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Customers report any downed

wires to the company, or their local police and fire department and never go near a downed power line, even if they think it is no longer carrying electricity. Extra caution should be used in areas where downed lines are tangled in trees or other debris. To report downed wires or power outages, call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) or Report an Outage Online .



PSE&G urges you to be cautious during Downed wires should

always be considered "live." Do not approach or drive over a downed line and do not touch anything that it might be in contact with. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, do not run any gasoline powered engine, including generators and snowblowers, in a garage or any other enclosed space. To report an outage or downed line, call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) or visit the online Outage Center.

Hillsborough Dukes Pee Wee Cheer Team Celebrate Winning Season

The 2017 Hillsborough Dukes Pee Wee Cheerleaders were recognized at the February 27th Township Committee Meeting for their outstanding season. The Dukes Pee Wee Cheerleaders were Jersey Valley Conference Champions, New Jersey State Champions, Eastern Region Champions and second in the Nation.

The 2017 Hillsborough Dukes Pee Wee Cheerleaders consisted of the following young athletes: Keyonie Black, Ashley Figliolo, Sam Flaim, Emily Florek, Natalia Fonzetti, Angelique Gimenez, Abigail Glazewski, Abby Grouss, Gina Kahn, Maya Lewis, Sonia Lips, Emily Margelis, Olivia McCarthy, Kaylee Mezaros, Jozlyn Miranda, Sophia Mistretta, Melanie Muriello, Abby Pastula, Alyssa Petti, Grace Perkins, Reagan Pirog, Haley Ringel, Alexis Scott, Ariel Shvetz, Makaylah Williams, and Isabella Vidal.

The squad was led by Head Coach Noelle Fonzetti-Creekmur, Assistant Coaches Kelly Black, DeShaun Creekmur, Nicole Figliolo, Dana Margelis, Danielle Scott and Vanessa Vidal. Junior Coaches are Cailin Dugan, Alexia Gimenez, Ashley Schuttner and Jessica Tuck.

The Mayor and the Township Committee commend the Hillsborough Dukes Pee Wee Cheerleaders, the coaches, and parents, not only for their successful season, but for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and academic achievement which the organization endorses.



Pictured: Mayor Gloria McCauley and Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson with the 2017 Hillsborough Dukes Pee Wee Cheer Team and Coaches

Dukes Jr. Varsity Cheer Team Recognized for 2017 Season

The Hillsborough Dukes JV Cheerleaders were honored at the February 27th Township Committee Meeting for their impressive 2017 season. The Dukes JV Cheerleaders placed first at the Jersey Valley Conference Competition and ranked third out of ten at the Eastern Region Competition.

The 2017 Hillsborough Dukes JV Cheerleaders consisted of the following young athletes: Jada Alicea, Robin Chan, Amanda Gianetti, Giselle Foy, Tiffany Kelly, Kayla Kirk, Marissa Morris, Leilane Torres and Zoe Yacka.

The squad was led by Head Coach Nicole Figliolo, Assistant Coaches Kelly Black, Noelle Creekmur, DeShaun Creekmur, Roxanna Foy, Danielle Scott and Vanessa Vidal, Junior Coach Samantha Compell.

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Road Projects Updates in Hillsborough Township

Grant to Fund Phase 1 of Beekman Lane Falcon Road to be Repaired Route 206 Bypass Next Phase

Mayor Gloria McCauley provided an extensive infrastructure update regarding the various roadway projects for the Township.

"We are excited to announce that the Township received a N.J.D.O.T. local aid grant of \$508,000 for the repaving of Beekman Lane Phase 1 which is between Amwell Road and Triangle Roads," announced Mayor Gloria McCauley.

She further went on to thank the Assistant Township Engineer, Mr. Tom Belanger and the Engineering Department for applying for the grant. The original estimate was for \$538,000 so this grant is almost the entire amount. Provided there aren't any unforeseen issues with the section of the roadway the project could possibly be brought in under budget. The Engineering Department will now bid the project this year for construction by the end of this year or early next Spring.

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2018 Cupid's Chase Run

On February 10th, a group of Hillsborough Township Employees and representatives from the Hillsborough Township Police Department participated in Community Option's Cupid's Chase 5k run to help raise funds to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

Community Options works with individuals with significant disabilities through residential services, day programs, social enterprises that employ individuals with disabilities, high school

transition programs, and specialized programs for respite and medically fragile adults.

Pictured: Hillsborough Township Cupid's Chase participants with the New Jersey Devil's mascot

Learn More about Community Options



Shop Hillsborough Announces March Deals

Each month, participating Shop Hillsborough Merchants offer special deals to Shop Hillsborough card holders. Shoppers can use these coupons in conjunction with their Shop Hillsborough card to increase their savings.





Final Indoor Winter Farmers Market of the Season to be held on March 10th

Stop by the Hillsborough Municipal Building on Saturday, March 10th between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm for the final winter market of the season!

Keep the kids engaged while you shop with a plant starting workshop. Kids will choose from a few seed stocks to start their very own plants!

Text Link



New Episode of Hillsborough, The Good Life!

