

**SOMERSET COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Somerset County is governed and managed by a Board of County Commissioners. The board consists of five members; one or two are elected each year from the county at large to serve three year terms. Unlike a mayor or municipal elected official, a Commissioner represents all 331,164 county residents.

The Board of County Commissioners holds regular public meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the county administration building at 20 Grove St. in Somerville. Regular meetings start immediately following the 5 p.m. agenda session. Items discussed at each agenda session will be voted on at the regular meeting that takes place approximately two weeks later.

All Commissioner meetings are livestreamed and archived on our website.

To view meetings, minutes and agendas, visit our website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/livestream



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VIBRANT CONNECTIONS

2021

NEWS FROM THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



THANK YOU RESIDENTS!

The Somerset County Board of County Commissioners wants to thank residents who are helping us reduce the spread of COVID-19 by becoming fully vaccinated, wearing masks when appropriate and taking other necessary precautions.



As of August 2021, **77% of Somerset County residents** age 12 and older, or 221,970 people, have been fully vaccinated. The Somerset County Department of Health, along with partner organizations, continues to provide free vaccination clinics for residents to increase this number.

Somerset County also partnered with over a dozen schools to provide vaccinations for students age 12 and older over the summer. To provide an additional layer of protection, the county delivered no-cost COVID-19 testing machines and kits to local schools that requested them.

For more information about these and other resources, visit:
www.co.somerset.nj.us/covid19status



**SAVE LIVES
GET VACCINATED.**

www.co.somerset.nj.us/covid19status

HURRICANE IDA

RELIEF & RESOURCES

FEMA: (800) 621-3362
www.disasterassistance.gov
www.fema.gov/assistance/languages

US Small Business Administration:
<https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>
Phone: 1-800-659-2955
Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

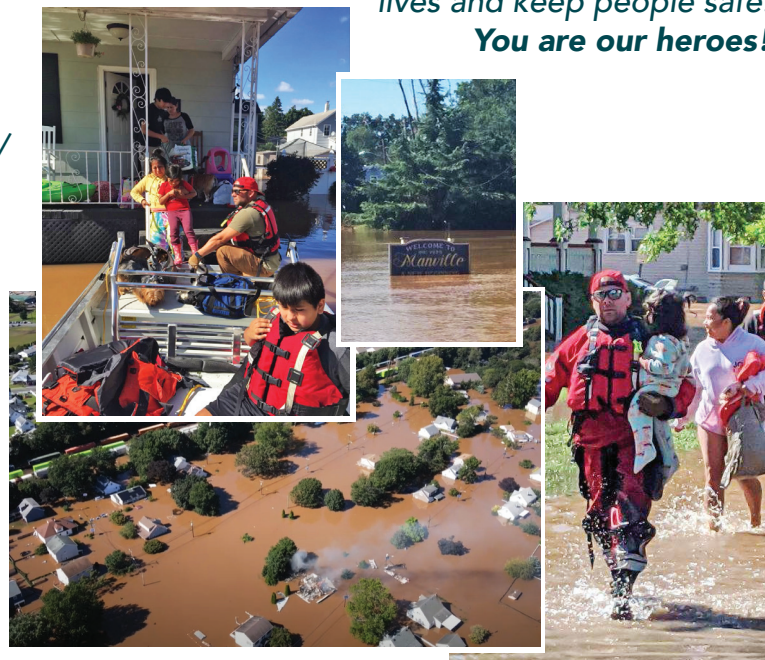
NJ State: www.NJHelps.org

Somerset County:
www.co.somerset.nj.us/IdaRecovery

Emergency Housing Assistance
call (908) 541-5756 or email
commdevelop@co.somerset.nj.us

THANK YOU EMERGENCY RESPONDERS!

We want to thank all emergency responders, including Dive Teams, First Responders and Public Works employees who were out during the worst of the storm and long afterwards trying to save lives and keep people safe.
You are our heroes!



