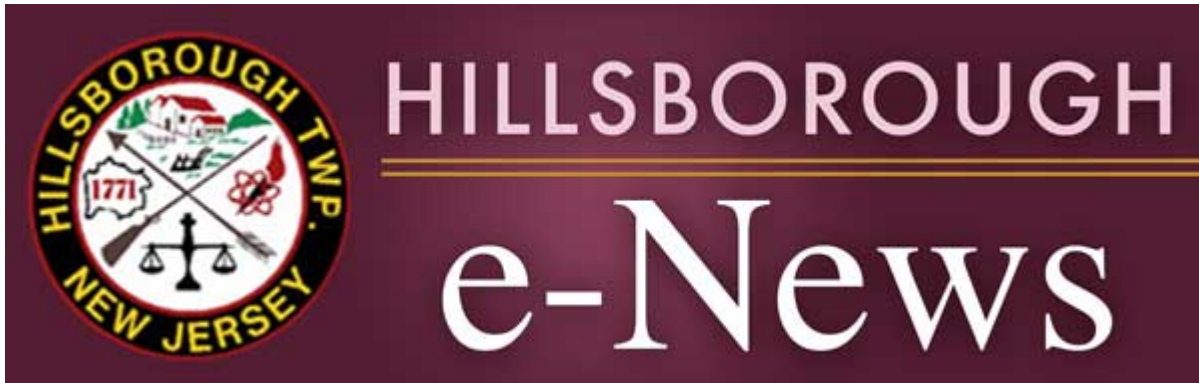


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Can't decide on a place?

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Mayor McCauley Participates in Central Jersey Transportation Forum

The Central Jersey Transportation Forum met last Tuesday, February 1st at the Fire Academy on Roycefield Road.

Mayor Gloria McCauley, along with other local officials, met to discuss the newly-released long-range plans from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, focused on the Central Jersey region.

The Central Jersey Transportation Forum was formed 1999 and meets regularly to discuss and address concerns of municipalities in Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset counties focused on the US 1, US 130, and US 206 corridors.



*Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley speaking at the
Central Jersey Transportation Forum*

Deputy Mayor Tomson Meets with Local Girl Scouts

On Tuesday, February 1st, Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson was paid a visit by Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 60126. The 9-10 year old Scouts, in pursuit of their Government Badge, wanted to learn about the role of the Mayor and government officials in Hillsborough Township.

The Girl Scouts (pictured here with Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson) included Sarah Manrique, Lily Baker, Katie Roteman, Abigail VanLangen, Laura Weintraub, Sydney Gerard, Carly Weinglass, Isabella Auzinger, Amanda Yarkoni, Emily Harris and Jianna Seale.



Updated Evening Hours for Township Residents

Building Office: Tuesdays until 7 pm

Clerk's Office: 2nd and 4th Tuesday until 7 pm

Mayor Gloria McCauley reminded residents that various offices offer evening hours for limited services at the Township.

The Building Office remains open until 7pm each Tuesday to pick up permit applications, accept permits, schedule inspections and other limited services. The Building Office will also be conducting inspections on Saturdays for homeowners only.

The Clerk's Office is open until 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for notary services and voter registration.

Beginning in May, the Health Office will also have extended hours. Exact days and times will be announced at a later date.

"In the event that there is an issue that cannot be dealt with during the evening hours, the information will be gathered and followed up by the appropriate personnel the next day," added Mayor McCauley.

Hillsborough Goes Red for Women

Hillsborough Township employees, in an effort to bring awareness to heart health in women, dressed in red for National Wear Red Day which is celebrated on the first Friday in February each year.

Cardiovascular disease in the U.S. kill approximately one woman every 80 seconds. The good news is that 80 percent of cardiac events may be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Go Red For Women advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health.

[Learn More about Supporting Women's Heart Health](#)



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 Assessment 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](http://www.cdc.gov). 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

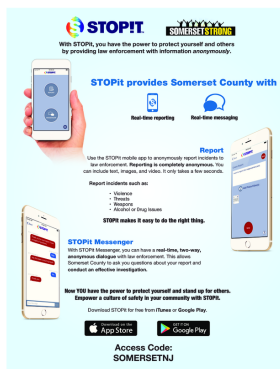


FEMA Region II Preparedness Tip Staying Safe During a Winter Storm

- 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

Public Works



Winter Operations Update - What if My Mailbox is Damaged by a Plow Truck?

