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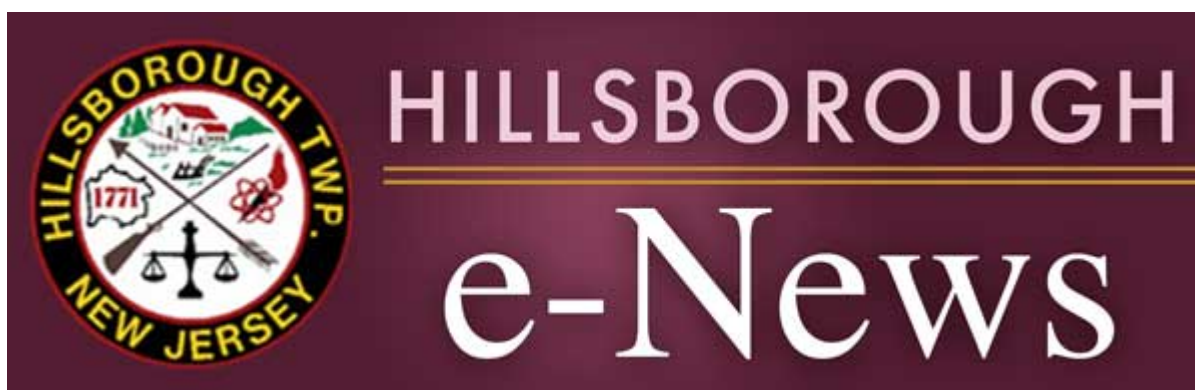
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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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Greg Burchette

Committeeman  
Frank DelCore

Committeeman  
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**The Facility will be open Saturday, March 24th from 7 am until 3 pm.**

**This opening is for Tree Debris only related to the recent storms.**

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### Brianna De la Cruz Earns Gold Award

Brianna De la Cruz, a 2017 graduate of Hillsborough High School, was honored at the March 13th Township Committee Meeting for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Brianna, a member of Girl Scout Troop 60045, worked diligently to complete her Gold Award project, which involved creating and repairing paths at Hillsborough High School. Brianna had to obtain approval from the Principal, Athletic Director and Vice Principal. The work consisted of digging up new paths and graveling the same with approximately 3 tons of gravel. The project involved 15 people and over 80 hours of work.

At Hillsborough High School, Brianna was involved in cross country, indoor/outdoor track and ran statistics for the boys and girls Varsity Basketball Team. Now at Rowan University, Brianna is in the Honors Program and she is in the top seven on Rowan's Cross Country and Track Team.

Brianna serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through her achievements, leadership, and community service, and the Mayor and Township Committee recognize and extend their sincere congratulations and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



*Pictured: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Brianna De la Cruz and Mayor Gloria McCauley*

## Girl Scout Service Unit 72 Receives President's Award

Girl Scout Service Unit 72 was honored at the March 13th Township Committee Meeting for receiving the President's Award for their work with local agencies, seniors, clothing and food drives, Veteran causes and their work with the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program.

The President's Award is the Girl Scout's most prestigious volunteer award which recognizes the efforts of a service delivery team or committee whose exemplary service, in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, surpassed team goals and resulted in a significant, measurable impact toward reaching the Council's overall goals.

Girl Scout Service Unit 72 has demonstrated a significant commitment to inclusivity, the outdoors, leadership opportunities, community partnership and community service, and Mayor McCauley and the Township Committee recognize and extend their sincere congratulations to them for having achieved this honor.



*Pictured: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Mayor Gloria McCauley along with Girl Scouts and Leaders from Service Unit 72*

## HTPD Officers Team with Girl Scouts to Wrap Birthday Gifts for the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network

This year in celebration of National Girl Scout Week 2018, the Girl Scouts of Hillsborough SU72 partnered up with the Hillsborough PBA #205 to make a donation of over 100 Birthday Bags for the Hillsborough CAN / Food Pantry.