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MEET YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELECTED TO THREE-YEAR TERMS



Shanel Y. Robinson

Director, Ex Officio to All County Departments and Divisions
Former Franklin Deputy Mayor and Council Member
Commissioner since January 2019



Sara Sooy

Deputy Director, Ex Officio to Constitutional Officers, Courts and Criminal Justice
Former Somerset Hills School District Board of Education Member
Commissioner since January 2019



Melonie Marano

Commissioner
Liaison to Public Works
Former Green Brook Mayor
Commissioner since January 2020



Paul Drake

Commissioner
Liaison to Human Services
Former Hillsborough Committee Member
Commissioner since January 2021



Douglas Singleterry

Commissioner
Liaison to Public Health & Safety
Former North Plainfield Council Member
Commissioner since January 2021

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS



Bernice Jalloh
Surrogate
5-year term



Steve Peter
County Clerk
5-year term



Darrin Russo
Sheriff
3-year term

TOP 4 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN



1 Learn About Somerset County

2 Network with Community Leaders

3 Enhance Team & Leadership Skills

4 Make a Positive Impact in the Community

Adults who live or work in Somerset County are invited to apply for the **Leadership Somerset Class of 2022**

Applications are due **Oct. 31, 2021**

To learn more, visit: www.co.somerset.nj.us/LS_Apply



908-231-7040

A GUIDE TO SOMERSET COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

Main Offices: County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

Human Services Offices: 27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ • **Website:** www.co.somerset.nj.us

For other county offices not listed below, call 908-231-7000 or email publicinfo@co.somerset.nj.us

ELECTED OFFICIALS & COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Board of County Commissioners
County Administrator / Clerk of the Board
Public Information Office
County Clerk
Sheriff
Surrogate

EMAIL ADDRESS or WEBSITE

CountyCommissioners@co.somerset.nj.us
AdministratorsOffice@co.somerset.nj.us
PublicInfo@co.somerset.nj.us
CountyClerk@co.somerset.nj.us
Sheriff@co.somerset.nj.us
SurrogatesOffice@co.somerset.nj.us
HumanServices@co.somerset.nj.us

TELEPHONE

908-231-7030
908-231-7040
908-231-7020
908-231-7013
908-231-7140
908-231-7003
908-704-6300

HUMAN SERVICES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Finance / Treasurer
Human Resources

FinanceDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
HumanResources@co.somerset.nj.us
PublicWorks@co.somerset.nj.us

908-231-7631
908-231-7120
908-203-6018

PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Emergency Management
Health

EmergencyMgmt@co.somerset.nj.us
Health@co.somerset.nj.us

908-725-5070
908-231-7155



Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

Emergency Rental Assistance

Somerset County is administering a federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA2) in the amount of \$7.7M that will provide economic relief to households that have suffered COVID-related economic loss and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Residents facing utility or rental debt, potential eviction, or loss of housing security may receive **up to 12 months** in arrears and **6 months** for current and future rents if they meet all eligibility criteria.

Somerset County encourages landlords to notify their tenants of this available support, and for tenants who are eligible to apply as soon as possible.

Visit our website for more information: www.co.somerset.nj.us/Covid_Funding

Contact: ERAP@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-231-7128

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Somerset County's 16th Annual
JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST
 Visit select Historic Sites in Somerset County, NJ
Saturday, October 9, 2021 * 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 10, 2021 * Noon - 4:00 p.m.
 and virtually throughout October at
www.SCHistoryweekend.com

Help Fight Hunger in Somerset County by Supporting Your Local Food Bank or Soup Kitchen!

For more information about local resources, visit bit.ly/FoodAccess20



Adopt-A-Family

Please help families in our community enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner.

Local food banks and participating organizations will be collecting donations to purchase a Thanksgiving dinner for county families in need.

Check our website for more information on Oct. 15, 2021.

www.co.somerset.nj.us

Saturday OCT 9 **SOMERSET COUNTY - EVERYONE BELONGS HERE** **12 PM - 4 PM**

FREE!

SOMERSET COUNTY DIVERSITY Festival
 20 GROVE STREET, SOMERVILLE

TWO STAGES FOR PERFORMANCES!

