

Monday, May 18, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News

Township News

A Message from Mayor Doug Tomson...

Hillsborough Township remains committed to the health and safety of our residents, employees and the general public. Throughout the current health emergency and in compliance with Executive Order 107, starting May 18, 2020 if a member of the public needs to gain access to a specific department at the Municipal Building for a critical need there are measures that have been put in place to allow for that access. There will be a questionnaire that will be completed over the phone to determine the need and if the matter cannot be resolved via email, the website or some other non-contact method. If it is deemed necessary, by the Department Head that physical access is the only solution, the request will be made to the Administrator. If approved by the Administrator, a date and time will be mutually agreed upon and the appointment will take place at the main entrance at the designated location. Upon entry a questionnaire will be completed regarding some basic contact questions relative to COVID-19. Please keep in mind, you must wear a facial covering or mask, gloves and your temperature will be taken. The Municipal Building will continue to provide limited access to the general public.

Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to Respond to the Census!

The 2020 Census is happening now! You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

[Due dates to complete the census have been modified due to COVID-19 health emergency.](#)

Census 101: What Somerset County Needs to Know

Respond online at www.2020census.gov.
Respond by phone at 844-338-2020 (English), 844-338-2020 (Spanish) or numerous other languages.
Respond by mailing back your 2020 Census Questionnaire.
You can respond even if you do not have the unique Census identifier that was mailed to you.

Everyone Counts in Somerset County.
The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

It's about fair representation.
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets in 2018. New Jersey lost a seat. What will happen in 2020? YOUR response will help decide!

It's in the Constitution.
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.
The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states and counties like Somerset County is based on Census data.
That money is spent locally on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

It's about redistricting.
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.
Somerset County will receive its share of federal dollars only if YOU and everyone in our community respond!

Update from Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department:

In an effort to protect individuals safety and well being, Hillsborough Township will be closing all playgrounds, skate parks, dog parks and bathrooms/porta johns until further notice. Athletic facilities will remain closed, with the exception of township tennis

courts, as tennis can be played while maintaining the social distancing guidelines. Please note, parks will remain open for social distancing activities such as walking, running, biking, etc.

Also...don't forget to join our virtual programs like the 88.5K Challenge or Hillsborough Clue Game! Go to hillsboroughnjrecreation-nj.org and look under Virtual Programs for more information.

Update from Department of Public Works:

[The Annual Clean-Up Program](#) will take place at the Auten Road Site. The free program is offered to residents to allow them to dispose of unwanted items. Residents wishing to participate in any of the Department of Public Works programs must first sign up for the Public Works Membership Program.

Some operational safety changes are being made to facilitate the social distancing requirements. Masks will be required to enter the Auten road facility, residents not complying with this request will be turned away. The facility will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. People scheduled to participate in the program will receive an email in advance of their date with any new changes and safety requirements.

[The Senior Curbside pick up program](#) will take place during the month of July starting on the 6th. Complete detailed information on this program will be made available on the Public Works link off of the township [website](#). If you have previously participated in this program you will receive a post card in your regular mail asking you to confirm your registration either by phone or email.

National Public Works Week is May 17th - May 23rd

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week since 1960. This is a week-long recognition of the efforts and importance of those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure.

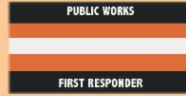


MONDAY FUNDAY:
7 FUN FACTS
ABOUT
HILLSBOROUGH
PUBLIC WORKS



1

WE HAVE 28
EMPLOYEES IN
OUR DEPARTMENT.



2

WE ARE A
FIRST RESPONDER
TO TOWNSHIP
ROADWAYS.



3

OUR SALT BARN HOLDS
3,000 TONS OF SALT.



4

WE PICKUP 9,000 CUBIC
YARDS OF LEAVES EVERY
YEAR.



5

WE INSTALL OVER
5 MILES OF SNOW
FENCE EVERY
SEASON.



