individuals like you that we can provide ongoing funding to support the efforts of our organizations.

Any questions, please contact Janet DiGangi at 732-439-0648 or jdigangi@bruns-pak.com.

[More Information/Registration Form](#) | [Sponsorship Form](#)

Important Dates

Meeting Dates

April 10, 2018	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 12, 2018	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 24, 2018	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 26, 2018	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

[All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates](#) | [Community Events](#) | [Library events](#)

Community Events

Visit the [Community Events Calendar Page](#) on the Hillsborough Township Website to see what's happening around town or to post your event

Click on flyers for more information

Music of Sinatra and the American Song Book

Saturday April 21, 2018
7 pm - 9:30 pm
Hillsborough Municipal Building

Spring Reins of Life Comedy Night

Saturday April 21, 2018
5:30 pm
Flemington Elks Lodge



Run Around the Park

Sunday April 22nd
8 am
Ann Van Middlesworth Park



Steps Together Blood Drive

Wednesday April 25th
2-7 pm
Woods Road Firehouse

Flower Sale

May 11th 3pm-8pm
May 12th 9am -2pm
Neshanic Volunteer Fire Company

Wildlife Explorer Program at Duke Farms

July 10-14 (ages 8-10)
July 23-27 (ages 11-13)

School News & Updates



Get Your Tickets Now!

HHS Band & Guard Program

Raffle

Grande Prize
4 Days/3 Nights in Walt Disney World!

Grande Prize (\$1500 value)
(4) One-day Hopper Passes to Disney
(3) Nights in WDW @ All-Star Music Resort
(2) Airline ticket vouchers - round trip

2ND PRIZE (\$500 value)
50" Samsung Flat Screen Ultra HD Smart TV
w/(5) assorted family movies

3rd PRIZE (\$250 value)
\$250 in gift cards of your choice (SCRIP List)

Ticket Price: \$10.00

Grande Prize round trip hopper passes compliments of:
WALT DISNEY WORLD

All proceeds to benefit the Hillsborough High School Band & Guard Program

Drawing will take place at Hillsborough High School Jazz Concert 9pm on April 11, 2018. Winners need not be present to win. No substitution of the offer price may be made. No cash will be given in lieu of prize. Hopper tickets will expire two years after the date of issue and will not be extended and cannot be upgraded to another ticket (i.e., multi-day ticket). Blackout dates are December 25 - 31 of any year. Airline ticket vouchers will contain expiration dates. Blackout dates apply.

For additional information please contact: kjohnsonhbspa@gmail.com or call 908-334-5470

[More Information](#)

ARIS/HMS Discount Card 2017-2018 - Now Only \$5!!

ARIS/HMS 2017-2018 Discount Cards available for \$5.00 each, with all proceeds going to ARIS and HMS school programs and staff grants. The card includes reusable discounts from 34 local businesses including ShopRite's \$4.00 off \$100.00 purchase, McDonald's, Super Sundaes, Lenny's, Philly Pretzel, Revival Barbershop, Olympia Sports and many more!! Discounts are valid through 9/30/18. Special Promotion: Buy 5 cards, get 1 card free!



To purchase a discount card, please email wenholt@aol.com or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

Somerset County News

"Hopeful Heart" Support Strategy Workshops

Registration is Open for Sessions on April 16, April 26 or April 30

Feeling out of sorts as you listen to the news? Find yourself wondering what will come? Looking for ways to regroup and revitalize?

Freeholder Deputy Director Brian Levine wants residents to know that the Somerset County Department of Human Services will be hosting three "Hopeful Heart" workshops where participants can learn stress-reduction and mindfulness techniques, and identify resources for ongoing support.

Program dates and times are **Monday, April 16**, from 1 to 2 p.m.; **Thursday, April 26**, from 5 to 6 p.m.; and **Monday, April 30**, from noon to 1 p.m. The sessions each cover the same material, and all will be held at the county human services building, located at 27 Warren St.

[Pre-registration is required; click here to sign up.](#)

For more information, contact the Somerset County Department of Human Services at (908) 704-6300.

Help us Honor Somerset County Centenarians

Freeholder Deputy Director Brian D. Levine has announced that the county Office on Aging and Disability Services is looking to identify residents who will be age 100 or older in 2018.

"We are asking residents to help us pay tribute to centenarians in our community," said Freeholder Deputy Director Levine, human services liaison. "It is our privilege to honor these resilient individuals, who have touched the lives of so many people over the last century, literally, and are wonderful role models for future generations."

Family members or caregivers of centenarians are asked to contact Elder Services Administrator Cynthia Voorhees at (908) 704-6349 or Voorhees@co.somerset.nj.us.

Recognition forms may be faxed to (908) 595-0194 or mailed to the attention of Cynthia Voorhees, Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876. The deadline is Wednesday, May 9.

[Read More](#)

Learn About Services, Programs & More During National County Government Month in April

Somerset County Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione invites residents to learn about Somerset County through informational displays and activities at various county locations during National County Government Month in April.

"For the 28th consecutive year, Somerset County will join county governments nationwide in celebrating National County Government Month to raise public awareness and understanding of what county government has to offer, so residents can take full advantage of available programs and services," he said. The annual celebration was launched in 1991 by the National Association of Counties.

Somerset County has programs for youth, older adults and professionals working with those populations; health-related programs; free clinics; drop-off recycling events; and so much more. [Visit our website for a wealth of information.](#)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS**CLERK'S OFFICE**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2nd Tuesday until 7pm (starting in May)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Tuesdays until 7pm

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