

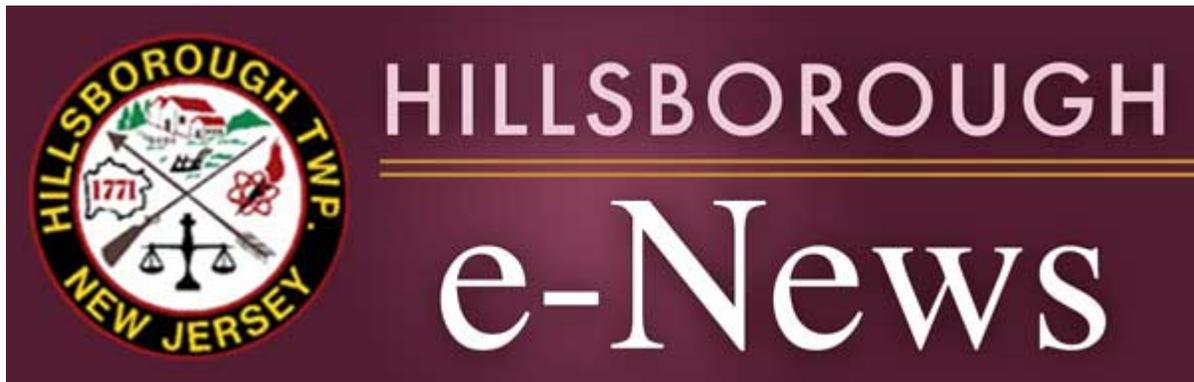
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ROAD CLOSURE

On or about March 6, 2019 Hamilton Road will be closed between Route 206 and North Willow Road. The roadway will be open for local traffic only. Businesses will remain open. Please plan an alternate route and avoid the area if possible. It is anticipated this closure will be for 12 months.



Township News

[Girl Scout Week is Coming: Sunday, March 10 – Saturday, March 16](#)

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each year during the month of March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday, ending with the Girl Scout Sabbath on Saturday, and always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12th which commemorates the day the organization was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia.



[Township Recognized February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month](#)

The Township Committee declares February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and encourages all Hillsborough residents to join the campaign and become concerned about the violence that occurs every day to our country's teens in the hope of reaching a day where no young person knows the pain caused by dating violence.



[New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board, Finds No Credible Evidence to Support Alleged Violations of Local Government Ethics Law by McCauley, Ferrera and Borek](#)

Just prior to the 2017 General Election, ethics complaints were filed with the Hillsborough Township Ethics Board against then Deputy Mayor McCauley, Township Administrator Ferrera and Township Clerk Borek. The complaints contained allegations of violations of the Local Government Ethics Law by McCauley, Ferrera and Borek based on Ferrera and Borek's decision to list their respective homes for sale with McCauley who is a long-time friend and local real estate agent in town. Following hearings before the Hillsborough Township Ethics Board, the Board found the complaints lacked merit with no evidence to substantiate the allegations of ethical violations or conflicts of interest on the part of McCauley, Ferrera and Borek.

[Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Accepting Grant Applications](#)

Hillsborough Based Non-Profit Groups Serving Youth and Seniors Invited to Apply - Deadline is April 1st 2019

"The Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee will be accepting grant applications beginning March 4th for the first round of grants for 2019," announced Mayor Frank DelCore.

"Applications will be made available on the Township website (www.hillsborough-nj.org) or can be picked up in the Administration Office for any Township based non-profit, senior or youth organizations to apply for grants up to \$2,000 funded through the Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program," continued Mayor DelCore.

[March 12, 2019 Board of Education Referendum Information](#)

March 12th Referendum – FAQs

Did you know that according to historic maps, a schoolhouse in Hillsborough can be found as far back as 1850? A few residents may even be able to remember back to the construction of the two-room Liberty School in 1913. The Hillsborough community has spent nearly 170 years making sure that the children in our community receive a strong educational foundation.

Check your mailboxes for Sample Ballots which will be mailed out this coming week. Polling places have been consolidated for this election, so you may not be voting in your usual location. Check your sample ballot to see where you should go to vote on March 12th, or click [here](#) for a list.



[Township Committee Partners with Hillsborough 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 Frank DelCore 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 so Hillsborough students can participate in this scholarship competition," announced Mayor Frank DelCore at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

County Announces 2019 Operation Secure Shred Schedule

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to offer residents a free document-shredding program at various locations around the county.

Shredding events are held on 10 Saturdays through the "Operation Secure Shred" program, rain or shine. All shredding events are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they leave and the event is over for the day.

The 2019 Operation Secure Shred program will run from March 30, 2019 to November 9, 2019.



Hillsborough YMCA and GiGi's Playhouse Host Sweetheart Dance for Adults with Special Needs

Volunteers and staff from Hillsborough YMCA, a branch of Somerset County YMCA, opened their hearts by hosting a Sweetheart Dance for adults with special needs on February 14.

The dance was held at GiGi's Playhouse in Hillsborough, an organization that provides free educational, therapeutic-based and career development programs for individuals with Down Syndrome. Nearly 50 people attended the Valentine's-themed event.



