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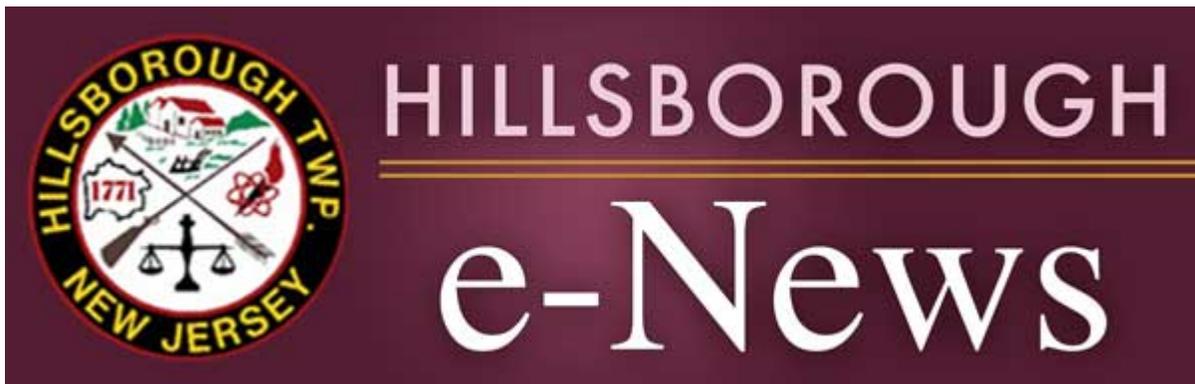
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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**Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th  
for Martin Luther King Day.  
Library will be open 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

### Jasmine Brown Selected as Rhodes Scholar

Jasmine Brown, a 2014 graduate of Hillsborough High School, was recently honored by the Mayor and Township Committee for being selected as a Rhodes Scholar.

While at Hillsborough High School, Jasmine was a Varsity Track & Field athlete, President of Interact and Sources of Strength, a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honors Society and National Art Honors Society.

Jasmine went on to study at Washington University in St. Louis where she is currently in her senior year, majoring in biology with a focus in neuroscience. During her time at Washington University, she founded the Minority Association of Rising Scientists, received

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. "Member with the highest GPA" in the region (3.97/4.00) award, and has participated in research since the summer after senior year in high school at various academic institutions including Johns Hopkins and MIT.



*Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Jasmine Brown and Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson*

Jasmine was awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship and intends to earn a PhD at Oxford in Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics. Jasmine is one of only 32 scholars chosen nationwide. Rhodes Scholars are chosen not only for their outstanding scholarly achievements, but for their character, commitment to others and to the common good, and for their potential for leadership in whatever domains their careers may lead.

The Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, extend their sincere congratulations to Jasmine for her outstanding achievement as a Rhodes Scholar recipient and commend Jasmine for the honor she has brought herself, her family and her community through her many achievements in her academic career.

## **Eagle Scout Benjamin Elliott Honored With Proclamation**

Benjamin Elliott, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, was recently honored by the Mayor and Township Committee for earning his Eagle Scout award.

Benjamin's Eagle Scout Project consisted of refurbishing an unsafe deck at Oak Spring Girl Scout Camp. He managed 26 volunteers that worked a total of 207 hours, coordinating the removal of rotten wood, replacing it with new decking, and adding an ADA compliant ramp. Benjamin was also served as Patrol Leader and Librarian of Troop 489 and participated on Hillsborough High School Varsity Golf Team.

*Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Benjamin Elliott and Committeeman Greg Burchette*



## **Flagtown Fire Swears in New Officers**

On Saturday, January 6th, Mayor Gloria McCauley had the honor of attending the 2018 Installation Dinner for the Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Department #1, Flagtown Fire Department, at the newly renovated Falcon's Nest. Mayor McCauley swore in the 2018-2019 Fire Officers and Executive Line and thanked outgoing Chief Dave Foelsch for his 4 years of service.

