

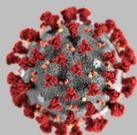


# HILLSBOROUGH

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# 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.

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## Hillsborough Township Hires Six New Police Officers

The Township Committee acted on the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hired six new police officers at the August 10th Township Committee meeting.

"There exists various vacancies within the Department and after a thorough search and interview process of very capable top candidates we are able to hire these officers to fill those vacancies," stated Mayor Shawn Lipani.



"I'd like to congratulate these candidates on their completion of the rigorous interviewing process and the Police Department looks forward to having them join our ranks," commented Hillsborough Township Police Chief Mike McMahon.

The officers were joined by their families, Chief of Police McMahon, and Mayor Lipani for the swearing in ceremony on August 11th.

**Pictured L to R: Patrick Barry, Carmelo Sorce, Timothy Leitstein, Chief McMahon, Aman Tomar, George Kokinakos, Kyle Edmonds, Mayor Lipani**

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## [Carly Wolf Earns Gold Award](#)

At the August 10th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Lipani presented Carly Wolf with a proclamation recognizing her for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Carly, a Hillsborough resident, Newmark Education graduate and member of Girl Scout Troop 60304,

constructed a dog waste station at the Plainfield Humane Society by converting a mailbox and filling it with recycled bags. Carly also made over 200 cat toys for the Humane Society and Tabby's Place Cat Sanctuary. She held two bake sales to raise the necessary funds. The project took over 80 hours to complete.

We congratulate Carly on her achievement and wish her luck with her future endeavors.

**Pictured L to R: Mayor Lipani, Carly Wolf & Family**



### **Kayla Parlato Earns Gold Award**

At the August 10th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Lipani presented Hillsborough High School graduate Kayla Parlato with a proclamation recognizing her for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Kayla's Gold Award project involved constructing a metal bike repair station at the Municipal Building. A prototype was built using a 3D printer. The repair station was built using a MIG welding machine, metal grinder, drills and power saws, and required a poured concrete foundation. A QR code was attached and linked to maintenance and repair instructions. The project took 153 hours to complete with the help of 19 people.



Congratulations to Kayla and all involved for this achievement and the best wishes for the future.

**Pictured L to R: Mayor Lipani, Kayla Parlato & Family**

### **Manasi Chiluka Gold Award**

At the August 10th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Lipani presented Manasi Chiluka with a proclamation recognizing her for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Manasi's Gold Award project involved developing a program at Rutgers 4H called DIY Science wherein she educated, inspired, and engaged students virtually utilizing household items to conduct fun science

experiments. The project took 80 plus hours and the aid of 3 women at Rutgers 4H. The program ran for 5 months and 20-25 students participated. Manasi is a member of Girl Scout Troop 60643.

Congratulations to Manasi and all who assisted on this impressive achievement. We wish her all the best moving forward.

**Pictured L to R: Mayor Lipani, Manasi Chiluka & 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 one of the three receptacles located around 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.*

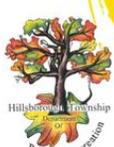


## Fall Activities Guide is here!

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](http://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.



## 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](#)



## In Case You Missed It- The Latest Hillsborough News!

What is going on around town? Check out the second edition of the [Hillsborough Township Committee News Break](#).

And in case you missed it, you can access the first edition of the Hillsborough Township Committee News Break on the official [Township YouTube page](#).



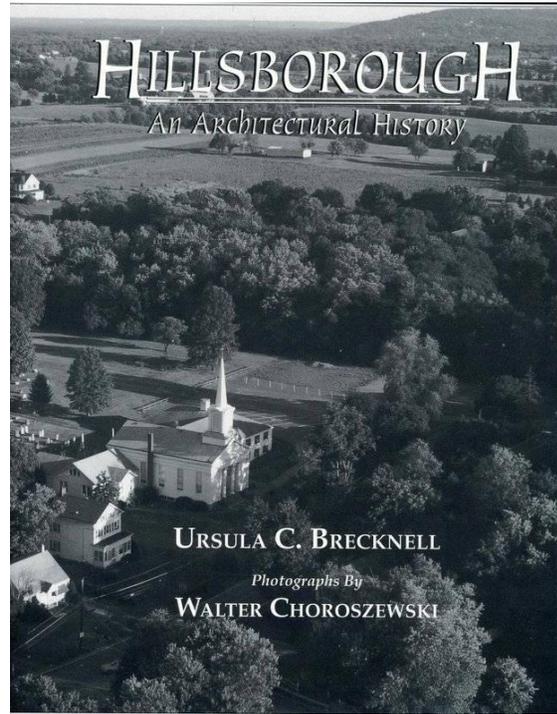
## Tell a Friend!

