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Somerset County Youth Leadership Students Honored With Proclamation

The Somerset County Youth Leadership Program is a nine month program for high school students residing in Somerset County.

This program provides an understanding about civic and ethical issues in the community and emphasizes the importance of solving community issues through personal responsibility, teamwork and principled leadership.

Students are afforded the opportunity to meet and connect with adults who are leaders in the community. They are also given an opportunity to practice and refine critical leadership skills and competencies.

The Hillsborough Township students participating this year consisted of Jamie Moni, Susan Norz, Swara Ramaswamy, Amy Suraci and Gabriella Valdivia.



Pictured: Committeeman Carl Suraci, Amy Suraci, Swara Ramaswamy, Jamie Moni, Mayor Gloria McCauley, Ron Skobo, and Guy Catapano

The Township Committee supports the Somerset County Youth Leadership Program and encourages high school students of Hillsborough to participate in this highly competitive leadership program.

Coffee With a Cop

On Tuesday, July 10th, the Hillsborough Township Police Department hosted "Coffee with

a Cop" at Starbucks.

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

In this community outreach event, officers donned aprons to step into the role of barista while interacting with Hillsborough residents.

The event was a great success and the HTPD looks forward to holding additional Coffee with a Cop events in the future.



Pictured HTPD Officers with representatives from Starbucks and members of the community.

Officers from top left: Detective Jack Howard, Detective Rob Fariello, Detective/Sergeant Dave Fisher, Officer Jacob Lawrence, Chief Darren Powell and Officer Rick Tichenor.

Hillsborough Township Participates in Torch Run

Members of Hillsborough Township Police Department participated in the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run on Friday, June 8th. The Hillsborough segment began at Dukes Parkway East with the hand-off from Somerville Police Department and made its way down Route 206 to ShopRite. Runners participated in 26 separate legs throughout the day starting at 4:45 a.m. The run ended on Friday night at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony at The College of New Jersey.



Pictured: Lt. Sean Carolan, Township Clerk Pam Borek, Officer Tom Gurba, Officer Rick Techenor, Officer Chris Kennedy, Officer Jacob Lawrence, Corporal Tom McLain, School Resource Officer Chris Giraldi

Langon Way Dedication

On Wednesday, June 13th, Mayor Gloria McCauley, members of the Hillsborough Police Department, local veterans, members of the Langon family and Corporal James Langon's Hillsborough High School classmates gathered for the dedication ceremony of Langon Way.

A 1981 Hillsborough High School Graduate, CPL James E. Langon was proud to have made the sacrifice to join the Marine Corps. to serve and protect this great country.

CPL Langon, and fellow Marine members were killed in a "Peace-keeping Mission" while stationed in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. For years, the families and loved ones of these great men



Pictured: Sergeant Rick Evens, CPL Langon's family members Committeeman Carl Suraci, Mayor Gloria McCauley, Veteran Tom Cellilli, Chief Darren Powell, DPW Director and HHS classmate Rich

thought that their sacrifice was not recognized. This is our effort to relieve some of those thoughts as we are honoring CPL Langon.

Resavy, Officer Dave Brown and Officer Rick Tichenor

The new street is located off Amwell Road in the Westerling Place development.

Hillsborough Senior Chapter B Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Hillsborough Senior Citizens Chapter B celebrated the organization's 25th Anniversary on June 14, 2018.

25 years ago the existing senior group, which had grown very large, split into two chapters, creating Senior Citizens Chapter A and Chapter B. Chapter B now has over 200 members.

Chapter B is active with the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network, the Hillsborough Senior Exercise Program, the Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade, the Hillsborough Veterans Day Festivities, Assisted Living Facilities and the Rockettes and Rocket.

Chapter B always welcomes new members, provides opportunities to come together in friendship, providing fellowship and giving back to the community.



