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

Mayor Gloria McCauley

**Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson** 

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#### 2 HHS Wrestlers Honored by Mayor at July 10th Township Committee Meeting

#### **Anthony Donnadio**

Anthony Donnadio, a 2018 graduate of Hillsborough High School, will be attending Kutztown University on a wrestling scholarship.

Anthony was a two-time District 17 Champion and two-time Somerset County Champion.

He was named the 2017 District 17 Most Outstanding Wrestling Senior with a record of 41-5

Anthony has been wrestling since first grade and wrestled for the HHS Varsity Wrestling Team all four years in high school.

The Township Committee recognizes and extends our sincere congratulations to Anthony for his outstanding performance on the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team.

We commend you for the honor you have brought yourself, your team, and your community through your many achievements on and off the mat.



Pictured: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Anthony Donnadio and Mayor Gloria McCauley

#### Kevin Faulkner

Kevin Faulkner, a 2018 graduate of Hillsborough High School will be attending Johnson & Wales University to study Criminal Justice and continue wrestling.

He was a member of the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team all 4 years.

Kevin was a District Champion achieving 100 career wins. He placed 8th in States and was a Region Finalist.

He has been wrestling since fifth grade in school and sixth grade for the Fortify Wrestling Club.

The Township Committee recognizes and extends our sincere congratulations to Kevin for his outstanding performance on the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team.

We commend you for the honor you have brought yourself, your team, and your community through your many achievements on and off the mat.



Pictured; Mayor Frank DelCore, Kevin Faulkner and Mayor Gloria McCauley

#### Hillsborough Night at Somerset Patriots

This past Friday, July 13th, the Somerset Patriots hosted Hillsborough Night. Deputy Mayor threw out the first pitch to kick off the game. The game was a close one, but the Patriots pulled off a 2-1 win over the Lancaster Barnstormers. Spectators we also treated to an amazing rendition of "God Bless America" performed by Hillsborough's own singer/song writer Susyn Timko and night was capped off with a post-game fireworks display.



Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson throws out first pitch



Susyn Timko sings "God Bless America"



Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson with some young fans

# Hillsborough Township to Hold Annual Purple Heart Ceremony at the Garden of Honor on Tuesday, August 7th @ 6 pm - Rain or Shine

"Hillsborough Township, a Purple Heart Community, will hold the Annual Purple Heart Ceremony on Tuesday, August 7th at 6 pm at the Garden of Honor on the Grounds of the Municipal Complex," announced Mayor Gloria McCauley at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

The 6 pm ceremony will be held rain or shine. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.



"It is our honor to host this significant commemoration ceremony in honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. All Hillsborough residents are invited to attend the ceremony," added Mayor McCauley during his remarks at the meeting.

The Purple Heart, the most recognized medal of the armed forces, is awarded to those serving in the armed forces that are injured or killed while serving in combat. It was originally introduced by George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It is the oldest military award given to U.S. military members.

A Purple Heart Monument was dedicated to the Township at the first Purple Heart Ceremony on behalf of Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The first annual ceremony was held at the Township in 2012. The monument proudly resides at the Garden of Honor.

#### **Text Link**

#### **Summer Campers Cool Off During Emergency Services Week**

On Tuesday, July 3rd, Hillsborough Fire Safety along with members of Fire Co #2 (37) and Fire Co #1 (36), came to provide some fun for the 4 and 5 year old campers at Hillsborough Elementary School during Emergency Services Week at Hillsborough Recreation's Tiny Camp.

The timing couldn't have been better to have some water fun during the 90 degree heat! Special thanks to 37 for bringing the tower ladder and 36 for providing the tanker.



# Township to Collect Scenic Photos for the "2019 Town Calendar"

"The Township is pleased to be working with Town Planner Calendar to produce a 2019 color printed calendar which will be mailed out to every residence in Hillsborough, at no cost to our taxpayers," announced Mayor Gloria McCauley at a recent Township Committee meeting.

"The printing of the calendar is funded through the various advertisements contained within the calendar," added Mayor McCauley.

