

Thursday, October 1, 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

[Police Officer Promoted within the Hillsborough Township Police Department](#)

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the Hillsborough Township Committee promoted a police officer from the Department to fill the vacancy in the position of Captain after Captain Mark Besser's retirement. After a thorough interview process, Lieutenant David Fisher was promoted to Captain. Captain Fisher is a 27 year veteran of the Department. [Read more.](#)



[October is National Woman's Small Business Month](#)

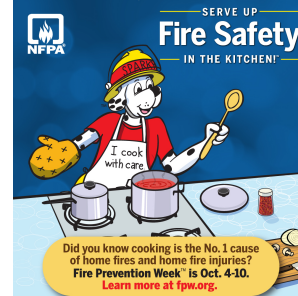
October is "National Women's Small Business Month", created to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of female entrepreneurs, to recognize the vital role they play in our economy, and to spotlight successful women business owners. Hillsborough Township is proud to announce that each week in October the Hillsborough Economic & Business Development Commission (EBDC) will feature a weekly profile on Women Business Owners in the Township. Stay tuned for more information!



[Hillsborough Fire Marshals Team Up with the National Fire Protection Association for Fire Prevent Week is October 4th - 10th](#)

The Hillsborough Fire Marshals are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the

official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. "The most important step you should take before making a meal is to "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" said Chief Fire Marshal Christopher Weniger. "A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented." [Read more.](#)



[Fall 2020 Virtual Litter Cleanup Event on September 25 - November 13, 2020](#)

Calling all Litter Heroes! 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. [Read more.](#)



[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, 10th, 17th 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.](#)



[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**.



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.



Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 31st

The Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm will be held on Saturday, October 31st, from 3:30 pm to 5:3 pm. All registered children will get a goodie bag and can go on a hayride, receive a pumpkin from the patch and walk through the kids bale maze. Pre-registration is required on-line at www.hillsboroughrecreation.org by noon on October 29th.



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.



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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Event

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset Community Health and Steeplechase Cancer Center will be hosting a virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event, featuring Erin Brockovich, on Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

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.

2020 General Election

County Clerk Releases Step-By-Step Vote by Mail Tutorials

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

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

Important Information about the 2020 General Election

- The mail in ballot drop box in front of the Hillsborough Complex at 379 South Branch Road is opened for completed mail in ballots to be dropped off
- The drop box will be emptied each day by employees of Somerset County
- The 2020 General Election is a Mail in Ballot Election - ballots can be mailed through US Postal Service or dropped in the designated Drop Boxes throughout the county ([for locations](#))
- In person voting is only available on November 3rd via audio machine, provided the voter can certify to a disability to use the machine
- On Election Day, completed/voted mail in ballots can be delivered to your respective polling location and handed in there ([for Hillsborough polling locations, important dates and other information](#))
- For questions and concerns, you may visit the Somerset County Board of Elections [website](#)



For additional information about election go to the Voting Information page on the



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Department Updates

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

Business Advocate

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

Mayor Doug Tomson made the rounds to see what our local eateries will be offering. Go to [Mayor's Tour](#) and browse through the page. You can also visit the [Restaurant Week website](#) to see the menu and specials.



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.

Township Employment Opportunities

- [Full Time Planning and Zoning Clerk](#)
- [Part Time Office Assistant / Floater](#)
- [Part Time Systems Administrator Assistant - Hillsborough Police Department](#)
- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

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



[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 enjoy your family, friends and colleagues updates on social media or your personalized fundraising page.

Registration fees:
 10K, 5K or 2 Mile - \$30 or \$15 for children 15 & under.
 Top 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.](#)

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.](#)

2020-2021 Theme
 "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
 Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020
 Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?
 The Voice of Democracy is a national program that provides an opportunity for high school students to express their views on a national issue. The essay is judged by a panel of judges and the winner receives a scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President.

Why Should I Enter?
 The Voice of Democracy is a national program that provides an opportunity for high school students to express their views on a national issue. The essay is judged by a panel of judges and the winner receives a scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President.

How to Enter:
 The essay must be written on a separate sheet of paper, typed, double-spaced, and must be accompanied by a recording of the student reading the essay. The essay must be submitted to the local VFW Post by the deadline date.

Prizes:
 The winner of the national competition will receive a scholarship of \$30,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President. Other prizes include cash awards and trophies.

Rules:
 The essay must be written on a separate sheet of paper, typed, double-spaced, and must be accompanied by a recording of the student reading the essay. The essay must be submitted to the local VFW Post by the deadline 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.](#)

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

What is Patriot's Pen?
 The Patriots Pen is a national program that provides an opportunity for middle school students to express their views on a national issue. The essay is judged by a panel of judges and the winner receives a scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the President and Vice President.

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Somerset County News

[Operation Secure Shred to Occur on October 3rd](#)

[Somerset County Upcoming Recycling Events: First Saturday and E-Waste Drop-Off on October 3rd](#)

[Cancer: Thriving & Surviving Workshop](#)

[Somerset County 2nd Annual Virtual Diversity Festival Begins October 1st-Residents Can Share Diversity-Related Information Online](#)

[COVID-19 Closures Extended for County-Operated Senior Centers-Grab & Go and Zoom Programs Are Available](#)

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

- [SCLSNJ Offers Resources, Support for Families and Schools During Virtual Learning](#)
- [SCLSNJ's 5th Annual Book Lovers Tea Goes Virtual](#)



[Somerset County Curbside 2020 Recycling Schedule](#)



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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