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

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Township News

Mayor DelCore Held Town Hall on Affordable Housing

Last Thursday Mayor Frank DelCore held a Town Hall Public Information Session regarding New Jersey State mandates relative to Affordable Housing. The purpose of the session was to assist the public in understanding the topic of affordable housing and its corresponding impact on municipalities. There was a panel of presenters with various expertise providing valuable information. These presenters included Mayor Frank Deputy Mayor Doug Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, Jennifer Beahm of Leon S. Avakian, LLC and Eric M. Bernstein of Bernstein and Associates, LLC, Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, and Township Planner David Maski.

Approximately 50 residents attended Thursday night's session to learn more about affordable housing and the impacts for Hillsborough. For those who were unable to attend, the video of the Town Hall is available on the Township's You-Tube Channel. It can be accessed through the Township's website at www.hillsboroughnj.org.





Click above to view a view of the the April 18, 2018 Town Hall Public Information Session

Township Hires 5 Police Officers

The Township Committee at Tuesday's Meeting acted on the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hired five police

officers. "There are various vacancies within the Police Department and upon the conclusion of a thorough search and interview process of very capable candidates, the following officers were selected to be hired: Thomas Anzalone, Kulbeer Singh, Dillon Kelly, James Sakers and John Tranculov," stated Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson before the officers were sworn in.



Hillsborough Celebrates Library Week

At the April 23rd Township Committee Meeting, the Mayor and Township Committee proclaimed that National Library Week was April 7-13, 2019 and encouraged all residents of Hillsborough to visit the library to take advantage of the wonderful resources available.

Today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people. They are at the heart of cities, towns, schools, and campuses.



April is Donate Life Month

The Hillsborough Township Committee urges all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the National Donate Life Month observance.

Realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ, tissue donation and transplantation.



<u>14th Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast and Memorial Day Parade – Save the Date: Saturday, May 25th</u>

Non-Profit Community Organizations Invited to Participate in the Parade

"Plans are underway for the 14th annual salute to our veterans. We encourage all Hillsborough residents to save the date, Saturday May 25th, for the Annual Memorial Day Program," announced Mayor Frank DelCore.

Each year the Hillsborough community comes together to honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans during the Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast, Memorial Day Parade and Garden of Honor Commemoration Program.



Operation Take Back

The Day to Dispose of your Unused, Unwanted, and Expired Household Medicine

The Hillsborough Township Police Department is again participating in "Operation Take Back", a

program from the Drug Enforcement
Administration, for residents to safely dispose of
their unused, unwanted, or expired household
medicine. If you have household medicine that
you wish to dispose of, please come to the
Municipal Complex between the listed hours.



Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019 Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

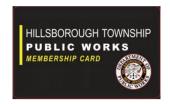
Location: Hillsborough Municipal Complex,

Police Department Lobby

Clean Up & Brush Drop Off Program Registration Available Online

Hillsborough Residents Only
Questions? Contact DPW 908-369-3950
dpw@hillsborough-nj.org

Register Now



Please Note: You will receive your membership card at the gate at your first scheduled clean up date.

Shop Hillsborough

New improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program to make it even easier for shoppers to earn tax credits or cash rebates.

Forgot your card? Not a problem, just tell the participating merchant your phone number.

See how quickly your rewards add up by checking the balance in your account at www.propertytaxcard.com.

Visit <u>www.hillsboroughbusiness.org</u> for future announcements.



April Deals

Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 3

Watch Now!



Take the Pledge to Drive Less You Could Win a Prize

Do you like a challenge? Join RideWise Inc.'s Drive Less Somerset Challenge. RideWise is an independent non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and advocating for transportation choices that are efficient, safe, and sustainable.

The Drive Less Somerset Challenge is easy and free! The object is to try sustainable ways to travel and reduce solo driving. Any trip for work or pleasure that replaces solo driving counts!

Points are awarded for telecommuting, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, and transit trips. Participate as an individual, group, or employer. Start by taking the pledge. Create an account. Then starting on June 1st, track your trips.

Tracking your trips will earn you points for weekly prizes, which will be awarded for top participation by travel category and miles.

Individuals participating who track their trips in Drive Less Somerset have the chance to win weekly prizes based on the most points logged per week in different categories. The individual who logs the most trip points by June 30th will be named the 2019 Grand

Challenge Champion and win a Tesla Weekend Experience in a Model 3.