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# Rotary Fair/Business Showcase to Begin Second Decade as Hillsborough Tradition

The week-long Rotary Fair/Business Showcase, scheduled for Tuesday, August 14 – Sunday, August 19, at the Hillsborough Promenade, 315 Route 206, begins its second decade of operation under Rotary leadership this summer. Attendance has averaged 15,000 annually, making it one of Hillsborough's most popular and enduring community events. Once again, a dizzying array of thrill rides, games, food, vendor displays and a special fireworks show are planned.



"The Fair is a perennial favorite for our residents," commented Greg Burchette, president of the

Rotary Club of Hillsborough, "but it is also our most important fundraiser, allowing us to help support a wide range of charitable organizations and causes throughout the year."

The Rotary Fair features 21 amusement rides by Majestic Midway Amusements, games by Paladin Amusements, a DJ, a wide selection of food, various displays by area vendors and a petting zoo. Featured rides include the Himalayan, Bumper Cars, Ring of Fire, Super Shot, Sizzler, Zipper, Carousel, Kite Flyer and many more. This year, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will be pay-one-price (\$30) wristband nights. All proceeds raised at the fair are returned to the community as contributions to local community service organizations.

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#### Join the Hillsborough Music Festival!

The Hillsborough Music Festival is returning to the Hillsborough

Promenade (in the field next to Lowe's) on Saturday, August 4, 2018. As in previous years, the 2018 festival is free to the public and co-sponsored by Allegra School of Music and Arts and Hillsborough Township. The HMF will feature outstanding and diverse local bands, solo artists, great food, vendors, and children's activities. Since 2010 the festival has raised funds for youth suicide prevention through outreach, education, and mental health awareness programs. This is a family-friendly outdoor festival dedicated to saving the lives of our children. We invite local businesses, sponsors, and community members who want to join this festival to add their time and resources to support this great day.

#### Be an HMF Volunteer

Adults and kids, gain experience and service hours! There are ample opportunities to get involved, both before the festival and on the day of the event. Sign up using our online form, and we will connect you with the tasks that suit your skills and schedule!

For more information on how to donate, be a vendor, perform, and volunteer, go to <a href="http://hillsboroughmusicfestival.org">http://hillsboroughmusicfestival.org</a>



Add your voice, send HMF your video statements, click here

Click on image below to watch latest episode of "Hillsborough The Good Life!"







Click on image above to view full size and for registration information

# **Department Updates**

#### Building Department

Closing Out Permits

With summer here, it is the peak of the construction season. Don't forget, once you receive your Construction Permit it is important to get all of your Inspections. Permits will remain open until all Final Inspections have passed. This is important to remember, especially when selling your home!

#### **Engineering**

Summer has arrived and many homeowners may want to improve their property by adding or removing soil.

Soil Permit Ordinance

The Engineering Department is advising residents to be cautious about accepting soil for their property. Some have accepted soil from locations which could possibly contain debris, rubble or other contaminants. In one case, a resident accepted "free" soil which ended up being contaminated material. The homeowner had to pay to have the soil removed and afterwards learned the soil was from a construction site. The free soil turned out to be a very expensive undertaking. It is recommended you purchase soil from an approved soil supplier or make sure they are certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

Hillsborough Township has a Soil Permit Ordinance designed to protect residents against such occurrences. It prohibits the importation of soil without first obtaining approval from the Engineering Department. If the soil is from an unknown source lab testing of the soil will be necessary. If you are thinking of improving your property, before you either remove or accept soil, dirt or other fill material, be sure to contact the Engineering Department to advise and obtain the proper permit. The Hillsborough Engineering Office can be reached at 908-369-4460.

Following the proper procedures can save residents from significant costs associated with removal of contaminated soil as well as preventing penalties.

#### **Finance**

3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills

The 3rd Quarter estimated taxes were mailed on July 11th. These bills only reflect the amount due for the 3rd quarter until the Township receives the certified tax rate from the county. If you earned a Shop Hillsborough credit, this bill will reflect that reduction. Please be aware the estimated tax bill is a single sheet that is pink and white, and that payment is due no later than August 10th.

#### Health

Protect Yourself from the Sun's Harmful UV Rays The Health Department reminds everyone to use sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun's harmful UV rays which can cause cancer. Using at least SPF 15 broad spectrum (UVA and UVB) protection can help to prevent skin cancer. The skin cancer screenings held at the township's Green Living and Wellness Fairs have detected malignant melinomas in participants who walked in for a check. It is important to know what to look for and check yourself, as well as to have your doctor check anything unusual, like any changes in appearance of a mole on your body. Please see www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/index.htm. Learn how to prevent sun exposure and what to look for.