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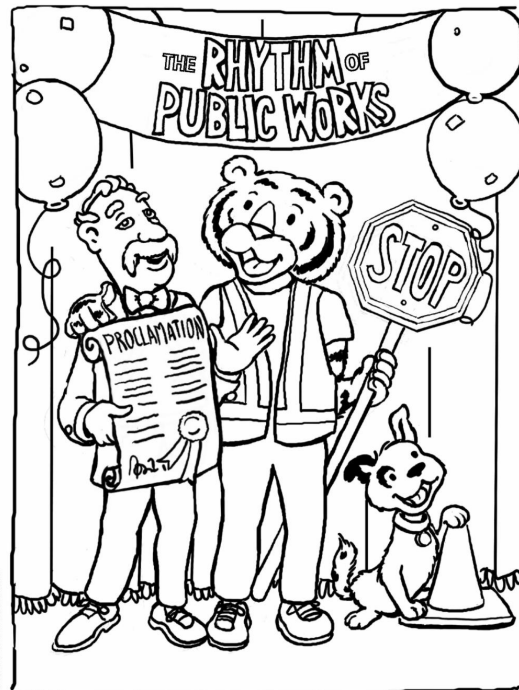
WE AVERAGE OVER
1,000 TONS OF DEBRIS
GENERATED FROM OUR
ANNUAL CLEAN UP
EVERY YEAR.



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WE OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN THE
INFRASTRUCTURE
OF THE TOWNSHIP'S
250+ MILES OF
ROADWAY.

Print the National Public Works Week Coloring Page below and email the finished artwork to Public Works at dpw@hillsborough-nj.org. Some of the pictures will be featured in Friday's eNews.



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Join the celebration!
National Public Works Week - the 3rd week in May every year!



HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK



C.A.N. we count on you?

The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network continues to rely on the local community to help your Hillsborough neighbors in need.

Items we are currently low on:

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Shampoo | Laundry Detergent | Deodorant |
| Conditioner | Dish Detergent | Razors |
| Bath Soap | Cleaning Products | Tissues |

Items may be dropped off by the entrance to the Social Services Department.
Located across from the wooden Gazebo At the municipal complex
Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Monetary donations can also be made by mailing in a check or going to hillsborough-nj.org



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



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How C.A.N. we help you?

Are you currently facing financial difficulty?
Do you need assistance providing food for your family?
Through the generosity of the local community Hillsborough's C.A.N. is able to assist you by providing food during this time of uncertainty.

How are we able to do this?
We are able to provide non-perishable groceries and toiletry products.

To apply for services, please visit the hillsborough-nj.org web site under Social Services you will find an application to print off and complete.
Or contact our office at the number below and one will be mailed to you.
Once completed, please call our office to schedule an appointment.
If you have any additional questions, please call our office at 908-369-3880
Monday through Friday from 8am - 4:30pm.



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Reminder from Township Clerk's Office

The June Primary has been postponed until July 7th. With the date of the primary change, deadlines have also changed - June 16th is the deadline to register to vote for the July Primary.

Somerset County to Offer Free Mental Health Webinar on May 22nd - 'Break the Stigma'

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, "Break the Stigma", a free Zoom webinar, will be held on Friday, May 22nd, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. [For more information and to register.](#)

First Energy Reminder: Stay Safe While Working and Playing Outdoors

Spring has sprung, grass is getting greener, and outdoor activities are back on our schedules. May is Electrical Safety Month, so there's no better time to review a few tips to help you stay safe as you start spending more time outdoors.

Take Precautions When Working Near Electrical Equipment! Always be aware of where power lines are located, particularly if you are performing overhead work like trimming trees or cleaning gutters. Pole saws and ladders can conduct electricity, and the safest way to avoid danger is to keep well away from lines and electrical equipment. Never touch a power line, particularly the service line into your house. [Read more.](#)

Greater Somerset County YMCA Branches Host Blood Drives to Meet Growing Need

Greater Somerset County YMCA has partnered with health and rescue organizations including the American Red Cross and RWJBarnabas Health to hold critically needed blood drives at several of our branches throughout May.
[See upcoming dates at participating GSCYMCA branches and information on how to register.](#)

[Hepatitis A Vaccination Reminder](#)

A reminder to individuals who were vaccinated in November 2019, following the potential Hepatitis A exposure at the Somerville ShopRite, that it's time to contact their healthcare provider for a second dose. [Read more.](#)

[Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Team's Homework Helpers Offering Free Tutoring \(click here for more information\)](#)

