

HILLSBOROUGH

e-News



All COVID-19 resources and case information is updated on the Township COVID-19 page daily, Monday through Friday.

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

National Police Week

At the May 11th, Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented Chief Mike McMahon with a proclamation honoring National Police Week.

The proclamation recognizes that the members of the Hillsborough Township Police Department play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and that that all citizens understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and how they faithfully serve the people.

Pictured: Mayor Lipani and Police Chief McMahon



Eagle Scout Trey Wright

At the May 11th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani recognized Trey Wright for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Trey's Eagle Scout project consisted of replacing the old, dilapidated sign at the Somerset Valley Playhouse in Hillsborough with a new sign. Trey worked with local architect, Ken Quabeck, coordinated building permits and purchased supplies. The project took over 235 hours to complete with the aid of 37 volunteers.

Congratulations to Trey and all involved for this achievement.

Pictured: Mayor Lipani and Trey Wright



Mental Health Awareness Month

At the May 11th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani proclaimed May "Mental Health Awareness Month."

The proclamation recognized that mental health is essential to our overall health affecting one's thoughts, feelings, and actions; and that millions of adults and children experience mental health conditions including anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Opening Day at the Duke Farms Farmers Market

On Sunday, May 2nd, Mayor Lipani hosted a "Meet the Mayor" event to promote Opening Day at the Duke Farms Farmers Market and the Mayor's Wellness Program. While there, the Mayor spoke about the importance of fresh produce as part of a healthy diet and gave away 250th Anniversary commemorative car magnets, Mayor's Wellness bags and pens. Also on hand was Mike Carr from the Health Department who was inspecting food trucks, and Business Advocate David Kois to promote the Hillsborough Harvest program and provide information about the Hillsborough business community. It was a great opportunity to talk to residents and discuss the benefits of buying fresh, locally grown produce. Be sure to stop by the Farmer's Market at Duke Farms on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.rain or shine.



Pictured: Business Advocate David Kois, Mayor Shawn Lipani and Mike Carr

Alternatives Inc. Breaks Ground on New Facility

On April 28th, Committeewoman Erickson and Mayor Lipani had the pleasure of helping to break ground at Alternatives, Inc., a new group home at 500 Amwell Road. There will be an open house just as soon as the work is completed.

Pictured: Mayor Lipani, Committeewoman Erickson, and representatives from

Alternatives, Inc.



CLINIC LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES:





MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
Saturdays May 8 and May 22
9AM -12PM

OTTO KAUFMAN SENIOR CENTER 356 SKILLMAN ROAD, SKILLMAN

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP Saturday May 15 9AM - 12PM Thursday May 27 4PM - 7PM

HILLSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL BLDG 379 SO. BRANCH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

GET YOUR FREE VACCINE RIGHT IN YOUR AREA!!!

HELP HILLSBOROUGH ACHIEVE IMMUNITY TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS



The Hillsborough and Montgomery Township Health Departments have teamed up to offer local Covid-19 vaccination clinics.

Township residents may attend the clinics in either Township.

Registration is encouraged, but walk-in's are welcome

If you are HOME BOUND, please call 908-231-7155 to register for a HOME VISIT. You may also let the Hillsborough Health Dept. know if you need a home visit.

Please call 908-369-5652

We will only be administering the 1st dose of vaccine on these dates

Where you receive your first shot is the location where you will go back to receive your second shot in 4 weeks.

TO REGISTER:

GO TO THE NJ VACCINE REGISTRATION SITE AT: https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/
or register for any location at: http://twp.montgomery.nj.us/covid-vaccine-clinics/
or call Montgomery Twsp. at 908-359-8211 Extension 2400 - for either location

COVID Vaccination Survey

In an effort to better determine the needs of our community, the Health Department is asking for your assistance in providing valuable information with regards to you Covid-

19 vaccination. The information you provide will be kept confidential. It will assist the Health Department in planning how best to provide vaccinations for those still waiting for appointments and those that are unable to visit vaccine sites. Please take a few minutes to assist us in gathering the needed information.

