

HILLSBOROUGH

e-News



All COVID-19 resources and case information is updated on the **Township COVID-19 page** daily, Monday through Friday.

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

April is National Donate Life Month

Realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003 to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national efort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation.



April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States with one in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffering from alcohol abuse or dependence. An estimated 90,000 people die each year from excessive use of alcohol such as: drinking and driving crashes, falls, fires, alcohol - related homicides and suicides and other accidents.



April is Autism Awareness Month

Autism is a Pervasive Developmental Disorder that manifests itself and affects the social, learning, and behavioral skills of those affected by it. In fact, Autism is currently estimated to affect 1 in 54 children nationally, with rates being highest in New Jersey where the diagnosis rate for a child with an Autism



Spectrum Disorder has increased to 1 in 32 and currently affects more boys than girls.

HTPD is Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Medicine

The Hillsborough Township Police Department, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will once again participate in National Prescription Take Back Day on Saturday. April 24th from 10am 2pm. Interested parties should bring pills for disposal to the Hillsborough Township Police Department The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills and patches.



Hillsborough Township Announces "History of Hillsborough Diorama Contest

Hillsborough Township is 250 years old! This is a time to celebrate the history and progress of the community. With that in mind, the municipality will be hosting a variety of commemorative activities and events throughout the year, including a "History of Hillsborough" diorama contest. All residents, businesses, community groups, classrooms, clubs and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate.



Free Tree Seedling Distribution on April 24th

6" - 24" high bare root tree seedlings will be available on a first come, first served basis and come with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant the trees.

Quantities are limited and pre-registration on Community Pass is required. Residents are asked to complete and return an Impact Story Interview as part of their participation in the program.

Read more about the <u>New Jersey Tree</u> <u>Recovery Campaign</u>.



April 24th, 8am -12pm Ann Van Middlesworth Park 570 Pleasant View Road

Register Now

Save the Date: Veteran's Drive
Thru Breakfast & Memorial Day
Parade

Each year the Hillsborough community comes together to honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans during the Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast, Memorial Day Parade and Garden of Honor Commemoration Program.

Because of COVID concerns, Veterans will be honored with a catered drive-thru breakfast this year. The Salute to Veterans Drive-Thru breakfast will be followed by a parade to commemorate Memorial Day and Hillsborough's 250th anniversary, ending the morning with a ceremony for Township veterans in the Garden of Honor.



Earth Day Community Clean Up Saturday, April 24th

Attention Litter Heroes!! We are only a month away from our first live event of the year. Volunteer today and celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up our community.

Please help us spread the word by sharing and promoting on your page.



Register Now

Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

The Hillsborough / Millstone Municipal Alliance for substance use awareness and prevention sponsors the Adopt A Highway clean up!! Look for our signs on Route 206.

Volunteers are needed (over 18 years old, please) and will clean both sides of HWY 206 between New Amwell and Homestead Rd. Volunteers are asked to wear masks and socially distance from other volunteers.

Questions?

Please email <u>boroaware@gmail.com</u> Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:30 AM start meet at Starbucks parking lot. RAIN DATE Sunday, April 25, 2021.

Volunteers please meet at 9:30 AM at the Starbucks Hillsborough parking lot. Thanks for your support!

If this is your first time volunteering with Adopt A Highway, <u>please watch this 7</u> minute safety video.



HILLSBOROUGH PLEDGES WATER CONSERVATION



16.1 M gallons of water pledged to be saved by Hillsborough citizens.



Simply pledge to reduce your water waste and contribute to your community and a chance to win prizes.

In 2020...

Hillsborough placed first in New Jersey in the 30,000 to 99,000 population category Hillsborough finished 12th

nationwide in the challenge

Grand Prize: FREE Utilities For A Year



100 Reusable Petal Aluminum Hand Soap Bottles



Gift Cards to HOBIE SURF SHOP & Home Improvement Stores



\$119,810 saved in consumer costs

36,157
single-use plastic bottles

438,000 pounds of landfill waste reduced

Support Hillsborough in the 2021 Challenge by taking your pledge at mywaterpledge.com

Daily Prizes and Bonus Awards

Learn more: sustainablehillsborough.com

50 Landscape Timer &

Take the Challenge!

