



HILLSBOROUGH

e-News

COVID-19 Updates

Hillsborough Township Unveils Its First Electric Vehicle Charging Station

On August 3rd, Hillsborough Township Mayor Shawn Lipani cut the ribbon on a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station. Located at the Municipal Complex, the charging station was installed thanks to a grant, "It Pay\$ to Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Program", that was awarded to the township in the amount of \$8,000.

[Read the press release.](#)



Pictured: Mayor Lipani with Hillsborough Township Staff.

Hillsborough Announces Fishing Derby Winners

The pond at Ann Van Middlesworth Park was stocked with small and large-mouthed bass, sunfish, and channel catfish last Friday, August 5th, as 70 young anglers lined up at 5:00 p.m. to compete in Hillsborough Township's annual fishing derby.

Coming in first place, with a bass weighing 12.2 ounces, was 8-year-old Angel Nikitczuk. Mayor Shawl Lipani presented Angel with a First Place certificate and Spinning Wheel Fishing Combo. Mayor Lipani also presented 7-year-old Varick Kapor with a Second Place Certificate and Fishing Starter Kit for his 6.4-ounce bass, while Anthony and Grayson Persaud, ages 5 and 3, took home the Third Place prize, a Zebco Combination push-button fishing rod after they teamed up to catch a 4.8-ounce sunfish

[Read the press release.](#)



Pictured: Mayor Lipani with Angel Nikitczuk, Varick Kapor, and Anthony and Grayson Persaud.

Hillsborough Honors Purple Heart Recipients

Hillsborough's Purple Heart recipients were honored in a ceremony in the Garden of Honor on Sunday, August 7th.

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Lipani, Committeeman Robert Britting, Assemblyman Roy Frieman, and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Pictured: Committeeman Robert Britting and sons, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Assemblyman Roy Frieman, and members of the 27th Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

Hillsborough Township Selected by City Health Dashboard's "Put Us On the Map Challenge"

Hillsborough Township was one of 29 winners chosen by City Health Dashboard in their "Put us on the Map Challenge", a national database that reports on more than 26 metrics and drivers of health and wellness.



[Read the press release.](#)

Hillsborough Accepting Grant Applications

The Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee is now accepting grant applications for the fall. [Applications](#) are available on the Township website or can be picked up in the Administration Office for any Township-based non-profit, senior or youth organizations to apply for grants up to \$2,000, which are funded through the Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Administration Office by Friday, September 30th.

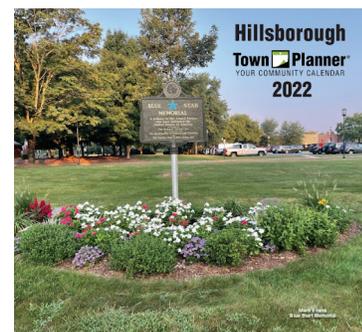
[Read the press release.](#)



Pictured: Hillsborough Rockettes and Rocket receive a grant funded by the Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program.

Last Call for 2023 Calendar Photos!

We are wrapping up the work on Hillsborough's 2023 calendar and are seeking a few more scenic and seasonal photos from around town to be included. Send your high-resolution images, along with a photo release form, to the Township Clerk at pborek@hillsborough-nj.org. Each photo must be saved with the photographer's first and last name and the location of the photo. The [photo release form](#) can be found on the Township website.





July 26th Edition



2022 Scarecrow Festival

Join us this Fall as we host our 2nd annual Scarecrow Festival! During the month of October, scarecrows will once again grace the grassy knoll & winding pathway beside the Rain Garden at the Municipal Complex. Some will be inspired by famous characters, some will be humorous, some might even scare you– but all of them will be carefully handmade and contributed by Hillsborough Twp. Residents, Businesses, Youth Groups & Organizations!



Registration online:

<https://forms.gle/pjmLQ6Mwm9sus4gs9>

Inspiration for your creation:

Traditional—Pay homage to the scarecrows that have been “scaring crows” from farmers’ fields for centuries in this category. Utilize old cloth, straw, and natural supplies.

