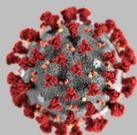


Wednesday, August 18, 2021



HILLSBOROUGH

e-News



All COVID-19 resources and case information can be found on the [Township COVID-19 page](#).

The Mayor's eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays.

Rotary Fair Opens!

Mayor Shawn Lipani was joined by Committeeman Doug Tomson, Committeewoman Janine Erickson, Somerset County Commissioner Paul Drake, and members of the Hillsborough Rotary Club to officially open the 2021 Rotary Fair at the Hillsborough Promenade.



In addition to the Fair's classic thrill rides, food vendors, games of chance and an exposition of local businesses, a spectacular firework display by Interstate Fireworks and sponsored by Petrock's Bar & Grille and Petrock's Liquors, will light up Hillsborough skies on Friday evening, August 20, at approximately 10 PM (rain date of Saturday August 21, 10 PM).

For the first time, the Rotary Fair will feature a cashless payment system for all Fair rides. Patrons will purchase a special wristband at kiosks available throughout the Fairgrounds. The wristbands are then used in place of tickets to gain entry to the rides. The cost of each ride will be automatically deducted from the amount of money on the wristband. A \$30, all-night-long ride access purchase option is available every night, or patrons may choose a different dollar amount appropriate for only select rides. The food and game vendors will continue to accept only cash.

Have fun at the Rotary Fair!

Pictured L to R: Rotarians Tod Mershon, Mike Dudzinski, Anthony Franchini, Committeeman Doug Tomson, Mayor Shawn Lipani, Rotary Club President Ben Rosenblatt, Rotarian Ken Genco, Committeewoman Janine Erickson, Somerset County Commissioner Paul Drake, and Rotarians Abed Medowar and Ashley Rose.

Jennifer Amponin - HHS's Governor's Educational Professional of the Year

At the August 10th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented

Hillsborough High School Nurse, Jennifer Amponin, with a proclamation in recognition of being named the high school's Governor's Educational Professional of the Year.

Mrs. Amponin, a registered nurse, was the last nurse standing at the high school last year, in an office normally staffed by three nurses. She handled all calls and concerns from students, parents and staff facing infection or exposure to COVID-19, and was the point person for contract tracing. This is in addition to counseling teens on healthy relationships and dating violence, initiating new wellness programs and activities, and creating a comfortable private lactation area for staff returning from maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mrs. Amponin with our thanks for her dedication to Hillsborough youth, their parents and the HHS staff.



Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani and Jennifer Amponin

Kathleen DiGirolamo, Triangle School Governor's Educator of the Year

At the August 10th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Lipani presented Triangle School second grade teacher, Kathleen DiGirolamo, with a proclamation honoring her recognition as Triangle School's Governor's Educator of the Year.

Mrs. DiGirolamo has been a teacher at Triangle School for 17 years and has written curriculum for every subject in that grade including Math, English, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. She is a Team Mom volunteer for Immaculata Football, Secretary for the Hillsborough Raider Takedown Club, and Apparel Chair for the Hillsborough Raider Touchdown Club.



Congratulations to Mrs. DiGirolamo for her achievement, with our gratitude for her commitment to Hillsborough's youth.

Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Kathleen DiGirolamo & Family

Hillsborough Township's 2021 Community Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge

We challenge our residents to recycle your clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging!

If we receive a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film bags in 6 months, Trex Company will provide the residents of Hillsborough a free, high-performance composite bench for one of our parks!

Requirements are that the bags and packaging be clean, dry and empty so Trex can repurpose them into Earth-friendly composite outdoor decking and railing.

Please deposit your bags and other plastic film in the three receptacles located in the Hillsborough Municipal Building and join us in creating a sustainable environment!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Fall Activities Guide is here!

Oh my gourdness, the Recreation Fall Activities Guide is here! We hope you'll fall for some of these activities!

Be sure to check out our Youth Tennis Lessons as well as our Basketball Skills & Drills program. If you want to learn more about Skateboarding or Off-Road biking we have the solution for you! We also have some great programs for the non-sports fans such as Youth and Adult Art classes, Junior Chefs Cooking Class, Game Design & Film Making Classes and MUCH MUCH MORE!!

[Click here to check out our Activities Guide](#) for class information and schedules.

**HILLSBOROUGH
PARKS
&
RECREATION**

**2021 Fall
Activities Guide**

What's inside?

- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- Bocce League
- Basketball Skills & Drills

Registration is open August 16th!
www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org

Back to School Supply Drive

With the start of school fast approaching the Social Services Department is accepting donations to help those in need start off on the right foot. If you have any school supplies you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Social Services office Monday - Friday between 8am and 4:30pm. Thank you for supporting our programs.

**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

Share Your Vaccine Story!

