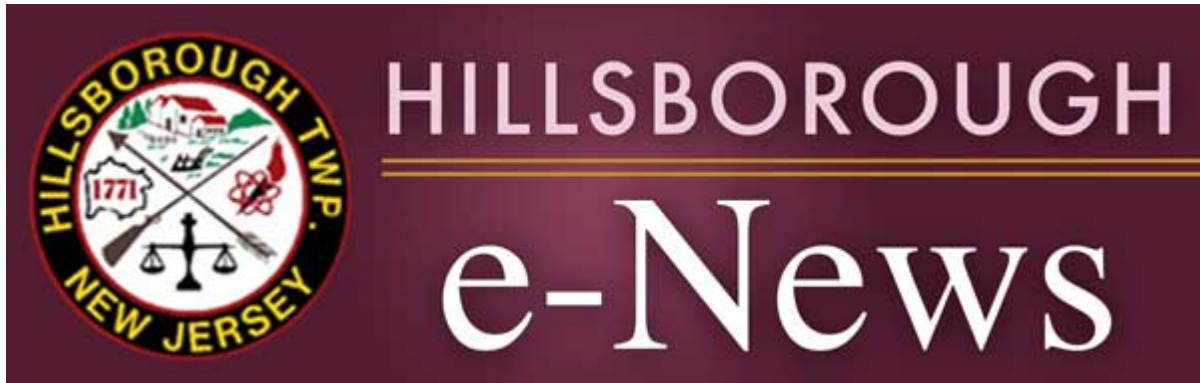


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## Road Paving & Closures

- Woodfern Road at the Raritan River Bridge will be closed for repair for approximately 3 weeks. Please plan accordingly and follow the posted detour.



## Township News

### [Hillsborough High School Varsity Softball Team Wins Somerset County Champions](#)

At the June 11th Township Committee meeting, the Hillsborough High School Varsity Softball Team was recognized for their successful season. Not only did they achieve a 14-5 record, but they seeded second in the 2019 Somerset County Tournament and ultimately won 2019 Somerset County Champions.



### [Hillsborough Middle School Softball Team Wins 6th Championship in 7 Years](#)

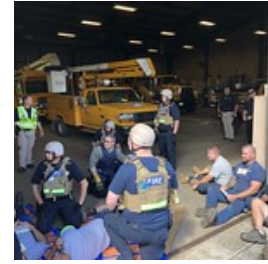
The Mayor and Township Committee recognized the Hillsborough Middle School Softball Team, the coach and parents for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport that led to a very successful season.

The 2019 Hillsborough Middle School Softball Team finished the season with a 13-1 record and won the Central Jersey Junior School Softball Association (CJSSA) Championship for the sixth time in seven years.



## [Township Conducts Active Shooter Response Training](#)

Hillsborough Township conducted an Emergency Services Training Exercise on Friday, June 14th at the Department of Public Works facility located at 21 East Mountain Road. The goal of the training exercise was to prepare employees in the event an active shooter enters the facility. The Department of Public Works facility was chosen since this location had not previously been used for this type of drill. The facility was closed to the public for several hours that Friday while the training exercise was being conducted.



## [Hillsborough Elementary School Flag Day Celebration](#)

Hillsborough Elementary School held its traditional Flag Day ceremony in the gym on Friday, June 4th. The celebration honored veterans of all military branches. The veterans, who have proudly served our country, are family members of Hillsborough Elementary School students.



## [Hillsborough Music Festival 2019](#)

This year's festival will take place jointly with Hillsborough Township's annual fireworks event on June 29th. Hillsborough 2019 Family Fun & Music Fest will be held at Auten Road School starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Township's fabulous fireworks display after dark!

[Performer Sign Up](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

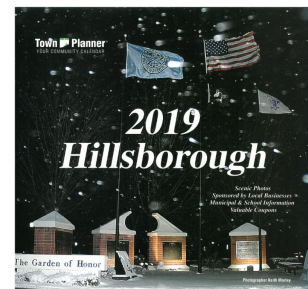
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Parking and shuttle bus are conveniently located at Hillsborough High School, starting at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy music, food, kids activities, and a great selection of vendors!

## [Township to Collect Scenic Photos for the "2020 Hillsborough Calendar"](#)

Individuals interested in submitting photographs for consideration for the 2020 calendar can email their high resolution image, along with a photo release form, to the Township Clerk at [pborek@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:pborek@hillsborough-nj.org). The photo release form can be found on the Township website at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org). The calendar has limited spaces for photographs so there is no guarantee every one submitted will be used.





### Hillsborough Township's 2019 Independence Day Celebration, Music Fest and Fireworks Set for Saturday, June 29th

Mayor Frank DelCore announced that the Hillsborough Independence Day Fireworks Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 29th.