Birthday bags are a special something extra that families with young children of CAN receive when it is the birthday of a child in their family. These bags include cake mix, icing, fun & festive plates, party hats, favors, anything to make a child's birthday fun and special. On Monday March 12th, the 106th birthday of the Girl Scouts organization, the members of the Girl Scouts SU72 and the PBA 205 excitedly gathered together to present the bags to the Social Services department.



*Pictured: Members of the Hillsborough Police Department and Girl Scouts from Troops of Hillsborough Service Unit 72*

## Unico Donates to Community Assistance Network

At a recent local Hillsborough Unico Chapter dinner, held at Caffè Piazza, members were asked to bring an item for the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network.



*Pictured: Social Services Director Bob Wagner, Unico President Nate Santaromita and Township Administrator Anthony Ferrara*



## Department Updates

### Building Department

*Some Minor Work will no longer Require a Permit*

Due to changes enacted and mandated by the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs, work once considered to be "Minor Work" may now fall under "Ordinary Maintenance." Work considered to be Ordinary maintenance does not require a permit. Some of the most significant changes include:

- Roof repair or replacement (1 & 2 family detached dwellings only)
- Replacement of Plumbing Fixtures (like for like and no piping changes)
- Installation of burglar or security system in a 1 & 2 family dwelling

Please refer any questions to the Building Department and see the Hillsborough Township Website for a link to the NJDCA summary of changes.

[http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/pdfs/OM\\_MW\\_03052018.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/pdfs/OM_MW_03052018.pdf)

### Business Advocate

*Next HBA Social on 4/19*

*Become a Run Around the Park Sponsor*

Save the Date: The next Hillsborough Business Association Business Social will be Thursday April 19 at The Landing. Details to purchase tickets will be out soon through the HBA e-News. To sign up for the HBA e-News, go to [Hillsboroughbusiness.org](http://Hillsboroughbusiness.org)

Just a reminder if you wish to be a sponsor for the 5th Annual Run Around the Park, a non-competitive, family friendly 3 mile run/walk through Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Woodfield Park - please contact Jessica Gonzalez, Recreation Program Coordinator at 908-369-4832.



## Engineering

### *Downed Tree Branches are Homeowner's Responsibility*

The Engineering Department would like to inform residents that you become responsible for clean up and/or damage to your property from any tree or tree branches that fall into your yard even if it is from your neighbors tree. If your tree falls into the roadway or sidewalk the D.P.W. will clear the obstruction in those areas and place the downed tree on the residents property for their removal. If you have a Homeowners Association with private roads you can contact your Association Representative.

Neighbors trees that fall on your property are considered a civil matter between neighbors. The Township has no authority to require a neighbor to pay to remove the fallen tree. There are standard laws not Township Regulations about tree requirements. Please contact your Homeowners Insurance Company for advise.

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## Finance

### *Sewer Project Assessment Payments online beginning on 5/1*

The Township recently received a request from the residents of the Sanitary Sewer Project to be given the ability to pay their Quarterly Special Assessment via the online system. The Finance Department was able to work with our 3rd party vendor and those residents will be able to make a free online payment from their checking account effective with the June installment. The link for payments can be found on the Township's website [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org) beginning May 1st.

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## Health Department

### *The 56th Annual Poison Prevention Week is March 18th- 24th*

Accidental poisonings are a major public health problem.

It is estimated that more than 2 million poisonings each year are called in to poison control centers across the country. More than 90% of these occur in the home, and most of the poisonings involve children under age 6. However, about 92% of the poisoning related deaths involve adults.

The Health Department would like to bring your attention to resources that you can use to prevent poisoning in your family and pets. The NJ Poison Prevention Hotline: [www.njpies.org](http://www.njpies.org) and 1-800-222-1222, which appears on the Health Department website under "important phone numbers" is a 24/7 free hotline for residents who may have a potential emergency, and also for information. It now includes information on pet poisoning, so you can call if you suspect your pet may have been poisoned.

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## Police

### *Telephone Scam Warning*

There have been reports of a local telephone scam in which it was a plot to defraud residents of money that allegedly came from a township number. As a reminder, never provide your banking information over to a non-trusted source over the telephone.