Pictured: Bob Kwietniak, Sandy Kwietniak, Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, and Chapter B President Tony Fusco

Mayor Celebrates International Day of Yoga with Dev Yoga

Mayor Gloria McCauley met with Rahul Sharma of Dev Yoga and Dev Ketu, M.D., Ph.D., founder of Dev Yoga today to commemorate their fourth year of celebrating International Day of Yoga, a day set aside to spread health awareness and improve health.

Dev Yoga held an International Day of Yoga event on Saturday, June 23rd.

Visit Dev Yoga on the web



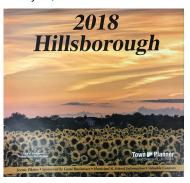
Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley with representatives from Dev Yoga

Township to Collect Scenic Photos for the "2019 Town Calendar"

"The Township is pleased to be working with Town Planner Calendar to produce a 2019 color printed calendar which will be mailed out to every residence in Hillsborough, at no cost to our taxpayers," announced Mayor Gloria McCauley at a recent Township Committee meeting.

"The printing of the calendar is funded through the various advertisements contained within the calendar," added Mayor McCauley.

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Rotary Fair/Business Showcase to Begin Second Decade as Hillsborough Tradition

The week-long Rotary Fair/Business Showcase, scheduled for Tuesday, August 14 – Sunday, August 19, at the Hillsborough Promenade, 315 Route 206, begins its second decade of operation under Rotary leadership this summer. Attendance has averaged 15,000 annually, making it one of Hillsborough's most popular and enduring community events. Once again, a dizzying array of thrill rides, games, food, vendor displays and a special fireworks show are planned.



"The Fair is a perennial favorite for our residents," commented Greg Burchette, president of the

Rotary Club of Hillsborough, "but it is also our most important fundraiser, allowing us to help support a wide range of charitable organizations and causes throughout the year."

The Rotary Fair features 21 amusement rides by Majestic Midway Amusements, games by Paladin Amusements, a DJ, a wide selection of food, various displays by area vendors and a petting zoo. Featured rides include the Himalayan, Bumper Cars, Ring of Fire, Super Shot, Sizzler, Zipper, Carousel, Kite Flyer and many more. This year, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will be pay-one-price (\$30) wristband nights. All proceeds raised at the fair are returned to the community as contributions to local community service organizations.

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Join the Hillsborough Music Festival!

The Hillsborough Music Festival is returning to the Hillsborough

Promenade (in the field next to Lowe's) on Saturday August 4th, 2018. As in previous years, the 2018 festival is free to the public and co-sponsored by Allegra School of Music and Arts and Hillsborough Township. The HMF will feature outstanding and diverse local bands, solo artists, great food, vendors, and children's activities. Since 2010 the festival has raised funds for youth suicide prevention through outreach, education, and mental health awareness programs. This is a family-friendly outdoor festival dedicated to saving the lives of our children. We invite local businesses, sponsors, and community members who want to join this festival to add their time and resources to support this great day.

Be an HMF Volunteer

Adults and kids, gain experience and service hours! There are ample opportunities to get involved, both before the festival and on the day of the event. Sign up using our online form, and we will connect you with the tasks that suit your skills and schedule!

For more information on how to donate, be a vendor, perform, and volunteer, go to http://hillsboroughmusicfestival.org



Add your voice, send HMF your video statements, click here

Click on image below to watch latest episode of "Hillsborough The Good Life!"







The Hillsborough Economic & Business Development Commission and the Somerset County Business Partnership Present



Tuesday, July 31, 2018 6:00 - 9:00 PM EDT

Add to Calendar

Contact

David Kols, Business Advocate 908-369-4313 x106 dkols/Bhilisborouph-ni om

Where

The Highlander Pavillon at Royce Brook Golf Club 201 Hamilton Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844



Driving Directions



Highlander Pavilion at Royce Brook Golf Club

201 Hamilton Road | Hillsborough, NJ 08844 | www.rovcebrook.com



Brian Ribeiro

Founder & President, Mspire Group Guest Speaker

"How to Market Your Business"

About Brian

Exchange Business Cards, Build Connections and Develop Relationships - Network with the Hillsborough Officials and Business Community



This event will be at held at the Highlander Pavilion at Royce Brook Golf Club. The price of admission is \$20.50 (\$0.50 online payment processing fee), which includes hors d'oeuvres, fruit, cheese, salad, pasta, chef's choice of main course, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert station. A cash bar is available.