The Flagtown Fire Department Officers for 2018-2019 are:

Chief - Everett Heider  
 Deputy Chief - Tommy Lachowski  
 Assistant Chief - Eric Regic  
 Captain - Tyler Riordan  
 2nd Captain - Mike Guzy  
 Lieutenant - Nick Patullo  
 2nd Lieutenant - Ryan Buckley

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## Tickets Now Available for NJ Devils' "My Town" Hillsborough Night

### NJ Devils vs Philadelphia Flyers, Jan. 13th



The "My Town" Series Program now in its 4th year highlights New Jersey towns during National Hockey League games played at the Prudential Center in Newark. The New Jersey Devils tested the program during the 2013-2014 National Hockey League season with 5 New Jersey towns as part of their pilot program. The success of the initial program, led to an expanded program during the 2014-2015 season and will continue with enthusiasm this season.

This is a great event open to all ages! Tickets and Group Packages will be on sale for township residents who would like to attend. The Hillsborough Police Department will present the Honor Guard at the beginning of the game. Hillsborough Township will be recognized throughout the game, including a group welcome on the scoreboard. Following the game, Hillsborough residents will be invited to the ice for a post-game photo! In addition, January 13th is Chico Resch mini stick night honoring former Devil and current color commentator Glenn "Chico" Resch. The first 9,000 fans in attendance will receive a commemorative mini stick.

Stay tuned for more information about a possible future visit from NJ Devil!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

## Shop Hillsborough News - Deals of the Month - January 2018

Shop Hillsborough has announced the Deals of the Month for January. Use these coupons in conjunction with your card and increase your savings.

We would like to thank these merchants who are working very hard to win your business.

Please patronize these and all our participating establishments.

[View Deals](#)



## Department Updates

### Building Department

#### *Pipe Break Advisory*

Recently with the cold weather there has been an increase in pipes bursting in town. In order to avoid this, we recommend that if you have any concealed pipes in crawl spaces to insulate the area to provide warmth. If you are planning on going away for an extend period of time, avoid turning your heat off to prevent a pipe break.

### Business Advocate

#### *2018 Hillsborough Business Summit Round Table*

All Hillsborough Businesses are invited to participate in the 2018 Hillsborough Business Summit Round Table on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A continental breakfast will be provided to attendees starting at 8:30 AM. This Round Table discussion will focus on the continued collaboration and open dialogue between Hillsborough Township Departments and Community Business leaders to continue to improve services.

[Get more information](#) | [Register Now](#)

### Engineering

#### *Sump Pump Discharges in Extreme Cold Weather*

Due to the recent extreme cold temperatures some homeowners who have sump pump discharges to the public street or sidewalk could be causing an unsafe condition. These discharges are creating icing conditions to the street or sidewalk which are hazardous to pedestrians and motorists.

An updated Township ordinance does not allow these discharges to the public right-of-way. Existing discharges that are causing icing conditions will be requested to relocate these discharges away from the roadway or sidewalk.

The Engineering Department has been notifying residents that are causing these hazardous conditions and the Township Committee is asking for cooperation from the residents in this matter.

The Township does not want to have to initiate legal enforcement on any resident, so please work with the Engineering Department to resolve and address their requests. We want to prevent a sidewalk slip and fall or a traffic accident.

### Finance

#### *Dog License Renewal*

Effective January 2, 2017, you may renew your dog license for 2018. The cost is \$21 for spade or neutered, and \$26 for non-spade or neutered. You may mail your payment, pay in person at the Finance office, or use the free on-line system at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org). Please make sure the rabies vaccination is good through October 2018.

## Health

### *Dangers of Radon in the Home*

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas caused by the natural decay of uranium found in soil. Due to the high uranium content found in the soils in Somerset County, houses in Hillsborough Township have the potential to have high levels of radon, but not every home will have high levels of radon-not even homes in the same neighborhood.

Since radon is radioactive, it is labeled a "Class A" Carcinogen. It is both invisible and odorless. Radon is the second leading cause of Lung Cancer in the US, and is responsible for between 15,000- 20,000 deaths per year.

