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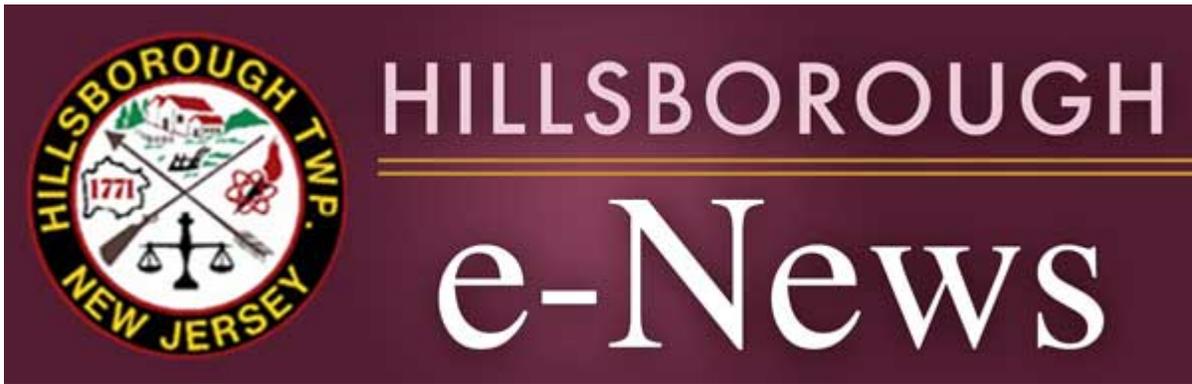
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## Township News

### [Melissa Almendinger Honored by Township Committee](#)

The Hillsborough Township Committee joined the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women in saluting Melissa Almendinger for being selected for the "Environmental Initiatives" award and thank her for her dedication by presenting her with a proclamation at the February 12th Township Committee Meeting.



### [Pamela Borek Honored by Township Committee](#)

The Hillsborough Township Committee joined the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women in saluting Pamela Borek for being honored with the "Government/Public/Social Service" award and thank her for her dedication by presenting her with a proclamation at the February 12th Township Committee Meeting.



## [Mayor DelCore Attends the HHS WinterGuard Show](#)

The Hillsborough Band Parents Association hosted its 19th Annual WinterGuard Show at Hillsborough High School on Saturday, February 2nd. The show was attended by a total of 32 competing winterguards and concluded with an exhibition performance by Hillsborough's WinterGuard. Mayor Frank DelCore was in attendance and participated in the presentation of awards.



## [Last Call for Devils Tickets](#)

Hillsborough Township, in conjunction with PBA #205, invites you to participate in Hillsborough Community Night at the NJ Devils' on Friday, March 1st in a game against the Philadelphia Flyers.

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.

To purchase your tickets, go to please visit the designated website at <https://fevo.me/hillsborough>.



## **Special School Election To Be Held March 12th**

Special School Election will be held on March 12, 2019.

Polling locations and voting districts have been consolidated for the March 12th Special Board of Education Election.

Sample ballots will be mailed out a week before the election. Please refer to your sample ballot, which will be mailed out a week before the election, for your polling location. **Or, For a list of consolidated polling locations, click [here](#).**

For more information, call the Somerset County Board of Elections at 908-231-7084.



## [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 DeCore 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 DeCore at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

### [County Announces 2019 Operation Secure Shred Schedule](#)

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to offer residents a free document-shredding program at various locations around the county.

Shredding events are held on 10 Saturdays through the "Operation Secure Shred" program, rain or shine. All shredding events are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they leave and the event is over for the day.



[The 2019 Operation Secure Shred program will run from March 30, 2019 to November 9, 2019.](#)

### **Shop Hillsborough Program Improvements Coming Soon**

New improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program. Fincredit, the administrator of the program, is upgrading the system and replacing terminals with new scanners that will make it even easier for shoppers to earn tax credits or cash rebates.

