



## TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

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# News Release

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## **Hillsborough Township's Recreation Department Announces Upcoming Events for Summer 2015**

*Independence Day Fireworks Set for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Annual Dave Thomas Memorial Fishing Derby and*

*Family Campout Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>*

Mayor Doug Tomson reminded residents that the Hillsborough Independence Day Fireworks Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The details for the Celebration include:

- Festivities to begin at 5 pm at the Auten Road Intermediate School field with shuttle busses beginning at 4:30 pm from both the Hillsborough Middle School and Hillsborough High School parking lots.
- Fireworks
- Food tent – with local delights for purchase, including pizza, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, kettle corn and more
- Inflatable amusements available from 5 pm – 8 pm
- DJ for musical entertainment from 5 pm – 9 pm
- Recreational activities
- The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (“CAN”) will be collecting non-perishable items, such as cereals, snack items and juice boxes for future distribution in the community. They will also have information about volunteer opportunities.

“A long standing tradition in Hillsborough has been the Annual Campout and Fishing Derby, which will be held on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Ann Van Middlesworth Park (AVM),” announced Committeeman Frank DelCore, Liaison to Parks and Recreation.

The evening, which begins at 5 p.m. for the fishing derby and 6 p.m. for the dinner at the campout, includes fishing, prizes and is open to all Township residents who’ve registered in advance. Registration is available on the Parks and Recreation website.

“Looking ahead into August, we will have our Annual Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm,” announced Mayor Doug Tomson.

Hillsborough Township was designated as the first Purple Heart Community in Somerset County at the Annual Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony last year. 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 back 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.

The Purple Heart Community designation allows the town to further honor those members of the military who were injured in combat. The program is run by the National Veterans Group known as the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

“For more details on these events and for a complete listing of all that our Recreation Department has to offer, please visit their website,” concluded Mayor Tomson.

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