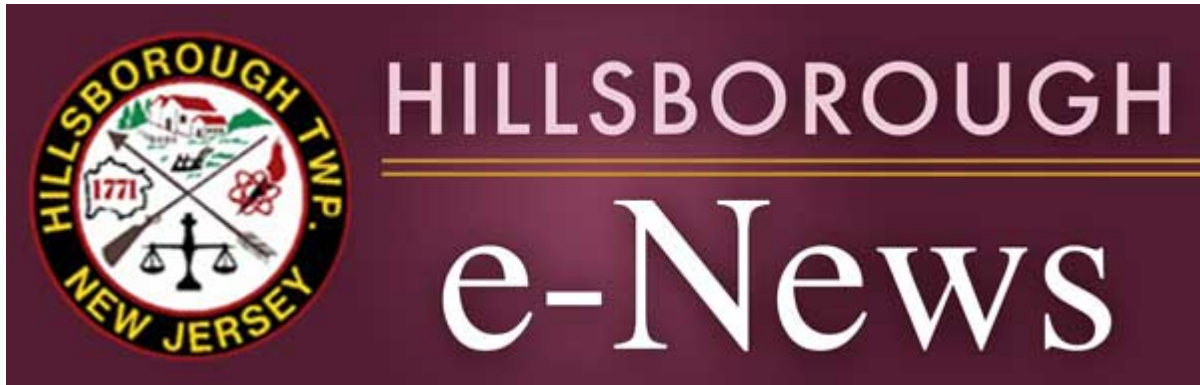


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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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### Menorah Lighting Tonight

Friday, December 7

7:00 pm

Temple Beth-El, 67 Rt 206, Hillsborough



Shabbat Chanukah Service,  
Consecration of New Religious School Students  
and  
Community-wide Menorah Lighting

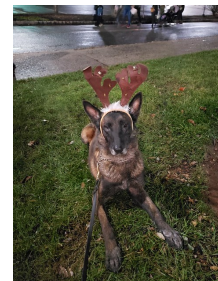
Sixth Night of Chanukah  
Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Temple Beth-El, 67 Rt 206, Hillsborough

Bring your family's favorite chanukah and menorah candles!  
Being held in conjunction with Hillsborough Township.

## Township News

### [Hillsborough Kicks Off Holiday Season With Tree Lighting](#)

On Friday, November 30th, Mayor Gloria McCauley, Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson, Committeemen Frank DelCore, Shawn Lipani and Carl Suraci with the help of Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and their elf, lit the Township Christmas Tree at the Municipal Complex. Hundreds of Hillsborough residents gathered to welcome Santa as he arrived, courtesy of the Flagtown Fire Department.



### [Trails Dedicated to Late Mike Merdinger](#)

Last Saturday, 29 East Mountain Road was the backdrop for a gathering of the Hillsborough Community to unveil the Mike Merdinger Memorial Trails sign and officially dedicate

the area to the former Mayor and Administrator. His wife Barbara was joined by their daughters Kristin, her husband John and daughter Megan, her husband Patrick and their children Minna and Theo.



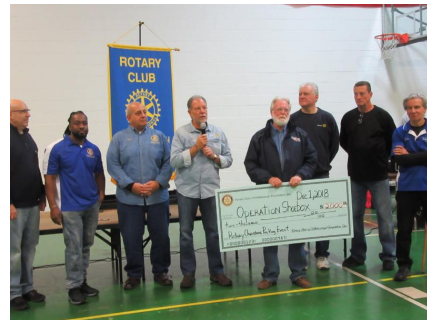
### Senior Chapter B Swears in New Officers

Township Clerk Pamela Borek conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the 2019 Officers for Senior Chapter "B" at their annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 6th



### Hundreds of Community Members Turn Out for Holiday Packing Event for Troops

Hundreds of Hillsborough community members joined the Rotary Club of Hillsborough and Operation Shoebox volunteers this past Saturday at Hillsborough YMCA to ensure that our troops abroad have a little reminder of our gratitude for their service. Thanks to the extraordinary community support and the monetary contributions made to off-set shipping costs, over 1000 boxes of donated toiletries and snacks will be on their way overseas, and in the hands of grateful service men and women in time for the holidays.