**Forgot your card? Not a problem, just tell the participating merchant your phone number.**

See how quickly your rewards add up by checking the balance in your account at [www.propertytaxcard.com](http://www.propertytaxcard.com).

Visit [www.hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://www.hillsboroughbusiness.org) for future announcements.



[February Deals of the Month](#)  
[Meet the Merchant: Fruity Yogurt](#)

### [Complete Survey to Enter Random Drawing for \\$50 Gift Certificate to Hillsborough Restaurant](#)

**Rain Garden Survey Focuses on increasing adoption of Green Infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water**

Since 2014, Hillsborough Township has collaborated with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension on a 319(h) Clean Water Act Grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on several projects that has engaged the community to adopt green infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water in the Royce Brook.



## A Hillsborough Mayors Wellness & Ridewise, Inc. Collaboration The Benefits of Walking and How to Approach Long-term Fitness



**Tuesday, February 26th  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Conference Room A)**

Presentation followed by an optional "1,000 step walk" around the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building

The program is free and open to the community. To register please visit the Hillsborough Township Mayors Wellness page at <http://www.hillsborough-nj.org/government/mayor/wellness/>

**Presented by Mike Schatzki, creator of the No Sweat Couch Potato Recovery Program**

**ridewise.org    recoveringcouchpotato.org**

*RideWise connects people and businesses to safe and sustainable travel options that enhance quality of life and create a vibrant economy.*



Register Now

**Just Released!**

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 2

Watch Now!



## Department Updates

### Building Department

The Building Department is excited to announce the implementation of a new computer operating system. During the transition, we ask for your patience. On February 28th, the Building Department will be open, but will be unable to accommodate any computer-based operations for this day only. (i.e. scheduling inspections, issuing permits, printing of construction-related documents...) We are working diligently to continue the highest level of customer service. Please make sure to plan accordingly.

The Building Department is also extending the amnesty program to residents and business owners, running until February 28, 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.

Please contact the department with any further questions.

**Business Advocate**

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

As a reminder, new improvements were made to Shop Hillsborough. 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. The merchants will use these devices to process your property tax credits. Please visit [www.hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://www.hillsboroughbusiness.org) for directions to download your card's QR code onto your smartphone or physically attach to your card. Additionally, merchants will need 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](http://www.propertytaxcard.com)

**Engineering**

The Engineering Department reminds residents that sump pump piping must be properly discharged. Due to the extreme weather conditions of wet/rain then freezing cold temperatures, the Engineering Department has received numerous calls about sump pump discharges icing and impacting the roadways.

The Township understands that the use of sump pumps is necessary during times of wet/rain conditions, however, if the sump pump discharge ices the roadway the Township may ask that you relocate it to prevent the danger. It is acceptable for the discharge to ice the shoulder / gutter of the roadway (the first 3-4 feet), only if it does not extend into the traveled way or create safety concerns to motorists.

In some cases, sump pump discharge to the shoulder or gutter of the roadway may be better than pumping on lawns which may flow toward adjoining downhill homes. Neighbors should work together to minimize impacts during extreme weather conditions.

Refer to [Township Code for § 341-8: Discharge of stormwater](#) for more information.

**Finance Department**

Pet owners are reminded that March 1st is the deadline for renewing your dog license without incurring a late fee. Your dog's rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019. If you vet feels it is too soon to vaccinate your pet, please provide a note stating that, and the license can be issued. Don't forget that you can renew your dog's license online at no cost at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org), under the "How Do I" section.

**Health Department**

*Radon Kits*

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.



## Police



### Residents are reminded to protect themselves from becoming a victim of personal property and identity theft in their vehicles

- Keep your vehicles locked at all times
- Remove all valuables, especially personal identity items
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle lock them in your trunk or your glove box
- Keep your valuables out of sight
- It is always better not to leave valuables in your car

## Public Works

Public Works has filled over 2,500 potholes from the end of December to the present time. Main roadways are of course a priority as the higher speeds create a more significant impact when a pothole is struck. Despite the wet weather, the department is doing the best that can be done as these conditions compromise the quality of the patch.