908-704-1011

www.ridewise.org

RIDE WISE

Register as an employer and compete against other worksites in Somerset County to become the 2019 Drive Less Somerset Employer Champion.

Notice: Hillsborough Bus Service Schedule Change

Effective April 29, 2019 Suburban Transit's Line 200 Hillsborough-New York City Commuter Bus Service will have a new schedule. Monday through Thursday service will be reduced from four (4) buses to three (3) and Friday will be reduced from four (4) buses to two (2). Suburban Transit has informed the Township that it remains committed to serving Hillsborough Township and will add more buses if demand increases. Suburban Transit has provided express non-stop service to New York City since October 2016. Tickets can be purchased (cash or credit card) at the park & ride at Hillsborough Promenade during morning commute hours or online at https://www.coachusa.com/commuter-wiz



Department Updates

Building

The time for pool installation is upon us. For a residential pool, before submitting a permit to the Building Department, you must obtain any required prior approvals from Zoning and Engineering. In order to avoid any delays, it is important to make sure your application is complete. There are handouts available in the Building Department for pool application requirements. Please make sure to read the handouts thoroughly when filling out your application. All the required information is explained within these handouts. If you have any further questions please contact the Building Department.

Commercial / Public Pools have other requirements: there are annual requirements for Commercial / Public pools in town. Please see the Building Department for those requirements.

Engineering

Modifications are being made to the left turn signal at the intersection of Triangle Road and Auten Road.

The contractor started construction a few weeks ago and installed the footings and underground conduits. The new steel poles and signal

heads will be installed shortly. The concrete footings must harden for a few weeks, then the new steel poles and signal heads will be installed. The system should be operational by the end of May.

Finance

The first payment by the State of New Jersey for the Homestead Benefit has been received and applied to your May taxes. You should have received a small pink bill in the mail in the past week which reflects the new amount due for your 2nd quarter taxes. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, they have been notified as well.

Health

The Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, June 1st in conjunction with the YMCA Annual Hillsborough Hop. Mark your calendars to save the date. More information will be coming soon.

OEM

Grill Safety



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food and with the hopeful onset of spring weather it is even more prevalent. However, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Here are some tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- · Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- · Never leave your grill unattended.

Police

There will be a FREE Personal Safety program for high school seniors offered at the Somerset County Public Safety Center (Police Academy section) There are two dates available: Monday, April 29th and Wednesday, May 22nd. Both dates are from 6 - 9 pm. Pre-registration is required and parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Additionally, the Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police is sponsoring its annual free five (5) day Police Youth Week program from July 15-19, 2019. This program for Somerset County high school students is also coordinated by the Somerset County Police Academy. For more information about the Police Youth Week program visit the County website or see details in Friday's enews.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works is diligently working on the preliminary aspects of the upcoming road improvements. Riverside Drive from Clawson Avenue to River Rd will be having tree work completed to remove diseased Ash trees. This will ensure this type of work will not have to take place after the road has been improved.

Tree seedlings will be handed out to our residents at our Auten Road facility up this Saturday between 7 am and 3 pm. This program is part of the State of New Jersey's Tree Recovery Campaign.



Recreation

The Recreation Department is excited to announce a new program. Children currently in grades first through eighth can travel to Legend Equestrian in Hillsborough each day to learn about HORSES! Learn about safety on and around horses, barn management, basic anatomy, different horse breeds, grooming, saddle types, tack and harness, and different styles of riding. Practice horsemanship basics and learn about hippo-therapy, an exciting branch of physical therapy. Participants will also enjoy all the other camp activities like a variety of games, arts and crafts. More details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website hillsboroughnjrecreation.org under the Summer Sports Camp page.

Social Services

The date for auditions for Hillsborough's got talent has been postponed until April 30, 2019. Any Hillsborough senior interested in participating should call 908-752-0695 to register.

The Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, June 1st in conjunction with the YMCA Annual Hillsborough Hop. Mark your calendars to save the date. More information will be coming soon.



Sustainable Hillsborough

Hillsborough Township Mayor Frank Delore is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to make a long-term commitment to manage water resources more wisely by taking part in the annual Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The annual challenge is a non-profit national community service campaign that encourages leaders to inspire their residents to make a series of simple pledges to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy.