Take the Survey

PFIZER VACCINE IS THE ONLY VACCINE THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO THOSE BETWEEN AGES 16 AND 18. RIGHT NOW, YOU CAN GET THE PFIZER VACCINE AT THESE LOCATIONS:

- <u>RWJ WEBSITE</u>- They have many sites. The megasite in Edison has Pfizer and there are walkin
- One of the Somerset County Dept. of Health sites: Wednesday, May 12 and Friday, May 14 from 2 pm - 5:30 pm, (Pfizer First Doses/Moderna Second Doses) at Somerset County Senior Wellness Center, 876 E Main St in Bridgewater. This is a walk in clinic-first come first served until vaccine supply runs out. For more information about these vaccines please go to: https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/vaxclinics

Hillsborough is Hosting a Well Water Testing Event

MAY 22, 2021 from 2 - 5 pm at the Hillsborough Municipal Complex.

Any resident who would like to have their well water tested may purchase a test kit at a discounted rate at this event. Representatives will be on site to answer any question you may have regarding your well water.







Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Part Time Electrical Inspector
- Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer
- Part Time Violations Clerk (Temporary)
- Electrical Subcode Official
- Building Inspector Part Time
- Electrical Inspector Full Time
- Part Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part Time IT Assistant
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an employment application, cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org

National Public Works Week is May 16 through the 22nd

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 30,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to promote the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life. We ask you to please visit the township website and click on the Public Works link to see the programs and services we offer.



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR YOUR TRASH TO BIODEGRADE? FRUIT PEEL 2-5 WEEKS CIGARETTE BUTT 1-5 YEARS PLASTIC BAG 10-20 YEARS FISHING LINE GOO YEARS THINK ABOUT IT MAKE AN IMPACT REGISTER PLASTIC BOTTLE 450 YEARS THINK ABOUT IT WAKE AN IMPACT REGISTER FOR A CLEANUP TODAY USES YOUR RESISTER REGISTER FOR A CLEANUP TODAY USES YOUR CAMEBOATS REGISTER CLEANUP TODAY TO AND T

Please Join us for Hillsborough Township's Virtual Litter Awareness and Cleanup Weekend

The purpose of this event is to provide litter education and awareness to the community and perform a litter cleanup. Outreach and education is a major goal of Clean Communities and we urge you to be informed, involved and committed to making a difference in your community. Virtually learn the ugly truth behind litter and create your own litter cleanup. Are you Ready??

Thank you for your interest and in making a difference!!

Register Now



Hillsborough Township is Celebrating 250 Years

Be a part of the big anniversary celebration!

Hillsborough Township is 250 years old! This is a time to celebrate the

history and progress of the community. With that in mind, The municipality will be hosting a variety of commemorative activities and events throughout the year





Enter the "History of Hillsborough Diorama Contest

All residents, businesses, community groups, classrooms, clubs and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate. Registration closes May 15th.

Show Your Hillsborough Pride

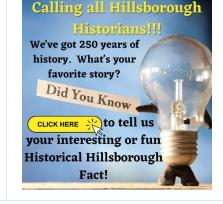
Complimentary commemorative magnets are available for all residents. If you haven't yet picked up yours, stop by the Municipal Building and request yours.

Additionally, limited-edition commemorative merchandise is available for purchase on the Recreation Department website. Mugs are only \$5 each!



How well do you know Hillsborough? Take the quiz and see how you score.

Take the Quiz



Community Health Survey

Health and wellness matter to everyone. That is why RWJUH Somerset/RWJBarnabas Health is asking for your feedback and suggestions about health care needs in your community.

Bruno and Ridgway Research Associates Inc., a private market research firm, will be conducting this online survey on behalf of RWJBarnabas Health. Results will be used to inform program offerings and services in your community.

Please go to the web address below to complete the survey and make your voice heard!

Online Survey

Robert Wood Johnson RWJBarnabas University Hospital Somerset

COVID-19 Vaccine Infomation

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

Register online via the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System. If you do not have a computer, call the COVID Vaccine Hotline at 855-568-0545.