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading the Mayor's eNewsletter? [Share this link](#) so they can sign up to receive updates in their inbox every Wednesday! And if you're not already following the Hillsborough Township Facebook page for official news, updates, and other items of interest, [there's no time like the](#)



## 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!



## 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 250<sup>th</sup> 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/GzMF2Czj159Wqhe6>

#### 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!

Idea: Historical figure, Disney character, superhero or villain

Please direct any questions to Erica via email [lenzoe@hillsboroughpd.org](mailto:lenzoe@hillsboroughpd.org)

### Scarecrow Festival

October 1<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

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

908-369-4333

[www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://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](http://hillsboroughbusiness.org) to register.

# HILLSBOROUGH RESTAURANT WEEK

September 28 - October 3, 2021

  
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](mailto:pborek@hillsborough-nj.org). The [photo release form](#) can be found on the Township website at [hillsborough-nj.org](http://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](mailto:jimodowd@townplanner.com).



**2021 Hillsborough**  
**Town Planner**  
YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CELEBRATING**  
**250** YEARS

# 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

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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](mailto:sbrake@hillsborough-nj.org)

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**Hillsborough Township**  
PROUD TO BE  
**stigma FREE**  
*there is no health  
without  
mental health*



**OPERATION HELPING HAND  
OVERDOSE AWARENESS  
& RECOVERY EVENT**  
**Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 4-7 pm**  
**Register Now**



### 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.

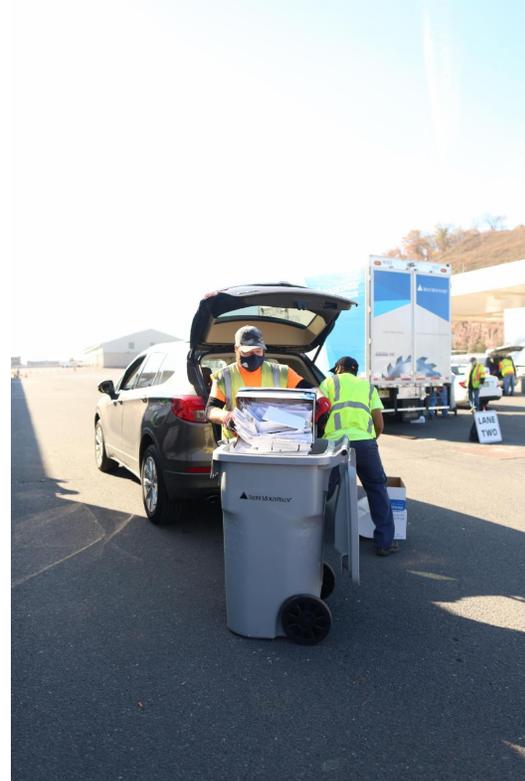


[More information](#)

## SOMERSET COUNTY TO HOLD FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT ON AUG. 28

**Operation Secure Shred Helps Protect Residents Against Identity Theft**  
The event will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help guard against identity theft by bringing personal documents to Operation Secure Shred. Residents can take advantage of a **FREE**, easy and secure way to get rid of personal documents on **Saturday, Aug. 28**, at the Somerset County Public Works Garage (South County Facility), located at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, or until the trucks are filled to capacity. The event will occur rain or shine.



### ***Social Distancing Guidelines***

Residents should be prepared to unload their items. Staff will be available to assist residents if necessary.

### ***Proof of Residency***

Residents must be prepared to present a current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill that shows proof of a Somerset County address. Pre-registration is not required. Businesses and commercial vehicles are **NOT** allowed.

Residents from all 21 Somerset County municipalities can attend as many shredding events, as they like, and can also participate even if they do not reside in the towns that are holding the events. To view a list of shredding events, visit [www.co.somerset.nj.us/shredding](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/shredding).

### ***Items Accepted***

Participants can bring up to six boxes, containers or bags of documents per visit, but they will be required to take back their receptacles. Staples and paperclips do not have to be removed.

### ***Items Not Accepted***

Junk mail, magazines and newspapers will **NOT** be accepted.

For more information about Operation Secure Shred, contact the Somerset County Public Works Department at 908-203-6018 or email [publicworks@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@co.somerset.nj.us).

**New  
Event Date**

# PIONEER

Family Success Center

**FAMILY  
FUN  
NIGHT**

## Penelope The Powerful Parrot

A highly Interactive experience that  
utilizes storytelling, movement and  
song to deliver a message of hope and  
resilience



### What

In-Person  
Fun  
for children  
and adults  
of all ages

### Where

Duke Island  
Park  
Apple Grove  
Old York Road  
Bridgewater,  
NJ

### When

Thursday  
August  
26, 2021  
6-7pm  
bring your  
lawn chair

Light Dinner Provided

Register for this free event

<https://tinyurl.com/FSCfamilyfunPenelope>



THIS PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY RICHARD HALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND THE NJ HOPE AND HEALING CRISIS COUNSELING PROGRAM (CCP). THE CCP IS PROVIDED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND IS FUNDED THROUGH A FEMA/SAMHSA GRANT.

# JASON'S RUN



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

➔ RACE START - 9:00 A.M.

