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HILLSBOROUGH e-News

The Mayor's eNews is currently being published twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. COVID-19 case information is updated on the Township [website](#) daily, Monday through Friday.

Traffic Advisory

- Camplain Road will be closed from Sunnymead Road to Route 206, between 7 am and 4 pm daily
- On-going alternating traffic on New Amwell Road

Please follow posted detours and exercise caution while traveling through the area. Expect delays.

Township News

[Police Officers Promoted within the Hillsborough Township Police Department](#)

On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the Hillsborough Township Committee promoted two police officers from the Department to fill recent vacancies. After a thorough interview process, Sergeant John Carney was promoted to Lieutenant and Corporal Joseph Paschall was promoted to Sergeant. [Read more.](#)



Pictured: Mayor Tomson, Lieutenant Carney, his family, Committeewoman McCauley and Chief McMahon



Pictured: Mayor Tomson, Sergeant Paschall, his family, Committeewoman McCauley and Chief McMahon

[Township Committee Recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)

At the October 13th meeting, the Township Committee recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease, encourage early detection, and support research to find a cure. [Read](#)

[more.](#)



[Census Deadline Changed to October 15th](#)

The 2020 Census will end on Thursday, October 15. Online self-response in NJ will be available until 6 AM on October 16th.



[New Nest Platform for Three Bridges Eagles](#)

PSE&G is currently replacing the metal lattice towers with monopoles, including the tower which has "hosted" the Three Bridges eagles nest since 2015.



[Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance](#)

- The Alliance invites all visitors to the Municipal Building and the Library at 379 South Branch Road to check out the display cases on the way into the Library. In partnership with the Hillsborough branch of the SCLSNJ, the cases are all set for Red Ribbon.
- [Virtual Substance Abuse Parent Education Program](#)



[Join Mayor Doug Tomson for the 5th Podcast Episode - Preparing for the Unpredictable Pandemic of 2020](#)

Click the icons to link to the Official Podcasts of Hillsborough Township.



[Hillsborough Township Next Fall Flea Market to be Held on October 17th - Still Time to Register](#)

The next Fall Flea Market will be held this Saturday, **October 17th**, at the Willow Road Complex from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. **Stop by and SHOP!!!** Click [here](#) to register for the 17th and 24th events.



[Mark Your Calendars for Hillsborough Recreation's Halloween Events](#)

[Go Green for Halloween - Costume Pick up on October 16th](#)

Costumes can be picked up from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Municipal Complex, 379 South Branch Road, on October 16th.

[Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 29th](#)

Pre-registration is required by noon on October 29th at www.hillsboroughrecreation.org.



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

AT NORZ HILL FARM
120 South Branch Road, Hillsborough

Come in costume and have some Halloween Fun on the Farm!
Thursday, October 29th
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
\$8 per child

All registered children can go on a hayride, receive a pumpkin from the patch, walk through the side hole maze and get a goodie bag!!!
Pre-Registration Required online at www.Hillsboroughrecreation.org
Register by Thursday, October 29 at NOON

[Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest on October 31st](#)

Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the parade will start at 9:00am by the Pavilion.



[Trunk or Treat on October 31st](#)

Registration is required for both options by Friday October 23rd at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org.



Mayors Wellness



HILLSBOROUGH MAYORS WELLNESS

Nutrition Dialogue on Cancer Prevention on Tuesday October 27th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

This program runs in collaboration with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey will educate participants on how to reduce cancer risk through healthy eating and physical activity. [To register](#).

Nutrition for Colorectal Health Workshop on Thursday November 5th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

A conversation with a Q&A session on nutrition and colorectal health. Dr. Miral Grandhi, Assistant Professor of Surgery, at Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ will provide an overview on colorectal cancer screening, prevention and surgical intervention. Michelle Jansen, MS, MAT, a Community Cancer Control Specialist at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey will talk about how to promote your colorectal health through nutrition. [To register](#).

