



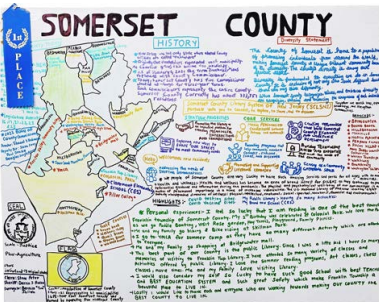
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From the Desk of Commissioner Director Shanel Y. Robinson

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[The next meeting of the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners will be held May 10, 2022](#)

View and submit questions online or in person @ 20 Grove Street, Somerville NJ.



[Celebrating 'My County' Poster Contest Winners](#)

In honor of County Government Month, Somerset County's Constitutional Officers sponsored a "My County" poster contest for fourth-grade students.

All of the entries were placed on display in the lobby of the county Administration Building. [Posters can be seen here.](#)

Students who submitted winning posters were honored with citations by County Clerk Steve Peter, Sheriff Darrin Russo, Surrogate Bernice Jalloh and the five

[Girl Scout Troop Teaches County to 'Bag Up'](#)

The County Commissioners honored Manville Girl Scout Troop 63411 with citations in recognition of their efforts to pass out reusable tote bags to remind residents throughout Somerset County of New Jersey's ban of single use plastic and paper bags.

Starting May 4, residents will need to bring reusable bags when they shop.

County Commissioners thanked the Girl Scout Troop and presented them all with tickets to

[2022 Budget Introduced](#)

The Board of County Commissioners introduced a budget that preserves vital services for the county's more than 345,000 residents, while providing a responsible budget that offers a sustainable fiscal outlook and preserves the Triple-A Bond Rating that is critical during the current inflationary times.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24**. Residents are encouraged to participate at the public hearing in the Commissioners' Meeting Room or view it online via www.facebook.com/SomersetCountyNJ.

County Commissioners.

Wednesday's Somerset Patriots game.

The game will be the state-wide kickoff for "Bag Up New Jersey" campaign.

Prior to the meeting questions and comments can be sent to countyboardmeeting@co.somerset.nj.us.

[COVID Vaccinations Are Free & Available Without Appointments! Click here for More Clinics](#)

<i>Clinic Date</i>	<i>Clinic Time</i>	<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Clinic Location / Details</i>
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics			
Wednesday <i>This clinic will operate on Wednesdays only.</i>	4:00-7:30pm	Pfizer (5+) and Moderna	Somerset County Senior Wellness Center- 876 East Main Street in Bridgewater Primary Doses: Individuals 5 years of age and older Booster Doses: Individuals 12 years of age and older <i>Individuals under 18 need parental/guardian consent & presence during vaccination.</i> <i>Hosted by: Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH)</i>



[Click for criteria for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Booster vaccine administration.](#)

[First Saturday Drop-Off](#)

The First Saturday of the month drop off will be held May 7.

[Operation Secure Shred Schedule](#)

The first document shredding event in 2022 will be held Saturday, May 14, in Bridgewater.

[Household Hazardous Waste](#)

The next Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be held June 18.



[Help us Celebrate Stigma Free Month](#)

As part of National Mental Health Awareness Month, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed May as "Stigma Free Month." **[Stigma Free Somerset County will hold its first Stigma Free Conference on May 13.](#)**



[Spotted Lanternflies are Hatching](#)

Residents are asked to check trees, fences and other flat surfaces around their homes and neighborhoods for egg masses, as well as grown lanternflies and Stomp Them Out!

[STATE ERMA Funding for Homeowners](#)

New Jersey's Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program provides financial assistance for eligible homeowners who experienced a significant loss of income or increased expenses due to COVID-19. For more information, visit <https://njerma.com/>



Smart911™

[Residents are Encouraged to Sign up for the Smart911 System](#)

Commissioner Douglas Singleterry, public health and safety liaison, and our 911 call takers encourage residents to sign up for a free mobile application that will help cut response time.



[In Person and Virtual Senior Programs Offered in May](#)

[In Person Programs](#)

[Virtual Programs](#)

[“Grab & Go” Curbside Lunch Program](#)

Grab and Go Lunch service is available as a healthy alternative to congregate dining. Seniors can pick up their lunch at curbside at any of the six county-operated senior centers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration and reservations are required. [Click here for more information.](#)



Prefer Social Media Updates?

Keep up with Somerset County's news, programs & services, COVID vaccination and testing sites by following our social media accounts!

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[Watch County Commissioner Meetings Live](#)

The Board of County Commissioners meets [twice-monthly, generally on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.](#)

Meetings can be viewed live on the county website or Facebook page. Questions or comments can be submitted during the meeting by sending an email to: CountyBoardMeeting@co.somerset.nj.us

[Somerset County Library System](#)

There's lots to see and do with the Somerset County Library System.

[Calendar of Events](#)

[June-August Virtual Events](#)

[Latest news from the library](#)



[Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County](#)

From virtual youth events, to live cooking classes, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County is online with free and educational programs you and your family can participate in. Find out more by visiting their website at <https://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/>

[Somerset County Park Commission](#)

Find out what's new at Somerset County parks!

[Reservations Being Accepted for Weddings, Events and Photo Shoots](#)



The Park Commission is accepting reservations for weddings, celebratory events, and photoshoots at scenic locations in Colonial Park Gardens in Franklin Township, and Leonard Jay Buck Gardens in Far Hills for the 2022 season.

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