Thrills & Chills—“It’s Alive!” Create a scarecrow that scares. Ideas: You’re only limited by your darkest nightmares.

Fantasy-Mythical Creatures—the possibilities are endless!

Upcycled—Repurpose and reimagine found objects into a scarecrow that is more than its parts.

Character—Create a scarecrow interpretation of your favorite book, tv or movie character: human, animal or animated!
Ideas: Historical figure, Disney character, Superhero, or Villain

Please direct any questions to Erica via email
lenzoe@hillsboroughpd.org

Crows on Display
October 2nd -30th

Registration open
to Hillsborough
Residents

Businesses
Organizations &
Youth Groups

Voting & Prizes!

Vote 10/3 – 10/23

Use the QR code
to register now!



Registration ends
on September 18th

Hillsborough Township

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Hillsborough, NJ 08844

908-369-4313

www.hillsborough-nj.org

New Jersey Enters Drought Watch

New Jersey Commissioner of Environmental Protection Shawn M. LaTourette issued a statewide drought watch as of August 9, 2022, and the Murphy Administration is urging residents and businesses to conserve water as persistent dry and hot conditions continue to stress water supplies throughout the state.

[More information](#)

10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	<p>Summertime, means swimming pools, sprinkler jumping, and barbecues surrounding by measured landscape. During the summer months, while water supplies are typically declining, water usage is increasing. In fact, water usage from winter to summer increases by approximately 30%. However, we can all do our part to reduce water usage by following these 10 simple tips.</p>	



See Hillsborough Township's [Ida Resources and Relief](#) page for more information.



Weekly Support Groups

Need Help Finding Your Calm After the Storm?

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery's Hope and Healing Ida Program offers **emotional support services, education, and community-based resources** for individuals and families affected by the aftermath of the Hurricane Ida.

The program aims to assist those impacted by the Ida storm to better **navigate new experiences, mitigate stressors, review options and find strategies to adapt to challenges.** We provide connections to agencies, programs, and other resources in the community.

We are here for you and your families with:

- Emotional Support Services**
- Housing Referrals**
- Food Bank/Pantry Contacts**
- Tools to Improve Wellness**
- Community Connections**

hopeandhealing@rwjb.org
833-795-HOPE (4673)
rwjb.org/hopeandhealing



Monday	10am: Mind-Body Spirit Mindfulness Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 886 8496 2495 Passcode: 332332 6pm: Self-Compassion Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 830 1760 4507 Passcode: 700587
Tuesday	4pm: Resilience Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 810 4658 1003 Passcode: 911820
Wednesday	12pm: Wellness Wednesdays Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 895 9356 9520 Passcode: 572465 7pm: Evening Wind Down: Relax Together Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 846 6073 5466 Passcode: 309083
Thursday	6pm: Resilience Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 827 0523 9842 Passcode: 039781 6pm: Post-COVID Care: Long Haulers Support Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 856 2283 5909 Passcode: 786666
Friday	11am: Happy Hour of Hope & Healing Zoom Link +1 929 205 6099 ID: 873 9993 5481 Passcode: 155725

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery's Hurricane Ida Aftermath Services offer **emotional support, education, and community-based resources** for individuals and families affected by the aftermath of the Hurricane Ida. The program aims to assist those impacted by the Ida storm to better **navigate new experiences, mitigate stressors, review options and find strategies to adapt to challenges.** We provide connections to agencies, programs, and other resources in the community.



Institute for Prevention and Recovery
RWJBarnabas Health

¿Necesita Ayuda para Encontrar Calma Después de la Tormenta?

El programa Hope and Healing Ida del RWJBarnabas Health Instituto de Prevención y Recuperación ofrece **servicios de apoyo emocional, educación y recursos comunitarios** para las personas y familias afectadas por las secuelas del huracán Ida.

El Programa tiene como objetivo el de asistir a aquellos impactados por el huracán Ida para navegar mejor nuevas experiencias, mitigar situaciones estresantes, revisar opciones y encontrar estrategias para adaptarse a desafíos. Brindamos conexiones a agencias, programas y otros recursos en la comunidad.