"We are pleased to announce the combination of the Fireworks Celebration with the Hillsborough Music Fest this year," added Mayor DelCore.

This year's celebration will feature:

- Fireworks
- Food Tent
- Free inflatable amusements available from 5pm to 8pm
- Free Dunk Tank
- Pay to Play Boardwalk Games
- DJ and live performances for musical entertainment from 5pm to 9pm



### Township Completes First Phase of Road Paving

"Hillsborough Township completed the first roads in the 2019 road paving plan last week," announced Mayor Frank DelCore. "Clawson and Riverside Drive paving was completed and now awaiting final striping."

"We will move forward with the next set of roads in the coming weeks," added Mayor DelCore. He also reminded residents that the public bid process for such work does take time. Additionally, he asked residents to exercise caution and patience when traveling through construction areas.

### Tax Rate Reduced in Township's 2019 Municipal Budget

Hillsborough Township introduced the 2019 municipal budget at the Tuesday June 11th Township Committee meeting, with a tax reduction and a \$397,655 taxpayer savings. After holding flat for 3 consecutive years, the 2018 municipal tax rate was reduced and again for 2019 there will be a reduction.

The public hearing and adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget is scheduled for July 9, 2019.

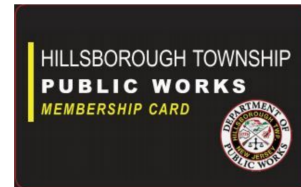
## Hillsborough Business Expo Comes to Annual Rotary Fair

The Rotary Club of Hillsborough will once again provide local businesses with multiple opportunities to showcase their services and connect directly with customers at its 12th annual Rotary Fair, scheduled this year for August 13 – 17. Over 15,000 attendees of all ages from Hillsborough and surrounding communities are expected during the 5-day event held at the Hillsborough Promenade, 315 Route 206 (adjacent to the Lowe's parking lot).



## Clean Up & Brush Drop Off Program Registration Available Online

**Hillsborough Residents Only**  
Questions? Contact DPW 908-369-3950  
dpw@hillsborough-nj.org



Register Now

**Please Note:** You will receive your membership card at the gate at your first scheduled clean up date.

### Shop Hillsborough Reward Program

Shop at a variety of merchants

Save money through property tax credit or rebate check

Support our local merchants

### Shop Local and Receive Discounts

The Shop Hillsborough Property Tax Reward Card Program Combines Saving and Shopping.

Simply present your Shop Hillsborough Card to a participating merchant at the time of purchase and a property credit will be applied to your property tax bill or receive an annual rebate check as a renter or visitor.

Find participating businesses and discover monthly deals.

Reward Cards are available at the Hillsborough Township Administrative Office  
[www.hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://www.hillsboroughbusiness.org)

### Shop Hillsborough

PROPERTY TAX REWARD PROGRAM

shop in town-earn property tax credits

[www.PropertyTaxCard.com/Hillsborough](http://www.PropertyTaxCard.com/Hillsborough)

**Register Your Card Today!**

Register your Shop Hillsborough Card at [www.propertytaxcard.com](http://www.propertytaxcard.com) using the ID Number and Pin from the back of your card.

## Hillsborough The Good Life

### Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!



## Department Updates

### Building

Construction season is upon us! Make sure to obtain all prior approvals before submitting permit applications to the Building Department. Once you receive your Construction Permit, it is important to get all of your Inspections. Permits will remain open until all Final Inspections have passed. This is important to remember, especially when selling your home!

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## **Business Advocate**

### ***Registration Now Open for Restaurant Week and Hillsborough Harvest***

Registration for Hillsborough Restaurateurs is now open to participate in the second annual **Hillsborough Restaurant Week** beginning on Tuesday, August 20th running through Sunday, August 25th. Go to [Hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://Hillsboroughbusiness.org) and click on Restaurant Week to register.

Calling all Hillsborough Farmers! Hillsborough Township has created **Hillsborough Harvest**, a campaign promoting the value of Hillsborough farms and local products. Participating farms will be featured on the Hillsborough Harvest page on [Hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://Hillsboroughbusiness.org) where they can advertise their local products and events for free. Please contact David Kois, Business Advocate / Sustainability Director at (908) 369-4313, Ext 7106 or [dkois@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:dkois@hillsborough-nj.org) to participate.

## **Hillsborough Township Launches New Online Tool to Support Local Business Growth**

### ***New Online Assistant will Allow Entrepreneurs, Businesses and Investors Access to Critical Market Research and Guidance in One Easy Location***

Hillsborough Township is pleased to team with award-winning technology firm Localintel to launch the Hillsborough Business & Investment Assistant that will provide businesses, entrepreneurs and investors with online information and advice in an easy to use format in both English and Spanish.