Hillsborough Economic and Business Development Commission (EBDC) Recognizes National Women's Small Business Month

[Spotlight On Tina Rear of Scrap U & Artistry Too](#)

The EBDC has invited all Hillsborough women business owners in the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) to share a few

details of their business by completing a questionnaire. These business owners' responses will be released on the Hillsborough Business Association Facebook page and the Township's website. Additionally, during October will feature weekly "Q&A Profiles" of successful female business owners in Hillsborough. This week's spotlight is on Tina Rear of Scrap U & Artistry Too. [Read more.](#)



2020 General Election

[Somerset County Board of Elections - Your Vote is Secure](#)

For questions and concerns, you may visit the Somerset County Board of Elections [website](#)



[Somerset County Opens Atrium for In-Person Registration, Ballot Submission and Requests](#)

2020 NJ Voter Information Portal website [Vote.NJ.Gov](#)



For additional information about the election, go to the [Voting Information page](#) on the Township website.



HBA
Hillsborough Business Association

Experience Hillsborough



Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org for all Departmental Updates

Building

- Reminder - please include your email address on your permit applications. Our computer system will send you correspondents for your permit status' and will let you know when it is ready to be paid for.

Engineering

- A bid to repave the section of Willow Road between Valinor and Hillsborough Roads was awarded to Stilo Paving and Excavation. This project will complete the repaving of Willow Road between Amwell and Hillsborough Roads.
- Regarding the PSE&G Paving projects around town - all roads on the PSE&G 2020 repaving program have been completed except for Camplain Road, which is held off due to the PSE&G gas line replacement taking place.

Finance

- Anyone who has not received their 2020 final/2021 preliminary tax bill should contact the Finance office to receive a copy. The next tax payment is due on November 1st, with a 10 calendar day grace period.

Parks and Recreation

- Register for the [NEW Fall Basketball Leagues](#)
- The 2020-2021 Fall / Winter Activities Guide is available [on-line](#)

Public Works

- Department is finalizing roadside mower routes and other vegetation management as we are getting closer to the November Leaf Program
- Reminder to make sure your mailbox is in good solid condition

Sign Review

- remind residents that tampering with, stealing or vandalizing political signs is a violation of other people's freedom of speech. Citizens also need to know that, according to the law, those who tamper with political signs can be charged with theft, criminal mischief and/or trespassing.

Social Services

- Curbing Hunger, Inc., the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Food Bank Network of Somerset County are sponsoring the 26th annual Curbing Hunger Month food drive to help alleviate the increase in need being experienced by local food banks due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Township Employment Opportunities

- [Full Time Planning and Zoning Clerk](#)
- [Part Time Office Assistant / Floater](#)
- [Part Time Systems Administrator Assistant - Hillsborough Police Department](#)
- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

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

Community Bulletin Board

[For Meetings and Events Check Out our Township Calendar](#)



[Somerset Safe Coalition Provides Narcan Training Resources](#)

AWARD WINNING

NARCAN TRAINING PROVIDERS

"Suspected overdoses nationally jumped 18 percent in March, 20 percent in April and 17 percent in May, with four metropolitan areas, hospitals and police forces." (Washington Post) We are proud to have provided our training to many of these responders during COVID-19. These responders are all offering virtual Narcan training. We want to thank these responders for their hard work and their virtual trainings and become equipped with Narcan.

Community in Crisis
<https://communityin-crisis.org>

Prevention Resources, Inc.
<https://prevention.com>

Rutgers RWJ Medical School
<https://rums.rutgers.edu/departments/psychiatry/division-of-addiction-psychiatry/education/prevention-network>

Somerset County Treatment Services
<https://www.sctsa.org/narcan-training.html>

More Narcan resources
<https://www.narcan.org/en/newsletter>

Check out the Safe Coalition (NSC) <https://www.safecoalition.org> for more prevention resources and information

Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society Holds On-line Exhibit

OHDPS
 Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society

**9TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT
 VIRTUAL GALLERY**
 OurPhotoClub.org

2020 Guidelines for Halloween

NJ Health

Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 October 1, 2020

On October 1, 2020, the Department of Health will publish a proposed rule regarding the requirements for Halloween costumes and masks. The proposed rule is intended to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission during Halloween celebrations. The proposed rule requires that all Halloween costumes and masks must be made of a material that is at least 88% cotton and must be able to be washed in a washing machine. The proposed rule also requires that all Halloween costumes and masks must be made of a material that is at least 88% cotton and must be able to be washed in a washing machine.