Estamos aquí para usted y su familia con:

- Servicios de Apoyo Emocional**
- Referidos para Vivienda**
- Banco de Comida/Contactos de Despensa**
- Herramientas Para Mejorar el Bienestar**
- Conexiones en la Comunidad**

hopeandhealing@rwjb.org
833-795-HOPE (4673)
rwjb.org/hopeandhealing



We care about what you think.

Answer this quick survey to let us know how you like to receive Township information so we can serve you better.



Take Survey

<https://forms.gle/q4fA5Z6vR148WYhn7>



HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY



Hillsborough
Township

Department Updates & Other News

Restaurant Week 2022 is Here

Local restaurants are encouraged to sign up for Hillsborough's Fifth Annual Restaurant Week - taking place from September 27t...

Do I Need a Permit? Ask the Fire Marshal

Often times Fire Marshals are asked if a permit is required - below is a short list of instances when a permit is required, h...

Bear Sightings Safety Tips

There have been numerous recent bear sightings. Black bears by nature tend to be

wary of people. However, if you encounter a...

New Traffic Signal Installed at Intersection of Falcon Road and Sunnymead Road

The traffic signal at the intersection of Falcon Road and Sunnymead Road is now installed, but will not be operational until ...

How to Report a Street Light Outage

Street lights in Hillsborough Township are maintained by PSE&G. They can be contacted by going to the PSE&G website ...

Permit Tracking and Inspections Confirmations Available Online

Hillsborough Township uses an online tracking and request system called SDL to offer a convenient way for citiz...

Tips for Making Online Tax Payments

The online tax payment system is available to pay your taxes with a check or credit card and saves residents from mailing a p...

Assessor's Office Currently Performing Farmland Inspections

Please be advised that it is that time of the year in which the staff of the Assessor's office is currently performing farmla...

SCLS and Parks & Recreation Department Host StoryWalk®

As of August 1st the Hillsborough Branch of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey shared its first StoryWalk® adve...

Health Dept. Update - Back to School COVID Vaccination Clinic, Radon Kits, and Lead Poisoning

Just a reminder there will be a Back to School Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic for Ages 5 and up on Thursday, August 18th, 4 to 6...

C.A.N Partners with Foothill Acres for Senior Bingo Program

Hillsborough's Community Assistance Network and Foothill Acres have partnered throughout 2022 to provide a Bingo for Hillsbor...

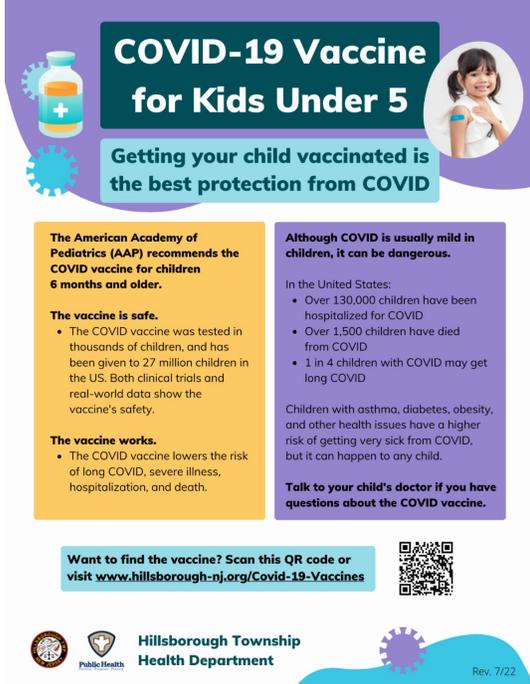
Visit the [News & Media](#) page and individual department pages on the [Township website](#) for all updates



Public Health

Healthy Hillsborough

Updates from the Health Department



COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids Under 5

Getting your child vaccinated is the best protection from COVID

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends the COVID vaccine for children 6 months and older.

The vaccine is safe.

- The COVID vaccine was tested in thousands of children, and has been given to 27 million children in the US. Both clinical trials and real-world data show the vaccine's safety.

