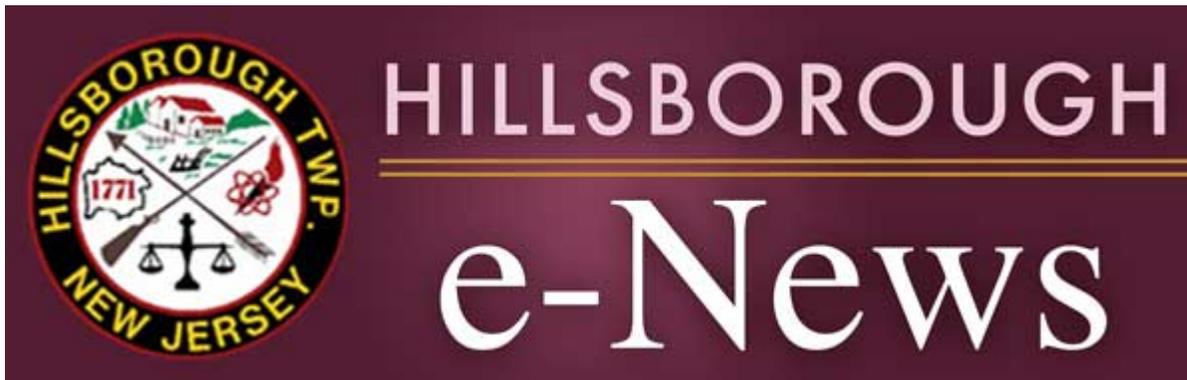


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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Reminder: the Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on January 27th from 10 a.m. until noon. This free clinic is for cats and dogs.

Eagle Scout John Welches Honored With Proclamation

John Welches, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, was recognized at the January 23rd Township Committee Meeting for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout Project, John constructed helmet and shoulder racks for the Jr. Raiders Field Complex. The racks provide organization and storage of hundreds of different sized helmets. The project involved designing the racks, cutting and grinding pieces of metal, welding the frame together and painting.

John was Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Troop Guide of Troop 489 and participated in Hillsborough High School Lacrosse his freshman year.

John serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level leadership and community service, and the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee are very proud that he is a member of our community.



Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, John Welches, and Committeeman Greg Burchette

Eagle Scout Tyler Welches Recognized with Proclamation

Tyler Welches, a recent graduate of Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, was recognized at the January 23rd Township Committee Meeting for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Tyler's Eagle Scout Project consisted of constructing a shadow box fence for the Jr. Raiders football organization to give privacy to the Women's and Men's restrooms. The project involved inquiring into the need for permits, drawing plans, digging holes for the posts, building the shadow boxes.

Tyler was Historian, Assistant Troop Leader and Patrol Leader and participated in Hillsborough High School Lacrosse his freshman year.

Tyler serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level leadership and community service, and the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee are very proud that he is a member of our community.



Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley, Tyler Welches, and Committeeman Greg Burchette

Business Community and Township Building Department Collaborate - Business Roundtable Hosted by HBA

Nearly 30 local business owners braved the snow last Wednesday morning to attend the Business Summit Roundtable Discussion with the Building Department, hosted by the Township's Business Association, led by Business Advocate David Kois.

Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera opened the event, welcoming business owners and providing the agenda and format for the roundtable. "Balancing the needs of the Business Community while working within the confines of the regulations led to this collaborative event," stated Administrator Ferrera.



Pictured: Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera addresses business owners

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Township Officials Met with NJDOT on Bypass Update Project to Begin Spring of 2018

Mayor Gloria McCauley, Township and NJDOT Officials met Tuesday morning for the status update on the Route 206 Bypass project.

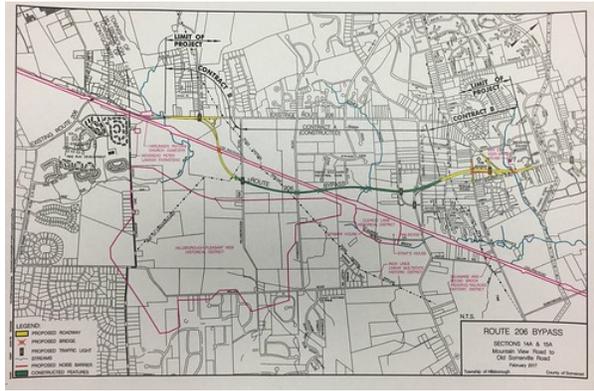
"We are excited and looking forward to the completion of this phase of the project," commented Mayor Gloria at the opening of the meeting.

