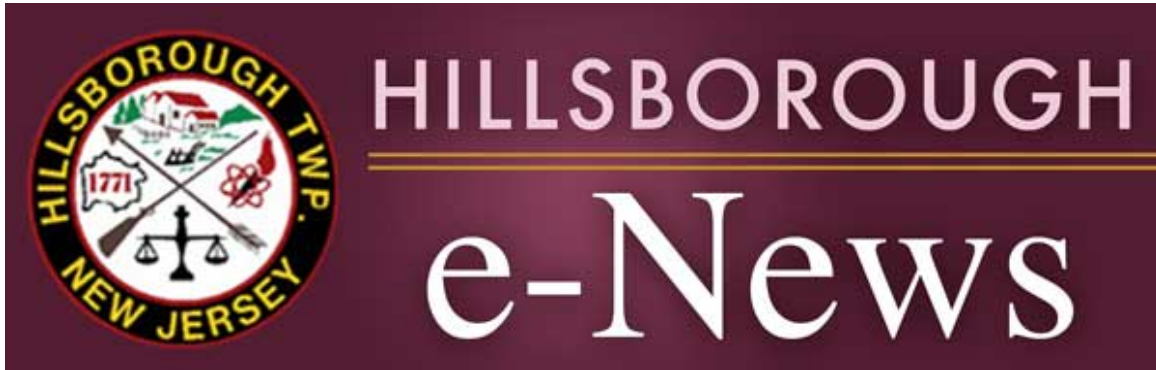


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Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, March 19, 2020



Message from Mayor Tomson Regarding March 24 Township Committee Meeting

We are all operating under unique circumstances attributable to the COVID-19 virus. The next meeting of the Township Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 7:30 pm. We are working on providing residents with the opportunity to participate in this meeting remotely. Residents should access the Township website prior to the scheduled meeting to ascertain how they can participate remotely. A number of residents have expressed interest in commenting on Ordinance 2020-08 which amends Chapter 188 "Land Use and Development", Article V "Districts and Standards", Section 188-98 RA, RS, R, R1, R2, CR, AH, RCA, PD Residential Districts, by adding R8A Zone to apply to Block 182, Lots 9, 11.01 and 46.01 and Block 183, Lot 38.02. At the March 24, 2020 meeting, I intend to ask my fellow committee members to delay a final vote on the Ordinance and continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2020 Township Committee meeting to provide residents additional opportunity to comment on this Ordinance. Those residents may also participate and comment remotely at the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

[A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on our Township website.](#)

The following items have been added to the list today. For more details and previously posted items visit the [website](#) .

- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public. Please refer to our Township [website](#) for self-services functions like on-line payments, forms and contact phone numbers for departments.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has suspended all Spring Programs indefinitely.

- All Hillsborough Township Parks will remain open however all playgrounds, skate parks, dog parks and bathrooms/porta-johns are closed.
- Hillsborough's Business Advocate Department continues to work with the Hillsborough Business Association as they support the community. For the latest information regarding the Hillsborough Business Community, please *Like & Follow* the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) [Facebook page](#).

Thank You!

The employees of the Hillsborough Township Municipal Offices extend their thanks to Reckitt Benckiser for generously donating supplies to keep our building clean and safe while we strive to keep the town running smoothly during the COVID-19 crisis.



State and Local Updates

Governor Orders Personal Care Businesses to Close

This order goes into effect at 8 pm on 3/19/2020 and pertains to personal care business that cannot comply with social distancing guidelines, including all barbershops and hair salons, spas, nail and eyelash salons, tattoo parlors and social clubs.

Election Information

- [Governor Murphy Announces Changes to Upcoming New Jersey Elections in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [NJ Division of Elections COVID-19 information](#)
- **Somerset County** - a voter may vote by mail by completing the Application for Vote by Mail Ballot and returning the application to the Somerset County Clerk. Click [here](#) for the application information and Somerset County contacts.

New Jersey Department of Human Services has Coronavirus (COVID-19) material for those who are deaf or hard of hearing

Click [here](#) to access this material.

Nonprofit Organizations License Applications for Bingo or Raffle Events

During the COVID-19 state of emergency, the NJ Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC) within DCA is encouraging all registered nonprofit organizations that have scheduled bingo or raffle events to postpone or cancel those events.

If the initial application has already been submitted to the municipality for the event, an [Application to Amend a Raffle/Bingo License form](#) needs to be submitted by the nonprofit organization. When preparing and filing this application, it will not be required to enter the new date for the event - rather

the words "To Be Determined" should be entered. Once the nonprofit organization determines the rescheduled date, another [Application to Amend a Raffle/Bingo License form](#) needs to be submitted with the new event date and time.

There is no filing fee for the license amendment. A nonprofit organization that cancels a bingo or raffle event will receive a credit for the license fee. The LGCCC will waive the late fee for any nonprofit organization that files a late renewal registration.

Contact the LGCCC at 973-273-8000 for additional questions.

Community Resources

- [Hillsborough Food Establishments Updated Operation Hours and Closures](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Business Resources](#)
- [Safe & Sound, Somerset COVID-19 Community Update](#)
- [PSE&G Implements Operational Updates to Continue to Safeguard Customer and Employee Health](#)
- **Update: ShopRite of Hillsborough** will offer designated grocery shopping time for senior citizens, age 60 or over, or anyone in the high-risk category to help minimize public exposure during the current health crisis. **As of Friday, March 20th, ShopRite of Hillsborough will be open from 7 am to 8 am for those in the high-risk category only.** Senior citizens needing assistance may bring someone with them who is under the age of 60. All store departments will be open, except the Pharmacy Department, which will be open at their normal time of 8 am. Seniors who have no other means of transportation should call the Social Services Department at 908-369-3880 to arrange a ride.
- [COMCAST announces comprehensive COVID-19 response to help keep Americans connected to the internet.](#)

Hillsborough Health Department

[Hillsborough Health Department and Somerset County Health Officers Working Together on Public Health Emergency](#)

Hillsborough Health Department recommends to continue preventative measure, such as hand washing, covering coughs, stay home when you're sick and further social distancing as explained by the CDC.

Another recommendation for private sports programs. We advise you to cancel, just as the schools and the recreation department have done.

The Hillsborough Health Department continues to monitor information about the Coronavirus and will update the public as needed on the Township website.

The NJ Department of Health has provided this phone number for the general public with questions about this virus: 1-800-222-1222

(N.J. Poison Control number), and the following websites for up to date information regarding the virus:

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

NJ Department of Health: www.nj.gov/health

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

FACTS, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION

COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads from person to person.

- It can cause mild illness, like the common cold.
- It can cause severe illness like SARS.
- Currently, no treatment or vaccine is available.

SYMPTOMS:

FEVER

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

COUGH

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

BY AN INFECTED PERSON:

- Within 6 feet of you.
- That coughs or sneezes near you.

FROM SURFACES:

- Touching an object that has the virus on it, then touching your face

PLAN AHEAD:

- Have an emergency plan in case children can't go to school or you can't go to work.
- Talk to your employer about alternative work arrangements.

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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THESE TRUSTED SOURCES:

www.cdc.gov

www.co.somerset.nj.us/health

www.nj.gov/health

www.who.int

PREVENTION

STAY HEALTHY

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP & WATER, AT LEAST 20 SECONDS

COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES WITH A TISSUE OR THE INSIDE OF YOUR ELBOW

CLEAN & DISINFECT SURFACES FREQUENTLY

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

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