We want to hear your positive vaccine stories! Tell us why you got the COVID-19 vaccine. If you were hesitant at first, tell us what changed your mind. We are

collecting personal stories from Hillsborough residents to help promote the vaccine to more people in our community.

If your story is selected for publication, we may follow up to request a photograph and/or video.

[Click here to share your story](#)

"I GOT VACCINATED BECAUSE.."



MORE INFO @
hillsborough.311.town



In Case You Missed It- The Latest Hillsborough News!

What is going on around town? Check out this Hillsborough Township Committee News Break.



Military Caps for Sale at the Annual Rotary Fair to Fund Essential Goods for Homeless Veterans

Our military veterans not only face the many challenges inherent in their active service around the world, but often must cope with lifelong medical and personal challenges as they try to reintegrate into society upon their return. That struggle too often leads to medical and psychological challenges, substance abuse and homelessness. The Veterans Administration can provide for much, but not all of the services and basic needs of these veterans.



In 2020, The Rotary Club of Hillsborough joined a consortium of other New Jersey Rotary Clubs to provide needed essentials to homeless veterans receiving temporary housing, medical and psychological care at Community Hope, a non-profit organization housed on the Veterans Administration campus in Lyons, New Jersey.

To help raise funds for this program, The Rotary Club of Hillsborough will sell high quality caps featuring logos of all branches of the military, as well as caps that display patriotic slogans supporting the service men and women who help protect our freedom.

"The consortium is able to purchase goods, such as winter coats, hats and boots, underwear, toiletries, etc., at a very low cost and distribute them to the Community Hope residents each month," commented Rich Salem, member of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough. For each cap purchased at \$25 the consortium can purchase a pair of

top-quality insulated winter boots.

Fair attendees can add their support to this important effort by stopping at the Rotary tent at the Fair Grounds and purchase one of these caps. The supply is limited, so supporters are encouraged to stop by as soon as they arrive at the Fair.

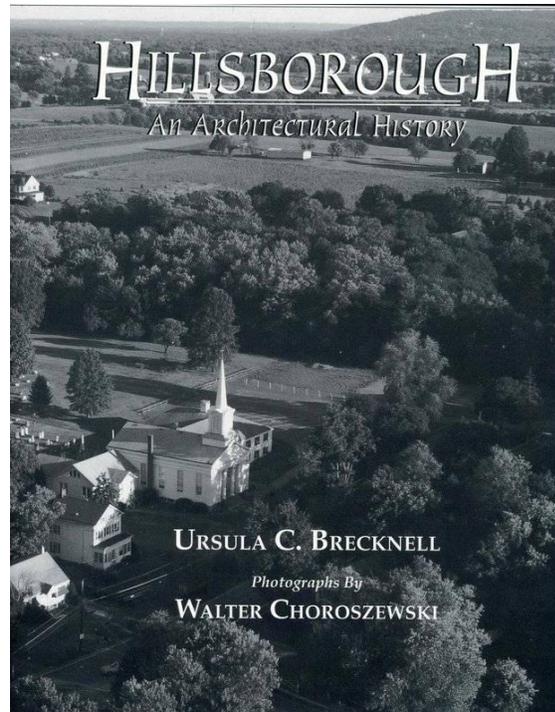
HHS Softball Celebrates 50 Years in 2022

The 2022 season marks the 50th anniversary of Hillsborough High School Softball! We cannot wait to acknowledge and celebrate this amazing milestone. In the fall and winter months, we will be using our Facebook page and Instagram account to take a walk down memory lane! If you are a former HHS Softball player, share your favorite HHS Softball memory here! Your memory could be chosen to be shared on our social media platforms! If you have a photo to accompany the memory, **EVEN BETTER!** Please email the photo to hillsboroughhsssoftball@gmail.com and [click here to share your favorite memories.](#)



Hillsborough: An Architectural History

Hillsborough Township is happy to announce that we have vintage copies of the award-winning book "Hillsborough: An Architectural History" available for purchase. Each copy offers a collection of interesting architectural history of our beautiful township. Originally offered to the public in 1996, this celebration of the architectural styles, chosen by the residents, provides fascinating pictures and insider information on Hillsborough's prized landmarks. Different expressions of settlement, growth, and maturity of Hillsborough during the 200 year time period of 1700-1900 are shown. This hardcover book offers almost 300 pages of interesting history. Books are on sale at a price of \$20 each, so stop by the Clerk's Office and get yours today!



GET YOUR FREE COVID VACCINE AT OUR WALK-IN CLINIC!

WHERE

Hillsborough Municipal Building
379 So. Branch Rd. Hillsborough

WHEN

Thursday, August 19th from 10am to 12pm

HOW

Register in advance at
<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>
OR just show up!

