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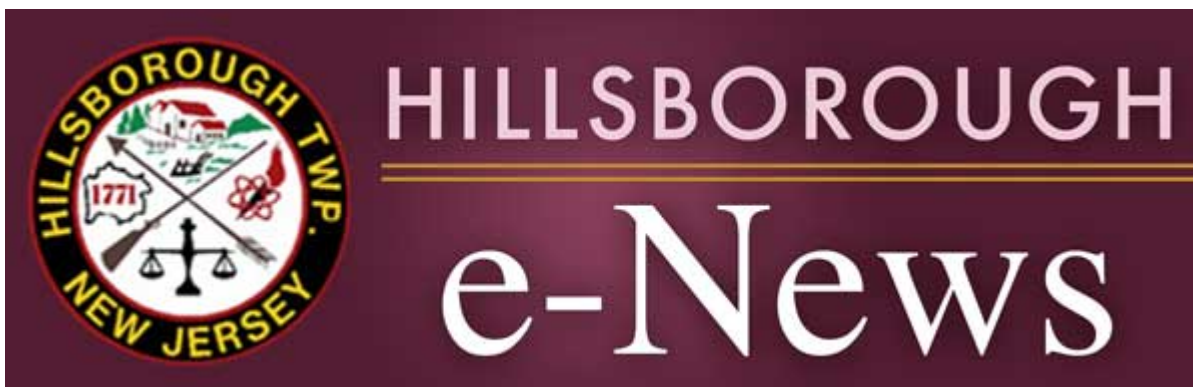
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Due to field conditions and inclement weather, the Fishing Derby and Family Campout scheduled for TONIGHT has been canceled

Township to Hold Purple Heart Ceremony on Tuesday, August 7th at 6 pm

All are invited to attend the Hillsborough Township's annual Purple Heart Ceremony on Tuesday, August 7th at 6 pm at the Garden of Honor on the grounds of the Municipal Complex. This significant commemoration ceremony in honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be held rain or shine and will be followed by light refreshments.

The Purple Heart, the most recognized medal of the armed forces, is awarded to those serving in the armed forces that are injured or killed while serving in combat. It was originally introduced by George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It is the oldest military award given to U.S. military members.



The Purple Heart Monument that resides in the Township's Garden of Honor was dedicated on behalf of Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the first Purple Heart Ceremony in 2012 .

Eagle Scout Jack Cummings Honored by Mayor and Township Committee

Jack Cummings, a Sophomore at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 186, has recently earned the status of Eagle Scout.

Jack's Eagle Scout Project consisted of constructing a Bocce court for Brookdale Senior Living. The project took over 150 hours to complete with the assistance of 18 other people over the course of 4 days. The cost of the project was \$1035 which Jack raised by baking and selling cookies, in addition to receiving donations from AGWAY, Opdyke Lumber, Lowes and Central Jersey Nurseries.

Jack served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, Librarian, Troop Guide, Den Chief, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scout Honor Society.

He has a 2nd degree Black Belt and teaches Taekwondo to children at ATA Legacy Martial Arts. Jack also volunteers at Brookdale Senior Living, Toys for Tots and the Hillsborough Food Bank.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Jack Cummings for having achieved the status of Eagle Scout, an honor for both him and for those who guided him, with best wishes for a bright future.



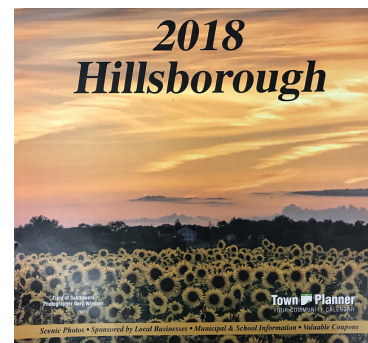
Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Jack Cummings with his family and Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson

Last Call to Submit 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.

[Read More](#)



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 4, 2018. As in previous years, the 2018 festival is free to the public and co-sponsored

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

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.