Register Now!

Online registration is required
No payments accepted at the door

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with payment instructions. Please follow the instructions in your confirmation email to secure your admission and complete your registration.

Department Updates

Building Department

Closing Out Permits

With summer here, it is the peak of the construction season. Don't forget, once you receive your Construction Permit it is important to get all of your Inspections. Permits will remain open until all Final Inspections have passed. This is important to remember, especially when selling your home!

Engineering

Summer has arrived and many homeowners may want to improve their property by adding or removing soil.

Soil Permit Ordinance

The Engineering Department is advising residents to be cautious about accepting soil for their property. Some have accepted soil from locations which could possibly contain debris, rubble or other contaminants. In one case, a resident accepted "free" soil which ended up being contaminated material. The homeowner had to pay to have the soil removed and afterwards learned the soil was from a construction site. The free soil turned out to be a very expensive undertaking. It is recommended you purchase soil from an approved soil supplier or make sure they are certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

Hillsborough Township has a Soil Permit Ordinance designed to protect residents against such occurrences. It prohibits the importation of soil without first obtaining approval from the Engineering Department. If the soil is from an unknown source lab testing of the soil will be necessary. If you are thinking of improving your property, before you either remove or accept soil, dirt or other fill material, be sure to contact the Engineering Department to advise and obtain the proper permit. The Hillsborough Engineering Office can be reached at 908-369-4460.

Following the proper procedures can save residents from significant costs associated with removal of contaminated soil as well as preventing penalties.

Finance

3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills The 3rd Quarter estimated taxes were mailed on July 11th. These bills only reflect the amount due for the 3rd quarter until the Township receives the certified tax rate from the county. If you earned a Shop Hillsborough credit, this bill will reflect that reduction. Please be aware the estimated tax bill is a single sheet that is pink and white, and that payment is due no later than August 10th.

Health

Protect Yourself from the Sun's Harmful UV Rays The Health Department reminds everyone to use sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun's harmful UV rays which can cause cancer. Using at least SPF 15 broad spectrum (UVA and UVB) protection can help to prevent skin cancer. The skin cancer screenings held at the township's Green Living and Wellness Fairs have detected malignant melinomas in participants who walked in for a check. It is important to know what to look for and check yourself, as well as to have your doctor check anything unusual, like any changes in appearance of a mole on your body. Please see www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/index.htm. Learn how to prevent sun exposure and what to look for.

Public Works

The Central Jersey Stream Team is organizing a lower end of the South Branch river clean up on July 22. Anyone interested in helping the team that day should contact Jens Reidel at the Central Jersey Stream Team Facebook page, where you will find more details on the event as they become available. The Public Works Department will be picking up the trash that is accumulated from this event.

We are hard at work repairing road issues, storm drains and roadside mowing. We are also removing hazardous trees that can have a potential impact on public safety.

Coupons are still available for the Township Clean Up. Please visit the Public Works page on the township website to apply for a coupon online.

Recreation



2018 Summer Activities Guide

Hillsborough Township's Annual Fishing Derby and Family Camp Out - Friday, August 3rd

"Bring your family and tent for the annual Family Camp Out and don't forget to pack the fishing poles for the David L. Thomas, Sr. Memorial



Fishing Derby," announced Committeeman Frank DelCore at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting.

The Township's Fishing Derby and Camp Out are set for Friday, August 3rd, at the Ann Van Middlesworth Park.

This year's Family Camp Out will include a glow-in-the-dark night hike and a movie under the stars. The Fishing Derby will be open to children ages 14 years and younger. Kids are encouraged to come out, cast a line, and try and catch the biggest fish!

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Library



Library System Hosts Community Conversations and Digital Survey in Order to Prepare New Strategic Plan Further input requested from county residents.