The vaccine works.

- The COVID vaccine lowers the risk of long COVID, severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Although COVID is usually mild in children, it can be dangerous.

In the United States:

- Over 130,000 children have been hospitalized for COVID
- Over 1,500 children have died from COVID
- 1 in 4 children with COVID may get long COVID

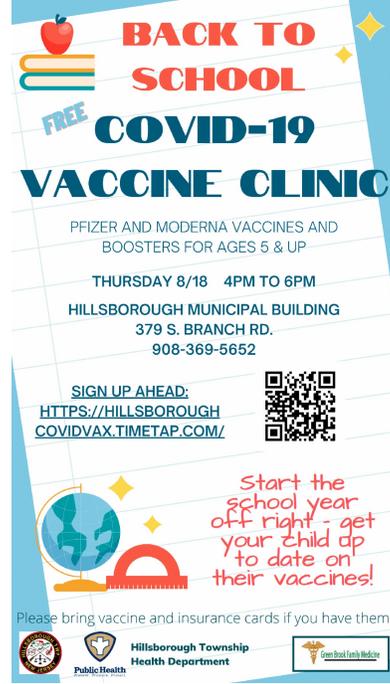
Children with asthma, diabetes, obesity, and other health issues have a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID, but it can happen to any child.

Talk to your child's doctor if you have questions about the COVID vaccine.

Want to find the vaccine? Scan this QR code or visit www.hillsborough-nj.org/COVID-19-Vaccines

Hillsborough Township Health Department

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BACK TO SCHOOL

FREE COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

PFIZER AND MODERNA VACCINES AND BOOSTERS FOR AGES 5 & UP

THURSDAY 8/18 4PM TO 6PM

HILLSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING
379 S. BRANCH RD.
908-369-5652

SIGN UP AHEAD:
[HTTPS://HILLSBOROUGH COVIDVAX.TIMETAP.COM/](https://hillsborough-covidvax.timetap.com/)

Start the school year off right - get your child up to date on their vaccines!

Please bring vaccine and insurance cards if you have them.

Hillsborough Township Health Department

[Español](#)



Hillsborough Township is currently accepting applications online for the following open positions:

- Inclusive Recreation Instructional Assistants
- Bus Driver
- Plumbing Inspector
- Building Inspector
- Part-Time Property Maint/Code Enforcement

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Visit the [Recycling page on the Hillsborough Township website](#) for links to all of the Somerset County Recycling program schedules and information.

- [Somerset County Recycling](#)
- [Electronic Waste Recycling](#)
- [Free Document Shredding](#)

Fun For Twos

FALL 2022
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Stories * Crafts * Circle Time * Games * Songs

- Class specifically designed for 2 year-olds, with Mommy, Daddy or other adult.
- 10 Week Session Starting September 27
- Tuesday Mornings from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
- Program Cost: \$160 (payable with registration)

Register Early! Limited space available!

Visit our website to download registration form!

CHRISTIAN NURTURING CENTER
715 Amwell Rd, Hillsborough
ChristianNurturingCenter@gmail.com
(908) 369-5215
www.ChristianNurturingCenter.org

Aug 16-20, 2022

Tuesday - Thursday 6pm-10pm
Friday - Saturday 6pm-11pm
The field adjacent to Lowe's at the Hillsborough Promenade
315 Route 206 Hillsborough, NJ

NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT

RAIN DATE IS SATURDAY

FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS
Brought to you by Petrock's

GIANT 50/50 CASH RAFFLE
One Winner Saturday Night 10PM

FOOD RIDES GAMES & LOGAL

\$35 Ride-All-Night Wristband Available Every Night!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

IT'S TIME TO TAKE Financial PEACE!

Join the millions who never worry about money!

Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is... your income.

Sign up for this Financial Peace University group today!

