

Thursday, September 24, 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

Hillsborough Township Joins ShopRite's Bag for Hunger Event

Thank you to ShopRite Hillsborough for the invitation to participate in their annual Bag for Hunger. Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, members of our Hillsborough Township Police Department and Hillsborough Community Assistance Network participated in the event on September 18th.



Pictured (l to r): Police Officer Chris Engelhardt, Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, Police Officer Frank Sencher, and Police Officer Justin Tesorio



Pictured (l to r): Social Services' Dawn Spinelli and Marcy Palinkas

Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani Joins Police Chief Mike McMahon and members of the Hillsborough Police Department for Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, Police Chief McMahon and members of Hillsborough Township Police Department join the Knights of Columbus Prayer Service on Monday September 21st.



Hillsborough Township to Host Fall Flea Markets

"Hillsborough Township will host three flea markets this fall at the Willow Road Complex," announced Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday September 22nd's Township Committee meeting. The flea markets will be held on Saturdays in **October, 3rd, 10th and 24th**. Individuals interested in participating and obtaining a space can register online through the Recreation Department's Community Pass at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org. The cost of the space is \$20 per date. The flea market will run from 8 am until noon on each of the dates. Set up will begin at 7 am. [Read more.](#)



Opioid Overdose Reversal Drug, Naloxone, Being Offered Free to Residents

New Jersey Human Services will offer the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone – commonly called Narcan – for free to residents at participating pharmacies throughout New Jersey from **September 24th through 26th**. Naloxone can reverse overdoses from opioids by blocking the effects of opioids on the brain. 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.



NALOXONE SAVES LIVES

**FREE NALOXONE GIVEAWAY
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020**

The **State of New Jersey** is providing naloxone for free at participating pharmacies.



**No Individual
Prescription
Needed**



**No Payment or
Insurance
Required**



**No Name
Required**

Naloxone can reverse opioid overdoses. It will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Limit one per person.

Visit nj.gov/humanservices/stopoverdoses for a list of participating pharmacies. Available while supplies last.

Note: Professionals, professional entities, first responders and first responder entities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:6J-3, are not eligible to obtain the opioid antidote through this project.

**For Addiction Help 24/7
CALL 1-844-REACHNJ**



NJ Department of Human Services
Phil Murphy, Governor | Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor | Carole Johnson, Commissioner



LA NALOXONA SALVA VIDAS

**ENTREGA GRATUITA DE NALOXONA
24-26 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2020**

El **Estado de New Jersey** está ofreciendo naloxona gratuita en farmacias participantes.



**No necesita
receta médica
individual**



**No necesita
pagar o tener
seguro médico**



**No necesita
dar su
nombre**

Naloxona puede revertir las sobredosis de opiáceos. Sera distribuida por orden de llegada. Límite de uno por persona.

Visite la página nj.gov/humanservices/stopoverdoses para ver una lista de farmacias que están participando. Disponible mientras que duren los suministros.

Note: Profesionales, entidades profesionales, equipos de primer respuesta y entidades de primeras respuestas, como definidos en N.J.S.A. 24:6J-3, no son elegibles para obtener el antídoto opiáceo a través de este proyecto.

**Para ayuda con adicciones 24/7
LLAME AL 1-844-REACHNJ**



Departamento de Servicios Humanos de NJ
Phil Murphy, Gobernador | Sheila Oliver, Vicegobernadora | Carole Johnson, Comisionada



Mark Your Calendars for Hillsborough Recreation's Halloween Events

Go Green for Halloween

Get into the spirit of recycling by exchanging old, gently used costumes for "new to you" versions.

Donation boxes will be available in the Municipal Building near the Recreation and costumes can be dropped off between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, from **September 28th to October 9th**. Donated items should already be cleaned and in good, wearable condition.

October 15th is the special pick up day for those who donated a costume and want a new one. All others can pick up a new-to-you costume on **October 16th**.



Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 29th

On Thursday, October 29th, from 3:30-5:30PM at Norz Hill Farm we will be hosting the annual Children's Halloween Party. This event is \$8.00 per child which includes a walk through the children's bale maze, hayride to the pumpkin patch and much more! Don't forget to stop by and say Hi to Hillsborough's Police & Fire Safety teams who will be in attendance. Pre-registration required and can be found on the Parks & Recreation website.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

AT NORZ HILL FARM
120 South Branch Road, Hillsborough



**Come in costume and have some
Halloween Fun on the Farm!**

Thursday, October 29th
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
\$8 per child

All registered children can go on a hayride, receive a pumpkin from the patch, walk through the kids bale maze and get a goodie bag!!!

