



# HILLSBOROUGH

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# e-News

## COVID-19 Updates

### Bellemara Distillery Ribbon Cutting

On January 21st, Mayor Shawn Lipani attended the ribbon-cutting for the opening of Somerset County's first distillery.

Bellemara is currently distilling "grain to glass" single malt gin and single malt spirit. All equipment used on-site in the distillery process was specially designed and made for Bellemara, including two copper pot stills made in and shipped from Italy.



Bellemara is located at 2 Clerico Lane at Carriage Farms, to learn more, [please visit their website](#).

**Pictured L to R: Jim Albright, Business Advocate David Kois, Clarence Burshnic of Burshnic Builders, EBDC Chairman Gregg Wilke, EBDC Vice-Chairman Chuck Ruggieri, Committeeman Steve Cohen, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Bellemara Distillery co-owner Camden Winkelstein, Carriage Farm co-owner Sue Clerico, co-owner and marketing manager Christina Lee, tasting room manager Russell Aagenes, EBDC member Antoinette Natale, EBDC member Jeremy Lees, Greg Loboda of Carriage Farm, and Carriage Farm co-owner Ed Clerico.**

### Top Firefighters Honored

At the January 25th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented Hillsborough's Top 10 Firefighters from each company with a proclamation honoring their bravery and commitment.



[Click here to read the proclamation](#)

### How Not to Plow Your Driveway

This is a reminder to Hillsborough Township residents not to plow snow into the roadway.

[Click here to read Ordinance 143-21](#)



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## Property Tax Payment Options

First-quarter 2022 taxes are due on February 1st. Residents can save time by [paying online](#). Residents can also pay in person at the finance office, or leave a check in one of two secure mailboxes, located on the wall outside the Finance Department or the entrance to the Police Department.



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## Somerset County Update: Rock Brook Bridge

Construction on the Rock Brook Bridge near Longhill / Wertsville Roads is on hold because during Tropical Storm Ida, there was substantial damage to the bridge while it was under construction. The damage requires a major change in the scope of work on the bridge and DEP requires updated permits. The County is redoing the plans and submitting to DEP for re-approval. The County anticipates the plans will be completed and re-approved in the next month or so. There is a lot of concrete and stonework at this bridge and they do not see construction starting up until the spring due to cold weather.



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## Rotary Club Fundraiser

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but a box of fruit purchased from the [Rotary Club of Hillsborough](#) will help fund multiple community service programs all year! That's the goal of the recently announced fundraising effort launched by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough in partnership with Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit, a premier purveyor of fresh fruit with the nation's largest selection of fresh fruit for fundraising.



[Click here for more information](#)

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## Louis Bay Scholarship

Hillsborough Township is once again taking part in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay II, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. Hillsborough juniors and seniors have the opportunity to participate in this scholarship competition.



[Click here to read the press release](#)

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## DEP Shares Steps to Reduce Pollutants When Burning Wood

As New Jersey settles into winter, residents are reminded that basic safety practices can reduce the impacts of burning wood on air quality in their homes and neighborhoods, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette announced today.



[Click here to read the press release](#)

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## More News from Hillsborough Township

- [Covid Vaccine Clinic January 27th](#)
- [Hillsborough Business & Investment Assistant](#)
- [Vaccinate Your Dogs & Cats](#)
- [New Traffic Light at Falcon and Sunnymead Roads](#)
- [Winter Updates from DPW](#)

Visit the [News & Media](#) page and individual department pages on the [Township website](#) for all updates

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**Hillsborough Township currently has the following open position:**

- [Part-Time Office Assistant](#)
- [Part-Time Building Inspector](#)
- [Public Works Worker](#)
- [Registered Environmental Health Inspector](#)

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](mailto:sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org)

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# RECREATION

## 2022 Spring Activities Guide



- Youth Programs
- STEM Programs
- Adult Bocce League
- Tennis & Golf Lessons

Registration is open Monday, January 24

[www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org](http://www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org)



**Public Health**

## Healthy Hillsborough

Updates from the Health Department



# Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic: Ages 5 to adult



**Jan. 27 from 2:30-5:30 PM**

**Hillsborough Municipal Building, 379 S. Branch Rd.**

**Sign up at <https://hillsboroughcovidvax.timetap.com> or call 908-369-5652.**

### **Benefits of getting your kids vaccinated:**

- Protects kids from going to the hospital or having long-lasting COVID-19 symptoms
- Kids no longer need to quarantine when exposed
- Keeps other family members protected

*Children must have a parent or guardian with them.*

### **Boosters will be available for ages 12 and up:**

- If you got your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least 5 months ago
- If you got your J&J vaccine at least 2 months ago

**Bring your vaccine card.  
Pfizer and Moderna boosters  
will be available.**

**Vaccine is free, but please bring your insurance card if you have one.**

Pfizer Vaccine Fact Sheet for Ages 5-11: <https://www.fda.gov/media/153717/download>

Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine Information: [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_vaccination.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml)



**Hillsborough Township  
Health Department**



# Prom Dress Drive

**Donate clean gently used dresses.**

We will also accept hangers.