The Annual Clean up campaign will begin soon. We are working with a new online provider to facilitate the registration system for the Township Clean Up which takes place at our Auten Rd site. Online registration will be available starting in March.

Seniors 65 and older will be able to pick up their coupons for the Curbside Clean Up at the Public Works building between the hours of 8am and 2pm Monday through Friday starting March 1st.

Residents are reminded to visit the Public Works link on the Hillsborough Township Website for all information pertaining to the department including upcoming programs.

## Recreation

### *Registration Open*

- Spring Soccer Registration is open until March 8th for boys and girls aged 3 and up.
- Also open for registration is our girls softball league. Girls softball is open to all girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- 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.

Visit the Parks and Recreation website [hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://hillsboroughnjrecreation.org) for more details.

Spring is just around the corner and the 2019 Parks and Recreation Spring Activities Guide is full of great programs for all ages. Tennis, Golf, Skateboarding, Adult Volleyball and Bocce are just a few of the many activities we offer. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

Want to keep your kids active this summer? Send them to the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. Our camps run from June 24th through August 16th for children aged 5-13. We also offer Tiny Camp for 4 and 5 year olds who have not finished Kindergarten. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

## 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

## Sustainable Hillsborough

Since 2014, Hillsborough Township has collaborated with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension on a 319(h) Clean Water Act Grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on several projects that has engaged the community to adopt green infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water in the Royce Brook. Numerous projects were completed including the municipal complex rain gardens, rain garden rebate program, Wescott & Amwell Road detention basin retrofit, and phase I of the foxchase pond restoration project. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension is inviting participants to take a survey. The purpose is to determine the influence of incentives and barriers to the residential rain garden rebate program and impacts of the rain garden rebate program in Hillsborough, along with any influence of municipal rain gardens. Participants who complete the survey will receive a chance for a random drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local Hillsborough restaurant, The Landing restaurant. To take the survey, an email will be sent out to Hillsborough Township e-News subscribers or visit [www.sustainablehillsborough.com](http://www.sustainablehillsborough.com).

The Rain Garden Survey Focuses on increasing adoption of Green Infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water. Random Drawing for \$50 Gift Certificate to Hillsborough Restaurant

## Library



Wednesday  
**FEBRUARY 27**  
7-8 p.m. Program Room B

Explore how to use Facebook more effectively to develop relationship marketing and grow your business with social media expert Kim Pearlstein.

Register at [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or contact the circulation desk at 908-686-6400 ext. 6423



## **Social Media Marketing for Your Small Business**

Explore how to use Facebook more effectively to develop relationship marketing and grow your business with social media expert Kim Pearlstein.

February 27, 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, located at 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough.

[Register Now](#)

## Township Job Line

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

- Police Officer
- Plumbing Inspector

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



## News You Can Use

[Carrier Clinic Seeks Job Applicants at March 11th Open Interview Day](#)

Hackensack Meridian Health Carrier Clinic, New Jersey's largest behavioral health system, will be accepting employment applications for full- and part-time positions during an open interview day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at its Belle Mead headquarters. Carrier Clinic is located at 252 County Road 601.



Carrier is seeking residential counselors for its youth residential treatment program as well as mental health technicians for its inpatient psychiatric unit.

### How to Approach an IEP Meeting to Get the Services Your Child Needs

This workshop, will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Pioneer Family Success Center, 50 Division St. Somerville, Suite 303 and will focus on documenting the Individualized Education Program (IEP) services and supports a student is entitled to, along with the proper drafting of goals and objectives. Common pitfalls to be avoided and collaborative advocacy tips will also be discussed. Attendees should walk away feeling prepared to advocate for their child and secure an ironclad IEP.

