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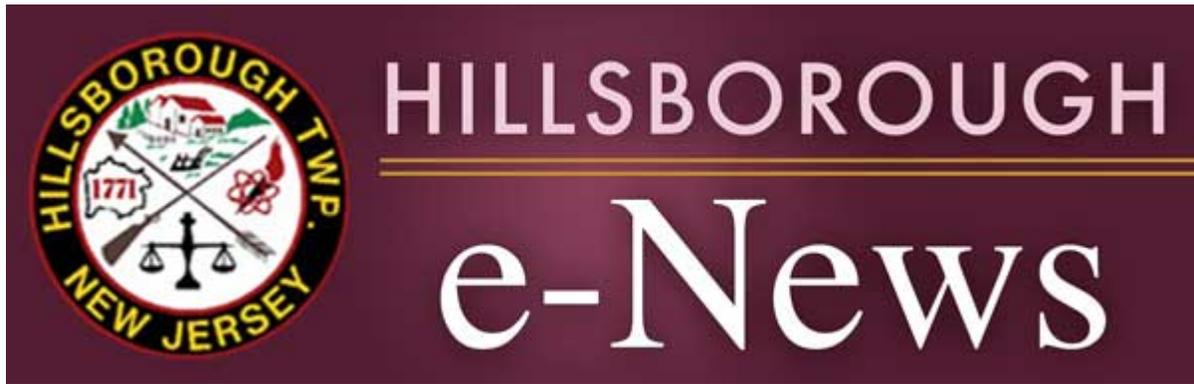
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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A blue rectangular announcement. On the left is a black and white photo of Martin Luther King Jr. with the text "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY" overlaid. On the right, white text reads: "The Hillsborough Township Municipal Building will be Closed on Monday, January 21st in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day". Below this, it says "The Library will be Open from 9:30 am -5:00 pm".

Township News

[HMS Students Win Patriots Pen Essay Competition](#)

The VFW Patriots Pen Youth Scholarship program challenges junior high and middle school students in grades 6-8 to write a

300-400 word essay on a new patriotic theme each year. This year's theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag".



[Anisha Gademsky Earns Girl Scout Gold Award](#)

Anisha Gademsky, a junior at Hillsborough High School and member of Girl Scout Troop 60365, was honored at the January 8, 2019 Township Committee for earning her Gold Award.



[Boy Scout Troop 1776 Prepares for Citizenship Badge](#)

On January 11th, former New Jersey Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson and Merit Badge Counselor Thomas Zobebe, were invited to speak to boy scouts in Troop 1776 as they work toward earning their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.



[Hillsborough Township Partners with PBA #205 to Participate in the Hillsborough Community Night at the NJ Devils' Game Against the Philadelphia Flyers on Friday, March 1st](#)

Special Tickets to be Available

"Hillsborough Township will participate in the 5th Annual Hillsborough Community Night at the New Jersey Devils' Friday, March 1st game against the Philadelphia Flyers," announced Mayor Frank DeCore.

"This year the Township and PBA #205 are partnering for an even bigger community event raising funds for both Special Olympics and the Wacker Family," added Mayor DeCore.

As in years past, Hillsborough Township will be recognized throughout the evening including the Hillsborough Police Department's Honor Guard presenting the colors, a group welcome on the scoreboard and a post-game on-ice photo for all guests in attendance with the group.



[Updated Municipal Office Evening Hours for Township Residents](#)

Building Office: Tuesdays until 7 pm
Clerk's Office: 2nd and 4th Tuesday until 7 pm

Mayor Frank DeCore reminded residents that various offices offer evening hours for limited services at the Township.

The Building Office remains open until 7 pm each Tuesday to pick up permit applications, accept permits, schedule inspections and other limited services. The Building Office will also be conducting inspections on Saturdays for homeowners only.

The Clerk's Office is open until 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month when Township Committee Meetings are being held for notary services and voter registration.

Winter Storm Reminders

- In the event you experience a loss of power, please contact your power company directly and report the outage. Do not assume that the outage has already been reported. JCP&L: 888-544-4877 and PSE&G 800-436-7734.
- Do not touch or attempt to move downed lines.
- Do not operate generators inside your residence nor your garage; use only outdoors.
- If you are using candles, please ensure they are not placed by any flammable material and remain attended while lit. Please extinguish candles when leaving a room.
- If using space heaters, ensure they are placed in a safe location away from flammable materials and walls.
- 911 is for Emergency use only. Non emergencies, please call 908-369-4323.
- On street parking is prohibited during the storm.
- All residents are encouraged to remain at home, but if you need to venture out, please allow extra travel time to allow for safe arrival at your destination.
- Do not place trash cans or recycling cans out until the plows have passed. If you must put them out, place them well back from the curb line so the plows or projected snow does not hit them. Remove empty cans as soon as possible.

[Reminder to All Residents: Parking Prohibited on Snow Covered Roads Clear Snow and Ice from Vehicles Before Operating](#)

Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Liaison to Public Safety would like to remind all residents, of the prohibition of parking on snow covered roads. "Township Code Chapter 143-21 prohibits parking on snow covered roads. When snow is anticipated, use off street parking as an alternative. Vehicles are subject to summonses and the potential of being towed at the owner's expense," reported Committeewoman McCauley.

[History of Hillsborough Rockettes/Rocket; A Thank You to Hillsborough Township](#)

The Hillsborough Township Senior Rockettes/Rocket senior dance group consists of 23 women dancers and one male dancer. All members are residents of Hillsborough Township.

