

Thursday, July 16, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH

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# e-News

## Traffic Advisory

- South Triangle Road will be closed for utility work from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for several weeks.
- Beginning Monday July 20th, Roycefield Road will be closed to through traffic between Valley Road and Dukes Parkway West 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 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.

### **Be Red Cross Ready - Heat Wave Safety**

[English Heat Wave Safety Checklist](#)

[Spanish Seguridad en caso de ola de calor](#)



**American Red Cross**

### **Public Service Electric & Gas Updates**



**PSE&G**

*We make things work for you.*

### **PSE&G Prepared for Possible Thunderstorms and Heat Wave**

With thunderstorms forecast for Friday and extreme heat in the days that follow, PSE&G is prepared to maintain safe, reliable service and meet the demand for additional power. Utility crews are ready to respond to service interruptions should they occur. [Read more.](#)

### **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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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](#).

### **Parks and Recreation**

- **Summer In-Person / Virtual Programs** Hillsborough Parks & Recreation is proud to begin offering in person/virtual programs such as Art in the Park, Hip-Hop Dance, Bricks 4 Kidz and many more.
- Continue to check the Parks & [Recreation website](#) and social media accounts for future release dates and information.



## **Township Employment Opportunities**

- **Finance Department Clerk**
- **Part Time Information Technology Assistant**
- **Part Time Building Maintenance**

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

## **Community Bulletin Board**



## [Somerset County Transportation Resumes Regular Schedules](#)

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## [County Senior Centers Now Have Virtual Programs and Activities Via Zoom](#)

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### [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](#)
  - [Summer Reading Challenge](#)
  - [Somerset County Library System of New Jersey Launches Automatic Item Renewal Process](#)
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## [July Recycling Schedule](#)

# July 7th Primary Election Results

[Primary Preliminary Results Will Be Updated As Election Board Tallies Ballots](#)



# 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.

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### [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.

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### [Somerset County Testing and Facilities Information](#)

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

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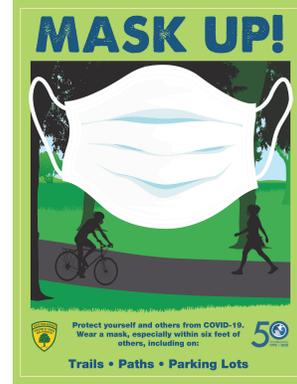
### [Contact Tracing Opportunity](#)

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.

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### "Mask Up!" Campaign

Governor Murphy's recent Executive Order requiring masks outdoors, particularly where social distancing can't be maintained, reminds us of the importance masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder, DEP has made our "Mask Up!" campaign available for your use. We are encouraging residents to wear masks, especially where social distancing cannot be maintained, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. We encourage you to share these posts, flyers, and posters in your community as well. For downloadable posters and social media posts, please visit <https://nj.gov/dep/maskup/>.



## Contacting Your State and County Officials

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

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