Shop Hillsborough Program Improvements Coming Soon

New improvements are being made to the Shop Hillsborough Program. Fincredit, the administrator of the program, is upgrading the system and replacing terminals with new scanners that will 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 www.hillsboroughbusiness.org for future announcements.



Just Released!

Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 2

Watch Now!



Department Updates

Building Department

The Building Department has just launched a new computer operating system. Please be patient during this time of transition.

The Building Department extension of the amnesty program ends on Friday, March 29th. This program excuses 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. Please visit the Building Department before Thursday for assistance.

Business Advocate

Save the date! On April 11th the HBA and Affinity Federal Credit Union will host a joint networking event. Stay tuned for more details.

Engineering

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has snow removal guidelines. It is recommended that residents and businesses avoid piling up snow in front of storm sewer catch basins. This will cause flooding when melting occurs, but the piled snow may contain sand, sediment and other debris which can impact the brooks and streams. Please pile snow as far away from storm sewer catch basins as possible.

Finance Department

Tax Assessment Cards have been mailed. If you need additional information about taxes paid or would like a recap of the property taxes paid in 2018, please contact the Finance/Tax Collector's Office and they will be happy to mail or email you the information.

Health Department

The Health Department has distributed 161 free radon test kits since the start of the program in 2018. There are a few kits still available. Please come in to the Health Department Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to pick up a kit.

The first Blood Pressure Clinic was offered on Thursday, February 21st. Another one will be offered on March 21st from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm for all Hillsborough adults age 18 and over. High Blood Pressure is the Silent Killer. Please see the Health Department for more information.

Police

In today's environment never has the term "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" been more important. Your tip could potentially thwart the next mass shooting or terrorist attack. The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness offers valuable information regarding emerging threats and suspicious activity reporting tips. This

information is available to the public on their website at WWW.NJOHSP.GOV

Hillsborough PBA Local 205 participated in the Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics of NJ. Members of the Hillsborough Police Department took the plunge into the frigid Atlantic Ocean with over 7,000 of their brave friends, while approximately 50,000 spectators stayed warm. This year's event raised a record \$2.3M, which blew past the plunge's \$2M goal. Each year, the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside hosts the fundraising event for Special Olympics New Jersey. All of the funds raised at this event go towards programming and events for more than 25,000 athletes within the state.

Public Works

The Annual Clean up campaign will begin soon. Please visit the [website](#) for all of the details.

Recreation

Registration Open

- Spring soccer registration is open until March 8th for boys and girls aged 3 and up.
- Also open for registration is our girls softball league. Girls softball is open to all girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Want to try Yoga? We now offer single day registration for Monday classes only. The cost is \$15 per class. [Register online](#) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Visit the Parks and Recreation website hillsboroughnjrecreation.org for more details.

Spring is just around the corner and the 2019 Parks and Recreation Spring Activities Guide is full of great programs for all ages. Tennis, Golf, Skateboarding, Adult Volleyball and Bocce are just a few of the many activities we offer. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

Want to keep your kids active this summer? Send them to the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. Our camps run from June 24th through August 16th for children aged 5-13. We also offer Tiny Camp for 4 and 5 year olds who have not finished Kindergarten. Registration is open and more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

Social Services

Community Assistance Network - Update

Montgomery Village Elementary School located in Skillman NJ donated (900) food items to the Hillsborough Township Food Pantry. The items that they donated will help serve our Food Pantry Clients. The school donates to the food pantry each year.

Tax Assessor

The Tax Assessor's Office has mailed the 2019 assessment cards to all property owners. The cards show property assessments for 2018 and 2019, as well as the amount of taxes billed.

If you have not received the assessment postcard, you can obtain a copy by visiting the Tax Assessor's web page and clicking the link to [reprint your assessment postcard](#). Please contact the Assessor's office if you have any issues producing a copy.

Fire Commissioners

Congratulations to Jeffrey Mitchell and Charles Nuara on their election to the Board of Fire Commissioners at the recent election.

Sustainable Hillsborough



Rain Garden Survey Focuses on increasing adoption of Green Infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water

A reminder that the rain garden survey focusing on increasing adoption of green infrastructure practices that help reduce flooding and clean water is still open. Participants who complete the survey will receive a chance for a random drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local Hillsborough restaurant, The Landing restaurant. To take the survey, an email will be sent out to Hillsborough Township e-News subscribers or visit www.sustainablehillsborough.com.

Library

Last month, the Hillsborough Library held the second annual Soup-er Bowl. Over 70 patrons attended the event and enjoyed a variety of soups from Hillsborough Chefs who shared tips on how to make the ultimate comfort food, home made soup. Restaurants featured included, Culinary Creations, Divine Curry, Hillsborough Star Diner, Petrock's Bar & Grille and Tender Lovin Grill. For pictures of the event go to www.hillsboroughbusiness.org

Township Job Line



Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:

- Plumbing Inspector

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

News You Can Use

Carrier Clinic Seeks Job Applicants at March 11th Open Interview Day

Hackensack Meridian Health Carrier Clinic, New Jersey's largest behavioral health system, will be accepting employment applications for full- and part-time positions during an open interview day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at its Belle Mead headquarters. Carrier Clinic is located at 252 County Road 601.