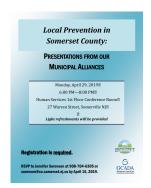


"Water conservation is critical for a sustainable future and Hillsborough remains dedicated to supportive efforts for further education and awareness to initiatives such as this," stated Mayor Frank DelCore.

Tax Assessor

The New Jersey Division of Taxation has announced that the first credit due for the 2016 Homestead Benefit will be released next month. For those eligible property owners, the credit will be applied to your 2nd quarter tax payment. Once the information has been received in our Tax Office, you will receive a revised May Tax Bill, which will reflect the reduced amount due on May 1st.

Municipal Alliance



There will be a Municipal Alliance roundtable discussion on Monday, April 29 at 6:00 PM in Somerville. Several Municipal Alliances will be doing brief presentations highlighting one of their favorite programs, followed by brief group discussions. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Sorensen at sorensen@co.somerset.nj.us by April 15th and indicate any dietary restrictions in your response.

FREE Personal Safety program for high school seniors will be offered twice: **Monday, April 29 and Wednesday, May 22.** Both dates are from 6 - 9 pm and will be held at Somerset County Public



Each one night session is free. Pro-registration for Monday, April 29, 2019 is required by Friday, April 26, 2019. Pro-registration for Wednesday May 22, 2019 is required by Menday, May 20, 2019. Provincipus dates are sentence to oneSafety Center (Police Academy section). Pre-registration is required and parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

FREE Police Youth Week program from **July 15 - 19, 2019** for Somerset County high school students. Please see the attached flyer.

News You Can Use

Last Chance to Provide Feedback for Walk, Bike, Hike Study

Residents Can Provide Feedback Until April 26

There is still time to comment about how to improve Somerset County's recreational trails and pedestrian crossings.

Freeholder Brian G. Gallagher reminds residents to submit their input about the Walk, Bike, Hike Somerset County: Connecting Vibrant Communities plan. Residents can respond by commenting on the recent public meeting materials via walkbikehike@co.somerset.nj.us. The deadline for response is April 26.

"Although we had a large turnout, we are still urging residents to visit the Walk, Bike, Hike website and submit their comments about the next phase of the plan," said Freeholder Gallagher, planning board liaison.

<u>Picket Place Bridge Public Information Center</u> <u>Meeting</u>

There will be an information session hosted by Somerset County North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to determine the appropriate improvements to the Picket Place Bridge over the South Branch of the Raritan River. It will be held on Thursday, May 2nd from 5 - 8 pm in the Branchburg Courtroom. Please see our enews for more details.



Rotary Club of Hillsborough Hosts Vegas-Style Casino Night Scheduled for Saturday, June 15th

On Saturday, June 15th, The Rotary Club of Hillsborough will host a very special Vegas-style Casino Night. The event will be held at the Royce Brook Golf Club at 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough, from 7-11 PM. All funds raised will go to the Rotary Club of Hillsborough Foundation which supports local charitable and educational initiatives.



To order tickets click here
send a check to Rotary Club of Hillsborough, P.O. Box 5644, Hillsborough, N.O 88844
(please include names of guests you are registering)
To reserve a Table Sponsorship click the link below, then click on Table Sponsors
Hillsborough/HillShips.com



Equine Assisted Psychotherapy services for Veterans and Service Members suffering from trauma

Operation Horse [Spring Reins of Life 501c3] is currently recruiting Veterans to participate in a group equine mental health intervention aimed at treating trauma and the impacts of military service. Groups will consist of 6 participants, meeting weekly for 8 weeks for 90 minutes. These services are being provided by the VA Adaptive Sports Grant which was awarded to Eagala and is being administered through Eagala's Military Services partner organizations. There is no cost to U.S. Veterans and Service Members.

Please contact us with interest in group meeting dates, times & availability as a new group will begin every 8 weeks. We are located in Three Bridges, NJ (Hunterdon/ Somerset). Email: info@springreinsoflife.org / Phone: 347-886-2798





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Join us as we honor New Jersey heroes who are strengthening the foundation and supporting the growth of Red Cross services in our communities. Enjoy an evening with friends and colleagues over delicious cocktails and cuisine, live music and dancing, and a fabulous auction.

