

Friday, May 22, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News



Municipal Offices will be
Closed on Monday May 25th
in Observance of
Memorial Day

Mayor Doug Tomson and the
Township Committee wish everyone
a safe Memorial Day weekend

A Message from Mayor Doug Tomson and the Township Committee Regarding Memorial Day

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of all Memorial Day programs at the Township, a virtual program will be aired on Hillsborough's Hometown Channel (Comcast) TV 29. Beginning at 7 am on Saturday, May 23rd and looping through the end of the Holiday weekend a compilation of videos of past events will be kicked off by a message from Mayor Doug Tomson and a preview of the brief 2020 ceremony that was held earlier this week.



Traffic Advisory

The following locations will have road work, with single lane closures and alternating traffic:

- Brooks Boulevard - Tuesday & Wednesday
- East Mountain Road - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Camplain Road - Thursday

Please exercise caution while traveling through construction areas and expect delays.

Township News

Reminder: the May 26th Township Committee Meeting will be Live-Streamed on YouTube

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, the Hillsborough Township Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting. Due to the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, limiting public gatherings, the public may participate virtually. The meeting will be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel and a conference call has been set up to allow the public to participate via telephone.

Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to Respond to the Census!

The 2020 Census is happening now! You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

Update from Hillsborough Health Department: Highlighting Safety Standouts

During our observational surveys and inspections, the Hillsborough Health Department has come across some exceptional attention to detail while conducting restaurants. We'd like to take the time to highlight some businesses who have raised the standard for the health and safety of the community and their workforce while conducting business operations.

Our first recognition is to Best Taste Asian, located at 378 South Branch Rd. Upon reopening their restaurant, they went above the New Jersey State guidelines for Covid-19 safety precautions. This includes a vestibule entrance with a slide basket at the window to safely transfer payment and food. They have gloves and sanitizer present as well as always having their masks on. Additionally, Zhi Lin has reduced her staff to family only to ensure social distancing within the workplace.

With these new protocols and their new set up, Best Taste Asian has gone above and Beyond the standard for limiting exposure and possible transmission of disease.



Update from Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department:

Just a reminder, in an effort to protect individuals safety and well being, the following facilities remain closed: all Hillsborough Township playgrounds, athletic courts and fields, the skate park and the dog park. Tennis courts are open.

Bathroom facilities are available at Singley Park, Ann Van Middlesworth Park, Docherty Park, Woodfield Park West, Woodfield Park East, Amsterdam Park, Municipal Soccer Field (by the parking lot), Ottos Park and Country Classics Park. Please remember to practice social distancing.

Also...don't forget to join our virtual programs like the 88.5K Challenge or Hillsborough Clue Game! Go to hillsboroughnjrecreation-nj.org and look under Virtual Programs for more information.

Sustainable Tip of the Week:

Reusing items like clothes, tools, furniture and other homewares is an easy and effective method of reducing waste and saving money. Check out the DEP Bureau of Sustainability's May Infographic for tips on how to reuse and repair goods so you can

keep these items out of landfills and money in your pocket! For more information, check out the [DEP's Source Reduction resource page](#).

Also don't forget to....



Reminders from Hillsborough Police Department:

Be Aware Of Contact Tracing Scams

State and Local Officials are warning residents to be aware of contact tracing scams. In no instance would a legitimate contact tracing analyst ask you for your social security number nor your bank information. Therefore, if that information is attempted to be ascertained by a Contact Tracer DO NOT PROVIDE IT, as that is a scam.

In the case of a legitimate Contact Tracer Analyst reaching out to you the type of information they would be obtaining would be related to your symptoms, who you have been in contact with, including where you work and who you live with.

Again, do not provide your Social Security Number nor your banking information to anyone over the telephone.

A Contact Tracer Analyst would not TEXT you either. If you receive those types of TEXT messages, delete them.