Visit the Hillsborough [Business & Investment Assistant](#).

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## **Engineering**

If you live in a new development you know there is construction activity around you. New developments are nice but along with the new home is construction equipment, materials, dust noise, mud, etc.

The Engineering Department makes every effort to keep this construction activity away from the occupied homes, but new home construction does have all the nuisance activities as listed.

The Township ordinances require construction activity be limited from 7am to 7pm Monday through Saturday. There should be no construction activity on Sundays except for private homeowners.

If any resident sees construction activity past these hours they should bring it to the attention of the Engineering Department or the Police Department.

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## **Finance**

The 2018-2019 Shop Hillsborough credits have been applied to the 3rd quarter property taxes. This year, there were 520 properties that received these credits for a total of \$12,258.91. Property owners will see their credit when the 3rd quarter tax bills are mailed in early July.

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## **Health**

### ***Measles Update***

Over 800 people in 23 states have been affected by measles this year. Most of those cases have been in the New York metro area, in very close proximity to Hillsborough. In order to prevent the spread of measles, and to protect our vulnerable population, anyone who is exposed to measles may be quarantined for several weeks if they do not have proof of vaccination or immunity.

Please be ready. Have your vaccination records handy. If you don't know whether or not you were vaccinated, or if you have immunity from having the disease, please talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated, boosted, or having a blood test to prove immunity. The vaccination has been studied thoroughly for many years, and it is over 90% effective



( 2 vaccines are 97% effective). Please help to protect yourself and your community. Be ready.

For more details about measles, please see the NJ Department of Health website: [www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/measles.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/measles.shtml).

## ***Dog Licenses***

Reminder to Hillsborough Township residents who own dogs: Please be advised that dog licensing is required by NJ law and by local ordinance. Hillsborough requires annual dog license registration. We will continue to conduct a canvass for unlicensed dogs. Please license your dogs immediately for 2019, and avoid a fine. See the website and go to "How do I?" or go to "Animal Alley" under the Health Department.

## **OEM**

### ***Hurricane Season is Upon Us***

June 1st marks the beginning of Hurricane Season and although New Jersey isn't overly susceptible to direct paths of hurricanes, preparedness is always key. Visit the OEM website for tips to prepare for hurricane season.

Download this [Hurricane Safety Checklist](#) from the Red Cross.

### ***Flood water and Flash Floods - Reminder to residents - Turn Around - Don't Drown***

Remember:

- DO NOT drive onto a flooded roadway
- DO NOT go around barriers
- DO NOT drive through flowing water. If you approach a roadway that is flooded, TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.
- Drive with extreme caution if roads are even just wet or it is raining. You can lose control of your vehicle if hydroplaning occurs, which is when a layer of water builds up between your tires and the road, causing there to be no direct contact between your vehicle and the road.

## **Are You Register Ready?**

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management offers a free, confidential registry designed to help emergency responders locate and safely evacuate those with special needs in the event of a major disaster. If you, or someone you know, finds it difficult to get to safety during an emergency because of a physical or cognitive limitation, language barrier or lack of transportation, visit [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov) and register today!



## **Police**

### ***Social Security Administration Scam***

Scam artists go to great lengths in an attempt to obtain your personal information. Below is a link from the Social Security Administration regarding one of the current scams:

<https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-releases/may17-advisory>

Never provide your contact information to the caller. Ask for a call back number. Do not automatically enter your information into the key pad. Only provide such information on a call that you initiate with the respective agency.

To report a possible Social Security scam, visit the website below:  
<https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness>

### ***Never leave a child unattended in a car***

Never leave a child unattended in a car. Not even for a minute. Always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them. Warn your children about playing in and around cars.

Left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, a child is in danger of:

- Abduction.
- Injury.
- Dehydration.
- Death.

If reported to the Police you will be referred to the Department of Child Protection and Permanency and may face criminal charges.

## **Public Works**

The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that the rainy weather has some of the basin and roadside mowing behind schedule. Thank you for your patience as we are closer to catching up with these tasks.

Public Works managers were out meeting with Branchburg Township DPW officials this past week regarding the upcoming high performance chipseal road surface treatment program. Branchburg is having their program begin now and it has been a help to have good neighbors as they offer their advice on how to make the program as successful as it can be.

Preparations for Hillsborough's surface treatment program will begin within the next month.