**Watch video to see who will
be performing at the 2018
Hillsborough Music Festival**

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**

30 Burgers
911 Septic Pumping & Repair
American Tire & Auto Service
Amwell Pet Supply
Angelo's Pizzeria
ATA Legacy Martial Arts
Best Taste Asian
Beyond the Fringe Hair Design
Big Bang Music Center
Bill Vince's Bridgewater Acura
Bombay Wok
Bridgewater Motorworks
Central Jersey Nurseries
CKO Kickboxing
Culinary Creations
Days Inn
Divine Curry Restaurant

Dog Days Daycare
East Coast Photo Booths
Fantastic Sams
Five Star Day Spa
Flair Dance Academy
Fruity Yogurt
Gemini Entertainment
Happy Husband Handyman Services
Hills Gallery
Hillsborough Family Martial Arts
HRC Fitness
Kings Bridge Dry Cleaners
La Costenita
Law Offices of Peter Cipparulo, III
Levco Pools Inc.
Loumarc Signs

Mailbox Business Center
Maximum Tint & Sound
Pheasants Landing Dry Cleaners
Premiere Dance of Hillsborough
Quality Auto, Truck & Tire
Renaissance Hair Salon & Spa
Revival Barber Shop 411 Hwy 206
Salon Dare
Spera Electrical Contracting
The Art Academy of Hillsborough
The Hill Firm, LLC
The Landing Restaurant
The Roman Gourmet
The Tutoring Center
Therapeutic Hands Wellness Center
Vella, Singer and Associates
Zimmerman Landscaping

For more information go to www.hillsboroughbusiness.org

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



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

Soil Permit Ordinance

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

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

Recall Information

Recently, the Health Department was informed that there were 2 recalls of commonly consumed food products that residents should be aware of. Recalled items include certain types of Ritz Crackers, and certain types of Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers. Residents can check the link to the Food and Drug Administration website on the Hillsborough Township website under the Health Department: www.hillsborough-nj.org. Please go to "Departments", "Health Department" and you will see "Food and Drug Recalls" listed on the left side. This site takes you to the FDA website for further information.

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FEMA Region II
Beach Safety Tips

- Keep alert and check weather conditions.
- Even if you're confident in your swimming skills, make sure you have enough energy to swim back to shore.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. No one should use any other type of flotation device unless they are able to swim.
- Check for depth and obstructions before diving, go in feet first the first time.
- Pay attention to children and elderly, waves can cause a loss of footing.
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.

Find out more at the [Red Cross](#).

Public Works

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.

Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED:

Somerset County Substance Use Disorders Services Survey

Somerset County Department of Human Services is seeking input from individuals who have sought treatment for substance abuse.

One survey is for Somerset County **adults** who have sought substance use disorder treatment; the other survey is **for parents** of individuals who sought treatment. The questionnaires are available in English and in Spanish. Click on the links below to complete the corresponding surveys.

[ENGLISH PARENT SURVEY](#)

[SPANISH PARENT SURVEY](#)

[ENGLISH ADULT SURVEY](#)

[SPANISH ADULT SURVEY](#)

This survey will close on August 6th. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Somerset County Department of Human Services

Township Job Line

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:

- Building Maintenance, Part Time

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

Residents in the News

Girl Scouts From Troop 60643 Perform at Avalon Assisted Living

By Saranya Shiva-Shankar

On July 30th 4 girls from Girl Scouts Troop 60643 held a concert in the local Avalon Senior Citizen assisted living center. The 4 girls are Saranya Shiva-Shankar, Amanda Szwarc, Mary Fox and Sandra Mathew. Saranya plays Cello and Piano, Amanda plays Saxophone, Mary and Sandra play the violin. They played 3 group pieces and 3 solo pieces. The group pieces they had played were Amazing Grace, America the Beautiful and Harry Potter Hedwig's Theme. The 3 solo pieces, Adam's Family, Mrs. Robinson and Tales of the Kojiki, were played by Amanda, Mary and Saranya. The senior citizens enjoyed the concert and requested that the girls play the group pieces once again! After the concert the girls and the senior citizens enjoyed homemade baked goods and lemonade provided by the Girl Scouts troop. They did this concert in order to share their love of music with the Senior Citizens at Avalon. These 4 girls followed the GS law to be responsible for what they said and did during the preparation, practice sessions, etc. The girls were ecstatic about the response and appreciation they received and they are looking forward to more performances in the future!