Those in attendance from NJDOT were George Worth, Project Manager of the Route 206 Bypass, Meredith Hammond, Community Relations NJDOT, Matt Loper, Somerset County Engineer, Hillsborough Township Mayor Gloria McCauley, Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Planner David Maski and Assistant Township Engineer Tom Belanger.

The Route 206 Bypass in Hillsborough was first considered as early as the 1970s, as the community began to develop. It remained only a concept until the early 2000s. Near the end of 2006, then Mayor Carl Suraci called on the New Jersey Department of Transportation to remove the "no-build" scenario from the Bypass plan.

Following the necessary environmental studies, in June of 2007, the "no-build" scenario was lifted from the plan and an official design was presented to the Hillsborough Township Committee. By August of 2010, then Mayor Frank DelCore was joined by local and state officials to break ground and officially start construction of the Route 206 Bypass, mid-section.

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Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley with Township and County Officials and representatives from the NJDOT

Former DPW Director Chris Villano Remembered

Flagtown - Chris Villano passed away on Thursday January 18, 2018 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, surrounded by his loving wife and family. He spent his life in Flagtown, NJ, living in the house in which he was born. In 1945, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. During his time in the Marines, he served as a Gunnery Sergeant and in the Marine Honor Guard. After the Marines, he returned to Flagtown, and worked for Hillsborough Township Public Works. He retired as the Director of Public Works in 1998 after 35 years of employment. Chris enjoyed spending time with his family and singing country music. For many years he had his own band, performing as Chris Val, with many notable country singers and starring on radio shows.

He is predeceased by his parents, siblings, and his oldest son, James Villano. He leaves behind his wife, Loretta; and his children, Gregg; Arthur and wife, Kelly; and Debbie all of Hillsborough; Kenneth and wife Jeanine of South Bound Brook; Sherry of Huston, TX; Glenn of Easton, PA; and Christy and wife Barbara of Garner, NC. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Aidan, Adam, Karli, Jonathan, Amanda, Kylie, Leanne, Heather, Jackie, Desiree, Damien, Glenn James, Aaron, Sharon, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Shop Hillsborough Meet the Merchant:

Central Jersey Nurseries 18 Hamilton Road 3.75% Credit

Nothing is more relaxing than having an oasis right at your very home – green spaces, exotic

plants and colorful gardens. Central Jersey Nurseries can give you all these and more! In business since 1970, this family-owned business provides professional landscape architecture to create outdoor living spaces that's within your budget.

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Department Updates

Building Department

Pipe Break Advisory

There have been multiple pipes bursting in Town due to the recent cold weather. As a reminder, we recommend to insulate pipes in crawl spaces to create warmth. If you are planning on going away for an extend period of time, avoid turning your heat off.

Please note that if your HVAC units stop working and need to be replaced, the building department must be notified. The permit application needs to be submitted by the licensed contractor within 72 hours of the notification.

Engineering

Sump Pump Discharges in Extreme Cold Weather

Due to the recent extreme cold temperatures some homeowners who have sump pump discharges to the public street or sidewalk could be causing an unsafe condition. These discharges are creating icing conditions to the street or sidewalk which are hazardous to pedestrians and motorists.

An updated Township ordinance does not allow these discharges to the public right-of-way. Existing discharges that are causing icing conditions will be requested to relocate these discharges away from the roadway or sidewalk.

The Engineering Department has been notifying residents that are causing these hazardous conditions and the Township Committee is asking for cooperation from the residents in this matter.

The Township does not want to have to initiate legal enforcement on any resident, so please work with the Engineering Department to resolve and address their requests. We want to prevent a sidewalk slip and fall or a traffic accident.

