

Thursday, September 17, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News

The Mayor's eNews is currently being published twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. COVID-19 case information is updated on the Township [website](#) daily, Monday through Friday.

## Traffic Advisory

- Westbound Triangle Road will be closed from Route 206 to Farm Road between the hours of 9 am and 3:30 pm for approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting
- Camplain Road will be closed from Sunnymead Road to Route 206, between 7 am and 4 pm daily
- On-going alternating traffic on New Amwell Road

**Please follow posted detours and exercise caution while traveling through the area. Expect delays.**

## Township News

### [Girl Scout Troop 60902 Donate to Hillsborough Community Assistance Network \(C.A.N.\)](#)

Thank you to Girl Scouts from Troop 60902 for their donation to the Hillsborough C.A.N. The Troop has been raising the funds over the years with both former and current members contributing to the efforts. High School Seniors Kaitlyn Dundorf and Kelly Komoroski and Junior Lauren Radomski from Girl Scout Troop 60902 presented a \$500 check to Hillsborough Social Services Assistant Director Cathy Faerber for the food bank. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Hillsborough Food Bank, please contact Cathy Faerber at (908) 369-3880.



### [Girl Scout Cadette Silver Award Garden Project is a Lesson in Giving](#)

Hillsborough Girl Scout Cadette, Madison Borer chose to use planting a vegetable and perennial herb garden to help teach local preschoolers at Seedlings Daycare about gardening and giving. As part of her Silver Award, Madison chose to donate the garden's fresh produce to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network. The Silver Award level project is designed to teach the scout how to research, plan and execute a local issue they care about. Madison presented her project idea to Central Jersey Nurseries, Lowes and Construction Pros, who donated soil, blueberry plants, a fence and wood.

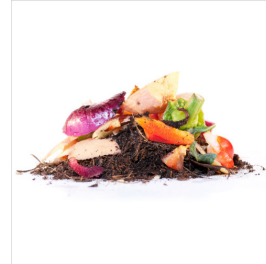


### [Sustainable Tip of the Week](#)

September 17th is Food Waste Prevention Day in New Jersey!



Save money and avoid extra trips to the supermarket by reducing food waste at home!! This not only makes sense for consumers, but also for the environment. It is estimated that 30 to 40 percent of our country's food supply ends up as food waste. This wastefulness has a negative impact on the environment due to the enormous use of natural resources expended in getting food from seed to table. Large amounts of greenhouse gas are emitted in the farming, transporting, manufacturing and disposing of food that is wasted. Waste composition studies have found that between 20 to 25 percent of disposed trash is food waste! Learn how to reduce food waste at home click [here](#). For more great sustainable tips, be sure to visit [www.sustainablehillsborough.com](http://www.sustainablehillsborough.com) and the Health Department's [Recycling Information Center](#).



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### [Hillsborough Township Clean Communities Virtual World, National & Local Litter Cleanup Event Set for September 12-19, 2020](#)

Help Hillsborough Township Clean Communities build a more sustainable planet by being a part of the solution to end litter and illegal dumping! We want YOU to join the movement and make a difference in your community. [For more information and registration.](#)



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### [Let's Help Duke Farms Win #1 Farmers Market - Cast Your Vote by September 20th](#)

American Farmland Trust is conducting their 12th annual Farmers Market Celebration. Let's help Hillsborough's own Duke Farms Farmers Market become #1 in 2020 by casting a vote! Currently, their ranking is 11th nationwide, 2nd in New Jersey and 4th in the northeast. Let's help them reach #1 in all categories! Voting is open until Sunday, **September 20th**. [To vote.](#)



The weekly Duke Farms Market was created in 2014 to provide the community with an opportunity to purchase wholesome food and goods while promoting local farming and sustainable businesses. What began with several vendors has grown into a thriving market with over two dozen participating businesses. [For the Farmers Market schedule and additional information about Duke Farms Farmers Market.](#)

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### [There's Still Time - Deadline to Respond to the 2020 Census is September 30th](#)

Completing your 2020 census is safe whether done [online](#), by phone, or by mail. Your personal information is kept confidential and responses are used for statistical purposes only. Deadline to complete 2020 Census is **September 30th**. Find out more at [2020CENSUS.gov](http://2020CENSUS.gov).