[Read More](#)

## Public Works

### *Christmas Tree Recycling*

Hillsborough Township does not provide Christmas tree disposal service, however, you may choose to participate in one of the following programs available to Hillsborough Township residents.

The Somerset County Park Commission is accepting Christmas trees for recycling through Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Residents may bring their tree to either Colonial Park Gardens, Parking Lot F, 156 Mettlers Road in Somerset, Franklin Township or to North Branch Park at the lighted baseball field, 355 Milltown Road in Bridgewater.

Both facilities will accept trees from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

[Read More](#)

## Recreation

### *Register for Winter Programs and Spring Soccer*

The following Activities are currently open for registration:

- Winter Programs such as youth tennis, youth basketball, indoor soccer and much more!
- Spring Soccer League registration and Girls Softball registration are both currently ongoing with registration end dates set for March 2nd.

[Register Now](#)

## Boards & Commissions

### **Municipal Alliance**

#### *Steered Straight*

*Wednesday,  
January 31  
7:00PM  
Hillsborough High  
School Auditorium  
For Parents and  
Students (ages 12  
and up)*

### **"Steered Straight" is Coming to Hillsborough**

In New Jersey and across America, we are dealing with a social crisis unlike any we've ever experienced. We are more likely to lose our loved ones to an accidental drug overdose than to a car accident. It is a growing epidemic across the country and it is affecting new demographics in devastating ways. All communities are being affected, and suburban and rural communities are being affected in greater numbers than ever before. Prescription drug overdoses and overdose death from heroin have dramatically increased. Alcohol and marijuana use by youth has increased and with the contradicting messaging that youth get about these social issues, it is important that parents are educated about the truth. We must get beyond the stigma that it can't happen in our families and communities. Come hear Michael DeLeon speak and participate in a question and answer discussion.

Parents will:

- Learn about the latest drug trends.
- Learn about the signs and symptoms to watch for.
- Be better equipped to speak with their children.

- Be given tips and advice as to how to better prevent drug and alcohol use from affecting their children.

Contact Minda Maggio ( [mmaggio@https.us](mailto:mmaggio@https.us) or (908) 431-6600 ext. 2809 with any questions.

[Download Flyer](#)

## Community Conversation Focused on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Scheduled for January 20, 2018

Please join with members of the Hillsborough community **on January 20th** for a discussion focused upon the mental health and substance abuse challenges facing our town.

### *Community Conversation*

*January 20  
9 am to 12 pm  
Hillsborough High  
School Commons*

This conversation will be facilitated by a highly trained organizing professional, who will employ the “World Café” model. “World Café” is a facilitated conversation that emphasizes creating a space that allows for maximum involvement of all participants.

Through our conversation, we can harness the wisdom and knowledge of our wonderful community as we collaborate to address the difficult challenges facing the Hillsborough community.

This event is open to all interested community members, but we please ask that no one below the age of thirteen attend. Please see the attached flyer for details.

A light breakfast will be served.

[RSVP](#) | [Community Conversation Flyer](#)

## Township Job Line

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Part Time Building Inspector
- Full Time Police Officers
- Multi-Licensed UCC Inspector, Full Time
- Building Maintenance Part time



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

## Important Dates

### Meeting Dates

January 17, 2018	7:00 pm	Board of Adjustment Reorganization Meeting
January 17, 2018	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment Meeting
January 22, 2018	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 23, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting
January 25, 2018	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission Reorg Meeting

January 25, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
January 31, 2018	6:00 pm	Capital Planning Committee Reorganization Meeting

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## 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

### Farmers Market

Saturday, January 13, 2018  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Hillsborough Municipal Building

### Community Conversation

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
9 am to 12 pm  
Hillsborough High School Commons

### Used Clothing Collection

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
HHS Front Entrance

### Hillsborough High School Choir 2nd Annual Flapjack Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21, 2018  
8 am - 10 am  
Applebee's  
315 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ

HHS Choir members will be appearing as your singing wait staff. Please come out and support the choir while enjoying with friends wonderful music and breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and juices. Tickets are \$10 per plate. Advanced ticket orders can be purchased through HHS CPA, by emailing [HHSChoirParents@gmail.com](mailto:HHSChoirParents@gmail.com) or by calling (908) 230-2398. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. Questions please contact Paula Obenauer at [pcobenauer@gmail.com](mailto:pcobenauer@gmail.com).

