

Thursday, October 8, 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.

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th in Observance of the Holiday

The Hillsborough branch of SCLSNJ will also be closed on Monday



Traffic Advisory

- On Friday, October 9th, Farm Road will be closed between More and Triangle Roads from 9 am to 3:30 pm
- 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.

Meeting Notice

Hillsborough Township, while in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders is permitting in person attendance at the October 13th Township Committee meeting. For the health and safety of the Township Committee, Township employees and any members of the public who wish to attend the meeting in person, it is still recommended that interested individuals still participate via zoom. Please see below for more information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE has been amended to include both in person and virtual public participation for the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex, The Peter J. Biondi Building
379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

PURPOSE: Regular business

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION PLEASE NOTE: this meeting is open for public attendance, with COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

ATTENDANCE: PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE ABOVE LOCATION AT 7:15 PM, face masks are required and you will be asked to sign in at the registration desk. Upon

entering the courtroom, you will be required to physically distance at least 6 feet from any other attendees. Overflow will be available in the multi-purpose room, with audio only. The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom as indicated below.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/91561675666?pwd=S0FyZC9RU2xSWDZxZUhhcGVsVUtGZz09>

Passcode: 2QkQ5S

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +19292056099,,91561675666#,,,,,0#,,876265# or
+13017158592,,91561675666#,,,,,0#,,876265#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833 or
+1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 915 6167 5666

Passcode: 876265

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/91561675666?pwd=S0FyZC9RU2xSWDZxZUhhcGVsVUtGZz09>

Township News

[Mayor Doug Tomson Issues Statement on Political Civility - Also Cites 1st Amendment Rights and Reminds Citizens of Penalties Surrounding Theft or Tampering with Political Signs](#)

Hillsborough Township has been ranked one of the best places in America and one of the safest places in New Jersey to live. With these very special distinctions in mind, I am disheartened by reports of, yet again, individuals tampering with political lawn signs. As Mayor, the people of Hillsborough have my word and steadfast commitment that the Hillsborough Township Committee and I will do our very best to continue to set the right example for civility in politics, throughout the year and especially during campaign season. As a public service reminder, tampering with (i.e., stealing or vandalizing) political signs is a violation of other people's freedom of speech. Citizens also need to know that, according to the law, those who tamper with political signs can be charged with theft, criminal mischief and/or trespassing. [Read more.](#)

[Join Mayor Doug Tomson Podcasts](#)

Mayor Doug Tomson was interviewed for another episode of the Official Hillsborough Township Podcast, hosted by Paul Scaltro. Mayor Tomson discusses the drawbacks and benefits Hillsborough has encountered as farmland has given way to development over the years and the ongoing challenge of meeting Affordable Housing obligations. [Episode 4 - Preserving an Expanding Township](#)



The Official Podcast of Hillsborough Township is now available in iTunes! Open the Apple Podcasts app on your iPhone, search for "Official Podcast of Hillsborough NJ" or access directly with [this link](#). Be sure to subscribe so you don't miss future episodes.



The podcast is also available on it's own [webpage](#), where episodes can be streamed, downloaded and shared.

[Township Committee Recognizes Sahil Ravula For Earning Eagle Scout Rank](#)

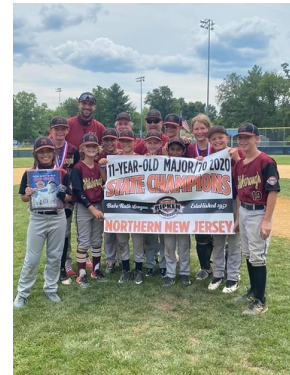
At the September 22nd meeting, the Township Committee recognized Sahil Ravula, a Junior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 89, has recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Sahil's Eagle Scout project consisted of

building four food donation boxes for libraries in Hillsborough, Somerville, North Plainfield and Peapack & Gladstone. [Read more.](#)



[Township Committee Recognizes 2020 Hillsborough Baseball League 11U Team For Their Successful Season](#)

At the September 22nd meeting, the Township Committee recognized the 2020 Hillsborough Baseball League 11U Team. The team had a very successful season due to their hard work and dedication. The Hillsborough Baseball League 11U Team had a 20-6-1 final record for the summer season, were championship game participants in every summer tournament and won the 11U State Championship, Cal Ripken League, Northern NJ Division. [Read more.](#)



[2020 Census Deadline Extended to October 31st](#)

There's still time to make a difference for your community. Take 10 minutes and fill out your census form at 2020Census.GOV or by [phone](#) at 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish).



[Hillsborough Township Hosts First Fall Flea Market on October 10th with Over 20 Registered Vendors - Don't Forget to Stop By and Shop](#)

The first of the Fall Flea Markets will be held this Saturday, **October 10th**, at the Willow Road Complex from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Dates for the other Saturdays are **October 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. 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**.



[Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm on October 29th](#)

The Children's Halloween Party at Norz Hill Farm will be

held on Thursday, October 29th, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 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.

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.

HOWL-O-WEEN



Hillsborough Parks and Recreation
FREE Dog Parade and Costume Contest Vendors Prizes
 Fun for All
 at Ann Van Middlesworth Dog Park
Saturday, October 31st
 8:30 AM Registration
 9:00 AM Parade Begins by the Pavilion

*Please check our website in the morning if there is inclement weather. During this event we ask that you keep your dogs on their leash at ALL times, even inside the dog park. *Dogs must be spayed or neutered and can not show any signs of aggression to enter the dog park.

