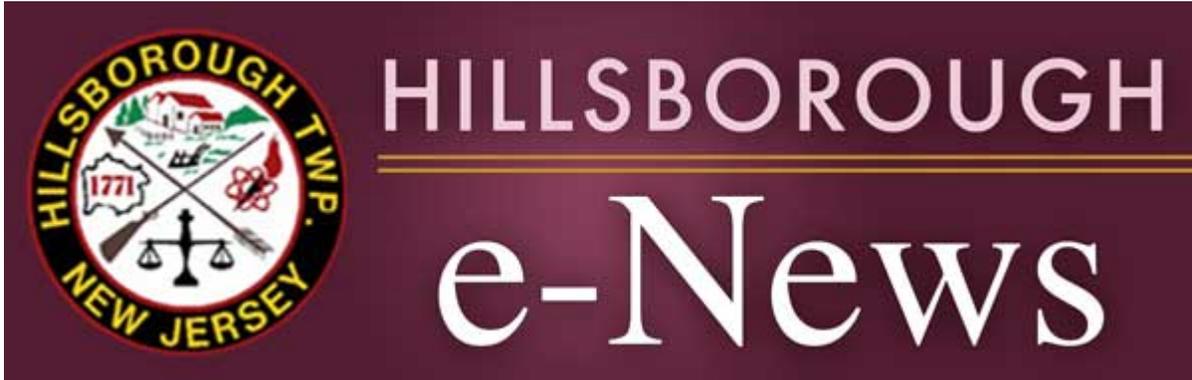


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## Township News

### [Chief Murphy Retires from Fire Co. #3 After 18 Years of Service](#)

Chief Michael Murphy first volunteered for Fire Co. #3 on July 10, 2000. He worked his way through the ranks holding positions of Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief and is currently the chair of the Uniform Committee in addition to Chief. Chief Murphy has been actively engaged in the construction and design of new apparatus. He is also an advocate of safety ensuring the members of Volunteer Fire Co. #3 have everything necessary to accomplish the job of a firefighter safely and efficiently.



### [Top Responders Recognized by Mayor and Township Committee](#)

Hillsborough Township Committee, along with the Board of Fire Commissioners, would like to recognize the Top 10 Responders from each Fire Company for 2018.

The Top Responders serve as examples of the Highest Standards of the Hillsborough Township Fire Companies through their heroism and willingness to help others.



## [2 Hillsborough Women Among Outstanding Women to Be Honored at March 29 Dinner](#)

Each year the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women sponsors a program to highlight women who have made significant contributions in their professional fields, to women's causes, or in community endeavors.

Melissa Almendinger, community garden educator at Duke Farms, was selected in the category of Environmental Initiatives, and Pamela Borek, Township Clerk, was selected in the category of Government/Public/Social Service.

## [Township Recognized for Partnership with RVCC's Service Learning Program](#)

On Friday, January 25th, Lee Santaromita and Siobhan Spano representing Hillsborough Township's Health and Administration Departments, were among local community partners that were honored for their efforts to engage Raritan Valley Community College students in service learning and community engagement opportunities. The annual Martin Luther King Jr., Service Learning Community Breakfast was attended by more than 100 people at RVCC's Branchburg campus.



## [Township Committee Partners with Hillsborough School District for Scholarship Competition](#)

*Three \$1,000 Statewide Scholarships Available Through the New Jersey League of Municipalities' "Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition"*

Mayor Frank DelCore announced Hillsborough Township's participation in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay II, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. "The Township is once again teaming up with the Hillsborough School District so Hillsborough students can participate in this scholarship competition," announced Mayor Frank DelCore at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

**Just Released!**

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 2

Watch Now!



## [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 DelCore.

"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 DelCore.



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.

## Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance Presents: Steered Straight with Michael DeLeon

In his presentation, DeLeon will discuss his battle with addiction and the downward spiral it sent his life. By opening up regarding his past, DeLeon hopes that he will steer today's youth away from drug use and poor decisions. He also hopes to provide parents and community members with information regarding current drug and alcohol trends in our community as well as how to engage children and young adults in constructive conversation regarding these difficult topics.

Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 - (ages 12 and up)

[More Information](#)

**STEERED STRAIGHT PARENT ACADEMY**  
Presented by Michael DeLeon

A unique approach to important topics, combining the prescription drug abuse epidemic with the exploding increases in heroin use, as well as the pending push to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Coupled with information about synthetic drugs, vaping, e-cigarettes, and alcohol, this seminar educates the audience on how to better understand and prevent the epidemic we are suffering from in Somerset County.

- Learn about the latest drug trends
- Educate yourself on the signs and symptoms
- Equip yourself with how to speak with your children
- Gain tips and advice to help prevent drug and alcohol use

**1 in 4 teens say they have misused or abused a prescription drug**

Each day, an average of 6,500 children (ages 12-17) try alcohol for the first time

Drug overdose deaths now outnumber death by car accident

Don't miss this opportunity to be educated on these topics and MORE!

**Hillsborough High School**  
466 Rader Blvd.  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Academy begins at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE COME AND BE INFORMED!**  
No registration needed. For questions, contact Michael DeLeon at mdeleon@hillsboroughnj.com

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

[February Deals of the Month](#)

**Shop Hillsborough Reward Program**

**Shop** Shop at a variety of merchants

**Save** Save money through property tax credit or rebate check

**Support** Support our local merchants

## Department Updates

### Business Advocate

Save the date - April 11th the HBA and Affinity Federal Credit Union will host a joint networking event. - Stay tuned for more details.

### 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

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your dog's license!! Licenses must be renewed no later than March 1st, or they will incur a late fee.

### Health Department

Free Radon Test Kits are still available! The local health departments in Somerset County (Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership) have agreed to

**Radon Kits**

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.

**OEM**

*Hillsborough residents, please check your mailboxes for reflective street numbers.*

**Hillsborough residents, please check your mailboxes for reflective street numbers.** Township Ordinance requires that the house number be visible on the actual house. However, with some houses being set back far from the road in an effort for emergency responders to be able to determine proper addresses when responding, residents are encouraged to have reflective numbers on both sides of their mailboxes so that the house number is visible in both directions of the roadway.

**Police**

Residents are reminded to protect themselves from becoming a victim of personal property theft in their vehicles. Keep your vehicles locked at all times and remove valuables, but if you must leave a purse or other valuables in your vehicle, at least lock them in your trunk where they are out of sight. It is better not to leave valuables in your car.

**Recreation**

*Registration Open*

Spring Soccer Registration is now open until March 8th for boys and girls aged 3 and up. Have no doubt, soccer is what it's about. Visit the Parks and Recreation website [hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://hillsboroughnjrecreation.org) for more details.

Also open for registration is our girls softball league. No experience, no problem. Girls softball is open to all girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade. It's time to dust off your cleats and get ready for some softball. Visit the Parks and Recreation website [hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://hillsboroughnjrecreation.org) for more details.

Want to try Yoga? We now offer single day registration for Monday classes only. The cost is \$15 per class. [Register online](#) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Social Services**

*Community Assistance Network - Update*

**Did you know:** If you are a Hillsborough Resident and are in need of non-perishable groceries and toiletry products, you may be eligible for assistance from the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network.

**Here is how it works:** Present the appropriate identification to show proof of residency.

**What you will receive on the initial visit:** You will be provided 2 bags of non-perishable groceries and 1 bag of toiletry items.

**Some additional information:** Please contact the Social Services department 908-369-3880 to schedule an appointment

**Library**

[Alternatives, Inc. and SCLSNJ Partner to Deliver Services, Resources to Residents](#)

[SCLSNJ Continues to Offer Programs, Services to Business Professionals in 2019](#)

# Township Job Line



**Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:**

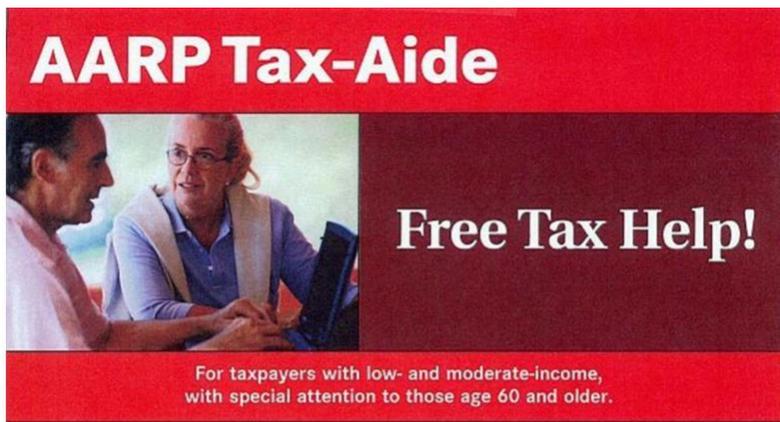
- Building Maintenance, Part Time
- Police Officer
- Plumbing Inspector
- Recreation Assistant