Online school has its advantages and disadvantages. In efforts to help out younger students who are having difficulties adapting to online school, the Hillsborough High School Field Hockey team is volunteering their time to tutor, read stories and answer school-related questions to younger kids via email and google meet. The team is available to help out grades K-8. The team has girls who are skilled in Math, Science, History and English. [Read more.](#)

[Last Day to Order is May 18th! HHS Baseball & Softball Holding a Fundraiser for the Hillsborough C.A.N. Food Pantry](#)

HHS Baseball and Softball are missing the season but they wanted to give back to our community for all the support they've shown over the years. They are selling t-shirts for the "season we were ALWAYS SAFE at home." All proceeds from the t-shirt sale will benefit the Hillsborough C.A.N. food pantry. [Shirts are \\$10 each and are on sale until Monday, May 18th at this website.](#)

Hillsborough Township is in the process of upgrading its website. As the new site rolls out, some pages may be inaccessible for a short period of time. We appreciate your patience and look forward to bringing you a new and improved [Hillsborough-nj.com](#).

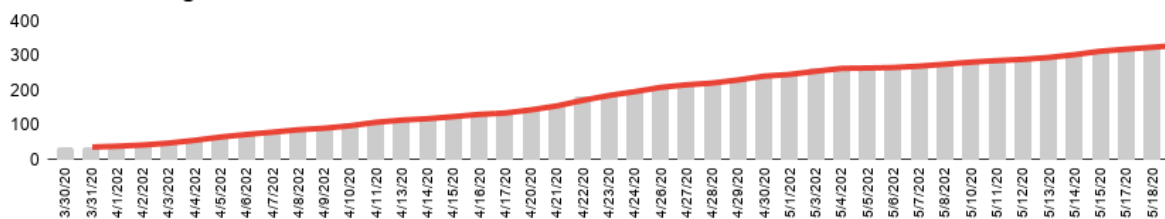
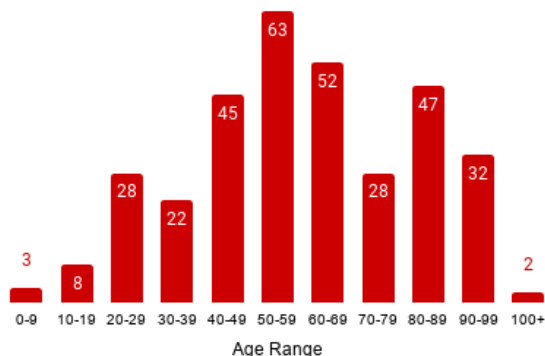
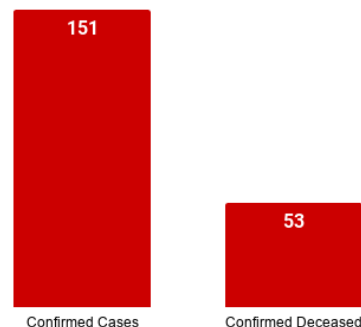
COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

| | Hillsborough | Millstone | Somerset County | New Jersey | United States |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| CASES | 330 | 2 | 3,758 | 148,039 | 1,467,065 |
| DEATHS | 43 | NA | 372 | 10,435 | 88,709 |
| RECOVERED | 154 | NA | NA | NA | NA |

Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department

Disclaimer:

Please be advised that the numbers posted below and on the Township website are those that are reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department based on reports from the NJ Department of Health surveillance system. The reported numbers are only from those individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and are confirmed positive through an FDA approved laboratory for COVID-19 testing purpose. It does not include those contacts of the positive individuals or any individuals, who are sick and have not been tested.

Total Hillsborough Cases***Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range****Hillsborough Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities**

* Confirmed cases and confirmed deceased from Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities may not also be included in the total number of cases above.

The number of cases from the above section by age and deceased cannot be added to the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities confirmed cases and confirmed deceased to get a total case count and a total deceased count. The reason for this is that there are different reporting mechanisms in place capturing that data. The NJ Department of Health surveillance system obtains reports from State run labs. The Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities utilize many different labs, State, out-of-state and private, therefore, their numbers are not completely reflected in the total Hillsborough numbers from the State system at this time. That withstanding, you cannot simply add the two sets of numbers either to get a total case count, as some of the LTC/ALF numbers are counted in the State system.