### Princeton Skating Club Open House

Sunday, January 21, 2018  
2:45 pm - 5:15 pm  
Princeton Day School Rink  
650 Great Rd., Montgomery, NJ

### Free Rabies Clinic

Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
7 pm  
Hillsborough High School Auditorium

### Steered Straight



# Are You A.W.A.R.E....

Of what your kids deal with everyday?



Find out what your kids already know.

Come and learn what's REALLY going on with alcohol and drugs in our own backyard with

**Michael DeLeon of Steered Straight**

**Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 at 7:00PM**  
**Hillsborough High School Auditorium**  
**For Parents and students (ages 12 and up)**



**PLEASE COME AND BE INFORMED!**

No Registration needed.

For questions, contact Minda Maggio at: [mmaggio@htps.us](mailto:mmaggio@htps.us)

## **Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray** **Friday March 16, 2018**

*Grab your friends and come on out for a night full of laughs, luck, and some fabulous designer bags!*

**Tickets are \$35 and include:**

- A dabber and book of 12 rounds of BINGO with 3 BINGO faces per round to win designer handbags from Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors and more! All bags have a retail value of over \$300!
- Coffee, Tea, and Water - Bring your own snacks and alcoholic beverages!

**At the event, our fantastic team of Sunnymead Dads will be back again this year offering additional games and prizes to win, including:**

- A 50/50 raffle
- Calendar raffle
- Mega Raffle for a high end designer bag
- A high-end tricky tray auction with all prizes over \$250 in retail value!
- And much more!

[Register Here](#)

## ARIS/HMS Discount Card 2017-2018

ARIS/HMS 2017-2018 Discount Cards available for \$10.00 each, with all proceeds going to ARIS and HMS school programs and staff grants. The card includes reusable discounts from 34 local businesses including ShopRite's \$4.00 off \$100.00 purchase, McDonald's, Super Sundaes, Lenny's, Philly Pretzel, Revival Barbershop, Olympia Sports and many more!! Discounts are valid through 9/30/18. Special Promotion: Buy 5 cards, get 1 card free!



To purchase a discount card, please email [wenholt@aol.com](mailto:wenholt@aol.com) or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

## Somerset County News

### Ballpark Community Box Available to Nonprofits, Community Organizations

Requests are now being accepted to use the 30-seat community box at the TD Bank Ballpark. To be eligible, applicants should be nonprofits whose client base consists of at least 50 percent Somerset County residents or community organizations that are located in Somerset County or have a facility based in Somerset County that serves the citizens of Somerset County. Applicants should provide a significant community service or volunteer element to Somerset County residents.

"Since the time the ballpark was constructed by the county, one 30-seat community box has been available for the benefit of nonprofits and community organizations," said Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione. "We are pleased to continue the tradition again this year."

Entry forms must be received or postmarked by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, and must include the organization's name and address, a contact person and phone number, the purpose of the organization and information about volunteer and/or community service.

[Read more](#)

### Time is Running Out to Lend a Helping Hand to the Homeless

Freeholder Deputy Director Brian D. Levine invites residents to donate personal and clothing items to be included in packages that will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, when the county conducts its annual Point-in-Time survey of homeless individuals and families in Somerset County.

Point-in-Time volunteers will interview the homeless as part of Project Homeless Connect. Social service organizations will be on hand to screen clients for relevant services and distribute donated items.

Requested personal items include shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, body lotion and feminine hygiene products, as well as new blankets and towels. Clothing items include new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, underwear, T-shirts, sweatshirts and pants. Other items include bottled water, juice boxes and individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, crackers, nuts or trail mix.

[Read more](#)

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm

HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
2nd Tuesday until 7pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
Tuesdays until 7pm

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