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

## Important Dates

February 6th	Board of Adjustment Meeting	<b>7:00 pm</b>
February 7th	Planning Board Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b>
February 12th	Township Committee Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b>
February 14th	Planning Board Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b>
February 26th	Township Committee Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b>
February 28th	Planning Board Business Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b>

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



**AARP Tax-Aide**

**Free Tax Help!**

For taxpayers with low- and moderate-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Free Preparation of federal and state income tax returns *plus* help filling out PTR-1 and PTR-2 forms will be provided from February 1 thru April 15th.

**For appointment call:  
908-541-5710**

6 sites in Somerset County

Hillsborough site is Somerset Emergency Training Academy (SEMTA) 402 Roycefield Rd

All ages and income levels are welcome, however special attention will be given to seniors.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS and the New Jersey Department of Taxation.

## Hillsborough Vol. Fire Co. 3 to hold 20th Annual Golf Outing

The Woods Road Fire Company will be holding their 20th annual golf outing on Monday June 10, 2019, at Royce Brook Country Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey.

To those who have so generously supported us in the past, we offer a heartfelt thank you and hope that you can once again join us this year. To those of you who haven't previously participated in our outing, we hope you strongly consider joining us. As most of you know, we're a completely volunteer fire company. This fund raiser represents one of our more significant annual fund raising events. In the past, proceeds from the event have helped us address regular building maintenance, deferred maintenance, capital improvements, and retention and recruitment efforts. To say the least, we could not continue doing what we do without your assistance. The attachment provides additional information on how you can participate. We hope you can join us this year for what promises to be a great event. For additional information please email [deputychief@hillsboroughfire3.org](mailto:deputychief@hillsboroughfire3.org)

[Download Registration Form](#)

## 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

## HHS Winterguard Festival

February 2nd  
3 pm - 10 pm  
Hillsborough High School

### **HHS Raider Baseball Pancake Breakfast**

February 3rd  
8 am - 1 pm  
Hillsborough Municipal Building

### **Making Youth Agencies Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention**

February 8th  
9 am - 10:30 am  
Somerset County Human Services Building

### **Cupid's Chase 5k**

February 9th  
8 am  
Duke Island Park

### **HHS Band Clothing Drive**

February 9th  
10 am - 12 pm  
Hillsborough High School

### **Speak Teen Leadership Conference**

February 23rd  
9:30 am - 2 pm  
Raritan Valley Community College

### **Attracting Birds into the Garden**

February 23rd  
10 am - 12 pm  
Somerset Park Commission Headquarters  
Bridgewater



### **5th Annual "i have a Voice" Gala**

March 30th  
6 pm - 11 pm  
Bridgewater Marriott

### **Wildlife Explorers Summer STEAM Program**

March 30th  
July 15-26  
Duke Farms

### On Sale! New ARIS/HMS 2018-2019 Discount Card - Save Money at Local Businesses & Support Hillsborough Students

If you would like to purchase an ARIS/HMS Discount Card, email [laura@brightsoftware.com](mailto:laura@brightsoftware.com) for details, or visit Super Sundaes ice cream shop (near the Post Office).



## Somerset County News

[Free Late Season Flu Shot Clinics Open Soon It's Never Too Late](#)

[Designate a Driver on Super Bowl Sunday Don't Drink and Drive, Have a Game Plan and Get a Ride](#)

[Making Youth Agencies Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

[February Recycling Calendar: First Saturday and E-waste Drop-offs](#)

[Ballpark Box Seats Available to Nonprofits, Community Organizations Enter a Drawing and Score Tickets](#)

[Sheriff's Office Hires First Female Special Response Team Member Officer Meets Gold Standard of Excellence](#)

[When Is it Mandatory to Report Sexual Assaults? Somerset County Youth Services Workshop](#)

[New Open Data GIS Website Available](#)

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
Tuesdays until 7pm

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