### **Shop Hillsborough for the Holidays!**

The Shop Hillsborough Reward Program combines saving and shopping. Present your Shop Hillsborough Reward Card to a participating merchant at the time of purchase and a property credit will automatically be applied to your property tax bill. Not a property owner? Join the program to receive an annual rebate check.

If you don't have a card, pick one up in the Administration Office in the Municipal Building Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm



### December Deals of the Month

## Hillsborough The Good Life

### Season 4 - Episode 1

Watch Now!



## News You Can Use

On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Wreaths Across America will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery - Hillsborough to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by visiting the [Wreaths Across America Website](#) and clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thank you so much for supporting Sacred Heart Cemetery - Hillsborough and Wreaths Across America!



### JCP&L Topic of the Month - Holiday Lighting Contest & Safety Reminder

Twinkling lights and illuminated decorations help add magic to the holidays. FirstEnergy Corp's utilities encourage customers to remember a few helpful tips to ensure the holidays remain safe and efficient and to share their best outdoor holiday lighting displays for a chance to win a weekly prize.

## Department Updates

### **Building Department**

#### *Winterize Your Home*

Autumn is here and Winter is just around the corner. Don't wait until it is too late to start winterizing your home. When water inside pipes freezes, it causes pressure inside the pipe, and when the pressure get too high, the pipe ruptures. We recommend to insulate pipes in crawl spaces to create warmth. Also, If you are planning on leaving for an extended period of time, do not shut your heat off completely.

### **Engineering**

#### *Engineering Inspections in the Winter Months*

The Engineering Department reminds residents that site inspections cannot be conducted if the area to be inspected is snow covered.

If additions, pole barns, garages, driveways, in ground swimming pools etc. are in the process of being constructed and a resident needs a final Engineering site inspection for certificate of occupancy it is recommended that the site work be completed before it becomes snow covered.

If the inspection needs to be delayed until spring, the Engineering Department requires that a cash escrow be submitted and a temporary certificate of occupancy be issued until the site work can be verified. Once the site work is verified, the cash escrow can be returned and a permanent certificate of occupancy can be issued.

### **Finance Department**

#### *Dog License Renewal*

The Finance Department will begin mailing out 2019 Dog License renewals in mid-December. Payments for these renewals cannot be made until January 2nd. Pet owners are reminded that, in order to renew your dog's license, their rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019. Please watch the Township website for the date and time of the 2019 annual rabies clinic.

## **Health Department**

### ***Flu Vaccination Clinics***

Flu Vaccination Clinics will be held in cooperation with Walgreens of Hillsborough on the following dates: Tuesday, October 2, and October 16 from 3 to 6 PM at the Hillsborough Municipal Building. Please see the Hillsborough website, Health Department, "Get Ready for the Flu" for cost and acceptable insurances.

### ***Radon Kits***

The Health Department is distributing free radon test kits to residents on a first come, first served basis. These kits are not intended for residences built after 2002. If you live in a house that was never tested and was built on or before January 1, 2002, these kits will help you to determine your risk and what prevention system, if any, is necessary. One kit per residence will be provided.



### ***Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic***

The Health Department will provide free rabies vaccinations to cats and dogs of NJ residents in January 2019. Please check back on our website in December.



The [2017 Annual Report for the Hillsborough Health Department](#) is online under the important phone numbers and next to the resource manual. Should anyone have a question, please call the health department at 908-369-5652.

## **OEM**



On Saturday, November 3, 2018 a group of Red Cross volunteers ran a fantastic day-long training on Shelter Fundamentals at Raritan Valley Community College for Red Cross Volunteers, Municipal and County CERT, OEM and first responders. More than 50 participants came from all over New Jersey, but primarily from Somerset and Hunterdon Counties to brush up on and learn about things like planning and readiness, resourcing a shelter, opening, operating and closing a shelter. Hillsborough officials in attendance included OEM Director John Sheridan, Social Services Director Bob Wagner and OEM Deputy Director Pamela Borek.

Once out of the classroom sessions, participants could partake in a shelter simulation activity where they operated three key components of a shelter: registration, dormitory set-up and feeding. It was a realistic exercise that should others need to implement will prove very helpful. Many thanks to Carmella and Tommy Ditmars for organizing this training, and to all Red Crossers for sharing their expertise and experiences.