For more information regarding contact tracing, visit the New Jersey [Website](#) at <https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=contact+tracing+scam>

Also, below is a link to a recent article about this:

<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/beware-of-coronavirus-contact-tracing-scams-nj-officials-warn-thousands-of-fraud-cases-reported.html>



Update from the Building Department:

Any pool capable of holding 24" or more of water requires Building and Zoning Permits, pool barrier, etc. If new Electrical outlets or power feed needs to be installed to run the filter, then an Electrical Permit is also required. [For Building Department website.](#)

Update from Department of Public Works:

[The Annual Clean-Up Program](#) will take place at the Auten Road Site. The free program is offered to residents to allow them to dispose of unwanted items. Residents wishing to participate in any of the Department of Public Works programs must first sign up for the Public Works Membership Program.

Some operational safety changes are being made to facilitate the social distancing requirements. Masks will be required to enter the Auten road facility, residents not complying with this request will be turned away. The facility will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. People scheduled to participate in the program will receive an email in advance of their date with any new changes and safety requirements.

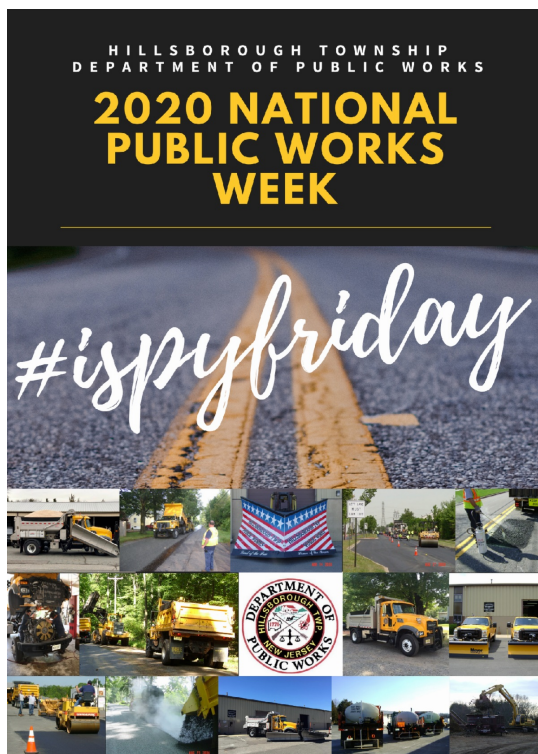
[The Senior Curbside pick up program](#) will take place during the month of July starting on the 6th. Complete detailed information on this program will be made available on the Public Works link off of the township [website](#). If you have previously participated in this program you will receive a post card in your regular mail asking you to confirm your registration either by phone or email.

National Public Works Week is May 17th - May 23rd

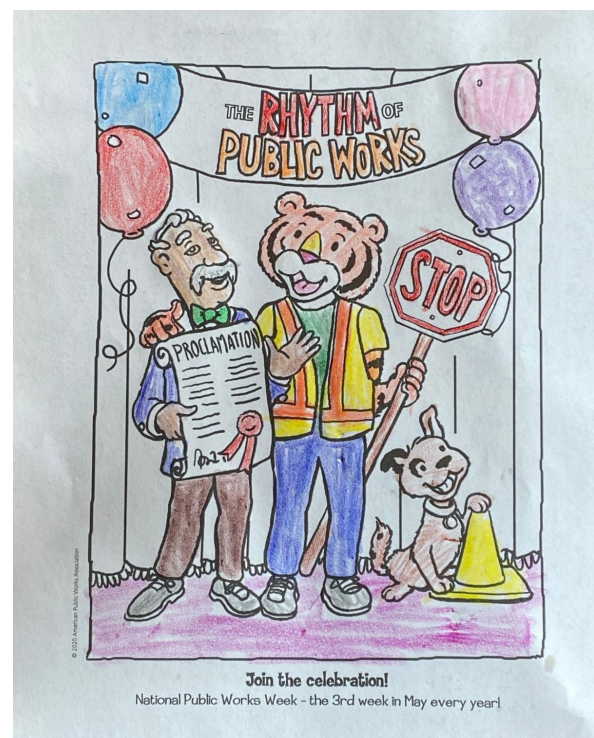
The American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week since 1960. This is a week-long recognition of the efforts and importance of those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure.