If you are a Hillsborough resident and have tested positive for Coronavirus / COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 908-369-5652.

The Hillsborough Township Health Department continues to monitor all cases and is working with the State to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Township Health Department will reach out to all individuals determined to have been in close contact with the positive testing persons within 24-48 hours of each case being confirmed.

[NJ Residents with a Positive COVID-19 Test:](#)

[Instructions & Next Steps](#)

Somerset County COVID-19 Testing Site

[Testing at Raritan Valley College \(RVCC\) Continues on May 19th and May 21st](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Tuesday May 19th and Thursday May 21st. Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required. Testing site will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Hillsborough Township Municipal Services Open to Residents and Businesses

Hillsborough Municipal Services are open to serve both our residents and business community, despite the Municipal Building being closed. [See the full list of services.](#)

Finance / Tax Collector Update:

Effective Tuesday May 12th, the schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesday, from 9 to noon, and Thursday, from 1 to 4.

Please keep in mind that taxes were due May 1st, however the grace period has been extended until June 1st (the last day of the grace period) and cash payment will be accepted that day from 9 am to 3 pm.

As always, you can still pay your tax by check via the mail or dropping it in the lockbox at the Police Department or [online payment](#).

Below are photos of Hillsborough Township Departments delivering the services that you have come to expect from Hillsborough Township.



Clerk's Office - Planning & Zoning:
Deputy Clerk Sarah Brake and Planning & Zoning Clerk Eva Hewitt working on a project using virtual technology



Public Works:
DPW worker Kevin Lowery installing the rust-inhibitive paint on a Township's plow/salt brine dispensing truck

[See the Video Album of Hillsborough Township Employees at Work for you During COVID 19](#)



Updates, Closures and Cancellations

A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on the [Hillsborough Township website](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#)

[Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off May 30th - Safely Dispose of Harmful Items](#)

Residents can drop off their items at the scheduled drop-off event on Saturday, May 30th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the South County Public Works Garage, located at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events and much more is available at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.

[NJ Motor Vehicle Commission Adds More Online Services](#)

NJMVC announced it has added to its growing offering of web-based transactions, expanding the types of vehicles eligible for online registration renewals and replacements. A [full list](#) is available at NJMVC.gov.

[Contact Tracing Opportunity](#)

Are you interested in assisting NJ's contact tracing efforts? [Register at the NJ COVID-19 Information Hub website](#) and be notified when opportunities become available.

[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#) offers virtual programs on its [website](#). You can also view programs on [SCLSNJ YouTube](#) channel. SCLSNJ Expands Virtual Reference Service in English and Spanish Languages and Text Options. [See "Ask a Librarian" on the SCLSNJ website for details](#).

[See Update from SCLSNJ Taking Precautions](#)

[Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care](#)

[See Weekly COVID-19 Message from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Superintendent of Schools](#)

How Can I Help?

[Hillsborough Township Now Accepts Online Donations for the Community Assistance Network](#)

Donations to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made [online](#). Donation of items are also accepted - [see list of most needed items](#).

[Somerset County Office of Emergency Management Continues to](#)

[Accept Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donations](#)

The Somerset County Office of Emergency Management continues to accept donations of personal protective equipment. A collection box has been set up in front of the Emergency Services Training Academy, located at 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

[Register to Volunteer](#)

Hillsborough is Open for Business

Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are **"Open for Business"**?
Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!

[View the Latest Episode 6 of Hillsborough Open for Business](#)



How To Contact Your State Officials

Governor Phil Murphy

phone #: 609-292-6000

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: Office of Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625

Senator Bob Menendez

phone #: 973-645-3030

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: One Gateway Center Suite 1100, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Cory Booker

phone #: 973-639-8700

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

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Congressman Tom Malinowski

phone #: 908-547-3307

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 75-77 N Bridge St, Somerville, NJ 08876

Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman

phone #: 908-526-3600

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 36 East Main Street, Somerville NJ 08876

Assemblyman Roy Freiman

phone #: 908-829-4191

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 390 Amwell Road Suite 301, Hillsborough NJ 08844

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker

phone #: 732-823-1684

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mailing address: 1 Deer Park Drive Suite D-1, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852

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