Wyland Foundation's National Mayor's Challenge is designed to create awareness, promote resource resiliency, protect our watersheds and ecosystems, save on costs for consumers, and save on infrastructure and operating costs for cities. The challenge is a non-profit community service campaign presented by the Wyland Foundation. Hillsborough joins the challenge for the 3rd consecutive year.

COVID-19 Vaccine Infomation

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

Who is eligible for vaccination in New Jersey? Who is included in the vaccination phases?



Register online via the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System. If you do not have a computer, call the COVID Vaccine Hotline at 855-568-0545.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit: https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine

A listing of clinics can be found on this site: https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipient

Hillsborough Township Social Services Department: 908-369-3880

Assistance is available for Hillsborough Senior Citizens who are unable to register for the Covid vaccine because they do not have a computer. Transportation to and from vaccine appointments is also available.

Somerset County COVID Hotline: (908) 231-7155

NJ Senior COVID Hotline (75 plus): 856-249-7007

Providing scheduling support, predominantly through dedicated appointments, to ensure 75+ seniors are able to access appointments

Somerset County Office on Aging: 908-704-6346

Covid Connect Helpline: 833-223-0011

For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

The New Jersey Covid Vaccine Info Facebook Page

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available

Covid Connect Health Line

Listen to the Latest Podcast Episodes from Hillsborough Township

Episode 10 - An Interview with the Township Administrator

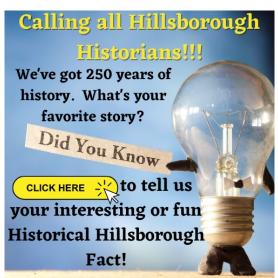
Anthony Ferrera discusses his role as Township Administrator, his experience as Mayor, and his 16 years of service to Hillsborough Township.



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More News from Hillsborough Township

- Disc Golf Course Opens at Willow Road Complex
- Hillsborough is a "Healthy Town to Watch"
- Save The Date: Veteran's Drive Thru Breakfast & Memorial Day Festivities
- Hillsborough Township Satisfaction Survey
- Please Have Your Ticket/Complaint Number Handy
- April is National Financial Literacy Month
- Homestead Rebate Applied to 3rd Quarter
- Phase 2 of Willow Road Repaving Begins
- Email Notifications for Permit Requests
- Spring Programs Underway
- Join Us for a Special Screening of "Angst"
- Take the Wyland Water Pledge.
- Hillsborough Township Police
 Department is Taking Back
 Unwanted Prescription Drugs on April 24th
- Residents Are Reminded to Lock Their Cars
- Spring Soccer Scrimmage Registration is OPEN!
- Register today for our Summer Sports Clinics
- Hillsborough Township Parks and Recreation Department Receives Three NJRPA Awards
- FEMA Funeral Assistance for COVID Deaths
- Non-Residential Point of Contact
- Hillsborough Township Announces "History of Hillsborough" Diorama Contest







<u>Visit the Stigma Free Page on the Hillsborough Township website for information on the following programs.</u>

The New Jersey Hope and Healing Forum

Thursdays, 10 a.m., April 22, May 27, 2021

A 45-Minute Zoom Featuring New Jersey Hope and Healing Emotional Support Services

Register Now

The COVID Blues

Available Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., April 22, May 27 A 45-Minute Zoom Featuring a Thought-Provoking Presentation and Discussion Register Now

Penelope the Powerful Parrot

May 12 6:30 pm

An interactive experience for children and adults to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic throught eh use of storytelling, movement and song Register Now

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This training is for: teachers, school staff, coaches, camp counselors, youth group leaders, parents and anyone who work with youth.