Pre-Registration Required online at
www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org
Register by Thursday, October 29 at NOON



Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest on October 31st

On Saturday, October 31st, starting 8:30 AM will be the annual dog "Howl-O-Ween" which will take place at the Ann Van Middlesworth Dog Park. During this event families and pets will be able to gather in the dog park while our Hillsborough Girl Scouts rank the costumes and select prize winners such as best costume, best group costume and much more! All prizes are donated from local businesses and this is sure to be a great event! No pre-registration required! Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the parade

will start at 9:00am by the Pavilion.



Trunk or Treat on October 31st

The Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 31st, from 1:30-2:30 pm at the Willow Road Complex. There are two options residents can take advantage of for this event:

- Option 1: Families can provide a decorated "Trunk/Vehicle" as well as candy to hand out to the Trunk or Treaters.
- Option 2: Don't have a vehicle to decorate or include? -- No problem! Families can register their children to "Treat" without a "Trunk" for \$5 per child. (Limited capacity)

Trunk or Treaters will also be able to vote on "Best Trunk"! Registration is required for both options by Friday October 23rd at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org.



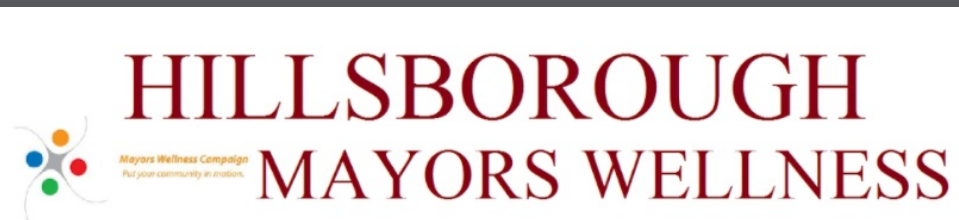
There's Still Time - Deadline to Respond to the 2020 Census is September 30th

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.



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.](#)



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

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](#)

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

[County Clerk Releases Step-By-Step Vote by Mail Tutorials](#)

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

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



HBA
Hillsborough Business Association

Experience Hillsborough



Department Updates

Please visit the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org for all Departmental Updates

[Building](#)

Don't forget to close out your open permits - When taking out a building permit, please remember that the permit will remain open until all final inspections have been completed. Please contact the Building Department if you are unsure of what open permits you have so we can assist you in closing them!

[Business Advocate](#)

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

Mayor Doug Tomson has been making the rounds to see what our local eateries will be offering. Go to [Mayor's Tour](#) and browse through the page. Click on the pictures and videos then sit back and "feast" your eyes. Warning, watching these videos will definitely make you hungry!



Engineering

Residents are reminded that they might have conservation easements located on their property. Conservation easements are placed on properties due to possible flood areas, wetlands or act as buffers to other properties or roads. Removal of trees or other vegetation is prohibited in these conservation easements. Please check your survey or contact the Engineering Department for further information.

Finance-Tax Collector

The 2020 final/2021 preliminary tax bills are in the process of being mailed. You should receive your bill by the end of the month. The State of New Jersey has not released the Homestead Benefits and therefore there is no credit for that on the 4th quarter 2020 tax bills.

Health

The Hillsborough Township Health Officer and her team are continuing to monitor the Township's COVID-19 case count and contact individuals to conduct Contact Tracing. If you have been exposed, you should self monitor as usual and be alert for any symptoms for 14 days. If you receive a call from Hillsborough Township Health Department regarding your activities, please return their call promptly. Your cooperation is extremely important. If you have tested positive or if you receive a call from someone you know who has tested positive, please contact the Hillsborough Township Health Department immediately at 908-369-5652, Monday through Friday 8 am until 4:30 pm, or email during non-business hours to sspano@hillsborough-nj.org.

Public Works

The Public Works department is currently in the middle of its chip seal programs. The work should be wrapping up by the end of the week. The department's primary focus for the next month will be addressing road repairs as we head towards cooler weather.

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](#)

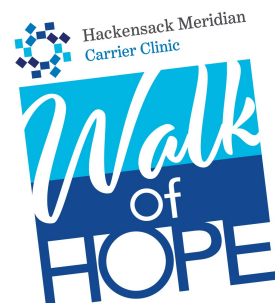
Community Bulletin Board

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



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. 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



GO THE DISTANCE FOR CANCER PATIENTS!

Run, walk, bike or swim 10K, 5K or 2 miles between September 27 - October 4 or challenge yourself to complete 100 miles during the month of September.

Register - Start here, join a team or sign up solo.
Set a Goal - Choose your mileage. Let others know why you are participating & why they should too.
Raise Funds - Ask your family, friends and colleagues to support you.
Get Active - Track your mileage and keep your family, friends and colleagues updated on social media in your customizable fundraising page.