**All proceeds will go to  
Hillsborough High School  
Class of 2022 Project Graduation.**

**Donations can be dropped off at the  
following Hillsborough locations:**

1003 Washington Common  
40 Burniston Court  
HHS Room 506, Ms. Losch



Thank you for your support.

Email any questions to:  
[HHSRaiderPG@gmail.com](mailto:HHSRaiderPG@gmail.com)

501c3 organization



\*Prom Dress Sale 2/20/22 -details to follow.

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# Litter Did You Know

Who Will be **Impacted** by New Jersey's May 4, 2022 Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags?

## These Businesses and All Patrons of New Jersey:

restaurants

delis

cafes

coffee shops

convenience stores

food trucks

movie theaters

business/institutional/government cafeterias

pharmacies\*

liquor, drug, retail and

grocery stores\*\*

and

these entities' owners

and/or leaders

Be **AWARE** and **PREPARED** with your own **REUSABLE** bags and **RECYCLE** your one-time use bags!

\* A pharmacy qualifies as a Store and may not provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags to customers, unless the plastic carryout bag is used to carry prescription drugs. Pharmacies are permitted to sell or provide single use paper carryout bags. <https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faqs>

\*\* A "Grocery Store" is a self-service retail establishment that occupies at least 2,500 square feet. Source: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faqs>

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**PSEG**  
Foundation



Mayors Wellness Campaign  
Put your community in motion.



Christian Nurturing Center Preschool

# Open House

**Saturday, January 29th, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.**

**715 Amwell Rd, Hillsborough NJ 08844**

**2.5-5 Years \* Community \* Flexible Class Offerings**

**Meet Our Teachers \* Tour Our Classrooms**

**Enrollment forms for September 2022 will be available!**

**For more information:**

**[www.christiannurturingcenter.org](http://www.christiannurturingcenter.org)  
[christiannurturingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:christiannurturingcenter@gmail.com)  
908.369.5215**

**Christian Nurturing Center is a  
community mission program  
of Neshanic Reformed Church  
since 1993**

# FREE TAX PREPARATION

## No fees. No gimmicks. No contact. No problem!

United Way of Northern New Jersey and its partners have launched a FREE and SECURE online tax preparation site for low- and moderate-income households. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our **IRS-certified tax preparers** are committed to safely delivering our signature top-notch preparation and filing service to maximize your tax refund.

## Tax Filing Opens February 1, 2022

Visit [uwnnj.org/freetaxprep](http://uwnnj.org/freetaxprep) to access everything you need:

- ✓ Easy-to-use, secure online tax portal
- ✓ Checklist for documents to upload
- ✓ Answers to frequently asked questions
- ✓ Information about common tax credits
- ✓ Access to free self-filing software

## OUR RESULTS

6,000+ returns filed annually

\$6.6 million in tax refunds annually

98% return acceptance rate

7-to-10 day return completion

For questions or if you need additional assistance, email [UnitedWayTaxPrep@UnitedWayNNJ.org](mailto:UnitedWayTaxPrep@UnitedWayNNJ.org) or call 973.993.1160, x521.



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 27, 2022

2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Covid 19 Booster and Pediatric Clinic at Hillsborough Municipal Building

January 31, 2022

6:30 pm Sign Review Committee 2022 Reorganization

February 1, 2022

All Day Property Tax Payment Due

February 2, 2022

7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting

**February 3, 2022**

6:00 pm Open Space Advisory Committee 2022 Reorganization Meeting

7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting

**February 7, 2022**

6:30 pm Economic & Business Development Commission - Regular Meeting

**February 8, 2022**

7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

**February 10, 2022**

7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting

**February 11, 2022**

9:00 am Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting

**February 15, 2022**

6:30 pm Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Commission - Regular Meeting

**February 19, 2022**

6:00 pm Evening of Laughter Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus

**February 21, 2022**

All Day Municipal Offices Closed

9:30 am - 11:30 am MLK Day of Service

**February 22, 2022**

7:30 pm Township 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:*

- Somerset County Names Recipients of 2021 Land Development and Planning Awards
- Somerset County Park Commission to Offer New Outdoor Program "Moonlight Meander"
- Somerset County Park Commission Hosts Children's Art Show 2022 at the Environmental Education Center

Visit the [Somerset County Website](#) for all news articles

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

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