Photo: Saranya Shiva-Shankar, Sandra Mathew, Mary Fox, and Amanda Szwarc

Photo taken by: Debbie Fox, Troop Leader

Veterans' Corner

Hillsborough VFW Post # 8371 Announces New Post Officers for 2018/2019



VFW Post # 8371 has recently installed the following officers to lead the organization for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

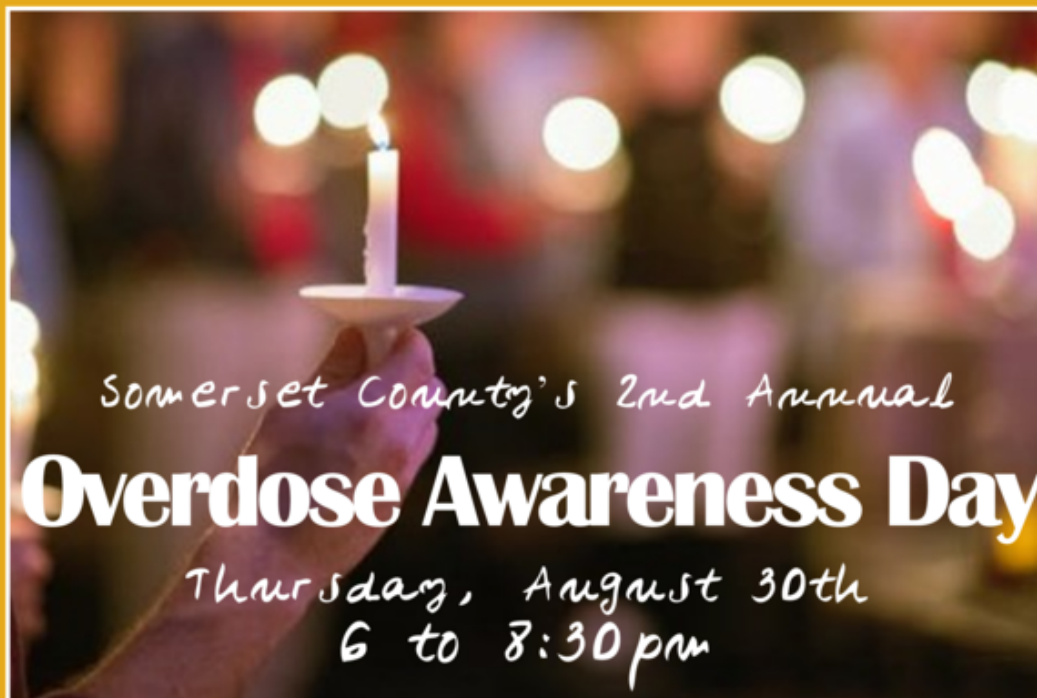
Commander – Tom Cellilli; Sr, Vice Commander – Allen McRae; Jr Vice Commander – Keith Marley; Quartermaster – Dan Collins; Chaplain – Bob Wollenberg; Judge Advocate – Dan Wistuk; Adjutant – Bill Madden; Surgeon – Stan Kosinsky and Trustees Lou Colucci, Tom Comyack, Dave Coleman .

Although Post 8371 is headquartered in Hillsborough, it also services Branchburg and Montgomery Township Veterans and their families. Commander Tom Cellilli states that "the mission of the Post is to assist Veterans in getting the benefits they deserve, and assist Veterans to further their education with

scholarships and living assistance for them and their families". Cellilli further states" To do less would be an unconscionable betrayal of our responsibilities as Americans and Veterans."

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News You Can Use



JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY TO
REMEMBER & HONOR
THOSE LOST TO ADDICTION

Hillsborough Municipal Building, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough

**Community
Member Speakers**

**Prevention,
Advocacy, &
Recovery
Resources**

Candlelight Vigil

*FEEL FREE TO BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR LOVED ONE(S) FOR OUR
REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY*

For more information contact Jennifer Sorensen, Municipal Alliance Coordinator, at 908-704-6305 or sorensen@co.somerset.nj.us

Sponsored by Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Governor's Council on ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE, Office of the Somerset County Prosecutor, Pioneer Family Success Center, and Safe Communities Coalition of Somerset & Hunterdon Counties

Potential Dangers by the Pool

Sunburn, unsafe swimming and sweltering temperatures are not the only concerns when heading to the pool on a bright summer day. Exposure to pool chemicals pose potentially serious health concerns. Poison Center experts often see an uptick in calls involving both children and adults during the swimming season.