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### [Township Seeking Historic Scenic Photos for the 250th Anniversary Edition of the 2021 Town Calendar](#)

"The Township is pleased to be working with Town Planner to produce a 250th Anniversary edition of the color printed 2021 calendar which will be mailed out to every residence in Hillsborough," announced Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting. Previous calendars included at least twelve photographs featuring Hillsborough Township's landscape and scenery, submitted by our residents. This year, the twist is historic pictures to commemorate Hillsborough's rich 250 year history. [Read more.](#)

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### [Township Meeting Updates, Cancellations and Closures](#)

Please visit the calendar on our municipal website for meeting dates, cancellations, updates and instructions.





# HILLSBOROUGH MAYORS WELLNESS

## [Township Committee Recognizes September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)

At the September 8th meeting, the Township Committee recognized September as National Suicide Awareness Month. The month-long initiative, known throughout the United States, helps raise awareness that prevention is possible, treatment is effective and people do recover.

[Read more.](#)



## [New Jerseyans Feeling the Emotional and Mental Toll of COVID-19 Can Get Support From a Special Helpline](#)

NJ Mental Health Cares, the state's behavioral health information and referral service, will now also offer help to people dealing with anxiety and worry related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. New Jerseyans can call 1-866-202-HELP (4357) for free, confidential support. NJ Mental Health Cares will be answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week by live trained specialists.

## [Hillsborough Social Services Partnering with Foothill Acres Nursing Home to Hold a Drive-Thru Health Fair for Senior Residents on September 22nd](#)

The drive through health fair will be held on Tuesday, **September 22nd** at the Willow Road Complex, from 11 am to 1 pm. Rain-date is Tuesday, September 29th.

\*Registration closed\*



**Editors note:** Willow Road Complex is located at 530 Willow Road. The entrance to the complex is directly across from the residence at 2 Valinor Road.

## [Get Ready for Flu Season - Hillsborough Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinic On September 24th](#)

It's more important than ever! The Hillsborough Health Department and Green Brook Family Practice will sponsor the 2020 flu vaccinations for Hillsborough residents. The clinic will be held on Thursday, **September 24th** at the Hillsborough Municipal Building. Senior Citizens and high risk individuals with chronic conditions only will be admitted from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, and all other residents, ages 6 months and up, will be admitted from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Please do not come to the clinic if you have a fever or feel feverish. [Read more from Hillsborough Health Department](#) and for [NJ Department of Health tips to take care of yourself and others.](#)



## [Mayor's Opioid Team Shares Information on Opioid Overdose Reversal Drug Naloxone](#)

Naloxone can reverse overdoses from opioids by blocking the effects of opioids on the brain. NJ Human Services is making naloxone available for free **September 24th to 26th** at participating pharmacies throughout New Jersey. New Jerseyans will be able to visit participating



pharmacies and anonymously obtain naloxone without a prescription or an appointment. Hillsborough locations are CVS at 220 Triangle Road, Shoprite Pharmacy Of Hillsborough at 601 Route #206 & Amwell Road and Weis Markets at 315 Rt 206. Other locations can be found at [NJ Human Services website](#).

Those who obtain the drug will also be given information regarding addiction treatment and recovery through Reach NJ, a 24-hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week addictions hotline where people who have Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or friends and family of people with SUD can get immediate assistance and support from live, New Jersey-based, trained addiction counselors. An individual who calls the program's toll-free number, 844-ReachNJ (732-2465), will reach a live staff member who will help connect you to treatment.