Group Link: See other side for link & QR Code Location: St. Joe's Parish Hall
Coordinator: Rich Reabuto & Phil Russo Contact Info: fpu@stjosephparish.com or 516-435-3024
Day/Time: Sundays, 1:30 pm, thru Nov 20. Start Date: September 18, 2022

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Educational Services

Date: August 3, 2022
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Directors of Counseling, Directors of Student Services
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Register By: August 22, 2022

Opportunity for Trauma-Informed and Healing-Centered Supports Training

As part of Governor Murphy's "Strengthening Youth Mental Health" initiative, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (NJDCF), invites district and school leadership to learn about an exciting opportunity for school districts to participate in the 2022-2023 DREAMS Program (Developing Resiliency with Engaging Approaches to Maximize Success). Throughout New Jersey, helping youth and educators manage anxiety and stress has been identified as a high priority need. This program aims to promote healthy and healing school environments and will provide educators with resources and supports to aid in both their job satisfaction and in building classrooms conducive to student learning.

Participating DREAMS districts will:

- Receive training in:
 - The Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA). NHA is a method for creating a supportive and positive school culture that prioritizes the building of healthy relationships, recognizes every student's greatness, and promotes the development of self-regulation strategies for both staff and students.
 - A Trauma Foundational Series.
- Have online access to related resources and training materials.
- Identify two staff members from your school district to become NHA certified trainers.
- Be connected to the NHA Community through an NHA mentor who will aid in the implementation planning of NHA within the school/district.

All school districts are eligible to participate in this program. As a partnership between the NJDOE and NJDCF, this program and all associated trainings and professional development will be at no cost to districts. However, there are a limited number of school district spaces available.

Key steps/actions
In order to be considered for admission into the DREAMS Program, a school or district administrator must participate in an orientation webinar on either August 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or August 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please register for one of the sessions as soon as possible to confirm your interest in participating in the program.

Contact information
Should you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Student Support Services via help@supportschools@doe.nj.gov.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Visit the [Township Calendar](#) for all Meetings and Events

August 12, 2022

9:00 am Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting

August 15, 2022

7:00 pm Environmental Commission

7:00 pm Youth Services Commission

August 16, 2022

6:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 17, 2022

6:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 18, 2022

6:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 19, 2022

6:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 20, 2022
6:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 24, 2022
6:00 pm Municipal Utilities Authority Meeting

August 27, 2022
11:00 am HOPES Back to School Block Party



Somerset County Library System [News](#) and [Events](#)

August Events @ the Hillsborough Library

Artists, writers, job seekers, crafters, readers, and those who like to sew will all find something cool to do at the library.

Walk and Talk

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am

Do something healthy for your body and mind. Meet up with Hillsborough Library staff to walk and talk at Ann Van Middlesworth Park on the corner of Beekman Lane and Amwell Road.. Discuss good books and binge-worthy shows! Registration is required at the [Dept of Parks and Recreation](#).

Historical Fiction Fridays - "Beheld" by TaraShea Nesbit

Friday, August 19: 10:30 am

We will discuss "Beheld" by TaraShea Nesbit. Stop by the library for a copy!

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6191505>

Adult Painting Workshop

Thursday, August 25: 6:00 pm

Explore acrylic painting in this workshop.

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6142037>

Job Search Drop In

Friday, August 26: 10:00 am

Connect with a librarian for help in your job search.

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6142413>



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Senior Centers Offer Virtual and In-Person Programs Throughout August

In-person attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing.

Somerset County 4-H Fair Returns for 74th Year

The free fair will be held Aug. 10 to 12, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Division of Transportation to Hold Public Hearing on Aug. 31

Public input is sought for the 2023 Casino Revenue Grant.

Jersey Job Club Offers Workshops for Career Seekers

The career workshops will be held in August.

Somerset County Seeks Community Organizations to Participate in October Diversity Festival

Interested organizations should apply as soon as possible due to limited space.

Grant Applications are being Accepted for Local Arts Programs

Submissions are due by Thursday, Sept. 15.

Local History Organizations are Invited to Apply for Grant Funding

The deadline for the County History Partnership Program Grant is Thursday, Sept. 15.

The County is Working with State and Federal Agencies to Respond to Monkeypox

Residents at high-risk or who have had close contact are encouraged to contact healthcare providers.

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

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

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