### *St. Patrick's Day - Don't Drink & Drive*

The Police Department would like to announce that they will be deploying supplemental patrols targeting impaired drivers. In preparation of your your St. Patrick's Day celebrations plan ahead and use a designated driver, public transportation or other paid service. This weekends initiative is a statewide effort. Play it safe. Don't Drink and Drive.

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## Public Works

The Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works has begun distributing tickets for the Annual Clean Up Program. This year, for the first time, tickets can be obtained online, as well as in person. For more

*Annual Clean Up  
Program Tickets Now  
Available*

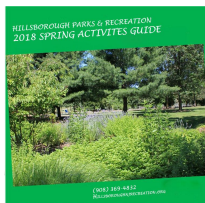
information, visit the Public Works Department's [Annual Clean Up Program Instructions Page](#).

## Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works 2018 Annual Clean Up Instructions



<http://www.hillsborough-nj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-Annual-Clean-Up-Program-Instructions.pdf>

## 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 Hillsborough Recreation on Instagram [@Hillsboroughrec](#)

## Library



**SCLSNJ App Update: Connect with Your Library from Anywhere, Anytime**

An updated version of the SCLSNJ App is available for download now in both the Apple App Store and Android Marketplace.

The SCLSNJ app will work on your iPhone or Android phone, or on your tablet.

Access the catalog, your account, your digital library card, eBooks, and more.

[Read More](#)

## Boards & Commissions

### Credit Card Committee

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

Grant Applications are now being accepted for non-profit organizations serving Township youth and seniors to apply for up to a \$2,000 Grant.



Funds for these grants are made possible by the Affinity Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program. The Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card offers the card user rewards in addition to allocating a percentage of purchases to go back into the trust to fund these grants.

[Read More](#) | [Download a Grant Application](#)  
[Learn More About Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card](#)

## 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



Troop 60056 of Service Unit 72 presents

### Bring a Friend to CAMPrend

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 1:30-3:00 PM  
At the Hillsborough Municipal Building

For their Bronze Award Project, the Juniors of Troop 60056 are hoping to share all the fun Girl Scouts can be with girls who are not in Girl Scouts (yet)!

So ... we are asking our Daisy and Brownie sisters to help us by attending and **INVITING A FRIEND** to this CAMPrend event where we will play camping at CAMPrend!

This event is open to all Daisies & Brownies (with a non-scout friend) And we welcome all girls (and parents of girls) entering grades K-3 during the 2018-19 school year who are interested in learning about Girl Scouts.

**Non-scouts MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Current Troops attending as a troop are asked to bring their Volunteers/Leaders to maintain adult-girl ratio

Events will include:  
crafts, games, snacks, songs, and a parent presentation.

Scouts should wear their vests/sashes so they can share stories about their many fun badge activities during the event.

**This event is FREE, but please bring an item for donation to the Hillsborough Food Pantry.**

Registration closes Saturday, April 7th  
See flyer for registration info and more details:

Contact - Gwen Duralek at [gs.troop60056@gmail.com](mailto:gs.troop60056@gmail.com)

girl scouting builds girls of **courage**, **confidence**, and **character**, who make the world a better place!



## Hillsborough UNICO to Host Golf Outing

Hillsborough UNICO is hosting our 1st annual Golf Tournament on Friday, April 13, 2018, 8:00AM at the Hillsborough Golf & Country Club. We are hoping to make this event a very successful one and are asking you to consider helping us with this fundraising event.

Hillsborough's UNICO chapter is part of the largest Italian American Organization in the country ([www.unico.org](http://www.unico.org)). Our objectives are to promote and enhance the Image of Italian Americans; for members to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members' interest in public welfare; and, to cooperate with others in civic, social and cultural development.

Part of the proceeds from this year's golf outing will be going to the Organization for Autism Research ([www.researchautism.org](http://www.researchautism.org)). OAR is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to apply research to the challenges of autism. OAR is dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by autism by supporting research that produces meaningful and practical results. OAR also keep families, educators, self-advocates, and professionals informed by delivering free, evidence-based resources and information every day.

