

e-News



All COVID-19 resources and case information can be found on the <u>Township COVID-19 page</u>.

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

K9 Freddy Retires

On August 4, 2021, Mayor Shawn Lipani read a proclamation honoring Freddy, the faithful K9 who diligently served the Hillsborough community for three years.

Freddy, a Belgian Malinois, was partnered with K9 Officer Rick Tichenor in 2018 and loyally remained at his side during his tenure at the Hillsborough Police Department.

Freddy assisted in numerous narcotics arrests and also helped to locate fleeing suspects and missing children, and aided in evidence recovery.

Both Freddy and Officer Tichenor have our gratitude for helping to make Hillsborough one of the best places to live in America.



L to R: Chief McMahon, Mayor Lipani, Freddy, Officer Tichenor

Flounder Brewing Opens

On Sunday, June 27th, Mayor Shawn Lipani attended the ribbon cutting for Flounder Brewing for the grand opening of their new home. They have been located in Hillsborough since 2010 and have moved to Carriage Farm at 2 Clerico Lane, in one of the beautifully renovated 250 year old barns. Flounder is Hillsborough's first and only



brewery and Somerset County's oldest. For more information about Flounder Brewing in Hillsborough, visit flounderbrewing.com

Hillsborough Township will hold the Annual Purple Heart Ceremony on Saturday, August 7th at 9:00 am at the Garden of Honor on the Grounds of the Municipal Complex.

The Purple Heart, the most recognized medal of the armed forces, is awarded to those serving in the armed forces that are injured or killed while serving in combat. It was originally introduced by George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It is the oldest military award given to U.S. military members.

At the first Purple Heart Ceremony held in Hillsborough in 2012, a Purple Heart Monument was dedicated to the Township that

resides at the Garden of Honor by Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Bridge Closure

Beginning Monday, August 9th, County Bridge B0301 on Zion-Wertsville Road, will be closed for rehabilitation. The bridge closure will be in effect for approximately 113 days. Please plan an alternate route or follow the posted detour signs.



Spotted Lantern Flies

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect that is spreading throughout New Jersey. SLF feeds on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in NJ. Please see the NJ Department of Agriculture website for tips on how homeowners can deal with Spotted Lanternflies.



Beyond Borders Multicultural Festival

The Beyond Borders: Multicultural Festival is a community event organized by Hillsborough High School's Student Diversity Initiative and oriented around promoting cultural appreciation as well as strengthening the connections of our local community. The festival plans to host in-depth workshops, art exhibits from our local talent, food vendors, and tables to explore the diversity all around us! Our workshops include a quick introduction to the fundamentals of Hip-hop, Ukrainian Dance, Yoga, Taekwondo and Bollywood Dance! The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 7th and will be taking place at the Hillsborough Municipal Building from 2:30 -5:30 PM. Entrance is free of charge.



Calling All Hillsborough Veterans!

Calling all Hillsborough Veterans -- on Saturday, September 18th, Hillsborough will be hosting its 250th Celebration parade kicking off at 10am sharp. All interested Veterans will be provided a shuttle the morning of the parade, and leaving from the main entrance of the Municipal Building at 9:30am. We invite all Hillsborough Veterans

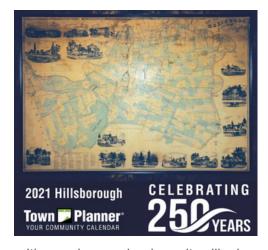


interested in participating in the parade to register by calling the Hillsborough Parks & Recreation office at 908-369-4832 or <u>registering online via Communitypass.</u>

Photos Needed for Township Calendar

We are beginning to work on the 2022 color printed calendar and are pleased to once again partner with Town Planner to produce it. As always, the printing of the calendar comes at no cost to Hillsborough taxpayers. It is funded through the advertisements contained within the calendar.

Township calendars are generally mailed out in December and include schedules, community event reminders, important dates,



and phone numbers for the coming year. As with previous calendars, it will also showcase photographs featuring Hillsborough Township's landscape and scenery that are submitted by residents.

Individuals interested in submitting photographs for consideration for the 2022 calendar can email their high resolution image, along with a photo release form, to the Township Clerk at pborek@hillsborough-nj.org. The photo release form can be found on the Township website at hillsborough-nj.org. The calendar has limited spaces for photographs so there is no guarantee every one submitted will be used.

Advertising opportunities are also available in the calendar and are being handled directly through Town Planner. For more information regarding advertising, please contact Jim O'Dowd at 973-650-2736 or jimodowd@townplanner.com.





there is no health without mental health

Operation Helping Hand - New mobile unit to help fight addiction!

