

Tuesday, July 21, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News

Traffic Advisory

- South Triangle Road will be closed for utility work from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for several weeks.
- Roycefield Road will be closed to through traffic between Valley Road and Dukes Parkway West for repairs to the railroad crossing.
- Beginning Monday July 27th, for the week, the Sunny Mead Road will be closed between Hamilton Road and Falcon Road for repairs to the Railroad Crossing.

Please follow posted detours and exercise caution while traveling through these areas. Expect delays.

Township News

As of Monday, July 13th the Mayor's eNews will be published twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. COVID-19 case information will be updated on the Township [website](#) Monday through Friday.

[Township Committee Recognizes James Fox For Earning Eagle Scout Rank](#)

At the July 14th meeting, the Township Committee recognized James Fox, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 89, for recently earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

[Read more.](#)



[New Haitian Restaurant, Chez Elody, Grand Opening Held on July 13th](#)

On Monday, July 13th, Chez Elody celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Mayor Doug Tomson had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Joining him was Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, Committeewoman Olivia Holmes, Business Advocate David Kois, and Owner Diana Henry along with her three children.

[Read more.](#)



[Township Senior Activity Room Opens Monday July 20th](#)



After several months of the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building being closed to the public amid the COVID-19 public health crisis, the building re-opened to the public on

Monday, July 6th at 8 am, with several safety precautions in place. In the next phase of the Hillsborough Opening, the Senior Activity Room will be open on Monday, July 20th to any Hillsborough residents over the age of 60.

There are several safety precautions in place to protect both visitors and employees. All visitors are required to wear a mask or other facial covering and must sign in at reception upon entry to the building. Visitors are reminded to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart. Seniors entering the activity room will also be asked to sign in the log, in the activity room as was previously required. In compliance with Executive Order regulations, capacity is limited to no more than 30 individuals in the activity room at one time.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms or have experienced these symptoms in the last 72 hours, please do not enter this building nor the Senior Activity Room:

- Have a fever or feel feverish
- Cough (unrelated to allergies)
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual fatigue
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Worsening / consistent headaches
- Unusual muscle pain
- Sore throat (unrelated to allergies)
- Diarrhea

The hours of operation for the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building will be Monday - Friday, 8 am until 4:30 pm until further notice.

Public Service Electric & Gas Updates



Upgrading Gas Lines On Some Township Roads

PSE&G recently informed the Township that gas line upgrades are needed on some Township roads. These upgrades are mainly due to the upcoming proposed widening of Route 206, in which upgrades of gas lines are needed. Portions of Triangle Road, South Triangle Road and New Amwell Road are on the PSE&G upgrade list. PSE&G will be responsible to repave those roadways either full or half-width of these roads since they were repaved less than 5 years ago.

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

The Census is important because it impacts future planning and funding for infrastructure, future employment, training and healthcare programs. To learn more about the impacts of the census or to complete it online visit the website [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov). Take a few minutes and complete your census.



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RESTAURANTS &
OUTDOOR DINING



Department Updates

Building

- A permit is always required if you need to replace your HVAC units. This includes but is not limited to, hot water heaters, air conditioners, air handlers, furnace, mini-split. In the case of an emergency such as no hot water or no a/c in the summer, the work can be done as long as our office is notified and the application is submitted to our office within 72 hours. It is always best to check with the Building Department to inquire about what forms are required for the scope of work.

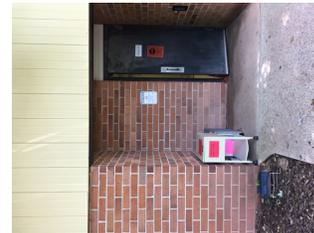
Business Advocate:

- Visit HBA Experience Hillsborough [website](#) for the latest information or visit the HBA [Facebook page](#).



Engineering

- Why wait in line if you're just looking to drop something off? In order to assist with the social distancing requirements due to COVID-19, the public can save time and drop off engineering permits and plans at our drop off area from 8:00am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The drop box is located on the employee entrance side of the building that faces Beekman Lane.
- If you need to discuss something, the Engineering Department staff will be available at the counter but you can also check our website for frequently asked questions or call the office to talk over the phone.