Registration fees:
 10K, 5K or 2 Mile - \$30 or \$15 for children 15 & under
 100 Mile Challenge - \$45 or \$30 for children 15 & under

Funds raised support the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset.

Register at 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.](#)



HILLSBOROUGH'S got MAGIC


A virtual and interactive fundraiser benefiting The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, featuring the greatest magicians from TV!

Thursday, October 1st @ 7pm - Purchase tickets at RotaryMagic.com

Scholarship Opportunities

VFW 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Commander Tom Cellilli of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Hillsborough Memorial Post # 8371 announced the kick-off of this year's VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington D.C. Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed [entry form](#) to Post # 8371 by **October 31st**. The mailing address is Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228 in Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY **VFW**

2020-2021 Theme
 "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
 Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
 Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$50,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?
 The Voice of Democracy is a national program for high school students. It is a patriotic essay writing competition. Students write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme. The essay is judged by a panel of judges. The winner of the competition will receive a \$50,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President of the United States.

Why Should I Enter?
 The Voice of Democracy is a national program for high school students. It is a patriotic essay writing competition. Students write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme. The essay is judged by a panel of judges. The winner of the competition will receive a \$50,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President of the United States.


The Rules
 The essay must be written on a separate sheet of paper. It must be typed and double-spaced. The essay must be on the selected theme. The essay must be no more than 300 words. The essay must be recorded on an audio CD or flash drive. The recording must be no more than three to five minutes long. The recording must be submitted by the deadline. The essay and recording must be submitted to the local VFW Post. The local VFW Post will submit the essay and recording to the national VFW Post.

What do I need to enter?
 To enter the Voice of Democracy competition, you need to write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme. You need to submit the essay and recording to the local VFW Post. The local VFW Post will submit the essay and recording to the national VFW Post.

Official Entry Form
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 School: _____
 Grade: _____
 Teacher: _____
 VFW Post: _____
 Date: _____

VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual Essay Competition

Commander Tom Cellilli of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post # 8371, announced the kick-off of the VFW's annual Patriots Pen youth essay competition. Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards. Deadline for student entries is **October 31st** with entries mailed to Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)



PATRIOT'S PEN **VFW**

2020 - 2021 Theme
 "What is Patriotism to Me?"
 Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
 Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is Patriot's Pen?
 Patriot's Pen is a national program for middle school students. It is a patriotic essay writing competition. Students write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme. The essay is judged by a panel of judges. The winner of the competition will receive a \$5,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President of the United States.

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 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 School: _____
 Grade: _____
 Teacher: _____
 VFW Post: _____
 Date: _____

Somerset County News

Register for a Free Disease Management Workshop

Are you or a loved one living with cancer? The Morris-Somerset Regional Chronic Disease Coalition invites those who have been affected by cancer and their caregivers to attend a free six-week workshop titled "Cancer: Thriving and Surviving." The workshop will be held virtually on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm, on September 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th and November 3rd. Preregistration is required by calling Lea Kimmelman at 908-203-6077 or by sending an email to Kristine Wilsusen at kwilsusen@randolphnj.org.

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



- [Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's 5th Annual Book Lovers Tea Goes Virtual](#)

[Somerset County Curbside 2020 Recycling Schedule](#)



[Statement from the Somerset County Surrogate Frank Bruno](#)

As some of you may know, and for those who have visited the Surrogate's office, we are responsible for assisting residents with the orderly process of estates after a death of a Somerset County resident. As the Surrogate of Somerset County, I believe it is my obligation to make residents aware of potential problems within the process of probating a Will or the process of an administration if the decedent dies intestate without a Will. My staff and I trying to make this process the least cumbersome as possible.

It has come to my attention, there is a situation with the national banks that are conducting business in the State of New Jersey and in Somerset County, such as Bank of America, Wells Fargo and several other financial institutions that have not cooperated and have refused to abide by probate court law. These financial institutions have not accepted documents pertinent to the probate process and have practiced a policy that creates an extra expense for their clients with regards to court Affidavits.

At the Surrogate's Court, we have been making every effort to ensure that the probate process is as efficient as possible. Therefore, I am advising Somerset County residents, who conduct business with these banks, to be forewarned that these situations still continue to exist at the time of this press release and that we, the Surrogate's Court, determine the procedures and documents and not the banks.

COVID-19 Community Resources

[Hillsborough Township COVID-19 Special Bulletins](#)

- [Covid19 Case Investigation, Contact Tracing Guide for Residents](#)
- [Coronavirus Resources and Information](#)

COVID-19 Reported Case Information is Updated on the [Township website](#) Monday through Friday. A list of COVID-19 Resources can be found on the [Township website 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](#) and [NJ Contact Tracing](#)

Contacting Your State and County Officials

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

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