Featured in this episode: Recreation Winter Basketball, Shop Hillsborough and scenes from the 2017 Tree Lighting.



Department Updates

Building Department

Changing of Business Owners

As a reminder, if a business changes ownership but the business itself stays the same, a CCO application is not required. However, a new Occupancy Placard must be issued for a fee of \$30 to reflect the new ownership/business name from the Building Department. Zoning approval is also required.

Business Advocate

Sponsorship Opportunity - Run Around the Park

Attention Hillsborough Businesses!

Time is running out! Call now to become a sponsor for 2018 Run Around the Park.

Please contact the Recreation Department at 908-369-4832.

Engineering

Falcon Road Update The Engineering Department would like to inform the public about the condition of Falcon Road. The eastbound lane of Falcon Road is deteriorated and our Department of Public Works has been patching the roadway almost daily, but with 260 miles of roads within the Township this is a monumental task.

The developers of the Gateway Development are responsible to rebuild this roadway which will include widening, drainage improvements, curbing and sidewalk on one side.

The hold-up is that there are two (2) property owners along Falcon Road still negotiating with the developer on the cost of the additional land acquisition for the road widening and the road continues to deteriorate. Since this land acquisition does take time and sometimes court action is necessary it appears we are still months to a year away.

The Township Administration and Staff has recently met with the developer and the developer has committed to do temporary paving repairs on the eastbound lane within the next few weeks, weather permitting. This temporary paving will be more than just patching as our Department of Public Works is doing constantly, so the driving surface should be better until the road is fully rebuilt.

Please understand what is involved and on behalf of the Township Committee, we are working on the condition of Falcon Road.

Finance

Online Tax Payment System Upgrade The Township's online tax payment system will be going through a security upgrade for the next week. This upgrade will provide even greater security for your financial information. During this upgrade, you will not be able to make credit card payments, but will be able to make online tax payments. The upgrade will be completed over the weekend and the credit card option will be available again on Monday March 5th.

Health Department

Septic System Maintenance Spring really is just around the corner! When making your spring cleaning list, don't forget your septic system maintenance. The Hillsborough Health Department would like to remind all homeowners with onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) to make sure they maintain their system. Maintaining a septic system is important to keeping it working for many years to come. The septic system consists of a tank and a disposal field. Solids settle out in the tank, and the dirty water from the tank is treated by bacteria in the disposal field. If the tank isn't pumped out at least every 3 years, the solids will enter the disposal field and clog and destroy it, costing thousands of dollars. In addition to making sure your tank is pumped regularly, you should also do the following:

- Don't dispose of hazardous household waste in the sinks or toilets.
- Don't drive over or park on the disposal field.
- Don't use too much water at once practice water conservation, try not to use laundry and dishwasher at the same time.
- Plant only grass over and around your disposal field.
- Don't add commercial septic tank additives to speed up decomposition
- Don't construct anything that will encroach upon any part of the septic system- contact the health department for setback requirements.
- Don't put nonbiodegradable substances into your system such as diapers, cat litter, cigarette filters.
- Don't hook up sump pumps or floor drains to your septic system
- Don't empty hot tubs, jacuzzi, or water softener waste into the septic system.
- Fix all leaking faucets and toilets
- Be sure to pump your septic tank every 2 to 3 years. Keep track of the pumping dates.
- If you have any questions call the health department at 908-369-5652.

Police

If You See Something, Say Something In consideration of the recent tragedies in Parkland Florida as well as Las Vegas Nevada, the Police would like to remind residence of the importance of reporting suspicious or otherwise alarming activity. In today's environment never has the term "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" been more important. Your tip could potentially thwart the next mass shooting or terrorist attack. The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness offers valuable information regarding emerging threats and suspicious activity reporting tips. This information is available to the public on their website at **WWW.NJOHSP.GOV**

Public Works

Pothole Repairs

Senior Curbisde Pickup The Department of Public Works has been putting much of our attention into the pothole repairs throughout the town. Many of the repairs are temporary at best because of the adverse conditions we are working in. Potholes on main roadways will be addressed first then working our way to the development roads.

Senior Curbside Pick - up coupons may be picked up at the Chapter A and B Senior meetings in March or beginning on March 1 at the information desk located at the Municipal Building or the Department of Public Works between 7 am. and 2 pm. located at 21 East Mt. Rd. next to the YMCA.

Recreation



The 2018 Spring Program Brochure and the 2018 Summer Sports Camps Brochures are now available on the Hillsborough Recreation Website

Registration is currently ongoing for Spring Soccer, Spring Softball & Summer Day Camps

Follow us on Instagram @Hillsboroughrec

Library



National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant allows the County Library System to host myriad historical programs and events

Somerset County is lush with history, a history that unfolds from the influential to the scandalous. For example, from December 1778 to June 1779, General George Washington made the Wallace House in Somerville his Winter headquarters. In 1842, tracks of the first railway, the Elizabethtown and Somerville Railroad, were extended into Somerville. And in September 1922, Reverend Edward W. Hall and Eleanor Mills were found murdered in a field in Somerset, launching Somerset County's most notorious court case.

