

Ida Alerts and Updates

COVID-19 Updates

Matthew Armento, Eagle Scout

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani honored Hillsborough High School Junior, Matthew Armento, with a proclamation praising him for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Matthew's Eagle Scout project consisted of dismantling, repairing, and replacing the waterfall at Mary, Mother of God Church. This included replacing the pump, the entire liner, and rocks. Three new planter sections were added and a real statue replaced the plastic one. Solar lighting was installed to illuminate the statue of Mary at night. The project took 309.5 hours to complete with the assistance of 24 volunteers



Congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment and good luck with all future endeavors.

Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani with Matthew Armento

Dominic Armento, Eagle Scout

At the October 12th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Shawn Lipani presented Hillsborough High school Junior, Dominic Armento, with a proclamation recognizing him for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dominic's project consisted of designing and constructing a shaded area in the Prayer Garden at Mary, Mother of God Church. Shade sails were attached via pad eyes and fasteners to the walls of the Prayer Garden. Storage bins were provided as well for the winter months. The project took 122 hours to complete with the assistance of 31 volunteers.



Congratulations to Dominic on this achievement, with our very best wishes for a bright future.

Pictured: Mayor Shawn Lipani with Dominic Armento

Christian Armento, Eagle Scout

Following in his older brothers' footsteps, HHS Freshman Christian Armento was not to be deterred. He was also honored by Mayor Shawn Lipani at the October 12th Township Committee meeting for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Christian's Eagle Scout project consisted of collecting activities and games for the seniors in care facilities in Hillsborough, including Foothill Acres, American Assisted Living, Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center, and Brookdale. Over 2000 items were collected, creating 400 individual packages that were distributed to the seniors. The project took place over seven weeks and took 135 hours to complete with the assistance of 15 volunteers



Congratulations to Christian on reaching this goal at such a young age! We can't wait to see what the future brings.

Pictured L to R: Mayor Shawn Lipania and Christian Armento

Flags for Heroes

Hillsborough Township will be transforming the front lawn of the Municipal Complex into a Field of Honor in time for Veteran's Day. The Rotary Club of Hillsborough is offering Township residents the opportunity to honor their favorite vets with flags as a way to commemorate their sacrifice and heroism, through the Flags for Heroes initiative.



Residents who wish to sponsor flags for the veterans in their lives can do so for fifty dollars each. The 3' x 5' flags hang on 10-foot poles and will be on display on the corner of South Branch Road and Beekman Lane from November 6th through November 20th.

The Flags for Heroes initiative is a fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Hillsborough Township veterans.

The quantity of displayed flags is limited. Reserve your flag dedication by October 28, 2021, while supply lasts.

Click here to reserve your flag.

Hillsborough Night at New Jersey Devils

Hillsborough Township will participate in the 7th annual Hillsborough Township Day at the Prudential Center Saturday, November 13th Devils game against the Boston Bruins. "We are looking forward to cheering on the New Jersey Devils on November 13th, so be sure to get your tickets soon," said Mayor Shawn Lipani.

As in years past, Hillsborough Township will be recognized throughout the evening including the Hillsborough Police Department's Honor Guard presenting the colors, a pre-game social with special guest Mayor Shawn Lipani, a special ingame raffle ticket to win a pair of club seats to another game, and a Hillsborough Township post-game group photo on the Devils' main ice.

Mark your calendars now!

Click here to register.



Drive-Up Food Distribution

On September 30th, Mayor Shawn Lipani joined the Social Services Department and C.A.N. volunteers at the drive-up food distribution services at the Willow Road Complex. While there, they distributed perishable food items such



as meat, cheese, fresh produce, and peanut butter and jelly to Hillsborough's residents in need.

There will be a second drive-up food distribution event on Friday, November 12th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 p.m. at the Willow Road Complex. Please click here to register or do so by calling the Social Services department at 908-369-4832.

National Take-Back Initiative

Hillsborough Township Police Department is again participating in the "National Take-Back Initiative," a program from the Drug Enforcement Administration, for residents to safely dispose of their unused, unwanted, or expired household medicine. If you have household medicine that you wish to dispose of,



please come to the Police Department, located in the Municipal Complex, on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10:00, am until 2:00 pm.

Voting is Now Open for the Hillsborough Scarecrow Festival!

Hillsborough is celebrating its first-ever Scarecrow Festival!

Drop by the Municipal Complex to see the more than 40 scarecrows on display. While you're strolling "Scarecrow Lane," don't forget to take photos and share on social media using the hashtag #BoroScarecrowFestival21.

Look for the QR code signs to vote for your favorite scarecrow or use the online form.



Voter Information

Registered voters can take part in early inperson voting beginning October 23rd through October 31st. Voting will take place in the Municipal Building on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all other days from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Registered voters can also vote in person on election day at their designated polling locations. Please see the Somerset County Elections website for more information on the 2021 election.