If your mailbox is damaged by a snowplow, call DPW at 908-369-3950 to report the damage within 3 days of the snow event. Provide them with the storm date, your name, address and contact information along with a description of the damage to your mailbox.

A DPW Crew will inspect the damage to the mailbox and determine if it needs to be repaired or replaced. A temporary box will be placed at the address immediately and replacement mailboxes will be installed in the Spring when the ground has thawed. Replacement mailboxes consist of a standard bullet style mailbox (black or white) and a standard wooden post.

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

Recreation

*Follow us on
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Follow Hillsborough Recreation on Instagram

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



Rutgers School of Social Work Partners with SCLSNJ to Provide Assistance to Somerset County Residents

If you were facing homelessness, hunger, or even a mental health crisis, would you know where to turn?

To assist Somerset County residents in need, Rutgers School of Social Work has provided the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) with social work interns who specialize in providing social services.

According to the 2017 U.S. Census Bureau (This link opens in a new tab), 5.2% of Somerset County residents, 11% of Bound Brook residents, 9% of North Plainfield residents, and 10.4% of Somerville residents live at or below the poverty level.

[Read More](#)

Boards & Commissions

Municipal Alliance

Family

Family Unity Night

Family Unity Night is a free 7-week program for 10-14-year-

Unity Night

February 28th -
April 14th, 2018
Session runs from
6:30PM-8:30PM

olds and their
parents/caregivers.
Topics covered will
include Communication
Skills, Stress
Management, Family Fun,
and Problem Solving.

COMING SOON!



Wednesday Nights
At Hillsborough Middle School
A **FREE 7 week program** for
10-14 year olds and their
parents/caregivers
February 28th-April 14th, 2018
Session runs from 6:30PM-8:30PM
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
• FREE ("Light") DINNER
• BABYSITTING

How do we spell F.U.N. in Hillsborough?

Family Unity Night

For more information or to pre-register for the program contact:
Minda Maggio
District Life Skills Coordinator
mmaggio@https.us
(908) 431-6600 ext. 2809

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:
• COMMUNICATION SKILLS
• STRESS MANAGEMENT
• SELF-ESTEEM
• FAMILY FUN
• PROBLEM SOLVING



"I heartily endorse this program! I
started to read from when parents
and I realized that I can not alone.
Many parents are dealing with the
same issues that we are."
- Dad of a 12 year old

EMPOWER SOMERSET

"Communication is so important
and the sessions provided methods
to express how I communicate
with my kids!"
- Mom of a 10 and a 12 year old

Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance

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

AARP Volunteer Tax Aides ready to do taxes for FREE

Beginning February 1 and continuing through April 17, AARP Foundation is providing FREE tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, celebrating its 50th year, is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service. Over the last 50 years, we've helped more than 50 million taxpayers get the tax credits they deserve.

Even though this is funded by AARP, you do not have to be a senior to take advantage of this FREE assistance!

To find a Tax-Aide site or more information, including which documents to bring to the tax site, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide.

JCP&L Speakers Bureau Offers Free Presentations

JCP&L/FirstEnergy's Speakers Bureau comprises knowledgeable and experienced employee volunteers who conduct informative presentations on key issues facing their company and industry. As company ambassadors, they offer audiences helpful information on topics such as electrical safety and restoring power after damaging storms. Presentations are made to civic groups and customers where they do business

The Speakers Bureau program provides for in-person presentations to local groups and organizations. The following is a list of the available presentations:

- Bringing Good Energy to Everyday Life
- Keeping Safe Around Electricity
- Restoring Power After Damaging Storms
- Energy Efficiency

- Careers in Utilities

These programs are designed to be presented to organizations such as local Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, middle school classes, high school classes, senior citizen groups, even a Girl Scout troop.