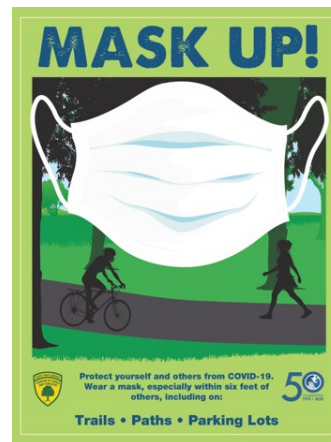
I Spy Friday



Thanks to Lexie Castellano for
submitting her coloring page!



Remember to Mask Up!



Changes Being Made to BoroSAFE

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect time to let you know about some important changes to BoroSAFE. In addition to educating everyone about suicide awareness and prevention, they are expanding their focus to encompass the whole continuum of mental health issues. [For more information.](#)

24/7 Resources:

[Crisistextline.org](https://crisistextline.org) Text HOME to 741741
2nd Floor Youth Helpline (call or text) 888-222-2228
National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Always call 911 in case of emergency

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
suicide awareness for everyone • 1-800-273-TALK

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NEW
Our Mission:
BoroSAFE is a community collaborative with an aim to provide access to mental health resources, emotional well-being best practices, and suicide prevention resources across the entire Hillsborough Community.

Our Goal:
To proactively connect our community with resources so that we can all care for our emotional well-being, no matter where on the mental health continuum we may fall.

• Please look for us at future events in the surrounding community! • We will be able to provide you with many resources and information! • Website relaunch: Coming soon!
• Contact: Chad Berman & Kristen Saleeba (co-chairpersons): BoroSAFE@gmail.com •

Mental Health Resources:

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- Mental Health America
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Crisistextline.org Text HOME to 741741
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Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Team's Homework Helpers Offering Free Tutoring (click here for more information)

Online school has its advantages and disadvantages. In efforts to help out younger students who are having difficulties adapting to online school, the Hillsborough High School Field Hockey team is volunteering their time to tutor, read stories and answer school-related questions to younger kids via email and google meet. The team is available to help out grades K-8. The team has girls who are skilled in Math, Science, History and English. [Read more.](#)

Last Date to Order has been Extended to May 25th! HHS Baseball & Softball Holding a Fundraiser for the Hillsborough C.A.N. Food Pantry

HHS Baseball and Softball are missing the season but they wanted to give back to our community for all the support they've shown over the years. They are selling t-shirts for the "season we were ALWAYS SAFE at home." All proceeds from the t-shirt sale will benefit the Hillsborough C.A.N. food pantry. [Shirts are \\$10 each and are on sale until Monday, May 25th at this website.](#)

HILLSBOROUGH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



\$10 per T-Shirt

All proceeds are being
donated to the
Hillsborough Community
Assistance Network (CAN)
Food Pantry



Hillsborough High School Baseball & Softball Charity Fundraiser T-Shirt Sale

The t-shirts will be ash gray with cardinal/maroon writing. The logo in the banner of this form will be on the front of the shirt, and the "ALWAYS SAFE at home" logo will be on the back of the shirt. All shirts will be delivered, contact-free. See the order form for more info and contact information.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS EXTENDED THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 25TH

To order, visit: <https://forms.gle/J5wTyYqo1wtYmMmt5>

Hillsborough Township is in the process of upgrading its website. As the new site rolls out, some pages may be inaccessible for a short period of time. We appreciate your patience and look forward to bringing you a new and improved Hillsborough-nj.com.

COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

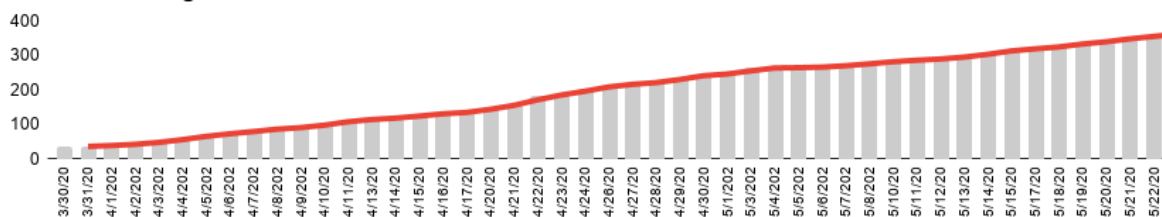
| | Hillsborough | Millstone | Somerset County | New Jersey | United States |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| CASES | 357 | 2 | 3,864 | 152,719 | 1,551,095 |
| DEATHS | 49 | NA | 390 | 10,985 | 93,061 |
| RECOVERED | 172 | NA | NA | NA | NA |

Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department

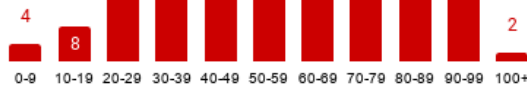
Disclaimer:

Please be advised that the numbers posted below and on the Township website are those that are reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department based on reports from the NJ Department of Health surveillance system. The reported numbers are only from those individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and are confirmed positive through an FDA approved laboratory for COVID-19 testing purpose. It does not include those contacts of the positive individuals or any individuals, who are sick and have not been tested.

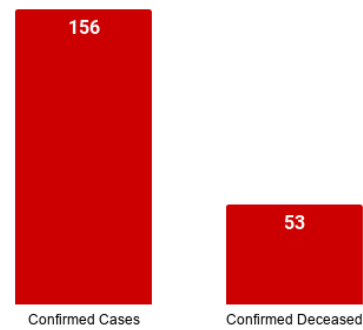
Total Hillsborough Cases*



Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range



Hillsborough Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities



* Confirmed cases and confirmed deceased from Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities may not also be included in the total number of cases above.

The number of cases from the above section by age and deceased cannot be added to the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities confirmed cases and confirmed deceased to get a total case count and a total deceased count. The reason for this is that there are different reporting mechanisms in place capturing that data. The NJ Department of Health surveillance system obtains reports from State run labs. The Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities utilize many different labs, State, out-of-state and private, therefore, their numbers are not completely reflected in the total Hillsborough numbers from the State system at this time. That withstanding, you cannot simply add the two sets of numbers either to get a total case count, as some of the LTC/ALF numbers are counted in the State system.

If you are a Hillsborough resident and have tested positive for Coronavirus / COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 908-369-5652.

The Hillsborough Township Health Department continues to monitor all cases and is working with the State to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Township Health Department will reach out to all individuals determined to have been in close contact with the positive testing persons within 24-48 hours of each case being confirmed.

[NJ Residents with a Positive COVID-19 Test:](#)
[Instructions & Next Steps](#)

Somerset County COVID-19 Testing Site

[Testing at Raritan Valley College \(RVCC\) Continues on May 28th, June 2nd and June 4th](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Thursday, May 28th, Tuesday, June 2nd and Thursday, June 4th. Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required. Testing site will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



*Hillsborough Township
Municipal Services Open
to Residents and Businesses*

Hillsborough Municipal Services are open to serve both our residents and business community, despite the Municipal Building being closed. [See the full list of services.](#)

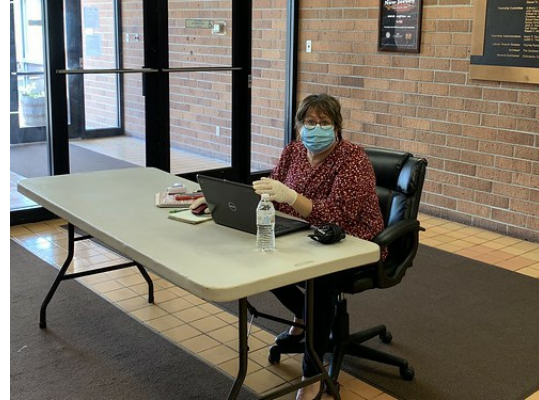
Finance / Tax Collector Update:

The schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesdays, from 9 am until noon, and Thursdays, from 1 pm until 4 pm.