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.

HILLSBOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION
 PRESENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 31st
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Willow Road Complex, 120 Willow Road, Hillsborough, NJ

- Sign up to be a "TRUNK" and bring candy to hand out PLUS be entered into our "BEST TRUNK" contest OR
- Sign up to "TREAT" without a trunk for \$5 per child*

WIN a Prize in our "BEST TRUNK" Contest!!!

Masks are required for all while Trunk or Treating.

Register by Friday, October 23rd at Noon

Space is limited so MAX capacity may be reached prior to deadline

Registration is REQUIRED at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org
*\$5 fee will be used to purchase extra candy for the Trunks

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.](#)




September 25 - November 13, 2020

**HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
 CLEAN COMMUNITIES
 2020 FALL VIRTUAL
 LITTER CLEANUP EVENT**

get ready! LITTER HERO
 LEAVE NO TRACE
 UP TO 14 DAYS

JOIN THE MOVEMENT
 #BEALITTERHERO

Hillsborough Economic and Business Development Commission (EBDC) Recognizes National Women's Small Business Month

Spotlighting Debbie Norz of Norz Hill Farm & Market

October is "National Women's Small Business Month"

and was created to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of female entrepreneurs and to recognize the vital role they play in our economy. The Economic & Business Development Commission (EBDC) is taking the opportunity to recognize women business owners in Hillsborough. The EBDC has invited all Hillsborough women business owners in the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) to share a few details of their business by completing a questionnaire. These business owners' responses will be released on the Hillsborough Business Association Facebook page, the Township's website and in the Mayor's e-newsletter. Additionally, October will feature weekly "Q&A Profiles" of successful female business owners in Hillsborough. EBDC member, Janine Erickson, kicked off the first weekly spotlight by meeting with Debbie Norz of Norz Hill Farm & Market. [Read more.](#)



2020 General Election

[Last Day to Register to Vote in 2020 Election Coming Next Tuesday](#)

Registration can be done online, via the U.S. Mail, or at the County Administration Building weekdays including Columbus Day

[2020 NJ Voter Information Portal website Vote.NJ.Gov](#)



[Somerset County Opens Atrium for In-Person Registration, Ballot Submission and Requests](#)

[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](#)

[Important Information about the 2020 General Election](#)

Key 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

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 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 the 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

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](#)

Community Bulletin Board

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



[Hillsborough Digital Photographic Society Holds On-line Exhibit](#)



9TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT
VIRTUAL GALLERY
OURPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Fall Fest Flea Market Sponsored By Gemini Entertainment and Mary, Mother of God Church to be held on October 25th from 12:00pm to 5:00 pm



Sourland Conservancy Fall Events



Hillsborough Education Foundation NJ (HEF) Fundraiser Event



Social Security - Here to Help

Social Security remains committed to providing uninterrupted benefits and vital services the public relies on, especially during the current coronavirus pandemic. Although their offices are not providing service for walk-in visitors, you may be able to schedule an appointment for limited, critical issues if you cannot be assisted by phone. Call or take advantage of the Social Security secure and convenient [online services](#) to:

- Apply for Retirement, Disability, and Medicare benefits,
- Check the status of an application or appeal,
- Request a replacement Social Security card (in most areas),
- Print a benefit verification letter, and
- Much more

Social Security Administration
Important Information

We are still available to help by phone.

A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at:

1-866-444-6198
(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone.

Please do not come into one of our local offices. We cannot accept walk-in visitors at this time.

You may also visit [SSA.gov](#). Many of our services can be completed online.

Visit [CDC.gov](#) for information about COVID-19.

Administración del Seguro Social
Información Importante

Aún estamos disponibles para ayudar por teléfono

Un representante local está disponible para atender su llamada de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. llamando al:

1-866-444-6198
(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

Es posible que podamos programar una cita si no podemos ayudar por teléfono.

Por favor no venga a una de nuestras oficinas locales. No podemos aceptar visitantes sin cita en este momento.

También puede visitar [SeguroSocial.gov](#).

Muchos de nuestros servicios se pueden completar por internet.

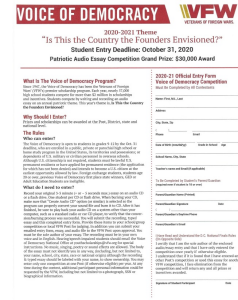
Visite [CDC.gov](#) para obtener información sobre COVID-19.

Scholarship Opportunities

VFW 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Scholarship

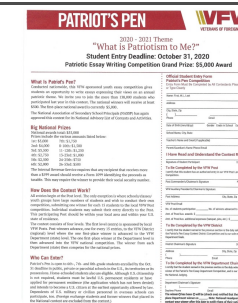
Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington D.C. Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and

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.](#)



[VFW 2020-2021 Patriots Pen Annual 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**. Mail [entry form](#) and essay to Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post # 8371, 601 Route 206, Suite 26-228, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [Read more.](#)



Somerset County News

[County-Operated Senior Centers Offer Virtual Programs and Activities in October](#)

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

- [Explore Ways to be Positive, Safe on Social Media With Alexa Chalnack and SCLSNJ](#)



COVID-19 Community Resources

[COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing at RVCC will be Held on Thursday October 15th](#)

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 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](#)

This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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