[More Information](#)

Important Dates

Meeting Dates

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

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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

Indoor Winter Farmers Market

Saturday, February 10, 2018
10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Hillsborough Municipal Building

HHS Band Clothing Drive

Saturday, February 10, 2018
10 am - 12 pm
Hillsborough High School

Cupid's Chase 5K

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



Farm to Table Indoor Winter Market

Sunday, February 11, 2018
11am - 4pm
Duke Farms Orientation Center
1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ



Go Red Month Activities

February 2018
 Bridgeway Senior Healthcare
 393 Amwell Rd. Hillsborough, NJ



RoboRaiders Pasta Dinner

Saturday, March 3, 2018
 4:00 to 8:00 PM
 Municipal Building

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

Music of Sinatra and the American Song Book

Saturday April 21, 2018
 7 pm - 9:30 pm
 Hillsborough Municipal Building

Wildlife Explorer Program at Duke Farms

July 10-14 (ages 8-10)
 July 23-27 (ages 11-13)

School News & Updates

Township Committee Once Again Partners with School District for Scholarship Competition

*Three \$1,000 Statewide Scholarships Available Through the
 New Jersey League of Municipalities'
 "Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition"*

Mayor Gloria McCauley announced Hillsborough Township's participation in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay II, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. "The Township is once

again teaming up with the Hillsborough School District providing students a chance to participate in this scholarship competition," announced Mayor McCauley at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

The purpose of this scholarship program is to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer positions in municipal government while raising awareness of municipal government in general.

"We are delighted to partner with the Township through the New Jersey League of Municipalities to participate in this scholarship competition opportunity for our students," commented Dr. Jorden Schiff, Superintendent of Hillsborough Township Schools.

[Read More](#) | [Download Application](#)

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

Tax Counselors Ready to Help - Appointments Available Through April 15

Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director Brian D. Levine has announced that the county Office of Volunteer Services and AARP have again teamed up this year to provide free tax-counseling assistance to residents in preparing their federal and New Jersey income tax returns.

"As a CPA, I know the importance of providing quality tax preparation service to our residents," said Freeholder Levine, human services liaison. "This program helped almost 3,000 people last year. I encourage all eligible residents to take advantage of this free service."

The volunteer program, Tax-Aide, is designed to help area residents prepare their tax returns. The program places specific emphasis on assisting seniors, residents with disabilities, and lower income residents, but is open to everybody.

About 70 tax-preparation volunteers provide direct support, working at six different sites within Somerset County – Montgomery, Hillsborough, Manville, Bridgewater, Franklin and Green Brook. These volunteers have many years of experience and receive annual training on the latest federal and state tax regulations to ensure returns are prepared accurately and take advantage of all credits and deductions available to the taxpayer. All tax-preparation volunteers are tested and certified by the IRS annually at the advanced level.

[Read More](#)

5K Race to Wellness - Register by March 13 to get t-shirt

The Somerset County Employee Wellness Committee is partnering with **EmPoWER Somerset** on the fifth annual 5K Race to Wellness and one-mile Fun Walk for county residents on **Saturday, March 24**.

The event will be held (rain or shine) at **9 a.m.** on **Saturday, March 24**, at Duke Island Park, located at 191 Old York Road, Bridgewater NJ 08807. **Registration and directions can be found here**. The 5K course is USATF certified.



"Each year, the county Employee Wellness Committee and EmPoWER Somerset do a great job of coordinating the 5K Race to Wellness for the benefit of the community," said Freeholder Patricia Walsh. "I encourage residents and county employees to sign up with their friends so they can have a good time while taking advantage of the health benefits of exercise."

Four-time Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs will lead a warm up before the start of the race. Participants who pre-register will pay a \$30 entry fee and those who register by **Tuesday, March 13**, will receive a free long-sleeve t-shirt. The fee for residents age 60 and above or for youth, age 19 and under, is \$20. On the day of the race, registration will increase to \$40. Free goody bags will be distributed, while supplies last, and prizes will be awarded to top finishers. To register online, visit **<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Bridgewater/5KRacetoWellness>**.

[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.

[Read More](#)

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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