For more information or to RSVP contact [ARuiz@fso-hsw.org](mailto:ARuiz@fso-hsw.org) or call 908.223.1191

Family Support Organization, Warren, Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer, P.C., and Pioneer Family Success Center Present:

### HOW TO APPROACH AN IEP MEETING TO GET THE SERVICES YOUR CHILD NEEDS

**Participants In This Workshop Will Learn:**  
 Appropriate special education rests on the foundation of a properly drafted Individualized Education Program (IEP). Unfortunately, not enough attention is paid to the development of IEPs, and as a result services are often delivered in an inconsistent and haphazard manner. This workshop will focus on documenting the services and supports a student is entitled to, along with the proper drafting of goals and objectives. Common pitfalls to be avoided and collaborative advocacy tips will also be discussed. Attendees should walk away feeling prepared to advocate for their child and secure an ironclad IEP. This 90-minute presentation includes a Q&A at the end.

**Thursday March 14, 2019 6pm - 8pm**

**Pioneer Family Success Center**  
 50 Division Street  
 Suite 303  
 Somerville, NJ

Questions: 908.223.1191  
 To RSVP: [aruiz@fso-hsw.org](mailto:aruiz@fso-hsw.org)

## Important Dates

February 26th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
February 28th	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

### Raritan Headwaters Seeks Volunteers for Annual Stream Cleanup

Below are sites in the Hillsborough area with links for registration and the exact location.

- Site 14: [Three Bridges](#)
- Site 16: [Neshanic Station](#)
- Site 18: [Old York Road](#)
- Site 35: [Darby Tract](#)
- Site 38: [North Branch Church](#)
- Site 44: [Basilone Park](#)

**29th Annual STREAM CLEANUP**

**SATURDAY APRIL 13th 9 am - 12 pm**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It only takes three hours to make a big impact.

Register at [raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup](http://raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup)  
 Questions? Contact Jeff Geist at [streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org](mailto:streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org)

[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 fundraiser represents one of our more significant annual fundraising 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

## 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



### College Night

March 28th  
7 pm  
Hillsborough Library

### 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).

ARIS/HMS DISCOUNT CARD 2018-2019			
\$10.00 *MUST PRESENT CARD AT TIME OF PURCHASE*			
Non-Transferable/Cannot Be Combined With Other Offers - www.hillsls.us Expires Sept. 30, 2019			
<b>BRITVILLE 525 HILL ROAD</b> \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>AMERICA'S AUTO &amp; TIRE</b> 45% off tires \$1 off all charges	<b>ANGUS OF PAZUNGA</b> 45% off tires \$1 off all charges	<b>8 &amp; C CLOSET</b> 10% off 10+ items \$1 off all charges
<b>BAIRD ECOSYS</b> 20% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>BIG BANG MUSIC CENTER</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>BOONVILLE BOOKS</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>CAFE BRIO</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items
<b>CHINA HOUSE</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>CULINARY CATERING</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>CUSTOMER CARE &amp; REPAIR</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>THE DAY SPA</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items
<b>DAVE'S CURRY</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>DANIEL'S</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>FRESH VOICEST</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>HILLSBOROUGH VISION CENTER</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items
<b>IMPACT TRAINING</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>JANIS PALACE</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>JUST SUBS</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>KAUFMAN'S</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items
<b>LENN'S</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>MARLBOROUGH</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>MEADOWS</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items	<b>MONTELEONE</b> 10% off any amount \$1 off any 20+ any amount for 20+ items
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## Somerset County News

[March Recycling Calendar: First Saturday, E-waste and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-offs](#)

[Nominations Sought for Excellence in the Arts Awards](#)

[Somerset County Offers Free Disaster-Preparedness Course Think Safety – Plan, Prepare, Protect](#)

[Outstanding Women to Be Honored at March 29 Dinner Advance Reservations Due March 1](#)

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
Tuesdays until 7pm

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