More News from Hillsborough Township

- Ida-Related Permit Fees Waived
- Neshanic Reformed Church Donates Recipes-in-a-Bag
- Fourth Quarter Tax Payments Due November 1
- Updates From the Public Works Department
- Veteran & Senior Deduction Applications Due December 31
- Hillsborough C.A.N. Thanks Ida Relief Volunteers
- Halloween Activities From the Recreation Department
- Brothers International Corporation Helps Residents Impacted by Ida

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

Hillsborough Township currently has the following open positions:

• Part-Time Office Assistant/Floater

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



October 21, 2021 6:30 pm Women's Night Out 7:30 pm Historic Preservation Commission

October 22, 2021 6:00 pm Trivia Night Sponsored by Safe and Sound Somerset

October 23, 2021 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Operation Secure Shred 2:00 pm Well Water Testing

October 25, 2021 6:30 pmSign Review Committee 7:00 pm Environmental Commission

October 26, 2021 9:30 am Cancer: Thriving and Surviving Workshop 7:30 pmTownship Committee Meeting

October 28, 2021 1:00 pm Job Fair at Foothill Acres 7:30 pm Planning Board Business Mtg

November 1, 2021 all-day Property Tax Payment Due 8:00 am Board of Health 6:30 pm Economic and Business Development Commission 7:30 pm Board of HealthTuesday

November 2, 2021 9:30 am Cancer: Thriving and Surviving Workshop

November 3, 2021 7:00 pm Board of Adjustment 7:00 pm Recreation and Parks Commission

November 4, 2021 6:00 pmOpen Space Advisory Committee 7:30 pm Planning Board

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

Hillsborough Township

WELL WATER TESTING

October 23rd 2:00-5:00pm **HOW IT WORKS!**





Purchase your kit outside the Hillsborough Twp Municipal Building, 379 S Branch Rd, Hillsborough

Collect your samples at home and bring them to the Municipal Building on October 25th from 7-9:30 am

Visit www.testmywell.org for a full menu of testing options or call the RHA Well Testing Office at 908-234-1852 ext 401 for more info!

TestMyWell.org

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Even if you are on public water you

can test your water for Lead during this

event!

Be sure your water is contaminant-free by testing it through our Community Well Testing Program! Sponsored by the Hillsborough Township Health Department







Home Repairs and Cleanups

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity offers:

- ⇒ A Brush With Kindness: Smaller scale hurricane relief efforts, such as sanitizing, shop vacuuming, clearing out items, brush cleanup, and small repairs, at no cost to the homeowner.
- ⇒ Home Safety and Repair: Slightly larger projects, like installing sheetrock, flooring, cabinets, or one or two windows. Homeowners provide the materials, and RV Habitat provides labor.
- ⇒ **Critical Home Repair:** Larger repairs that address homeowners' health and safety. Examples include repairing ramps, railings, or entry doors; furnace replacement; and siding repair necessary for the protection of the home. Homeowners will be responsible for a portion of the costs, based on income level that can be paid over time with zero interest.

Visit https://rvhabitat.org/hurricane-ida-relief to download an application or contact us at (908)-704-0016 x117 or homeownerservices@rvhabitat.org. CALLING ALL HILLSBOROUGH STUDENTS, TEACHERS, RESIDENTS, STAFF, BUSINESS OWNERS, (AND MORE!) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1ST ANNUAL

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS *T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST*

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Week (September 5-11, 2021) and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10, 2021), BoroSafe is asking you to submit a t-shirt design focusing on suicide prevention and awareness in our community.

Who: Everyone! Contestants will be split into two age groups - 14 & under and 15 & older

<u>What</u>: The winning design will be featured on this year's BoroSafe t-shirt that will be sold to raise money for suicide prevention and awareness in Hillsborough. ***All designs MUST feature in some capacity our chosen theme of the month, the "#BeThe1To" hashtag, which is used by the Suicide Prevention Lifeline***. Your design can be entirely based around said hashtag, or you can simply include it somewhere on the shirt!

When: Monday, October 4, 2021 through Sunday, October 31, 2021. Entries close at 11:59pm!

How: Please submit entries to borosafetshirtcontest2021@gmail.com

Winners for each category will be chosen through a COMMUNITY WIDE VOTE! The winners from each age group will receive a prize in addition to having their designs featured on this year's BoroSafe t-shirts!



HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK

DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 5:30PM - 7:00PM At the Willow Road Complex 530 Willow Road FOR ANY HILLSBOROUGH RESIDENT ITEMS DISTRIBUTED WILL INCLUDE: PRODUCE - CHEESES MEAT PRODUCTS

Please register on the Township Web page Hillsborough-nj.org or by calling the Social Services Office at 908-369-3880

This is a no contact event, items will be placed directly it ye



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Somerset County Library System <u>News</u> and <u>Events</u>



Somerset County Press Releases

Latest News from Somerset County:

Somerset County Seeks Donations for Adopt-A-Family Program Donations are accepted online. Checks must be post-dated by Sat., Nov. 20th. Somerset County Commissioners to Hold Roundtable Seeking Public Input on ARP COVID Recovery Funds to Support Tourism & Hospitality The Tourism Hospitality Roundtable will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Somerset County Park Commission Seeks Funding for Boardwalk and Footbridge Repairs Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2021.

UPDATE: Somerset County Offers Free Workshop on Managing Cancer After 60 The Six Week Virtual Workshop for Those Affected by Cancer and Their Caregivers Extended Its Registration Deadline and Will Now Begin One Week Later on October 26

Visit the Somerset County Website for all news articles