Register Now

Screening of the Documentary: Angst, Raising Awareness around Anxiety On top of academic and social stress, the uncertainty and fears of this past pandemic year have brought all of us a lot more anxiety than before. Angst helps break this down, explaining what's going on, and what we can do about it to help both ourselves and others. It features World Champion Swimmer Michael Phelps, experts in the field, and regular teenagers. Register Now

Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Electrical System



When your home's exterior electrical system is damaged, it's important to understand which components are our responsibility and which are yours.

Review this guide from JCP&L to understand who own what.

Community Fundraisers

<u>Visit the Community Fundraiser page on the Hillsborough Township Website</u>

Show Your Talent Hillsborough!

Calling all Hillsborough students, residents, teachers, staff, business owners, and more. Ages 0-100 are welcome!

Take part by submitting a video of your hidden talent. Singers, bands, jugglers, comedians, plate spinners, poets and performers of stupid human tricks are encouraged to participate.

Sponsored by:

Hillsborough/ Millstone Municipal Alliance/ BoroSAFE/ Hillsborough Stigma Free/HEA PRIDE/ Hillsborough Township Committee/ Hillsborough BOE

View Flyer or FAQs for more information



Support Christian Armento's Eagle Scout Project

Seniors need YOUR help!

Items needed

- Playing Cards
- Memory games
- Words search books
- Crossword puzzles
- Adult coloring books
- Coloring pencils
- Puzzles(24-500 pieces)
- Wooden puzzles
- Hexagon puzzles
- Pattern Block puzzles
- Peg games(Solitaire, golf, tic tac, toe)
- No stress chess, Trivia or similar game
- Dominoes, Triominoes
- New or gently used books
- Any gift card or monetary donations would be used to purchase the above items



Places you can drop off donations

- 8 Carroll Drive, Hillsborough, NJ
- Hillsborough Municipal Building (Library hallway)

Beneficiaries

- Foothill Acres
- All American Assisted Living
- Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center
- Brookdale Senior Living

Support Hillsborough High School's Project Graduation

Order Lawn Signs by April 30





Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Electrical Inspector Full Time
- Part Time Building Maintenance Person new
- Part Time IT Assistant
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an employment application, cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

April 14, 2021

12:00 pm Webinar: Your Caregiver Relationship Contract6:30 pmPenelope the Powerful Parrot

April 15, 2021

7:30 pm Historic Preservation Commission

April 16, 2021

2:00 pm Webinar: Do You Know Your Loved One's Wishes?

April 19, 2021

6:30 pm Youth Services Commission

April 20, 2021

7:00 pm Webinar: Do You Know Your Loved One's Wishes?

April 21, 2021

12:00 pm Webinar: Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers

April 22, 2021

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee

7:00 pm Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety

7:30 pm Planning Board Business Mtg

April 23, 2021

Hillsborough's Hidden Talents Livestreamed Fundraising Event

April 24, 2021

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8:00 am - 12:00 pmTree Seedling Distribution

8:00 am - 9:00 am Earth Day Litter Clean Up

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Operation Secure Shred

April 26, 2021

6:30 pm Sign Review Committee 7:00 pm Environmental Commission

April 27, 2021

7:30 pmTownship Committee Meeting

Visit the **Township Calendar** for all Meetings and Events



Somerset County Library System News and Events



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event to Be Held in Warren

The event will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join a Free Zoom Meet & Greet with the County Clerk

The event will be held on Thursday, April 15, at noon.

Somerset County Suspends J&J Vaccinations Following CDC/FDA Guidance Regarding "Extremely Rare" Reactions

Following the recommendation of the CDC and FDA to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) one-shot COVID vaccine due to an "extremely rare" complication, the Somerset County Department of Health (SCDoH) is suspending its use.

Somerset County's Hope & Healing to Present Free Virtual Programs for Children The event will occur on April 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., via Zoom.

Office on Aging & Disability Services to Offer Zoom Exercise Classes for Seniors Classes begin May 3.

Somerset County Park Commission Launches Lord Stirling Stable Public Survey

The Somerset County Park Commission's Lord Stirling Stable Advisory Group is looking for public input about programs and public utilization of the 450-acre stable property as part of developing a strategic plan for reopening the facility following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit the **Somerset County Website** for all news articles

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

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