

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.

Art Contest Winners Recognized by Township Committee

The Hillsborough Education BORO PRIDE project recently sponsored a Postcards for Kids art contest. The artwork, embodying the theme "We are All in This Together," was reviewed by Board of Education members, administrators, Assemblyman Roy Frieman, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Sunnyside Gifts owners Shannon and Dave Winters, School Superintendent Dr. Lisa Antunes, BOE President Jean Trujillo and the HEA Pride Committee.

Close to 200 students from Auten Road School, Hillsborough Middle School and Hillsborough High School submitted entries with one winner selected from each school. The winners each received a gift card and their artwork was reproduced on postcards distributed to elementary school staff to be used to acknowledge the good work of students



Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani with winners Jessica Hermann and Akshaya Suresh-Kumar and BOE representatives.

The grand prize winner, <u>Jessica Hermann</u>, will have her artwork displayed on a billboard in town. Other winners were <u>Jeremy Csobor-Bray</u>, a seventh grader at Hillsborough Middle School and <u>Akshaya Suresh-Kumar</u>, a fifth grader at Auten Road Intermediate School.

National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Mayor Shawn Lipani joined Bridgeway Senior Care of Hillsborough in honoring its heroes, the nurses and certified nurse's assistants, during national Skilled Nursing Care Week May 9-15, 2021.



Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani with Bridgeway's Heroes

New Podcast Just Released

This month's podcast features an interview with Hillsborough's Assistant Township Engineer, Tom Belanger. Tom offers an explanation of the Engineering Department and how they can help residents with home improvement projects including driveways and home additions. Tom and Paul also discuss the current housing market and Tom's passion for engineering and construction - both at work and at home. Listen in Sounder or iTunes

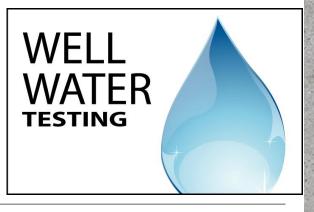


Hillsborough is Hosting a Well Water Testing Event

MAY 22, 2021 from 2 - 5 pm at the Hillsborough Municipal Complex.

Any resident who would like to have their well water tested may purchase a test kit at a discounted rate at this event. Representatives will be on site to answer any question you may have regarding your well water.

More Information





Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Clerk in the Finance Office
- Part Time Electrical Inspector
- Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer
- Part Time Violations Clerk (Temporary)
- Electrical Subcode Official
- Building Inspector Part Time
- Part Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part Time IT Assistant

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

National Public Works Week is May 16 through the 22nd

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 30,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to promote the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve

everyday quality of life. We ask you to please visit the township website and click on the Public Works link to see the programs and services we offer.



More News from Hillsborough Township

- Primary Ballot Drop Box is Now Open
- Get Paid for Energy-Efficiency Upgrades to Your Business Before it's Too Late
- Shop Hillsborough Tax Credit
- Options for Virtual Court Appearance
- Salute to Military Breakfast
- Public Works Week
- Sustainable Tip of the Week: Cut It & Leave It
- COVID Vaccination Survey
- HTPD Warns of Statewide Bail Scams
- Updated Senior Transportation Information
- Flood Insurance Information From FEMA
- Requirements for Commercial/Public Pools

Visit the News & Media page and individual department pages on the Township website for all updates

Re-Opening of Schools - September 2021

Dr. Lisa M. Antunes, Superintendent of Schools, during a Q&A session prior to the May 10 Board of Education meeting, shared that the district is looking forward to a full reopening of schools in September 2021. This news is exciting for everyone ~ students, parents and staff. The re-opening is barring any unexpected changes that may occur requiring the district to change direction. As of now, we do not expect anything to change our plans for a full reopening.

We would like to remind parents of incoming kindergartners, as well as families that may have withdrawn their children during the school year and plan on returning in September, that registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Early registration provides a smooth transition for students in many areas including classroom placement, transportation, before and after school cares, etc. Below are links from the <u>district website</u> that you may find helpful when completing the enrollment process.