In partnership with the NEH, Somerset County's municipal and county libraries will be collecting, cataloging, and preserving the collective memories of Somerset County residents while also hosting programs to highlight the rich history of the County.

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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





News You Can Use

Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications - Apply by April 5th

Hillsborough Based Non-Profit Groups Serving Youth and Seniors are invited to apply for grants up to \$2,000 funded through the Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program.



Read More | Download an Application

Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

Join us for an educational and informative course. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers,

school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent <age 12-18) who is experiencine a mental health and/or addiction challenge or is in crisis. Training manual provided, limited space. Registration is recommended.

This is an 8 hour course and it will be taking place in 2 sessions. You must attend both sessions. The first session will be March 3 rd from 9:30am-2:00pm and the second session will be March 10 th at the same times. The course will be taught at Manville Reformed Church, 238 S. 5 th Ave & Pope St. Manville NJ 08835.

Register Here





Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- O alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
-))) Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- 333 Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
-))) Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO only use outside.



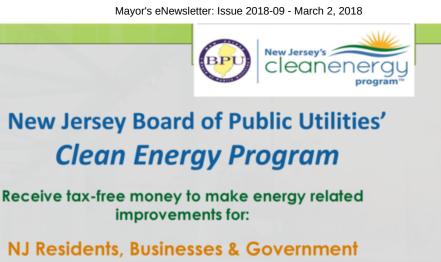


Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 nonfire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.

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- IMPROVE the comfort of your indoor space

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Important Dates

Meeting Dates

March 7, 2018	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment Meeting
March 8, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting
March 13, 2018	7:30 pm	Township Committee Meeting
March 22, 2018	7:30 pm	Planning Board Business Meeting
March 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

Somerset Valley Players Present "California Suite"

March 2-18, 2018 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm Somerset Valley Playhouse

RoboRaiders Pasta Dinner

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

HHS Theatre Presents "Pippin"

March 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7 pm March 11 at 1 pm Hillsborough High School

SCVTHS PTO Presents Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

Saturday, March 10, 2018 8 am - 10 am Applebees **Bridgewater**

Indoor Winter Farmers Market

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

Sunnymead HSA Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

Friday March 16, 2018

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

Register Here

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

Run Around the Park

Sunday April 22nd 8 am Ann Van Middlesworth Park

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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



More Information



Hillsborough Band Parents Association

Supporting the Band and Color Guard programs of Hillsborough High School, a non-profit 501C3 organization 311-717-157/000

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

Date: March 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - Noon

Location: Front Entrance Hillsborough High School Raider Blvd.

- · Clothing All seasons, all ages. Packed in well tied plastic bags
- · Shoes Please bag separately from clothing
- Accessories Purses, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Ties, Backpacks, Briefcases
- Baby Accessories Bottles, Bowls, Sipping Cups
- · Linens Blankets, Sheets, Pillows, Comforters, Table cloths, Curtains, Towels
- Toys Under 14 inches, Please box separately
 - Soft Toys Stuffed Animals, Rag Dolls, Beanie Babies
 - Hard Toys Cars, Trucks, Action Figures, Legos, Blocks, Beach Toys
 - CDs, DVDs in cases, no loose discs

Please Note: Please NO books, large outdoor toys, strollers, high chairs, bouncer chairs, art supplies, board games, furniture, rugs or bikes

For questions, please contact Kim at Kim.gross@comcast.net or (908) 904-0876

Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of our Band and Guard program and will provide our students with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork and leadership. Donations are tax deductible and donation receipt will be available upon request.

Tentative future date of collection: 4/14/18

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 <u>wenholt@aol.com</u> or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

Somerset County News

Free Document-Shredding Program Returns March 31

The <u>Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders</u> and the county's <u>Public Works Department</u> invite residents to mark their calendars and start collecting documents for easy, no-hassle shredding, starting March 31.

Shredding events will be held on 10 Saturdays through the " <u>Operation Secure Shred</u>" program, rain or shine. The kickoff event will be hosted by Somerset County and subsequent events will be hosted by the county and participating municipalities. All shredding events are held from 9 a.m. to 1



p.m., or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they leave and the event is over for that day. A valid New Jersey driver's license to confirm Somerset County residency is required. Pre-registration is not required. No businesses are allowed.

Read More | Download Schedule

Senior Center March Program Schedule Announced

The senior centers operated by the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services have announced the March program schedule. All programs begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise listed.

This month, all centers will be closed on Friday, March 30. All Somerset County-operated senior centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for anyone age 60 and above. Menu choices include a hot meat-based or meatless entrée and a cold meat-based or meatless boxed lunch.

Please make reservations before 10 a.m., at least one business day in advance. Why not invite a friend or neighbor to join you for lunch! Or come earlier in the day and enjoy one of the center's many programs.

Download Schedule

Been Denied Social Security Disability Benefits?

Have you been denied Social Security disability benefits? If so, you may want to apply for a free consultation with an attorney from the Community Justice Center of Trenton.

The Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services is providing opportunities for eligible residents to meet an attorney at its office at 27 Warren St. in Somerville from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: March 15, April 12 and May 10.

Eligibility for a consultation requires an income at or below 175 percent of the poverty level, or eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or General Assistance (GA).

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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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