WHAT

We will be giving the ONE shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine

WHO

The clinic is open to anyone age 18 or older

CONTACT

Call 908-369-5652 or email us at
vpgrant@hillsborough-nj.com



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.

If you are
homebound, please
call 908-231-7155 to
register for a home
visit.

Announcing the Hillsborough Scarecrow Festival!

As we continue to celebrate Hillsborough Township's 250th Anniversary, we'd like to invite residents, businesses and organizations to participate in the Township's first-ever Scarecrow Festival! Participants can create scarecrows that depict historic people and famous characters or they can go the traditional route. All entries are welcome as long as they are family-friendly and homemade.

[Click to register](#)



Scarecrow

FESTIVAL

Scarecrows in 'Boro!

As we continue to celebrate Hillsborough Township's 250th Anniversary please join us this Fall as we host the all-new Scarecrow Festival. For three fun-filled weeks, scarecrows will grace the grassy knoll & winding pathway beside the Rain Garden at the Municipal Complex. Some will be inspired by famous characters, some will be humorous, some might even scare you—but all of them will be carefully handmade and contributed by Hillsborough Twp. Residents, Businesses and Organizations!

Registration online: <https://forms.gle/GzMF2Cz159Wqhe6>

Inspiration for your creation:

Traditional-Pay homage to the scarecrows that have been "scaring crows" from farmers' fields for centuries in this category. Utilize old cloth, straw, and natural supplies.

Thrills & Chills-*"It's Alive!"* Create a scarecrow that scares. Ideas: You're only limited by your darkest nightmares.

Upcycled-Repurpose and reimagine found objects into a scarecrow that is more than its parts.

Character - Create a scarecrow interpretation of your favorite book, tv or movie character: human, animal or animated!

Ideas: Historical figure, Disney character, superhero or villain

Please direct any questions to Erica via email lenzoe@hillsboroughpd.org

Scarecrow Festival

October 1st - 26th

Registration open to all residents, local businesses and Groups

Register between 8/10 - 9/10

Voting & Prizes!

Use the QR code to register now!



Hillsborough Township

379 South Branch Rd.
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

908-369-4313

www.hillsborough-nj.org

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 [registering online via Communitypass.](#)



Hillsborough Business Association's 4th Annual Restaurant Week

Registration for Hillsborough Restaurateurs is now open to participate in the 4th annual Hillsborough Restaurant Week beginning on Tuesday, September 28th, running through Sunday, October 3rd. Participating Hillsborough restaurants will have an opportunity to promote their own creative masterpieces to be enjoyed by foodies from Hillsborough and beyond. Go to hillsboroughbusiness.org to register.

HILLSBOROUGH RESTAURANT WEEK

September 28 - October 3, 2021



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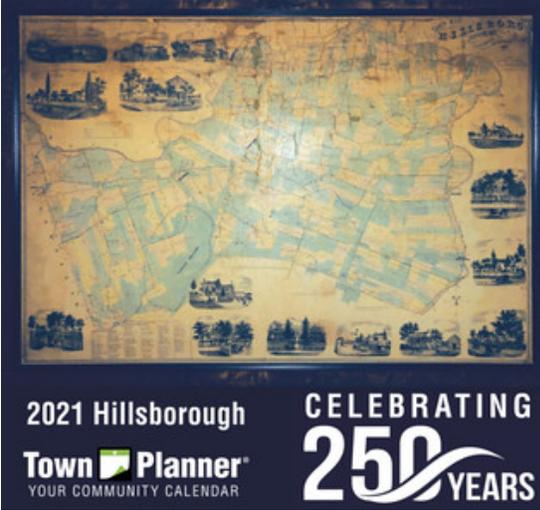
Hillsborough Business Association

www.hillsboroughbusiness.org

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.

More News from Hillsborough Township

- [Final Approval Needed to Close Out Pool Permits](#)
- [Updates from DPW](#)
- [Reminders to Prevent Rabies](#)
- [Dangerous Dead Trees](#)
- [4th Quarter Tax Bills](#)
- [Interpreters Available](#)
- [Road Paving Updates](#)
- [Radon Kits Available](#)

Visit the [News & Media](#) page and individual department pages on the [Township website](#) for all updates



Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

- Part Time Building Maintenance Person
- Part Time Office Assistant/Floater
- Zoning Official

The Township of Hillsborough is an equal opportunity employer. Forward an [employment application](#), cover letter, resume, and 3 references, to Sarah Brake: sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org



 **Mayors Wellness Campaign**
Put your community in motion.

Hillsborough Township

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*there is no health
without
mental health*





OPERATION HELPING HAND
OVERDOSE AWARENESS
& RECOVERY EVENT
Aug 31st 4-7 pm
Register Now

