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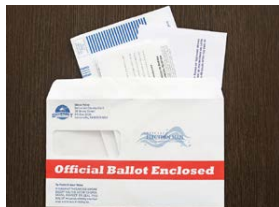
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## From the Desk of Freeholder Director Shanel Y. Robinson

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### [NEED A NEW BALLOT?](#)

Ballots were mailed to every active voter in the County, but if yours has not arrived, was damaged, is lost, or there was an error filling it out, you can pick up a replacement ballot at the County Admin Building at 20 Grove Street in Somerville. Voters can also submit a ballot early there.

Hours: **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; 9**



### THE BALLOT COUNT BEGINS

Somerset County has already received over 123,000 ballots from voters. Almost 24,000 of those were scanned on the first day, with more being done every day. We urge everyone to submit your ballot early

[Read the release and see pictures](#) of the operation as we work to provide a free and fair election for every eligible voter who wishes to cast a



### [GET YOUR ELECTION QUESTIONS ANSWERED](#)

Thanks to the COVID pandemic, the 2020 General Election is unlike any we've ever had in Somerset County. As a result, voters have a lot of questions they need answered. We understand, and have put together an [extensive FAQ](#), [a slideshow on filling out your ballot](#), and a few [helpful videos](#).

a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, & Election Day Nov. 3 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Learn More: [2020 General Election](#)

vote.

But if you still have questions, we [created a web form](#) and promise to respond in one business day.



### [Embracing Diversity During COVID-19](#)

Watch a video of Freeholder Director Robinson discussing why diversity is important.



### [Leadership Somerset - Deadline Extended to Nov. 16](#)

Satisfy your curiosity and apply for the program today!



### [Voters Urged to Cast Ballots Early - In Person Voting on Election Day will be Limited](#)

The Board of Elections is urging voters to cast their ballots before election day in one of the [13 secure drop boxes](#) located throughout the county. There will be fewer polling places open and there will be no in-person machine voting that many voters are accustomed to.



### [Input from Residents Sought for Roadway Safety Study](#)

Join a virtual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, starting at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)



### [The Next "First Saturday of the Month" Drop Off Event will be Held Nov. 7](#)



### [Donations Sought for "Adopt a Family"](#)

Help families in need enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.



### [Send us Your Photos](#)

Young or old, amateur or professional - we'd love to see your photos. There are five themes to choose from this year: Community, Historic Sites, Natural Environment, Recreation and a "Creativity during COVID-19" grab bag. Deadline is Nov. 30.

### [Somerset County Communications Survey](#)

Only a few days left to give your opinion! Please take the survey today! Somerset County is in the process of gathering feedback from residents about our communications and community outreach. This survey will guide our strategies going forward to help us reach more of our residents and raise awareness of the amenities that Somerset County has to offer. By taking the survey and entering your email address you're in the running to win a \$100 gift card! <https://bit.ly/ServiceSurvey20>



### ["Grab & Go" Curbside Lunch Program](#)



Even though Senior Wellness Centers are closed, eligible participants age 60 or older can order and

pick up boxed lunches and frozen meals.



### [Virtual Senior Wellness Center Programs Available for November](#)



### [Freeholder Meetings Livestreamed](#)

Catch the Board of Freeholders' [twice-monthly work sessions and regular meetings](#) as they happen by visiting the [livestreaming page](#) on the county website. You can also access archived meetings.



### [Somerset County Library System](#)

There's lots to see and do now that the Somerset County Library System is open. <https://sclsnj.org/>



### [SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION](#)

Somerset County parks are open for residents during the COVID, with social distancing, of course. Enjoy the beautiful weather during this first weekend of fall with expected temperatures in the 80s!

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