Finance

Property Tax Assesment Cards

The annual assessment cards will be mailed in mid-February. Property owners are reminded that these cards show the assessed value and billed taxes only. They do not reflect actual tax payments made in 2017. Anyone wishing a printout of their 2017 tax payments can contact the Finance Department, who can mail or email you a statement showing the taxes paid, including any pre-payment for 2018 taxes made in 2017.

Dog License Renewal

Effective January 2, 2018, you may renew your dog license for 2018. The cost is \$21 for spayed or neutered, and \$26 for non-spayed or neutered. You may mail your payment, pay in person at the Finance office, or use the free on-line system at www.hillsborough-nj.org. Please make sure the rabies vaccination is good through October 2018.

Health

Flu Season is Upon Us

The 2017- 2018 flu season is in full swing with increased activity in our area at this time. The flu can stick around through May, so it is not too late to get a flu shot. Remember that you cannot get the flu from the flu shot and the flu shot takes 2 weeks to be fully effective. Please read reasons to get a flu vaccine on the [Center for Disease Control's website](#). This document also lists conditions that increase the risk of complications from the flu, since people with immune deficiencies, chronic conditions, the elderly, and young children can be at a greater risk of complications from the flu which may be severe.

The flu virus is contagious for 24 hours before symptoms appear to 7 days (or more for children) after symptoms begin. Most of the time it is spread by droplets in the air when someone coughs or sneezes, but it can also be spread when the droplets land on a surface, and a person touches that surface and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. Once the virus enters a person's body, it incubates for 1 to 3 days before symptoms appear.

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OEM

Be Winter Storm Ready



FEMA Region II Preparedness Tip Staying Safe During a Winter Storm

- Stay indoors and wear warm clothes.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio or NOAA Weather Radio for updates.
- Bring your companion animals inside before the storm begins
- Move other animals to sheltered areas with a supply of non-frozen water.
- Eat regularly.
- Keep the body replenished with fluids.
- Conserve fuel.
- Check on relatives, neighbors, and friends, particularly if they are elderly or live alone.

[Winter Safety Checklist](#) | [Prepare for a Winter Storm](#)

Police



Annonymously Report a Crime With STOPit App

The Hillsborough Township Police Department has partnered with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and STOPit, a leading provider of anonymous reporting software solutions. This application provides residents with a safe, secure and anonymous way to provide law enforcement with information or criminal intelligence, and to report non-emergent incidents or concerns.

The anonymous message will be received by personnel from the Somerset County Communications Center along with detectives from the Prosecutor's Office.

The Hillsborough Police Department would like to stress that this application does not replace 9-1-1. Individuals needing immediate assistance or observing a situation requiring an immediate response are urged to call 911.

The STOPit app can be downloaded for free onto your mobile device from the App Store or the Google Play Store. Once downloaded, you can access "Somerset Strong" by entering the access code: SOMERSETNJ

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Public Works



Winter Operations Update - Roadway Obstructions

Did you know it is illegal in The Township of Hillsborough to plow snow, ice or slush into or onto the a roadway? It is also unlawful to place garbage, refuse, waste material, fruit, vegetable, paper, pasteboard, glass, dirt, stones, wood, iron, mud, sand or any other refuse of any kind whatsoever in the street. Read this Winter Operations Newsletter to find out more about these laws and how to properly place trash receptacles and other items at the curb.

[Read More](#) | [View More Winter Operations Newsletters](#)

Recreation

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Hillsborough Township's Parks & Recreation Department is now on Instagram! For a chance to see the Parks as well as Recreation programs from a new unique perspective go follow us [@Hillsboroughrec](#)

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Winter Programs

Winter Programs are underway but that doesn't mean it is too late to register for an activity. Please contact the recreation office to check availability.

Spring is quickly approaching---Don't forget to register for rec soccer and girls softball. Registrations will end in the beginning of March.

[Register Now](#)

Library



National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Will Allow SCLSNJ to Collect, Catalog, and Share Somerset County's Collective Community Memories

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will be collecting, cataloging, and preserving the collective memories of Somerset County residents.