## **Recreation**

### ***Community Connections***

The Recreation Department is excited to announce a new program. Children currently in grades first through eighth can travel to Legend Equestrian in Hillsborough each day to learn about HORSES! Learn about safety on and around horses, barn management, basic anatomy, different horse breeds, grooming, saddle types, tack and harness, and different styles of riding. Practice horsemanship basics and learn about hippo-therapy, an exciting branch of physical therapy. Participants will also enjoy all the other camp activities like a variety of games, arts and crafts. More details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website [hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://hillsboroughnjrecreation.org) under the Summer Sports Camp page.

Attention Hillsborough Residents 60 & Over. Looking for something fun to do this summer, look no further!

Come join some of Hillsborough's most youthful residents in a fun filled week of activities and trips at the 2019 J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) camp.



During the week of July 22-25 join us for a light breakfast followed by activities each day such as bocce tournaments, barbecues, movies and much more! Registration begins on Friday, June 14th and can be done at the Recreation Office.

## **Social Services**

### **Christmas In July**

Take a break from the heat, and join us as we celebrate a fun filled day in the spirit of the Holidays. Bridgeway Senior Healthcare will be hosting our first Christmas in July with lunch, games and presents. Free admission, but you must register no later than July 8 in the Social Services Office.

## Municipal Alliance

FREE Police Youth Week program from **July 15 - 19, 2019** for Somerset County high school students. Please see the attached flyer.



## Library

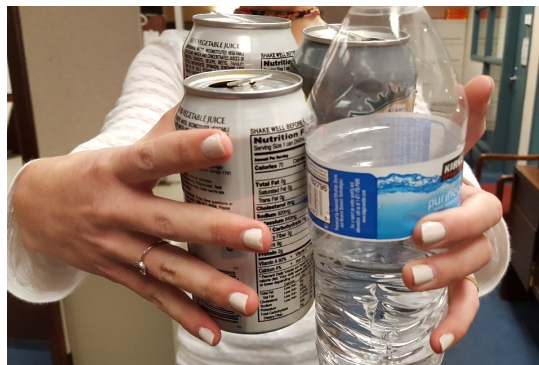
**Take the Summer Reading Challenge - Somerset County Libraries and Businesses Partner to Promote Literacy County-Wide**

**Friends of the Library Summer Blowout Book Sale Going On Now!**

## News You Can Use

### **DEP Launches Social Media Campaign to Remind Public About Importance of Keeping Contaminants Out of Recycling Stream**

The Department of Environmental Protection is encouraging local governments and other organizations to use social media to remind the public about the importance of keeping New Jersey's recycling stream free of non-recyclable items.



## **Hackensack Meridian *Health* Carrier Clinic Hosts June Events**

### **Webinar: Gardening as Therapy For the Body and Mind**

Hackensack Meridian *Health* Carrier Clinic will host a free ready-for-summer webinar at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, hosted by Laura DePrado, a registered horticultural therapist at Carrier Clinic and owner of Final Touch Plantscaping, LLC, in Branchburg, and Lori Jenssen, executive director of the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, headquartered in Bordentown. To register go to <https://carrierclinic.org/webinars>.

### **Open Interview Day**

Hackensack Meridian *Health* Carrier Clinic will host an Open Interview Day on Monday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in its main campus gym at 252 County Road 601 in Belle Mead. A wide variety of roles in patient care and support services are available including positions for residential counselors, mental health technicians, and nurses. Contact Carrier Clinic at 908-281-1745 for more information.

## Important Dates



June 27th

Planning Board Business Meeting

7:30 pm

July 9th

Township Committee Meeting

7:30 pm

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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

### 5th International Day of Yoga

June 22nd

Registration starts 8:45am

Yoga Class starts 9:30am

Dev-Yoga

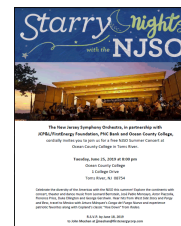


### Starry Nights with the NJ Symphony Orchestra

June 25th

8pm

Ocean County College



### Blood Drive

June 26th

12:30 pm - 6 pm

Bridgeway Senior Healthcare

### Horseback Riding Camps

Beginning July 8th

Register at [hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://hillsboroughnjrecreation.org)

### Hillsborough Community Night at the Patriots

July 13

TD Bank Ballpark, Somerset, NJ

### Wildlife Explorers Summer STEAM Program

July 15-26

Duke Farms

### Hillsborough Rotary Fair

August 13-17

## Somerset County News

[Watch for Those Orange Curbing Hunger Bags It's the 25th Annual Food Drive, Donate and Help Kick Hunger to the Curb](#)

[Senior Wellness Center to Offer Free Fall-Prevention Workshop](#)

[Senior Centers Announce July Activities](#)

[Local Arts Program Grant Workshop](#)

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
Tuesdays until 7pm

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