The group has celebrated their 25th anniversary .They also were proud to celebrate the 101st birthday of one of their original dancers Mary Buckshaw. The group is very proud of their member who turned 101 years old and who is still an active dancer. They are also proud of all of their accomplishments over the years.



The Shop Hillsborough Reward Program combines saving and shopping. Present your Shop Hillsborough Reward Card to a participating merchant at the time of purchase and a property credit will automatically be applied to your property tax bill. Not a property owner? Join the program to receive an annual rebate check.

If you don't have a card, pick one up in the Administration Office in the Municipal Building Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm



[January Deals of the Month](#)

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE for FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION - January 26, 2019

On **Saturday, February 16th** from 2 pm until 9 pm the polls will be open for the Fire District Election. Voting for this election in Hillsborough will be held at the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Complex located at 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough.

The deadline to register to vote in this election is January 26, 2019. To obtain a voter registration form please visit the Somerset County website at www.co.somerset.nj.us.

If you are not certain if you are registered to vote, please visit the NJ Elections website at <https://www.njelections.org/>.

If you have previously requested a mail-in ballot and are uncertain if you will be receiving one for this Fire Election, please contact the Somerset County Clerk's Office at 908-231-7013 for assistance.

Additional dates:

February 9 – deadline to apply for a Mail In Ballot by Mail

February 15 – deadline to apply for a Mail In Ballot in Person (must be done at the County Clerk's office)

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 1

Watch Now!



Department Updates

Building Department

The Building Department is pleased to announce an amnesty program, which will run until January 31, 2019. This program will excuse residents and business owners from getting penalized for having open permits, having previous work done without permits, failing to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and/or have an expired Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. If you visit the Building Department within this allotted time frame, we will assist you with gaining compliance for your projects. Permit fees will still be applicable but, again, you will not be penalized for noncompliance.

Business Advocate

A new year and a new opportunity for the Hillsborough Businesses to promote themselves. We encourage the Hillsborough Business Community visit the newly updated HBA website, www.hillsboroughbusiness.org, to update their business profiles on the Hillsborough Township Business Finder. A new feature for businesses include posting their events on HBA Calendar.

In other news, improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program. Fincredit the administrator of the program is upgrading the system by replacing terminals with android devices, which will allow merchants to scan a QR code.

Please visit www.hillsboroughbusiness.org for directions to download your cards QR code onto your smartphone or physically attach to your

card. Additionally, merchants will also be able to input your registered phone number or card ID. The new system is totally paperless, therefore a receipt will be sent to your registered email address. Remember, you can always check your balance in your account at www.propertytaxcard.com

Engineering

Did you know that there are 530 lane miles of roadways and 115 miles of sidewalks that are maintained by Hillsborough Township? To put that into perspective the amount of infrastructure is the same distance as a trip from NJ to South Carolina!

The Engineering Department works with the Public Works Department to identify roads that require repairs. To report a pothole please notify the Department of Public Works at 908-369-3950.

Finance Department

2019 dog license renewals have been mailed out. Renewals can be paid in person in the Finance Office, by mail, or by using the online system beginning January 7th. Your dog's rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019 in order to renew. To avoid a late fee, renew your dog license by March 1st.

Health Department

Radon Kits

January is Radon Awareness Month - free Radon Test Kits are still available. The local health departments in Somerset County (Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership) have agreed to designate January as Radon Action Month. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that can be emitted from naturally occurring rocks and soil that contain uranium and radon. The Hillsborough Health Department will continue to distribute free radon test kits to Hillsborough Township residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents can call the Health Department at 908-369-5652 or stop in the Health Department between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm to get a kit. Please see further information on the health website.



Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Annual Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic to be held on Saturday, January 26th at the Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works Yard located at 21 East Mountain Road. No pre-registration is necessary. Dogs must be leashed and cats are required to be in a secure carrier.



Police

The Hillsborough Township police reminds residents, as we approach winter, that NJ law requires all snow and ice to be removed from vehicle's hood, windows and roof before driving. For your safety, drive slow & adjust your speed for the changing road conditions and increase your following distance from other vehicles. Give snowplows and sander vehicles plenty of room to work. Don't tailgate and try not to pass them as their field of vision is restricted - you may see them but they don't always see you!

Also just a reminder that Township Code Chapter 143-21 prohibits parking on snow covered roads. When snow is anticipated, use off street parking as an alternative. Vehicles are subject to summonses and the potential of being towed at the owner's expense.

Public Works

The Township Leaf Collection Program has concluded. The entire town received two passes at a minimum. Roughly ten thousand cubic yards of leaves were vacuumed throughout the town. Local farmers accepted the leaves to use as a soil amendment for their crops.

Public Works is actively engaged in filling potholes around the township. As a common practice the higher speed roads will receive the first attention for safety reasons.

Please visit the township website for valuable information regarding online coupons for the Township Clean up Program. Residents will be able to obtain their coupons starting March 1.

Recreation

Registration is currently ongoing for ALL winter programs. Spring Girls Softball leagues and Spring Soccer leagues are also open for registration. Don't miss out on the fun. Register today!

Registration Open

Library

[Explore Black History Month at Your Library](#)

Township Job Line



Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Building Maintenance, Part Time
- Police Officer
- Plumbing Inspector
- Recreation Assistant

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

Important Dates

January 22nd	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
January 24th	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

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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

Free Movie Night

January 25th
6 - 8 pm
Hillsborough Municipal Building Multi-Purpose Room

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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