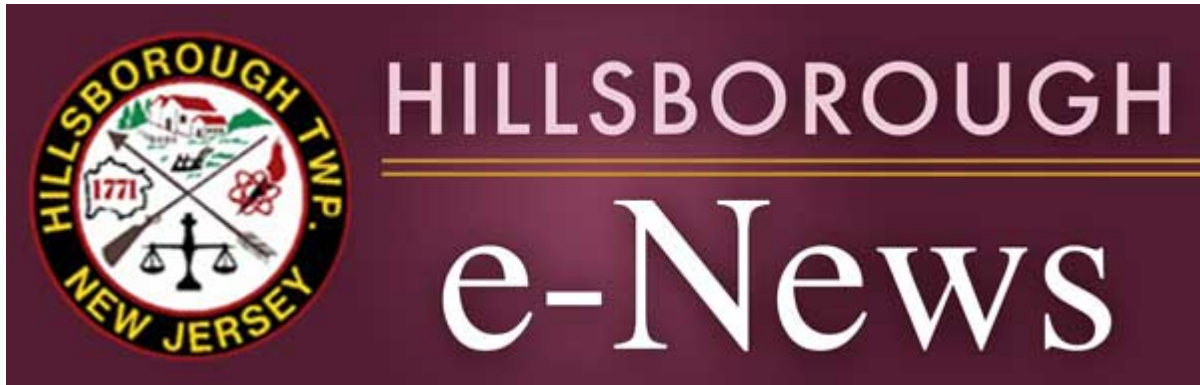


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Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the holiday.

The Hillsborough Branch of the Somerset County Library System will be closed Sunday, December 23rd, Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th



The Auten Rd. facility will be open for Leaf Drop Off from 7 am to 3 pm this Saturday, December 22nd.

Township News

Eagle Scout Michael Guarnieri Honored by Township Committee

Michael Guarnieri, a Sophomore at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has recently earned the status of Eagle Scout.

Michael's Eagle Scout Project included redesigning and organizing the preschool storage room at Mary, Mother of God Church, where he built shelves, purchased metal shelving units with wheels, organized the materials in new storage containers and painted walls. The project took 244 hours with the help of 15 Scout volunteers and 8 adult volunteers.



Hillsborough Jr. Raiders Varsity Gold Football Team Celebrates Undefeated Season

The Hillsborough Jr. Raiders Varsity Gold Football Team had another very successful season due to their hard work and dedication.

The team had an undefeated season and achieved the title of Greater NJ American Youth Football Conference Champions. They also competed in the World Youth Football Championship and went on to win the semifinals.



HHS Varsity Soccer Team Honored with Proclamation

The Hillsborough High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team worked hard to ensure their season was a success.

The Varsity Soccer Team won the Somerset County Championship and Skyland Conference Championship with an overall record of 16-1-2.



Hillsborough Township Achieves Seventh Sustainable Jersey® Certification in Nine Years

Most Certified Town in Somerset County – Second Most Certified Town in New Jersey

Hillsborough Township began sustainable initiatives in 2006 and was one of the first towns



to enter into the Sustainable Jersey program in 2009

Hillsborough Rotarians Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Hillsborough Families

Hillsborough's Social Services Department had some 30 elves on hand Wednesday evening to help sort and pack gifts for Hillsborough families in need. Members of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough, joined by their family members, friends, and Boy Scouts, helped make sure that each of the family members that were signed up with the Social Services Department's support program had ample gifts to celebrate the holiday season. Families also receive food from the Town's Food Pantry, along with gift cards, including \$4,000 in Kohls gift cards donated by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough.



Hillsborough Community Night at the NJ Devils vs. Philadelphia Flyers on Friday, March 1st

"Hillsborough Township will participate in the 5th Annual Hillsborough Community Night at the New Jersey Devils' Friday, March 1st game against the Philadelphia Flyers," announced Mayor Gloria McCauley.

"This year the Township and PBA #205 are partnering for an even bigger community event," added Mayor McCauley.



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!



Department Updates

Administration

The Township's Annual reorganization meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd at 7 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Building Department

Winterize Your Home

The Building Department is pleased to announce an amnesty program, which will run until January 31, 2019. This program will excuse residents and business owners from getting penalized for having open permits, having previous work done without permits, failing to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, and/or have an expired Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. If you visit the Building Department within this allotted time frame, we will assist you with gaining compliance for your projects. Permit fees will still be applicable but, again, you will not be penalized for noncompliance.