Please keep in mind that taxes were due May 1st, however the grace period has been extended until June 1st (the last day of the grace period) and cash payment will be accepted that day from 9 am to 3 pm.

As always, you can still pay your tax by check via the mail or dropping it in the lockbox at the Police Department or [online payment](#).

Below are photos of Hillsborough Township Departments delivering the services that you have come to expect from Hillsborough Township.



Business Advocate/Building:
David Kois and Pattie d'Anunciacao of the Business Advocate Office and Building's Commercial Permit Specialist Donna Daugherty having a planning meeting outside while practicing social distancing

Administration:
Office Assistant Harriet Fenster-Gude covering the temperature-check station for in-person cash tax payments while using remote technology to do her work

[See the Video Album of Hillsborough Township Employees at Work for you During COVID 19](#)



Updates, Closures and Cancellations

A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on the [Hillsborough Township website](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township
[COVID-19 Information Page](#)

[County Transportation to Phase-In Services June 1st](#)

[PSE&G Encourages Eligible Customers to Apply For Assistance In Paying Utility Bills](#)

[PIONEER Family Success Center](#)

The Pioneer Family Success Center is a program of EmPoWER Somerset, a nonprofit organization. We offer the community a gathering place, connect families to helpful resources in Somerset County, NJ and bring families together through free events, programs & local activities. [For June Events.](#)



[Safe + Sound Somerset - Ask Ava Podcasts](#)

Episode 8: Blackmail in Teen Relationships



[Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off May 30th - Safely Dispose of Harmful Items](#)

Residents can drop off their items at the scheduled drop-off event on Saturday, May 30th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the South County Public Works Garage, located at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events and much more is available at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.

[Contact Tracing Opportunity](#)

Are you interested in assisting NJ's contact tracing efforts? [Register at the NJ COVID-19 Information Hub website](#) and be notified when opportunities become available.

[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#) offers virtual programs on its [website](#). You can also view programs on [SCLSNJ YouTube](#) channel. SCLSNJ Expands Virtual Reference Service in English and Spanish Languages and Text Options. [See "Ask a Librarian" on the SCLSNJ website for details.](#)

[#BeSafeAtHome While Exploring the Benefits of Art and Creative Endeavors for Youths](#): Art can keep your children, tweens, and teens entertained, but, more importantly, art can reduce stress and benefit an adolescent's emotional development and growth. The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has a robust suite of services to help youths be creative, inspired, and curious while still remaining encouraged in their education pursuits. [Read more.](#)

[See Update from SCLSNJ Taking Precautions](#)

[See Weekly COVID-19 Message from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Superintendent of Schools](#)

How Can I Help?

[Hillsborough Township Now Accepts Online Donations for the Community Assistance Network](#)

Donations to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made [online](#). Donation of items are also accepted - [see list of most needed items](#).

[Somerset County Office of Emergency Management Continues to Accept Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donations](#)

The Somerset County Office of Emergency Management continues to accept donations of personal protective equipment. A collection box has been set up in front of the Emergency Services Training Academy, located at 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

[**Register to Volunteer**](#)

Hillsborough is Open for Business

Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are **"Open for Business"**?
Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!

[View the Latest Episode 6 of Hillsborough Open for Business](#)



How To Contact Your State Officials

Governor Phil Murphy
phone #: 609-292-6000
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: Office of Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625

Senator Bob Menendez
phone #: 973-645-3030
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: One Gateway Center Suite 1100, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Cory Booker
phone #: 973-639-8700
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: One Gateway Center 23rd Floor, Newark NJ 07102

Congressman Tom Malinowski

phone #: 908-547-3307

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 75-77 N Bridge St, Somerville, NJ 08876

Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman

phone #: 908-526-3600

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 36 East Main Street, Somerville NJ 08876

Assemblyman Roy Freiman

phone #: 908-829-4191

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 390 Amwell Road Suite 301, Hillsborough NJ 08844

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker

phone #: 732-823-1684

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 1 Deer Park Drive Suite D-1, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852

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