## 2020 General Election

### **US Post Office Card Misstates NJ 2020 Election Process - Every Active Voter in New Jersey will Automatically Receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballot**

New Jersey postal customers received post cards from the United States Postal Service this week that gave incorrect information about the process for Garden State voters to cast their ballots in the 2020 general election. The cards urged voters to request vote by mail ballots early, but in New Jersey all active voters will receive ballots automatically.

"We will be mailing ballots to every active registered voter in Somerset County by October 5, and they should be received by October 10," said Somerset County Clerk Steve Peter. "The only reason to submit a Vote by Mail ballot request is if you ballot is lost or damaged and you require a replacement."

If voters have not received their ballot by October 10, they are encouraged to contact the Clerks' office at (908) 231-7013 to determine if a new ballot should be mailed. Voters cannot request a second ballot if they have already submitted one.

Some polling locations will be open in NJ (at least one per municipality and 50% of the locations overall), but only for voting by paper provisional ballots (only those with disabilities that prevent them from using a paper ballot may use a machine, and will have to sign an affidavit) or (new this time) to drop off their own voted VBM ballot. More information on how Somerset County voters can participate in the 2020 General Election is available at <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/2020general>.

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### **Board of Elections Adds 14 Poll Locations and 8 Ballot Drop Box Locations for the November 3rd General Election**

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#### **Election Day - Important Dates**

- Tuesday, October 13 – This is the last day to register to vote and be able to cast a ballot in the 2020 General Election.
- Friday, October 23 – This is the last day to request a replacement ballot through the mail.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Election Day

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**[For additional information about election go to the Voting Information page on the Township website](#)**



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## Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org) for all Departmental Updates

### [Business Advocate](#)

Mark your calendars for Hillsborough [3rd Annual Restaurant Week](#) September 29th through October 4th.

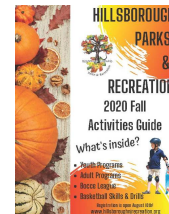


### [Finance-Tax Collector](#)

The 4th quarter 2020/1st and 2nd quarter 2021 tax bills will be mailed the week of September 14th. The State of New Jersey has not released the Homestead Credits yet and therefore you will not see that adjustment on this billing. If the State does release the credits, you will receive an adjusted bill for the 4th quarter at that time.

### [Hillsborough Parks and Recreation](#)

Look through the [Fall Activities Guide](#) to find your favorite activity. Some offerings include Jr Chef's Cooking Classes, Bricks 4 Kidz Classes, Built by Me STEM Web and Game Design, Senior Steps walking program at Ann Van Middlesworth Park and much more! Don't miss out of the fun! [Register on-line](#).



### [Police](#)

Old prescription medications can be dropped in the Hillsborough Police Department Medicine Drop Box located in the Police Lobby. The drop box is only available Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm. Residents will have to sign in as they enter the police lobby before they can access the drop box.

If there is other Municipal business that residents need to conduct after dropping off their old prescription medications, they will need to re-enter the building through the front door and sign-in at the Receptionist Desk.

## Township Employment Opportunities

- [Part Time Systems Administrator Assistant - Hillsborough Police Department](#)
- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

[Visit the Hillsborough Township Website to apply](#)

## Community Bulletin Board

[For Meetings and Events Check Out our Township Calendar](#)



## Calling Volunteers - Roots for Rivers Tree Planting!

The Sourland Conservancy was awarded Roots to Rivers Reforestation Grant from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and The Watershed Institute. They will be out on Friday September 18th through Monday September 21st planting over 500 trees and they need some help! There are multiple time slots available for volunteers to sign up from Friday 9 am to Monday 4 pm.

This native plant restoration project is being conducted by the Sourland Conservancy in partnership with Hillsborough Township. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this restoration, please check out our website at <https://www.sourland.org/volunteer>

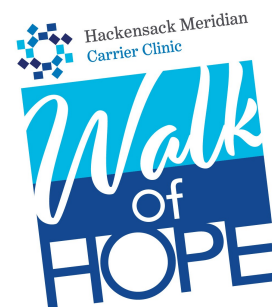


## Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center Sponsors September 23rd Virtual Career Webinar

The Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center, a system partner of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board, will host a Virtual Career Webinar for hopeful job seekers. The **September 23rd** virtual webinar will be presented via Zoom from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://conta.cc/3ePy3VS>.