#### **Public Works**

The Central Jersey Stream Team is organizing a lower end of the South Branch river clean up on July 22. Anyone interested in helping the team that day should contact Jens Reidel at the Central Jersey Stream Team Facebook page, where you will find more details on the event as they become available. The Public Works Department will be picking up the trash that is accumulated from this event.

We are hard at work repairing road issues, storm drains and roadside mowing. We are also removing hazardous trees that can have a potential impact on public safety.

Coupons are still available for the Township Clean Up. Please visit the Public Works page on the township website to apply for a coupon online.

#### Recreation



2018 Summer Activities Guide

#### Hillsborough Township's Annual Fishing Derby and Family Camp Out - Friday, August 3rd

"Bring your family and tent for the annual Family Camp Out and don't forget to pack the fishing poles for the David L. Thomas, Sr. Memorial



Fishing Derby," announced Committeeman Frank DelCore at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting.

The Township's Fishing Derby and Camp Out are set for Friday, August 3rd, at the Ann Van Middlesworth Park.

This year's Family Camp Out will include a glow-in-the-dark night hike and a movie under the stars. The Fishing Derby will be open to children ages 14 years and younger. Kids are encouraged to come out, cast a line, and try and catch the biggest fish!

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# **Township Job Line**

# Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- · Building Maintenance, Part Time
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist - Hillsborough Township Health Department

More Information | Download an Application



Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

## **Veterans Corner**

#### **Operation Shoebox Needs Your Support!**

#### **Victory Campaign**

The Somerset Patriots have partnered with Operation Shoebox in the Victory Campaign. To join the Victory Campaign, sign up with an initial \$25 donation and then pledge a dollar amount per game won by the Somerset Patriots. At the end of the season the initial \$25 is subtracted from your total pledge.

#### **Shopping Sprees**

Operation Shoebox is looking for volunteers to go to a local supermarkets and hand out lists of items needed to collect for their care packages. They also need help sorting goods at the warehouse and counting and packing the itemsfor transportation to other venues when they package the items to send over seas.

SHOPPING SPREES ARE SUCCSESSFUL BECAUSE OF OPERATION SHOEBOX, NJ VOLUNTEERS!!!! Times are from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM BOTH SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S. PLEASE CONSIDER MULTIPLE DATES. 2 Volunteers needed to cover at each door( usually 2 doors) during times selected. Bring your Family and Friends, Looking for Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops in addition to Organizations to Volunteer.

**More Shopping Spree Information and Dates** 

**Download a Donor Form and Support Operation Shoebox** 



News You Can Use



Affinity representatives will be on-site to chat about your credit union benefits. High Yield CD Rates, \$225 Bonus Incentive, Visa Gift Cards, and Raffles!

#### DATE:

Thursday, July 26th

#### TIME:

10 am - 2 pm

#### LOCATION:

The Peter J. Biondi Building Hillsborough Municipal Complex Conference Room A

For additional information, contact Katie Sapio at 908.860.7250 or KatieS@affinityfcu.com



**Events for Charity & Causes** 



Special Olympics New Jersey transforms lives through the joy of sport, every day.

#### INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS HILLSBOROUGH

#### Special Olympics Mission

Our mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, and other Special Olympics athletes and the community. And of course, to have FUN!!

All programs are free to registered athletes! We also support inclusion as our programs engage peer students as volunteers working directly with our athletes.

#### **Athlete Requirements**

The minimum age for participation in skills clinics and competition teams is 8. Young athlete programs are available through SONJ beginning at age 2. Athletes are required to complete a participation packet, and have a medical examination every 3 year. Medical exams are also provided free of charge at Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter Games.

#### **Programs**

Skills clinics are designed for learning and improving skills through fun small group drills. Clinics take place in town at various locations, and typically are held once per week for 4 to 6 weeks.

Competition teams are open to athletes of all skill levels! Matchups are designed to group athletes of similar skill levels. Teams practice once or twice or week in town, and compete on weekends at various locations in the area including the SONJ facility in Lawrenceville.