To help Hillsborough UNICO raise funds, we are asking you to consider sponsoring a hole for \$200.00 or to donate a prize (item or cash) to our prize table. Each donation will be recognized at the tournament on the Sponsor/Donation acknowledgement display for each golfer to see. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. It is because of the support we receive from businesses and individuals like you that we can provide ongoing funding to support the efforts of our organizations.

Any questions, please contact Janet DiGangi at 732-439-0648 or [jdigangi@bruns-pak.com](mailto:jdigangi@bruns-pak.com).

[More Information/Registration Form](#) | [Sponsorship Form](#)

## Important Dates

### Meeting Dates

March 27, 2018	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 4, 2018	Board of Adjustment Meeting	7:30 pm
April 5, 2018	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 10, 2018	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 12, 2018	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 24, 2018	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
April 26, 2018	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

[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

### **Fashion Show to Benefit Project Graduation**

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
6 pm  
Hillsborough High School



### **Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
8 am - 12 pm  
Woods Road Firehouse

### **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



### **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](#)



## FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT PROJECT GRADUATION

Please join our Senior Student models on **Saturday, March 24th** at Hillsborough High School for an exciting evening of food and fashion Mardi-Gras Style! The event begins at 6:00 pm with food tasting from local restaurants. At 7:30 pm the fashion show begins with our junior models first, then our Seniors modeling dresses and tuxedos from area stores. Ticket prices are as follows and can be purchased at the door:

STUDENTS	Show only	\$10
ADULTS	Show only	\$15
COMBO	Food and Show	\$35

Project Graduation is a nationally recognized program that provides a safe environment for the Hillsborough High School Class of 2018 to celebrate their graduation following commencement ceremonies in June. This is a drug and alcohol-free event.

**Please come support Project Graduation!**



**Get Your Tickets Now!**

**HHS Band & Guard Program**

**Raffle**

**Grande Prize**  
4 Days/3 Nights in Walt Disney World!

**Grande Prize** (\$1500 value)  
(4) One-day Hopper Passes to Disney  
(3) Nights in WDW @ All-Star Music Resort  
(2) Airline ticket vouchers - round trip

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** (\$500 value)  
50" Samsung Flat Screen Ultra HD Smart TV  
w/(5) assorted family movies

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE** (\$250 value)  
\$250 in gift cards of your choice (SCRIP List)

**Ticket Price: \$10.00**

Grande Prize round trip hopper passes compliments of:  
**WALT DISNEY WORLD**

All proceeds to benefit the Hillsborough High School Band & Guard Program

Drawing will take place at Hillsborough High School Jazz Concert 9pm on April 11, 2018. Winners need not be present to win. No substitution of the offer price may be made. No cash will be given in lieu of prize. Hopper tickets will expire two years after the date of issue and will not be extended and cannot be upgraded to another ticket (i.e., multi-day ticket). Blackout dates are December 25 - 31 of any year. All ticket vouchers will contain expiration dates. Blackout dates apply.

For additional information please contact: [kjohnsonhbspa@gmail.com](mailto:kjohnsonhbspa@gmail.com) or call 908-334-5470

[More Information](#)

## 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](mailto:wenholt@aol.com) or stop by Super Sundaes (near the Post Office) and pick one up.

## Somerset County News

### 5K Race to Wellness - March 24th!

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](#)**

## Have You Checked Your Well Water This Year?

In recognition of Groundwater Awareness Week, March 11-17, the Somerset County Board of Freeholders and Department of Health want to remind homeowners with private wells about the importance of regularly testing their drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends testing your household well every year for: coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids, and pH levels. These substances and characteristics of well water can be quantified through routine laboratory testing.

Homeowners may consider testing their well more frequently if any members of the household are pregnant, or if there are infants and young children present. It is also prudent to test your well water after any repairs or if you notice a significant change in the odor, color, or taste of the water.

**[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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