Registration

School Hours of Elementary Schools

Transportation Department

District Contact Information

Children at Play Program (for kindergarteners)

Before and After School Programs

Hillsborough Township



is Celebrating 250 Years

Be a part of the big anniversary celebration!

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



Show Your Hillsborough Pride

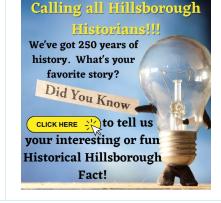
Complimentary commemorative magnets are available for all residents. If you haven't yet picked up yours, stop by the Municipal Building and request yours.

Additionally, limitededition commemorative merchandise is available for purchase on the Recreation Department website. Mugs are only \$5 each!



How well do you know Hillsborough? Take the quiz and see how you score.

Take the Quiz



COVID-19 Infomation

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

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

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

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available

Covid Connect Health Line

COVID Vaccination Survey

In an effort to better determine the needs of our community, the Health Department is asking for your assistance in providing valuable information with regards to you Covid-19 vaccination. The information you provide will be kept confidential. It will assist the Health Department in planning how best to provide vaccinations for those still waiting for appointments and those that are unable to visit vaccine sites. Please take a few





minutes to assist us in gathering the needed information.

Take the Survey

Utility Bill Assistance Forum - June 3rd

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our residents have struggled to pay their utility bills. The State's moratorium on utility shut-offs currently expires on June 30, 2021, however, several utility assistance programs are available to provide residents the financial relief they need.

The Board of Public Utilities will be holding a free & virtual forum on June 3rd at 11am to walk through some of these programs. Those who are interested can register by email at AsmZwicker@njleg.org or 732-823-1684. A Zoom link will follow registration. Register by June 1st.

Firefighters Support Girl Scout Cookie Distribution Day 2021

Girl Scouts in Hillsborough sold more than 32,000 boxes of cookies to hungry customers in town and around the country. In addition, over 4,700 boxes were donated to military personnel through Operation Jersey Cares. Read More



Girl Scouts Ashley and Isabelle Tomenchok show thanks by presenting a gift of Girl Scout cookies to the members of Firehouse No.2

Community Fundraisers

Visit the Community Fundraiser page on the Hillsborough Township Website

Support Hillsborough High School's Project Graduation



- Donate Gift Cards
- Purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards
- Card Your Yard



Eagle Scout Project Support

Help Drew Macias, a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1776, raise funds for his Eagle Scout project "A StoryWalk at Woodfield Park".



Available First-Aid kits include: sports kit, home kit, auto and ultimate survival kit.

Order Now

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

May 20, 2021

7:00 pm Wildlife Management Commission

7:30 pm [Cancelled] Historic Preservation Commission

May 22, 2021

Fit Challenge Event benefiting GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Well Water Testing Event

May 24, 2021

6:30 pm [Cancelled] Sign Review Committee

7:00 pm Environmental Commission

May 25, 2021

5:00 pm MUA Meeting

7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

May 27, 2021

7:30 pm [Cancelled] Planning Board Business Mtg

May 31, 2021

Municipal Offices Closed

June 1, 2021

6:30 pm Economic and Business Development Commission

7:30 pm Board of Health

June 2, 2021

2:00 pm Webinar: Nutrition for Cancer Prevention

7:00 pm Board of Adjustment

7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Commission

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:

Youth Leadership Somerset Celebrates 20th Graduation

There's still time for students, grades nine through 12, to apply to for the Youth Leadership Somerset

County Reschedules Free Document Shredding Event, New Date May 22

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

County Park Commission Offers Virtual Group Education Programs All Year

Group outreach programs are presented by expert naturalists and environmentalists

Somerset County to Hold 12 Vax Clinics Next Week, Including First School Pfizer Clinic for Minors

Somerset County is hosting a dozen vaccination clinics next week to continue moving the county toward its goal of exceeding 70 percent of adults vaccinated by Independence Day.

Somerset County Colonial Park Paddle Boats and Putting Course Now Open

Visit the park for paddle boating, putting, picnics and more.

County to Provide Free COVID-19 Testing at Mobile Site in Somerset, May 15

The testing site is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

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