#### Additional Information / How to Register

To receive emails about upcoming programs and related information, please subscribe at our website below. Program registrations are announced via emails to our subscribers and registrations are also done directly via the website. For additional information please contact Bilynda or Pam directly, or message us via the website.

Skills Clinics:
Basketball – Jan & Feb
Swim – May & Jun
Golf – Aug
Soccer – Sep & Oct

Competition Teams:
Track - Spring
Soccer - Fall
Basketball - Winter

Unified competition teams coming soon!

Come play with us!
Volunteers of all ages
welcome. Student
volunteers get service
hours!

#### **BILYNDA MOLISH**

Local Training Program Coordinator 908-468-0702 Bin904@aol.com

#### PAM FIGARD

Volunteer Coordinator Figard1999@hotmail.com

www.leaguelineup.com/hillsboroughspecialolympics www.sonj.org

## **Important Dates**

July 26, 2018

Planning Board Business Meeting

Canceled

August 14, 2018

**Township Committee Meeting** 

7:30 pn

#### 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

#### Cheaper by the Dozen

Somerset Valley Players July 20 - August 5

#### **Learn About Affinity**

July 26, 2018 10 am - 2 pm Hillsborough Municipal Building

#### Sense & Scents-Ability

Saturday, August 4 11 am - 2 pm Fragrance & Sensory Garden Colonial Park Gardens

#### Hillsborough Rotary Fair

August 14-19 Field Adjacent to Hillsborough Promenade (Lowe's)



Take your feet to the streets and enjoy the day with family & friends along the scenic D&R Canal Sunday, August 12th

You asked and we made it happen! On Sunday August 12th, Canal Road will be closed to vehicular traffic between Griggstown & Rocky Hill from 10 am to 4 pm. Bring your family and friends, pack water and a snack and stroll leisurely or ride your bicycle down traffic and noise-free Canal Road to view historic homes from the street. For a change of pace, you can choose to get closer to nature and take the scenic route back to Griggstown along the canal path.

This event is made possible by the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway, Franklin Township and the Franklin Township Police Department. To learn more about Millstone Valley Scenic Byway, visit their <u>website</u>. For a more detailed history of the Millstone Scenic Byway check out Linda Barth's book entitled "The Millstone Valley Through Time".

# **Somerset County News**

#### Gold Star Parent ID Cards will be Issued by County Clerk's Office

Somerset County Clerk Steve Peter is pleased to announce that his office is issuing Gold Star Parent ID cards to biological parents, legal guardians and other legal custodians of members of the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United States.

"These service members gave their lives to protect the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S. today," County Clerk Peter said. "I'm proud to be able to help the Gold Star parents as they carry on the legacy of their son or daughter."

The cards identify the holder as a Gold Star Parent and include the branch of armed forces in which their son or daughter served and other personal information. The Gold Star Parent program provides access to discounts and other courtesies, including free or reduced admission to New Jersey beaches, state parks and forests, the New Jersey State Museum and some businesses.

#### **Read More**

# Seeking Public Input for 'Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County' Transportation Study

Somerset County Freeholder Director Patrick Scaglione announces the launch of an exciting initiative to improve bike and trail path connections throughout Somerset County. "The goal is to make our county's bike paths and trails more user-friendly, more accessible, and safer for our residents," he said. "We are also encouraging residents to give us their feedback on what changes or improvements they envision."

Residents are urged to participate in the "Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County: Connecting Vibrant Communities Transportation Study," by taking an <u>online survey</u> and/or by commenting on an <u>interactive map</u>. With the help of residents' feedback, the Planning Board hopes to improve bicycle safety and provide better accessibility to walking, bicycling and hiking trails.

Through this study, the Planning Board will support the development of an integrated network of multiuse trails and paths that will be accessible to county residents of all ages and abilities, as well as increase access to services and destinations within Somerset County. The overall goal of this initiative is to help improve public safety, enhance community recreation and support economic development.

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#### **EmPower Somerset 2018 Fundraising Events!**



#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE 2nd & 4th Tuesdays until 7pm (June, July & August 2nd Tuesday Only)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2nd Tuesday until 7pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT Tuesdays until 7pm

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Online Payments & Tax Notices

Recreation Activities Guide

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Hillsborough Business Association
Hillsborough Parks & Recreation | Sustainable Hillsborough
Hillsborough Schools | Hillsborough Public Library

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