Help is on the way for Somerset County residents battling substance use addiction and mental health issues. Somerset County Prosecutor Michael Robertson unveiled a new mobile van that will roll up, by appointment, 24 hours a day, directly to residents' homes and businesses to offer help.



"The goal of this vehicle is simply to visit those that are in need," said Robertson at a press conference on Tuesday morning. "There are often times people who are reluctant, maybe ashamed, embarrassed, by what they are dealing with and are hesitant to come to resources that are available in the county. So we thought what better way to serve them than to go to them."

More information

Action 4 ACEs

Actions 4 ACEs is a NJ statewide initiative to build awareness about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the role adults can play in reducing the impact of trauma and helping children heal. ACEs stands for adverse childhood experiences. These are stressful or traumatic events that occur



before the age of 18. ACEs are common, and include events such as parental separation, experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, or having a loved one attempt or die by suicide. Adverse community events such as poverty and discrimination can

further compound the effects of ACEs.

More information













Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Assistant Planner GIS Specialist
- Part Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part Time IT Assistant
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater
- Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer
- Zoning Official

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an <u>employment application</u>, cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org

More News from Hillsborough Township

- Do You Need a Certificate of Occupancy for Residential Property Resale?
- PSEG Gas Projects and Pavement Restoration Updates
- Radon Kits Available to Hillsborough Resident
- Municipal Alliance Updates
- Somerset County to Provide Farmers Market Vouchers to Eligible Residents
- NJ Dot's Tourist Oriented Signage Program Accepting Applications for Bypass
- HEA Pride Helps Hillsborough CAN
- Hillsborough UNICO Donates Over 160 Pounds of Pasta to Hillsborough CAN

Visit the News & Media page and individual department pages on the Township website for all updates

HILLSBOROUGH HEALTH DEPT + TURO CARE GIVING FREE COVID VACCINE!



Turo Care's office 417 Route 206, Suite 201 Hillsborough

WHEN

Thursday, August 5th from 5 to 7pm

HOW

Register with Turo Care at 908-333-6755

WHAT

The ONE SHOT Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine

WHO

The clinic is open to anyone age 18 or older









Call 2-1-1 to schedule a free ride.

OTHER INFO

You do NOT need:

- ID or documentation
- Health insurance
- Money (it's free!)
- An appt: just walk in!

No impact on immigration status.

WALK-UPS WELCOME

COVID-19 Infomation

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

Register online via the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System. If you do not have a computer, call the COVID Vaccine Hotline at 855-568-0545.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit: https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine



Hillsborough Township Social Services Department: 908-369-3880

Assistance is available for Hillsborough Senior Citizens who are unable to register for the Covid vaccine because they do not have a computer. Transportation to and from vaccine appointments is also available.

Somerset County COVID Hotline: (908) 231-7155

NJ Senior COVID Hotline (75 plus): 856-249-7007

Providing scheduling support, predominantly through dedicated appointments, to ensure 75+ seniors are able to access appointments

Somerset County Office on Aging: 908-704-6346

Covid Connect Helpline: 833-223-0011

For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available

Covid Connect Health Line

COVID Vaccination Survey

In an effort to better determine the needs of our community, the Health Department is asking for your assistance in providing valuable information with regards to you Covid-19 vaccination. The information you provide will be kept confidential. It will assist the Health Department in planning how best to provide vaccinations for those still waiting for appointments and those that are unable to visit vaccine sites. Please take a few minutes to assist us in gathering the needed information.

Take the Survey

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:

August 5, 2021
6:00 pm Open Space Advisory Committee
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Safety Meeting

August 10, 2021 7:30 pm Township Committee Meeting

August 13, 2021
9:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance

August 14, 2021

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Operation Secure Shred

August 17, 2021

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 18, 2021

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 19, 2021

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 20, 2021

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Rotary Fair

August 21, 2021

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Rotary Fair

Visit the **Township Calendar** for all Meetings and Events



Somerset County Library System News and Events



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Division of Transportation to Hold Virtual Public Hearing on Aug. 18 The meeting will be held via Zoom on Aug. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Nominations Sought for 2021 Excellence in the Arts Awards

The county Cultural & Heritage Commission is accepting nominations for it Excellence in the Arts Awards. The deadline is Friday. Aug. 20.

Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Accepting Grant Funding Applications for Local Arts

Free technical assistance workshops are available via Zoom.

Visit the **Somerset County Website** for all news articles

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

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