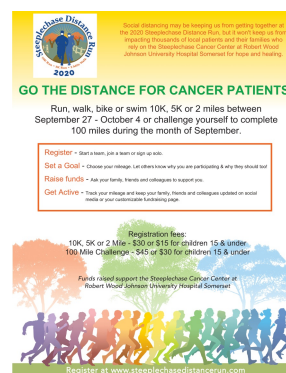
## Carrier Clinic to Host Virtual 'Walk of Hope' on September 26th

Join Carrier Clinic's 2020 Virtual Walk of Hope on Saturday, **September 26th**, at 10 am. This event is a fundraising campaign to help those suffering with mental illness and addiction. Be sure to mark your calendars for when Carrier Clinic will go live with walk festivities at [www.facebook.com/carrierclinic](http://www.facebook.com/carrierclinic). Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, participants are invited to walk, run, bike, swim, etc., remotely from anywhere, at any time, and for any distance! [For more information.](#)



## 2020 Steeplechase Distance Run will be Held Virtually, September 27th through October 4th

The virtual event benefits the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Register at [www.steeplechasedistancerun.com](http://www.steeplechasedistancerun.com)



## The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, Petrock's Bar & Grille and Petrock's Liquors Hosting Hillsborough's Got Magic on October 1st

On Thursday, **October 1st**, at 7 pm, The Rotary Club of





Hillsborough, together with Petrock's Bar & Grille and Petrock's Liquors, will host Hillsborough's Got Magic. [Read more.](#)

## Somerset County News

[Somerset County Sponsors Operation Secure Shred, a Free Document Shredding Event, on Saturday September 19th in Branchburg](#)

[Somerset County Celebrates Diversity Awareness Month in October - 2nd Annual Diversity Festival Will Occur Virtually](#)



[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\) News and Events](#)



[Somerset County Curbside 2020 Recycling Schedule](#)



## COVID-19 Community Resources

[COVID-19 Reported Case Information is updated on the Township website Monday through Friday](#) For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

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

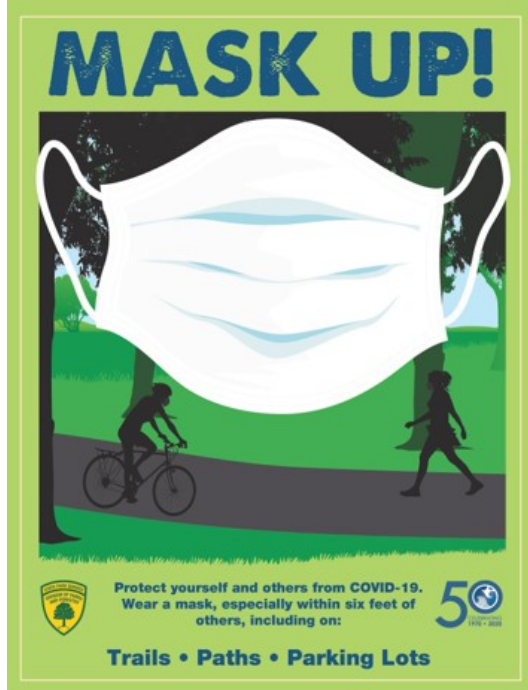
[COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC will be Held on Thursdays Through the End of September](#)

[COVID-19: Information on Underlying Conditions](#)

[NJ Contact Tracing Information](#)

### Mask Up, New Jersey!

Face coverings, along with social distancing, staying home when you are sick and good hand hygiene, are vital tools in the fight against COVID-19. Wearing a face covering or mask has been shown to dramatically decrease the release of droplets from people's mouths, which can carry infectious particles.



## Contacting Your State and County Officials

[Click here for information on contacting NJ State and Somerset County Officials](#)

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