Finance

- By now you should have received your 3rd quarter estimated tax bill. If you pay your own taxes, this is the amount you should be paying for August. The State of New Jersey has temporarily frozen the Homestead Benefit Program and therefore that credit does not appear on your 3rd quarter bill. If you have any questions please contact the [Tax Office](#).

Public Works

- The Department of Public Works is focusing on road repairs in advance of our chip seal program. [For more information about road maintenance.](#)
- There has been greater participation in the cleanup programs. Spots to take part in this program are filling up quickly so residents are urged to reserve their date. [For more information.](#)

Township Employment Opportunities

- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

[Visit the Hillsborough Township Website to apply](#)

Community Bulletin Board

Diabetes Foundation Offering Diabetes Supply Assistance Program

The Diabetes Foundation is offering a Diabetes Supply Assistance Program for New Jersey residents



experiencing financial hardship and are furloughed, unemployed, uninsured, or underinsured. Residents can apply for the Diabetes Foundation's Supply Assistance program today at the [Diabetes Foundation website](#).

Be Red Cross Ready - Heat Wave Safety

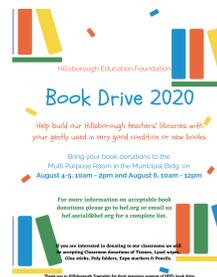
[English Heat Wave Safety Checklist](#)
[Spanish Seguridad en caso de ola de calor](#)



American Red Cross

Hillsborough Education Foundation Book Drive 2020

Bring your book donations to the Multi Purpose Room in the Municipal Building on August 4th and 5th from 10 am - 2 pm and August 6th from 10 am - 12 pm.



Safe Communities Coalition Presents: Highly Abused Drugs & Safe Medication Disposal on July 23rd

Reminder for parents about the consequences of serving underage kids as the summer/grad season approaches. For the safety of your children and our community, please keep this in mind as you celebrate this accomplishment.



Virtual Mental Health Awareness Training

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services of the NJ Department of Human Services (NJ DHS) is providing Mental Health Awareness and training [webinars](#) with a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).



Somerset County News

Office on Aging Offers Farmers Market Vouchers - Eligible Residents Can Safely Pick Up Vouchers at Curbside

Somerset County Transportation Resumes Regular Schedules

County Senior Centers Now Have Virtual Programs and Activities Via Zoom

Somerset County Library System of NJ (SCLSNJ)

- [SCLSNJ Staff Share: What I Learned at Home During the Pandemic](#)
- [The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey Updates, Simplifies Mobile App](#)
- [Somerset County Library System of New Jersey Launches Automatic Item Renewal Process](#)

July Recycling Schedule

July 7th Primary Election Results



COVID-19 Community Resources

[COVID-19 Reported Case Information is updated on the Township website Monday through Friday](#)

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

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.

[Meeting Updates, Cancellations and Closures](#)

Due to the Governor's Executive Orders and pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11, all Township meetings will be held using virtual technology and the public may only participate in meetings remotely. Please [visit the calendar](#) on our municipal website for meeting dates, cancellations, updates and instructions.

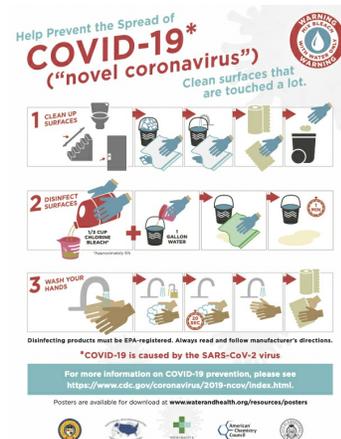
[Somerset County Testing and Facilities Information](#)

[COVID-19: Information for Communities and the General Public Information on Underlying Conditions](#)

[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.

[COVID-19 Surface Cleaning and Disinfection](#)



Contacting Your State and County Officials

[Click here for information on contacting NJ State and Somerset County Officials](#)

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