Utilizing a suite of digitization equipment including seven (7) high resolution scanners, a lightbox, a digital single-lens reflex camera, and more; as well as the expertise of SCLSNJ's archival and historical librarians, the Library will be providing residents the opportunity to both preserve and learn about their own history and that of their neighbors.

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Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

Steered Straight

Wednesday,
January 31st

Former Addict Shares His Story to Steer Hillsborough Students Towards Good Decisions

On January 31, 2018, the Hillsborough High School Sophomore Class will attend Steered Straight, a substance abuse and addiction program delivered by Michael DeLeon. That evening, DeLeon will do a second presentation for

parents and students (ages 12 and up) at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillsborough High School auditorium.

In his presentation, DeLeon will discuss his battle with addiction and the downward spiral it sent his life. By opening up regarding his past, DeLeon hopes that he will steer today's youth away from drug use and poor decisions. He also hopes to provide parents and community members with information regarding current drug and alcohol trends in our community as well as how to engage children and young adults in constructive conversation regarding these difficult topics.

[Read More](#)

Are You A.W.A.R.E....

Of what your kids deal with everyday?



Find out what your kids already know.

Come and learn what's REALLY going on with alcohol and drugs in our own backyard with

Michael DeLeon of Steered Straight

Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 at 7:00PM
Hillsborough High School Auditorium
For Parents and students (ages 12 and up)



Township Job Line

Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Part Time Building Inspector
- Full Time Police Officers
- Multi-Licensed UCC Inspector, Full Time
- Building Maintenance Part time



[More Information](#) | [Download an Application](#)

News You Can Use

Bill of Rights and Services for Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) Customers with Special Needs

Be a smart consumer, know your rights. JCP&L has developed several customer service programs to meet the special needs of customers.

If you already signed up for one of these programs, you do not need to register again.

[Read More](#)

Looking to Make a Career Move? Check Out First Energy's Power Systems Institute

As one of the nation's largest electric utilities, FirstEnergy knows that it takes a large workforce of highly trained, dedicated and motivated men and women to deliver electricity safely and reliably to our customers.

For more than a decade, we have teamed up with local community colleges to train the next generation of top-quality, well-educated line workers and substation electricians for the electric utility industry.

PSI is a unique, two-year program that combines classroom learning with the hands-on training needed to open the door to opportunities in the electric industry. Students who successfully complete the program earn an associate's degree.

[Download Brochure](#) | [Learn More](#)

Important Dates

Meeting Dates

January 31, 2018	6:00 pm	Capital Planning Committee Reorganization Meeting
February 1, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting
February 7, 2018	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
February 8, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board
February 13, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting
February 22, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
February 27, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting

[All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates](#) | [Community Events](#) | [Library events](#)

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

Free Rabies Clinic

Saturday, January 27, 2018
10 am -12 pm
Hillsborough Department of Public Works
21 East Mountain Rd., Hillsborough

Project Graduation Prom Dress Sale

Saturday, January 27, 2018
9 am-1 pm
Hillsborough High School

Steered Straight

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
7 pm
Hillsborough High School Auditorium



South Branch Reformed Church Preschool Open House

Saturday, February 3, 2018
9:30 am - 12 pm
870 River Road, Hillsborough

HHS Baseball Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 4, 2018
8 am - 1 pm
Municipal Building

Cupid's Chase 5K

Saturday, February 10, 2018
Duke Island Park
191 Old York Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807



Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

Grab your friends and come on out for a night full of laughs,
luck, and some fabulous designer bags!

[Register Here](#)

Friday March 16, 2018

Triangle School Basket Auction

Friday March 16, 2018
6 pm - 8 pm
Falcon's Nest

School News & Updates

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PLEASE COME AND BE INFORMED!

No Registration needed.

For questions, contact Minda Maggio at: mmaggio@https.us

Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray **Friday March 16, 2018**

Grab your friends and come on out for a night full of laughs, luck, and some fabulous designer bags!

Tickets are \$35 and include:

- A dabber and book of 12 rounds of BINGO with 3 BINGO faces per round to win designer handbags from Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors and more! All bags have a retail value of over \$300!
- Coffee, Tea, and Water - Bring your own snacks and alcoholic beverages!