CASE: Caller in his 30's developed coughing and shortness of breath after routine pool maintenance. Symptoms developed after opening pool chemical containers in his shed, which had poor ventilation.

CASE: Caller stated siblings younger than 10 years old were playing out in their backyard. A pool chemical container was left on the patio, in the sun with the lid unsecured. Children developed breathing problems after opening the lid and inhaling the chemical's fumes.

"Pool safety includes safe handling of pool chemicals," says Diane Calello, MD, **NJ Poison Control Center** Executive and Medical Director, **Rutgers NJ Medical School's Department of Emergency Medicine**. "Some pool and hot tub chemicals, which are necessary to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria in the water, can be dangerous and must be used and stored properly. For example, chlorine can cause eye irritation, breathing problems and lung injury if used in high concentrations or in poorly ventilated enclosed spaces."

The NJ Poison Control Center offers the following tips for the safe handling and storage of swimming pool and hot tub chemicals:

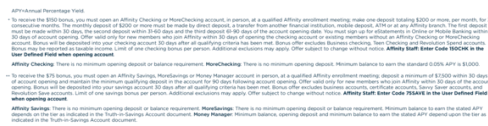
- Store chemicals in a lockable area out of sight and reach of children and pets. Keep them in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area out of the sun.
- Read and follow the safety directions on the product's label during each use. Always keep chlorine and other chemicals in their original containers to avoid confusion and possible accidental ingestion.
- Never mix chemicals together; the combination could create a toxic gas which could have life-threatening effects. This risk also applies to mixing chemicals with ammonia.
- Chlorine should never be ingested. Avoid shaking chlorine containers to minimize dust, fumes and splashes. Avoid touching chlorine with bare hands.
- Open all chemicals in well-ventilated areas, preferably outdoors. Keep chlorine away from other combustible substances.
- When transporting chemicals, separate incompatible chemicals and tightly secure them to prevent spills.
- Be aware that swimming in chlorinated water can have the following effects: skin irritation that can trigger rashes; burning, itchy eyes; and can trigger or aggravate bronchial problems including asthma.
- Save the Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222, in your phone for questions, concerns and emergencies.

Poison Control Centers are not only a great resource in the event of an emergency, but experts are also available to answer any questions or concerns you may have, 24/7. Save the Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222, in your phone today so you're prepared for what may happen tomorrow.

Affinity to Host Community Information Session

Friday, August 10th 11 am - 2 pm at the Municipal Building

click images below for more information



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[More Information](#)

Events for Charities and Causes

Important Dates

August 14, 2018

Township Committee Meeting

7:30 pm

[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

Cheaper by the Dozen

Somerset Valley Players
July 20 - August 5

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)

Rock n Brews BBQ for Gigi's Playhouse

September 30th
2 pm - 7 pm
Stage House Tavern



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 [website](#). 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

Government Tents at 4-H Fair Offer Free Fun, Games and Prizes

Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione invites you to the 2018 Somerset County 4-H Fair, running Aug. 8 to 10, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at North Branch Park, located at 355 Milltown Road. "I am proud that such a worthy organization is part of Somerset County," he said. "4-H offers our youth the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge they need to make a positive contribution to our global community, both now and in the future."

"We invite residents to visit the county government tents to find out about our services and programs that they, or members of their family, may want to get involved with," said Freeholder Scaglione. "Staff from about 30 county divisions and affiliated agencies is looking forward to talking to residents, and sharing valuable information about services that residents may not even know are available. It's also a free, fun fair with games, prizes, food and special demonstrations. It's a family event that you won't want to miss."

Come visit the county tents to see exciting interactive exhibits, play games, win prizes, and get free giveaways. All demonstrations, exhibits, games and drawings listed below are located in the Main Government Tent, unless otherwise specified. Watch our 4-H Fair [video](#).

[Read More](#)

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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