Grab your family and friends and join the Hillsborough community as we celebrate the legacy of Jason Walton, HHS track and field athlete

#### COURSE INFO:

- USATF certified/sanctioned event
- Flat & fast, water stops on course
- Start and finish at Hillsborough Municipal Building

#### COSTS:

- 5K pre-registration - \$30
- Same day registration - \$35
- Non-refundable
- \$3 discount for USATF-NJ members
- Team fees: \$250 (one team)/\$400 (two teams)

#### COOL STUFF:

- T-shirts provided to all runners (while supplies last)
- Water and refreshments at finish
- Photos taken at finish line

Same-day registration and check in:  
Hillsborough Municipal Building  
379 South Branch Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844



Want to save money and time? Register in advance!

➔ Visit [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

Look for the 'Find a Race' prompt and enter "Jason's Run" to get started.

*Jason's Run is a 501c3 – tax exempt organization*

# The Friends of the Hillsborough Library Are back!

Donate books  
to raise funds  
for the  
library



Shop at our Corner  
Book Store in the  
Library - Open  
every day

## Ways to donate:

- Bring your donation to the back door any Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon.
- Email the Friends of the Library to make an appointment for another day.
- Saturday mornings are often available.

We are **NOT** affiliated with the green box near the playground.

For more information or to make an  
appointment, contact  
[friendsofhpl10@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhpl10@gmail.com)

All income from book sales is used for the betterment of the Hillsborough Library. The Friends of the Library is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

# EVENING OF LAUGHTER!

Join us Friday, September 17, 2021

Contact your Hillsborough UNICO Rep for tickets!



**JIMMY SHUBERT**  
2014 Finalist on  
Last Comic Standing!



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

Sponsored by  
Hillsborough UNICO!



**KEVIN ISRAEL**  
Cohost of the Comedy  
Point Radio Show!

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**With A Special  
Guest Performance**

by the Winner of the NJ  
Comedy Festival Contest!

**Dinner-Show Special Only \$65!**

A portion of the proceeds will benefit  
Community Options of Hillsborough!

**DINNER @ 6:30 PM | SHOWTIME @ 8:30 PM**

*Royce Brook Golf Club*

201 Hamilton Rd, Hillsborough Township, NJ

Call (908) 823-4647 for more information!

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**EMPOWER SOMERSET & HILLSBOROUGH/MILLSTONE  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

# **BRIDGE TO SUCCESS!**

**8 WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-24 YEARS OLD  
VIRTUAL MEETINGS FREE!**

**\$25 AMAZON E-GIFT CARD AND  
CLASS CREDITS/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS  
FOR COMPLETING PROGRAM**

**LEARN  
STRESS MANAGEMENT  
AND PROBLEM SOLVING**



**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](https://safe-sound.org/Luminary).

For more information, contact:

Olivia Strigen at [olivia@safe-sound.org](mailto:olivia@safe-sound.org) or **908-359-0003 x232**  
**Confidential 24-Hour Call or Text Hotline: 866-685-1122**

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

*Next two weeks at a glance in Hillsborough Township:*

**August 26, 2021**

6:00 pm Penelope the Powerful Parrot

**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**  
**Municipal Offices Closed**

**September 9, 2021**  
7:30 pm Planning Board

**September 10, 2021**  
9:00 am Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance

**September 13, 2021**  
6:30 pm Economic and Business Development Commission  
7:00 pm Environmental Commission  
7:30 pm Board of Health

Visit the [Township Calendar](#) for all Meetings and Events



## Somerset County Library System [News](#) and [Events](#)

### Sign-Up for Your Library Card this September, Experience the Extras Waiting for You at SCLSNJ

Today's modern Library is so much more than just books, especially when you are talking about the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey. The executive staff at SCLSNJ is excited to invite you to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Card Sign-Up Month initiative.

With a library card you can open yourself up to the world of digital selections such as audio and ebooks using the Libby app, or use Newsbank to catch up on the latest current events. Flipster is also a fantastic electronic resource and NoveList is a database of book recommendations from library staff. CreativeBug features artistic videos and Gale Presents Udemy shares educational resources.

Are you still not sold on getting an SCLSNJ Library Card? Email an SCLSNJ staff expert at [ask@sclibnj.org](mailto:ask@sclibnj.org) and they will have many more reasons to share about why #LibrariesRock.

[Click here to learn more](#)



## Somerset County Press Releases

*Latest News from Somerset County:*

### **Somerset County Commissioners & Sheriff Welcome Governor Murphy to RVCC for Signing of New Anti-Hazing Law**

The new law is intended to protect students by expanding the scope of activities that legally constitute hazing.

### **Somerset County Senior Centers Offer Outdoor Programs and Zoom Activities Throughout 'National Falls Prevention Month' in September**

Somerset County Senior Wellness Centers will not have classes or programs on Labor Day

**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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Shawn Lipani

Deputy Mayor  
Frank DelCore

Committeewoman  
Janine Erickson

Committeeman  
Doug Tomson

Committeeman  
Jeffrey Wright



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