## **Public Works**

### ***Leaf Program Information***

Hillsborough Township provides both a [Leaf Pick Up](#) and a [Drop Off Program](#), which runs from November 1st through the end of December. The Drop Off program is located at the Auten Road Facility. The purpose of this program is to assist residents with the removal of fallen leaves.

Check the Public Works page on the Township website for updates to the [Leaf Pickup Schedule](#) and for information on how to prepare your leaves.





Residents are urged to please have their leaves ready at the edge of the curb line on their own property and to contain them if they are blowing on your neighbors property using the methods suggested from the Department of Public works link on the town website. It is now the middle of December and the second rounds of collection are well under way. We continue to update the town website weekly with the general areas being addressed.

## Social Services

*'Tis the Season to Spread Joy...Sponsor a Family in Need for the Holidays*

It's the time of year to spread holiday cheer and joy and the Hillsborough Township Community Assistance Network is gearing up for the holidays with its annual Holiday Program for Township families in need.

The Social Services Department still has a few families that are in need of a sponsor for holiday gifts, and is looking for residents who are willing to sponsor those families enrolled in the Holiday Program.

Sponsor families are asked to provide three gifts per each person in the adopted family. To make shopping easier, each adopted family is asked to provide their sponsor with a wish list to use as a guide. Sponsors may "adopt" a whole family or just one member to provide holiday gifts and cheer.

All items purchased for families in need are due back in the Social Services Department by Tuesday, December 18th in order to be distributed in time for the holidays.

For additional information or to adopt a family, please email the Social Services Department at [cfaerber@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:cfaerber@hillsborough-nj.org) or call 908-369-3880.

## Library

- [Connect with Your Community Through Winter Holiday Programs at Your Library](#)
- [The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's \(SCLSNJ\) Staff Appreciation Morning is on Thursday, December 6. All SCLSNJ branches will open at noon.](#)

## Township Job Line



**Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:**

- Building Maintenance, Part Time

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

## Important Dates

December 13th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
December 11th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
December 18th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

## 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

### **Robo Raiders Basket Auction**

December 7th  
6 pm - 9 pm  
Auten Road Intermediate School

### **Meet and Greet Santa**

December 8th  
11 am - 2 pm  
Sunnyside Gifts - 381 Triangle Rd (Near Wawa)

### **Bridgeway Holiday Bazaar**

December 8th  
10 am - 3 pm  
270 Rte 28 Bridgewater

### **Food Drive to Benefit C.A.N.**

December 9 - 16  
Sunnyside Gifts - 381 Triangle Rd (Near Wawa)

### **Annual Craft Fair at the Princeton Elks**

December 9th  
12 pm - 4 pm  
354 Route 518 Skillman

### **Mid-Winter: the feasts and festivals of December**

December 9th  
3 pm - 4:30 pm  
Church of Saint Charles Borromeo, 47 Skillman Road, Skillman NJ

### **Charity Pro Wrestling**

December 15th  
4:00 pm  
Polish Falcon's Nest

### **HHS Band Clothing Drive**

December 15th

10 am - 12:00 pm  
Hillsborough High School

## Learning Experience Open House

December 21st  
5 - 7 pm  
The Learning Experience

## 5th Annual "i have a Voice" Gala

March 30th  
6 pm - 11 pm  
Bridgewater Marriott

**On Sale! New ARIS/HMS 2018-2019  
Discount Card - Save Money at Local  
Businesses & Support Hillsborough  
Students**

If you would like to purchase a ARIS/HMS Discount Card, email [laura@brightsoftware.com](mailto:laura@brightsoftware.com) for details, or visit Super Sundaes ice cream shop (near the Post Office).

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# Somerset County News

## Nominations Sought for Outstanding Women Awards

## Senior Centers Announce December Activities

## Sheriff's Office Collecting 'Toys for Tots'

## Seeking Residents' Input at Public Meeting for Walk, Bike, Hike Plan Connecting Vibrant Communities to Better Trail Systems

## Lend A Helping Hand This Holiday Season

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
Tuesdays until 7pm

## Press Releases

## Events Calendar

## Meeting Dates

## Online Payments & Tax Notices

## Recreation Activities Guide

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

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