Carrier is seeking residential counselors for its youth residential treatment program as well as mental health technicians for its inpatient psychiatric unit.

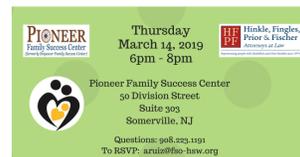
How to Approach an IEP Meeting to Get the Services Your Child Needs

This workshop, will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Pioneer Family Success Center, 50 Division St. Somerville, Suite 303 and will focus on documenting the Individualized Education Program (IEP) services and supports a student is entitled to, along with the proper drafting of goals and objectives. Common pitfalls to be avoided and collaborative advocacy tips will also be discussed. Attendees should walk away feeling prepared to advocate for their child and secure an ironclad IEP.

For more information or to RSVP contact ARuiz@fso-hsw.org or call 908.223.1191



Participants In This Workshop Will Learn:
Appropriate special education rests on the foundation of a properly drafted Individualized Education Program (IEP). Unfortunately, not enough attention is paid to the development of IEPs, and as a result services are often delivered in an inconsistent and haphazard manner. This workshop will focus on documenting the services and supports a student is entitled to, along with the proper drafting of goals and objectives. Common pitfalls to be avoided and collaborative advocacy tips will also be discussed. Attendees should walk away feeling prepared to advocate for their child and secure an ironclad IEP. This 90-minute presentation includes a Q&A at the end.



Important Dates

March 6th	Board of Adjustment	7:00 pm
March 7th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
March 13th**	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
March 14th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
March 26th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
March 28th	Planning Board Business Meeting	7:30 pm

****The 1st Township Committee Meeting in March will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, not Tuesday**

Raritan Headwaters Seeks Volunteers for Annual Stream Cleanup

Below are sites in the Hillsborough area with links for registration and the exact location.

- Site 14: [Three Bridges](#)
- Site 16: [Neshanic Station](#)
- Site 18: [Old York Road](#)
- Site 35: [Darby Tract](#)
- Site 38: [North Branch Church](#)
- Site 44: [Basilone Park](#)



Raritan Headwaters

29th Annual
STREAM CLEANUP

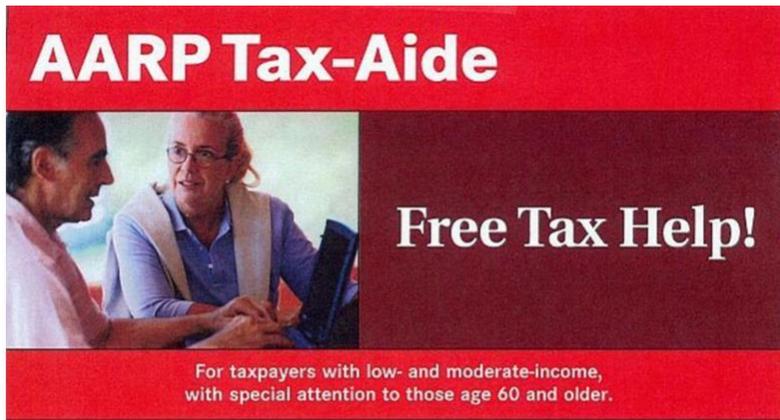
**SATURDAY
APRIL 13th
9 am - 12 pm**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

It only takes
three hours to make a
big impact.

Register at raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup
Questions?
Contact Jeff Geist at streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org

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



AARP Tax-Aide

Free Tax Help!

For taxpayers with low- and moderate-income,
with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Free Preparation of federal and state income tax returns
plus help filling out PTR-1 and PTR-2 forms will be
provided from February 1 thru April 15th.

**For appointment call:
908-541-5710**

6 sites in Somerset County

Hillsborough site is Somerset Emergency Training Academy
(SEMTA) 402 Roycefield Rd

All ages and income levels are welcome, however
special attention will be given to seniors.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with
the IRS and the New Jersey Department of Taxation.

Hillsborough Vol. Fire Co. 3 to hold 20th Annual Golf Outing

The Woods Road Fire Company will be holding their 20th annual golf outing on Monday June 10, 2019, at Royce Brook Country Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey.

To those who have so generously supported us in the past, we offer a heartfelt thank you and hope that you can once again join us this year. To those of you who haven't previously participated in our outing, we hope you strongly consider joining us. As most of you know, we're a completely volunteer fire company. This fundraiser represents one of our more significant annual fundraising events. In the past, proceeds from the event have helped us address regular building maintenance, deferred maintenance, capital improvements, and retention and recruitment efforts. To say the least, we could not continue doing what we do without your assistance. The attachment provides additional information on how you can participate. We hope you can join us this year for what promises to be a great event. For additional information please email deputychief@hillsboroughfire3.org

[Download Registration Form](#)

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

College Night

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Tuesdays until 7pm

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