We Are Proud to Honor:

BMW

William W. Augustine Award Recipient Edward J. Susco Quinn Award Recipient

The organizers of the Stay Strong Michael Blood Drive:

Michelle Clark

Nicole DiMaggio

Melissa Fitzgerald

Rosalinda Rubio-Williams

Marguerite White

Bob Clancy Culture of Caring Award for Biomedical Services

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Westin Governor Morris

Morristown, NJ

For more information, please contact Aimee Alven at

(609) 819-2093 or

aimee.alven@redcross.org

Register

Important Dates

May 1ar	Board of Adjustment	7:00 pm
May 2nd	Planning Board	7:30 pm
May 9th	Planning Board	7:30 pm
May 14th	Township committee Meeting	7:30 pm
May 23rd	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm
May 28th	Township committee Meeting	7:30 pm

All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates | Community Events | Library Events

Community Events

Visit the <u>Community Events Calendar Page</u> on the Hillsborough Township website to see what's happening around town or to post your event

Click on flyers for more information

Comedy Night for a Cause

April 27th 6:30 pm Princeton Elks

Navigating Youth Angst

April 28th 2-4 pm 158 W High Street Somerville

Hillsborough UNICO Golf Outing 2019

May 3rd Hillsborough Golf & Country Club **Download Sponsor Form**

Municipal Alliance and BoroSafe Chipolte Fundraiser

May 4th Hillsborough Chipolte

Pet Adoption and Awareness Day

May 4th 10 AM - 1 PM Hillsborough Municipal Building

Join the Force Against Lung Cancer

May 4th 8:30 AM Duke Island Park



Vendor Fair - Bridgeway

May 4th 10:00am – 3:00pm Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center 270 Route 28, Bridgewater, NJ

HHS Debate Team Car Wash

Hillsborough High School's Debate Club hosts a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9am-1pm in the Hillsborough Elementary School parking lot (corner of Route 206 and Amwell Road).

\$5/car and \$7/SUV, van, truck.

Thank you for supporting the high school debate club students.

Angst - Film Screening

May 9th 7 pm - 8:30 pm Hillsborough Municipal Building

HHS Debate Team Clothing Drive

Please support the Hillsborough High School Debate Club at the spring clothing drive. Drop off is Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 8:30-10:30am at the front of Hillsborough High School. This is a great opportunity to clear out your closets! Pickup company donates clothes (not shredded).

Items accepted: clothes, shoes, toys, books.

Assistance available to unload your car. Thank you for supporting the high school debate club students.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

April 26-May 12 Somerset Valley Playhouse



Suicide Prevention

May 28th 7pm Hillsborough YMCA

Hillsborough Rotary Vegas Casino Night

June 15th 7pm - 11pm Royce Brook Golf Club

14th Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast and Memorial Day Parade

May 25th Beginning at 8am Municipal Complex



Social-Emotional & Mental Health Awareness

May 31st 6pm - 8pm Woods Road Firehouse

Horseback Riding Camps

Beginning July 8th Register at <u>hillsboroughnjrecreation.org</u>

Hillsborough Community Night at the Patriots

July 13 TD Bank Ballpark, Somerset, NJ

Wildlife Explorers Summer STEAM Program

July 15-26 Duke Farms

Hillsborough Rotary Fair

August 13-17

Hillsborough Rotary Fair Family Fun Day

August 17

Somerset County News

Somerset County Senior Centers Announce May Activities

<u>May Recycling Calendar: First Saturday, E-waste Drop-offs & Holiday Recycling Pickup Changes</u>

Conducting Online Auction May 8-15

Community Resource Fair on May 9

Why Mindfulness is Needed in Education

Register For 'Take Control of Your Health' Free Workshop Invest in Your Health, It's Worth It

Community Project Ideas Sought! Deadline is April 30

Help Protect Your Family from Rabies

Nominees Sought for 'Profiles of Positive Aging' Recognition

Senior Center Offers Free Falls-Prevention Program

Applications Being Accepted for Youth Leadership Somerset Deadline is May 15

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EVENING OFFICE HOURS

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT Tuesdays until 7pm

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Online Payments & Tax Notices

Recreation Activities Guide

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

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