If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit: https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine

Hillsborough Township Social Services Department: 908-369-3880

Assistance is available for Hillsborough Senior Citizens who are unable to register for the Covid vaccine because they do not have a computer. Transportation to and from vaccine appointments is also available.

Somerset County COVID Hotline: (908) 231-7155

NJ Senior COVID Hotline (75 plus): 856-249-7007

Providing scheduling support, predominantly through dedicated appointments, to ensure 75+ seniors are able to access appointments

Somerset County Office on Aging: 908-704-6346

Covid Connect Helpline: 833-223-0011

For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

More News from Hillsborough Township

- Primary Ballot Drop Box is Now Open
- Get Paid for Energy-Efficiency Upgrades to Your Business Before it's Too Late
- Shop Hillsborough Tax Credit
- Options for Virtual Court Appearance
- Salute to Military Breakfast
- Public Works Week
- Sustainable Tip of the Week: Cut It & Leave It
- COVID Vaccination Survey
- HTPD Warns of Statewide Bail Scams
- Updated Senior Transportation Information
- Flood Insurance Information From FEMA
- Requirements for Commercial/Public Pools

Visit the News & Media page and individual department pages on the Township website for all updates



Visit the Stigma Free Page on the Hillsborough Township website for information on the following programs.

Penelope the Powerful Parrot

May 12 6:30 pm

An interactive experience for children and adults to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic throught eh use of storytelling, movement and song Register Now



Enter the Hope for Tomorrow Poster Contest

Community Fundraisers

Visit the Community Fundraiser page on the Hillsborough Township Website

Support Hillsborough High School's Project Graduation



- <u>5K Trainer-Assisted</u>
 <u>Obstacle Race (May</u>
 15)
- Donate Gift Cards
- Purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards
- Card Your Yard





Eagle Scout Project Support

Help Drew Macias, a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1776, raise funds for his Eagle Scout project "A StoryWalk at Woodfield Park".

Available First-Aid kits include: sports kit, home kit, auto and ultimate survival kit.

Order Now

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

May 13, 2021

7:30 pm Planning Board

May 14, 2021

9:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hope for Tomorow Mental Health Fair

May 15, 2021

Virtual Litter Awareness and Cleanup Weekend 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Operation Secure Shred

May 16, 2021

Virtual Litter Awareness and Cleanup Weekend

May 17, 2021

6:30 pm Youth Services Commission

May 18, 2021

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee

May 20, 2021

7:30 pm Historic Preservation Commission

May 22, 2021

Fit Challenge Event benefiting GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Well Water Testing Event

May 24, 2021

6:30 pm Sign Review Committee

7:00 pm Environmental Commission

Visit the **Township Calendar** for all Meetings and Events



Somerset County Library System News and Events



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

County to Provide Free COVID-19 Testing at Mobile Site in Somerset, May 15

The testing site is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Somerset County to Hold Free Document Shredding Event on May 15

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Online Auction of Surplus Property (May 12-19)

Items can be inspected May 14 & 15 at South County Public Works Facility

Somerset County Announces 10 COVID Vaccination Clinics for the Week of May 10

Somerset County is holding ten open vaccination clinics for the week of May 10 as part of its effort to make it easy for every resident to be protected against the COVID-19 virus.

Community Project Ideas Sought

The Leadership Somerset Class of 2021 seeks opportunities to make a difference.

Somerset County Clerk Completes Vote-by-Mail Ballots Distribution for June 8 Primary

The Clerk's office has completed sending Vote-by-Mail ballots to all Somerset County voters who requested one. Unlike the 2020 elections where every voter received a ballot in the mail, in 2021 only voters who have positively requested a ballot will receive one.

Somerset County Goes Appointment-Free at COVID Vaccination Clinics

Following the successful pilot of appointment-free vaccination clinics at mobile sites and Rutgers Plaza over the past two weeks, the Somerset County Department of Health is eliminating appointment requirements

Visit the **Somerset County Website** for all news articles

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

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