MUSIC **PRIZES**
ACTIVITIES **EXHIBITORS**

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UPDATES ON SOCIAL MEDIA & WWW.CO.SOMERSET.NJ.US/DIVERSITY

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The 2021 General Election will be held on Nov. 2 at polling locations throughout Somerset County. Residents can choose to vote in one of three ways.

1. Vote by Mail
2. In-Person Early Voting
3. In-Person Voting on Election Day

EARLY VOTING

For the first time, New Jersey voters will be able to cast a ballot in-person prior to Election Day. Eligible voters who have not requested a mail-in ballot may cast their vote during this period at any of the following locations.

Dates: **Saturday, Oct. 23, to Sunday, Oct. 31**
 Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Designated Early Voting Locations		
Bridgewater:	Municipal Court	100 Commons Way
Franklin:	Community Center	505 DeMott Lane
Hillsborough:	Municipal Building	379 South Branch Road
Montgomery	Municipal Building	2261 Route 206
North Plainfield:	Community Center	614 Greenbrook Road
Warren:	Municipal Court	44 Mountain Boulevard

IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday, September 18th** – Mail-in Ballots Sent Out
- Tuesday, October 12th** – Last Day to Register to Vote
- Saturday, October 23 - 31st** – Early Voting Period
- Tuesday, October 26th** – Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballots through U.S. Mail
- Monday, November 1st** – Last Day to request a Mail-In Ballot in person by 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 2nd** – Election Day

For more information visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/Elec2021 or call 908-541-5000.



DID YOU KNOW?

Somerset County offers a multitude of free services for residents!



VETERANS SERVICES

- ★ **Benefits**
 - Veterans Affairs disability, compensation and burial
 - Applying for State programs offered by New Jersey
 - ★ **Obtaining Military Records**
 - DD214 and similar discharge papers
 - Military Service Records
 - ★ **Filing Discharge papers**
 - Important when proof of service is required
 - ★ **Applying for free county ID card**
 - Proof of service for county business veteran discounts
- Contact: Veterans@co.somerset.nj.us



JOB SEEKERS Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

- ★ **SkillUp Greater Raritan - www.thegrwdb.org**
Free online learning portal with over 6,000 courses/learning events. Open to all residents.
 - ★ **Greater Raritan Resume Portal - www.thegrwdb.org**
Free access to online tool that helps to build & review resumes and cover letters
 - ★ **One-Stop Career Center - www.co.somerset.nj.us/one-stop**
Career counseling, career assessment, resume & interview assistance
- Contact: info@thegrwdb.org or onestop@co.somerset.nj.us
Calendar of events with free virtual and in-person workshops: www.thegrwdb.org/calendar/

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

- ★ **Fall Clean-up Program** - Leaf raking for eligible homebound
- ★ **Handyman Program** - Minor home repairs for frail elders
- ★ **Tax Filing Assistance** - Free tax filing for eligible residents
- ★ **Retired & Senior Volunteer Opportunities**

Contact: volunteersvs@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-704-6358

SOMERSET COUNTY SERVICES AT A GLANCE JANUARY - JULY 2021

77% OF SOMERSET COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVED A VACCINATION

221,970 RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED

SOMERSET COUNTY COVID-19 CARE
PREVENT • PROTECT • PROSPER

18,189 TONS of Recycling Collected

Collected on Household Hazardous Waste Days

216,493 LBS

1,155 GALLONS OF MOTOR OIL

440 GALLONS OF ANTIFREEZE

97,542 LBS SHREDED MATERIAL

FIRST SATURDAY DROP OFFS

4,131 VEHICLES

73,701 MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERED

SOMERSET COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES

ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN DISABILITY CLAIMS

VETERANS SERVICES RECOVERED ALMOST

1,899 JOBS MATCHED IN LOCAL AREA

1,647 PEOPLE ATTENDED VIRTUAL JOB SESSIONS

636 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR SKILLUP GREATER RARITAN

Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

For more information, contact PublicInfo@co.somerset.nj.us