Scholarship Opportunities

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY **VFW**
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

2020-2021 Theme
 "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What Is The Voice of Democracy Program?
 Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)'s premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$1 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, **Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?**

Why Should I Enter?
 Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level.

The Rules
Who can enter?
 The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?
 Record your original 3-5 minute (or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing-impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition in one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2020-21 Official Entry Form
Voice of Democracy Competition
 Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Age _____
 School Name, City, State _____
 Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) _____
 To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (signed over if student is 18 or over)
 Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone _____
 Parent/Guardian's Email _____
 I have Read and Understand the D.C. National Finals Rules (On Opposite Side)
 I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.
 I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.
 Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

PATRIOT'S PEN **VFW**
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

2020 - 2021 Theme
 "What is Patriotism to Me?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is Patriot's Pen?
 Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 138,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000. The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contents and Activities.

Big National Prizes
 National awards total: \$55,000
 Prizes include the various amounts listed below:
 1st: \$5,000 7th: \$1,750
 2nd: \$4,000 8-10th: \$1,500
 3rd: \$3,500 11-12th: \$1,250
 4th: \$2,750 13-25th: \$1,000
 5th: \$2,500 26-25th: \$750
 6th: \$2,000 26-35th: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$509 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?
 All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

Who Can Enter?
 Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

Official Student Entry Form
Patriot's Pen Competition
 Entry Form Must Be Completed by All Contestants Please Print (or Type Clearly)

Name: First, M.I., Last _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Gender _____ Grade in School _____ Essay Word Count _____
 School Name, City, State _____
 Teacher's Name and Email (if applicable) _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (Printed/Email) _____
 I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules
 Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____
 To Be Completed by the VFW Post
 I certify that this student has an address within my VFW Post Local Patriots Pen Competition.
 Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____
 VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature _____
 Post Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 VFW Post Email _____
 No. of essays participated _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$ _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (transport, meals, etc.) \$ _____
 To Be Completed by the VFW District
 I certify that the student entered in the previous section in the duly selected winner of the Patriots Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department level.
 District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist # _____
 District Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman
 I certify that the student entered in the previous section in the duly selected first place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.
 Department Chairman's Signature _____
 District Name _____ State _____
 The winner of this contest will be checked and notified that they are the first place Department winner at _____ Note: National Headquarters will contact the winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

VFW 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Scholarship
 Deadline is **October 31st**

VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual Youth Essay Competition
 Deadline is **October 31st**

Somerset County News

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Hillsborough - Residents Can Safely Dispose of Harmful Items

[RX Drive-Thru Medicine Drop-Off - Saturday October 17th in Hillsborough](#)

[Somerset County Communications Online Resident Survey](#)

Somerset County is in the process of gathering feedback from residents about our communications and community outreach. This survey will guide our strategies going forward to help us reach more of our residents and raise awareness of the amenities that Somerset County has to offer. [For survey.](#)

[Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders Sponsors 11th Annual Adopt A Family for a Thanksgiving Dinner](#)

[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\) News and Event](#)

- [Therapy Dog, Local Story May Help Somerset County Children Improve Self-Esteem, Happiness During Virtual Library Program](#)



COVID-19 Community Resources

- [COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC](#)
- A list of COVID-19 Resources can be found on the [Township website 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.
- COVID-19 Information on [Underlying Conditions](#) and [NJ Contact Tracing](#)

Contacting Your State and County Officials

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

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