Business Advocate

The Hillsborough Township Business Advocate encourages the business community to visit the newly updated HBA website at www.hillsboroughbusiness.org, to update their business profiles on the Hillsborough Township Business Finder. While on the website, check out some of the new features. Businesses now have the ability to submit their events to be posted on the HBA Calendar.

Engineering

Engineering Inspections in the Winter Months

The Engineering Department would like to advise the public that the Township has received bids for the left turn traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Triangle and Auten Roads.

The contract was awarded November 20, 2018. Once materials and supplies are ordered, construction will begin. The contractor indicated construction should commence approximately April 2019.

Finance Department

2019 dog license renewals will be mailed the last week of December. Renewals can be paid in person, by mail, or using the online system beginning January 7th. Your dog's rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019 in order to renew.

Health Department

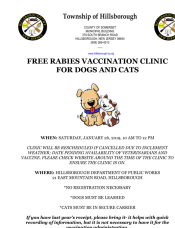
Radon Kits

The Health Department is distributing free radon test kits to residents on a first come, first serve 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

Annual Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic to be held on Saturday, January 26th at the Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works Yard located at 21 East Mountain Road. No pre-registration is necessary. Dogs must be leashed and cats are required to be in a secure carrier.



Plan for your Pets during an Emergency

Our pets are members of our families. When preparing for emergencies, make sure you consider your pet's needs. There are several situations to be prepared for:

1. Sometimes you may not be able to get home. A buddy system with a trusted friend or neighbor can help. If you can't get home, be sure you have provisions for you pets in the house and someone to contact to check on them.
2. Sheltering at home-Make sure you have enough food and water for your pets.
3. Evacuation- You can find a trusted friend who lives outside your area who may be able to care for your pet. Or you may have to take your pet with you. There are several things that should be done to prepare, including having medical records, identification information and photograph (with you and pet), and other things. Please check out www.animalemergency.nj.gov for detailed recommendations. Also www.ready.gov has good information.

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.

Police

The Police Department reminds residents that NJ law requires all snow and ice to be removed from vehicles' hood, windows and roof before driving. For your safety, drive slow & adjust your speed for the changing road conditions and increase your following distance from other vehicles. Give snowplows and sander vehicles plenty of room to work. Don't tailgate and try not to pass them as their field of vision is restricted - you may see them but they don't always see you!

Public Works

There is a prohibition of parking on snow covered roads. Township Code Chapter 143-21 prohibits parking on snow covered roads. When snow is anticipated, use off street parking as an alternative. Vehicles are subject to summonses and the potential of being towed at the owner's expense.

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway an emergency shall exist, and no vehicle shall be parked on either side of any of the streets or parts thereof as described in Schedule XVI (§ 143-45) of the Township Code. It is necessary to have the streets accessible and free from parked vehicles to allow for the plows to complete their work.

For the safety of our residents, your vehicles and the effectiveness of Public Works plowing and salting efforts, it is imperative that residents adhere to these restrictions. The parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Recreation

Registration Open

Registration is currently ongoing for ALL winter programs. Spring Girls Softball leagues and Spring Soccer leagues are also open for registration. Don't miss out on the fun. Register today!

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 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 or call 908-369-3880.

Tax Assessor

Property owners must submit their applications for deductions before the end of the year to qualify for 2018. Deductions are for qualifying veterans, seniors and disabled persons. If you need any additional information, please visit the Tax Assessor's [webpage](#) or contact the office directly at 369-8077.

Library

- All SCLSNJ Library branches will be closed from Sunday, December 23, through Tuesday, December 25.
- On Monday, December 31, the Hillsborough branch will be open from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- All SCLSNJ Library branches will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st

Township Job Line



Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:

- Building Maintenance, Part Time

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

Important Dates

January 2nd	2019 Reorganization Meeting	7:00 pm
January 8th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
January 22nd	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

[All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates](#) | [Community Events](#) | [Library 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

January 1st
11 am
Hillsborough Municipal Building

January 16th
7 pm
Hillsborough Library

January 26th
9:30 am - noon
715 Amwell Road

February 9th
8 am
Duke Island Park

March 30th
6 pm - 11 pm
Bridgewater Marriott

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

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[Free Mobile App for Recycling Schedule Now Available 'Recycle Coach' Connects Users to Local Recycling Information](#)

[Rental Assistance Available to Somerset County Residents](#)

[Senior Wellness Centers Offer Dance Lessons With an International Flair Seniors Boogie to the Beat of Bollywood Songs and More](#)

[Freeholder, Sheriff Place Wreath at Veterans Plaza](#)

[Freeholder Board Plans to Expand Use of Video in 2019](#)

[Nominations Sought for Outstanding Women Awards](#)

[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

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

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