Logos for Somerset County, Somerset County Office of Public Health, Somerset County Office of Substance Abuse, Somerset County Office of Mental Health, Somerset County Office of Family Violence, Somerset County Office of Community Development, Somerset County Office of Economic Development, Somerset County Office of Information Technology, Somerset County Office of Planning and Economic Development, Somerset County Office of Public Safety, Somerset County Office of Social Services, Somerset County Office of Transportation, Somerset County Office of Veterans Affairs, Somerset County Office of Workforce Development, Somerset County Office of Youth Services, Somerset County Office of Senior Services, Somerset County Office of Disability Services, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Cooperation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Coordination, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Collaboration, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Partnership, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Alliance, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Consortium, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Network, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Forum, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Dialogue, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Exchange, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Interaction, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Engagement, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Involvement, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Participation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Contribution, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Support, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Assistance, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Aid, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Help, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Relief, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Rescue, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Recovery, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Rehabilitation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Restoration, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Revival, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Renewal, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Rejuvenation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Regeneration, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Rejuvenation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Regeneration, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Rejuvenation, Somerset County Office of Intergovernmental Regeneration.

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](#)

FUTURE LADY RAIDERS SUMMER CAMP

8/23 - 8/26



Head Coach Lennaert Bitter and the Hillsborough High School coaching staff invite all Hillsborough and HSC girls to their camp this summer. This camp is run by the HHS staff and assisted by current HHS players. It will be a week of hard work on fundamentals, competitions, challenges and FUN!

WHEN: 8/23 - 8/26 (8/27 makeup if needed)

WHERE: Hillsborough High School Soccer Fields

WHO: Girls ages 5 to 14 (entering 1st through 8th grade for 21/22 School Year)

Sign up for one of two sessions:

Session 1 (Grades 1 - 3): 5 to 6 PM, cost \$49

Session 2 (Grades 4 - 8): 5 to 7 PM, cost \$99

Click on the link below to register. If you don't have an account, please sign up for one to register.

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=801150>

All players will receive a Future Lady Raiders shirt.
All monies raised are part of a fundraiser for the HHS Girls Booster Club.

EVENING OF LAUGHTER!

Join us Friday, September 17, 2021

Contact your Hillsborough UNICO Rep for tickets!



JIMMY SHUBERT
2014 Finalest on
Last Comic Standing!



COMEDIAN GEMINI
from the Borgata Casino and
Caroline's on Broadway!

**With A Special
Guest Performance**
by the Winner of the NJ
Comedy Festival Contest!

Sponsored by
Hillsborough UNICO!



KEVIN ISRAEL
Cohost of the Comedy
Point Radio Show!

Dinner-Show Special Only \$65!
A portion of the proceeds will benefit
Community Options of Hillsborough!

DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM | COCKTAILS @ 6:30 PM

DINNER @ 7 PM | SHOW TO FOLLOW

Tickets can be purchased @ www.hillsboroughunico.org

Royce Brook Golf Club

201 Hamilton Rd, Hillsborough Township, NJ

Call (908) 823-4647 for more information!



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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**TUESDAYS, SEPT. 21-NOV. 9
3PM OR 7PM SESSION**

Candles of Hope

ANNUAL

VIGIL



Hope is the belief that, regardless of present circumstances, the future is full of possibilities.



Join us for a meaningful evening of
Remembrance, Hope and Action

DATE: Wednesday, October 6th

TIME: 7:00PM

LOCATION: On the **Somerset County Courthouse Green**

20 N. Bridge St, Somerville, NJ

This is an outdoor event with standing room only.

Rain Date: Thurs., Oct. 7

October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Each year, our community come together to support the thousands of victims and survivors in Somerset County.



Luminary Kits & Yards Signs Available

Display your support of victims and survivors during Candles of Hope and all of October with luminaries or a yard sign. For purchase info, go to: safe-sound.org/Luminary.

For more information, contact:
Olivia Strigen at olivia@safe-sound.org or **908-359-0003 x232**
Confidential 24-Hour Call or Text Hotline: 866-685-1122

COVID-19 Information

[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 your 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 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

August 28, 2021

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

September 1, 2021

7:00 pm Board of Adjustment

7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Commission

September 2, 2021

7:30 pm Planning Board

September 6, 2021

all day Municipal Offices Closed

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 its Excellence in the Arts Awards. The deadline is Friday, Aug. 20.

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

Free technical assistance workshops are available via Zoom.

Career-Related Services Available Through One-Stop Career Centers

There are many career development resources available to job seekers.

Somerset County Accepting Applications for Emergency Housing Voucher Program

Applicants must earn 50% or less of the Area Median Income.

Somerset County Accepting Submissions for Senior Art Show

The 2021 Senior Art Show will be held from Sept. 13 to Oct. 22.

Visit the [Somerset County Website](#) for all news articles

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

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Deputy Mayor
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