At the event, our fantastic team of Sunnymead Dads will be back again this year offering additional games and prizes to win, including:

- A 50/50 raffle
- Calendar raffle
- Mega Raffle for a high end designer bag
- A high-end tricky tray auction with all prizes over \$250 in retail value!
- And much more!

[Register Here](#)

ARIS/HMS Discount Card 2017-2018

ARIS/HMS 2017-2018 Discount Cards available for \$10.00 each, with all proceeds going to ARIS and HMS school programs and staff grants. The card includes reusable discounts from 34 local businesses including ShopRite's \$4.00 off \$100.00 purchase, McDonald's, Super Sundaes, Lenny's, Philly Pretzel, Revival Barbershop, Olympia Sports and many more!! Discounts are valid through 9/30/18. Special Promotion: Buy 5 cards, get 1 card free!



To purchase a discount card, please email wenholt@aol.com or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

Somerset County News

February Recycling Events

The First Saturday of the Month Drop-off will be held on February 3rd from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater 08807.

The next free-of-charge Saturday electronic waste drop-off event is February 3rd from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South County Public Works Garage at 410 Roycefield Rd., Hillsborough 08844.

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Free Flu Shots Available to Adults Age 18 and Above

Are you noticing how many people are under the weather? It could be influenza, commonly called the flu. The New Jersey Department of Health reports flu activity is high in New Jersey, including Somerset County.

Somerset County Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh, [public health and safety liaison](#), is urging anyone who has not gotten a flu shot already this season to do so as the flu is widespread throughout the state.

The [Somerset County Department of Health](#) is sponsoring free flu clinics for adults 18 and above as follows:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 30**, from **4 to 6 p.m.** at the Somerset County Human Services Building at 27 Warren St. in **Somerville**
- **Thursday, Feb. 1**, from **4 to 7 p.m.** at the Franklin Township Public Library at 485 DeMott Lane in **Somerset** (Franklin Township)
- **Thursday, Feb. 8**, from **4 to 7 p.m.** at the Franklin Township Public Library at 3391 Route 27 in **Franklin Park**

[Read more](#)

Protect Yourself and Loved Ones with CERT Training

Disasters can strike quickly and without much warning. Would you know what to do if local emergency personnel were overwhelmed during a disaster or were unable to access your neighborhood for up to 72 hours?

Learn the skills necessary to be a successful part of emergency preparedness and response in order to assist during the first 72 hours following a disaster. Community Emergency Response Team members have the capability to assist in many ways, including during scheduled events.

Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh invites Somerset County residents to take advantage of the upcoming free CERT training, hosted by the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management, starting Thursday, March 1. Seating is limited to the first 25 residents. Registration forms are due by Thursday, Feb. 22.

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Ballpark Community Box Available to Nonprofits, Community Organizations

Requests are now being accepted to use the 30-seat community box at the TD Bank Ballpark. To be eligible, applicants should be nonprofits whose client base consists of at least 50 percent Somerset County residents or community organizations that are located in Somerset County or have a facility based in Somerset County that serves the citizens of Somerset County. Applicants should provide a significant community service or volunteer element to Somerset County residents.

"Since the time the ballpark was constructed by the county, one 30-seat community box has been available for the benefit of nonprofits and community organizations," said Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione. "We are pleased to continue the tradition again this year."

Entry forms must be received or postmarked by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, and must include the organization's name and address, a contact person and phone number, the purpose of the organization and information about volunteer and/or community service.

[Read More](#)

Outstanding Women Awards Dinner Reservations Due Feb. 23

Reservations are being taken for the 2018 Outstanding Women in Somerset County awards dinner sponsored by the county Commission on the Status of Women.

This year's program will be held **Thursday, March 8**, at The Imperia at 1714 Easton Ave., Somerset. A cash bar at 6 p.m. will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. **Advance reservations are required by Feb. 23**; no reservations will be taken at the door. [Click here to print the form.](#) For more information, contact commission member Marti Kalko at (908) 385-7948 or papayak@aol.com

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
2nd Tuesday until 7pm (starting in May)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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