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is currently embarking on the creation of a new strategic plan to help maintain and further enhance the Library System's mission and vision.

SCLSNJ's new plan will be made up of two areas: core services and strategic priorities. In order to explore these services and priorities, the Library is gathering data from the community. A series of thirty focus group conversations with residents has already begun to provide valuable feedback about community aspirations. SCLSNJ is also hosting an online survey to learn more about the kind of place people want to live in and the ways people use the Library.

"The more we know about our communities' needs and priorities, the better we can focus on services, programs, and initiatives that make a difference for the people who live in Somerset County. The best way for us to learn about our communities is to ask the people who live in them," said Lynn Hoffman, SCLSNJ's Director of Operations.

SCLSNJ will be using the Dynamic Planning Model, developed by the Public Library Association (PLA). The process has four phases: to assess, to strategize, to engage, and to impact. This planning model is

cyclical and allows for the Library System to consistently adapt, learn, and grow, which will help the System continue to provide the highest level of library services to Somerset County residents.

"We really appreciate the input we've gathered from residents so far. One thing we've learned is that many people are looking for places in their communities where they can encounter and interact with their neighbors. The public library is already that place for a lot of our patrons, and we can look for ways to create spaces and events that help even more people feel like they are part of their community," continued Hoffman.

The Library needs your input - share what kind of community you want to live in and how you use the Library: https://goo.gl/yXjpaA . To learn more about the planning process: SCLSNJ.org/about/strategic-plan .

Township Job Line

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Building Maintenance, Part Time
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist - Hillsborough Township Health Department

More Information | Download an Application



Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

Residents in the News



Kirsten Clerico of Hillsborough Township has been selected as Miss UNICO Hillsborough for 2018-19.

Ms. Clerico is a Hillsborough High School graduate and will be attending Rutgers University in the fall where she will study studying Environmental Science. She held a 4.0 grade point average throughout her high school years while taking many advanced placement classes.

Ms. Clerico has been a dog handler, showing and competing with her dogs since the age of 9. She has participated in various prestigious high level shows such as Westminster, The National Dog Show and Eukanuba. In addition, she has been a dancer for 16 years, currently taking tap, jazz, ballet, pointe and lyrical at Triangle Dance Center in Hillsborough.

Ms. Clerico is prideful of her deep rooted Italian heritage. Her great great-grandparents traveled from Ivrea, Italy in 1916. Ms. Clerico took 6 years of Italian studies to further advance her knowledge about the Italian culture and language.

Ms. Clerico's first public appearance as Miss UNICO Hillsborough will be at the Hillsborough Rotary Fair Family Fun Day for families with children and young adults with disabilities on Saturday, August 18th at 1pm.

UNICO National, founded in 1922, is the largest Italian American service organization in America, with local chapters in 22 states across the country. Its all-volunteer members work to support charitable, educational, scientific and literary causes while promoting Italian heritage and combating negative stereotyping. For more information visit www.unico.org.



Events for Charity & Causes



Special Olympics New Jersey transforms lives through the joy of sport, every day.

INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS HILLSBOROUGH

Special Olympics Mission

Our mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, and other Special Olympics athletes and the community. And of course, to have FUN!!

All programs are free to registered athletes! We also support inclusion as our programs engage peer students as volunteers working directly with our athletes.

Athlete Requirements

The minimum age for participation in skills clinics and competition teams is 8. Young athlete programs are available through SONJ beginning at age 2. Athletes are required to complete a participation packet, and have a medical examination every 3 year. Medical exams are also provided free of charge at Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter Games.

Programs

Skills clinics are designed for learning and improving skills through fun small group drills. Clinics take place in town at various locations, and typically are held once per week for 4 to 6 weeks.

Competition teams are open to athletes of all skill levels! Matchups are designed to group athletes of similar skill levels. Teams practice once or twice or week in town, and compete on weekends at various locations in the area including the SONJ facility in Lawrenceville.

Additional Information / How to Register

To receive emails about upcoming programs and related information, please subscribe at our website below. Program registrations are announced via emails to our subscribers and registrations are also done directly via the website. For additional information please contact Bilynda or Pam directly, or message us via the website.

Skills Clinics:

Basketball – Jan & Feb

Swim – May & Jun

Golf – Aug

Soccer – Sep & Oct

Competition Teams:
Track - Spring
Soccer - Fall
Basketball - Winter

Unified competition teams coming soon!

Come play with us!
Volunteers of all ages
welcome. Student
volunteers get service
hours!

BILYNDA MOLISH

Local Training Program Coordinator 908-468-0702 Bin904@aol.com

PAM FIGARD

Volunteer Coordinator Figard1999@hotmail.com

www.leaguelineup.com/hillsboroughspecialolympics www.sonj.org

Important Dates

July 18, 2018

Board of Adjustment

7:30 pm

July 26, 2018

Planning Board Business Meeting

7:30 pn

All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates | Community Events | Library Events

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

Hillsborough Night at Somerset Patriots

Friday, July 13th 7:05pm Somerset County Ballpark

Wildlife Explorer Program at Duke Farms

July 23-27 (ages 11-13)

Sense & Scents-Ability

Saturday, August 4 11 am - 2 pm Fragrance & Sensory Garden Colonial Park Gardens

Hillsborough Rotary Fair

August 14-19 Field Adjacent to Hillsborough Promenade (Lowe's)



Take your feet to the streets and enjoy the day with family & friends along the scenic D&R Canal Sunday, August 12th

You asked and we made it happen! On Sunday August 12th, Canal Road will be closed to vehicular traffic between Griggstown & Rocky Hill from 10 am to 4 pm. Bring your family and friends, pack water and a snack and stroll leisurely or ride your bicycle down traffic and noise-free Canal Road to view historic homes from the street. For a change of pace, you can choose to get closer to nature and take the scenic route back to Griggstown along the canal path.

This event is made possible by the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway, Franklin Township and the Franklin Township Police Department. To learn more about Millstone Valley Scenic Byway, visit their <u>website</u>. For a more detailed history of the Millstone Scenic Byway check out Linda Barth's book entitled "The Millstone Valley Through Time".

Somerset County News

Sheriff's Officers Particpate in Torch Run for Special Olympics

Twelve Sheriff's Officers, six Corrections Officers and two cadets of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office participated in the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, in support of Special Olympics New Jersey, on June 8.

Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano met with his officers before their journey in the parking lot of the Bound Brook ShopRite. More than 3,000 New Jersey officers took to the streets of their local communities on one of 26 separate routes to help carry the "Flame of Hope" to the Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games. The culmination of the run was the lighting of the Special Olympics cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, which officially opened the 2018 Summer Games, an event featuring more than 2,500 Special Olympics athletes.

"Our Office has been involved with this program since the early 2000's to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics," said Sheriff Provenzano. "It's a great feeling knowing we are contributing to individuals with special needs and making a positive experience for them."

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Seeking Public Input for 'Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County' Transportation Study

Somerset County Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione announces the launch of an exciting initiative to improve bike and trail path connections throughout Somerset County. "The goal is to make our county's bike paths and trails more user-friendly, more accessible, and safer for our residents," he said. "We are also encouraging residents to give us their feedback on what changes or improvements they envision."

Residents are urged to participate in the "Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County: Connecting Vibrant Communities Transportation Study," by taking an online survey and/or by commenting on an interactive map. With the help of residents' feedback, the Planning Board hopes to improve bicycle safety and provide better accessibility to walking, bicycling and hiking trails.

Through this study, the Planning Board will support the development of an integrated network of multiuse trails and paths that will be accessible to county residents of all ages and abilities, as well as increase access to services and destinations within Somerset County. The overall goal of this initiative is to help improve public safety, enhance community recreation and support economic development.

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE 2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm (June, July & August 2nd Tuesday Only)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2nd Tuesday until 7pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT Tuesdays until 7pm

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Recreation Activities Guide

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Hillsborough Business Association
Hillsborough Parks & Recreation | Sustainable Hillsborough
Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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