



SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

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A Distinguished Past...A Dynamic Future

Somerset County: At Your Service

Elected Officials

Somerset County is governed and managed by a Board of Chosen Freeholders. 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 Freeholder represents all 324,563 county residents.

The Board of Freeholders holds regular public meetings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the county administration building at 20 Grove St. in Somerville. Agenda sessions, which also are open to the public, are held the same days at 4:30 p.m. Items discussed at each agenda session will be voted on at the regular meeting that takes place two weeks later.

For more information about meetings or agenda items, contact the Freeholders' Office at (908) 231-7030 or FreeholdersOffice@co.somerset.nj.us. To view minutes and agendas, go to www.co.somerset.nj.us; links can be found beneath the Freeholders' photos on the homepage.

Other elected county officials are the County Clerk and Surrogate, who serve five-year terms, and the Sheriff, who is elected for three years.

County Services

Somerset County provides a wide variety of services to residents every day.

Curbside recycling, senior wellness centers, consumer protection, county road and bridge maintenance, mental health counseling, regional planning, voter registration and veterans assistance are just some of the ways that county government serves its citizens.

Somerset County is a recognized leader in New Jersey in the area of shared services that save taxpayer dollars. Recycling collection and processing is an example of a countywide service that is provided to



2010 Board of Chosen Freeholders

Pictured from left to right: Deputy Director Robert Zaborowski, Patricia L. Walsh, Director Jack M. Ciattarelli, Peter S. Palmer and Patrick Scaglione.

municipalities. The 911 Communications Center provides dispatch services to many of the county's 21 towns. Within the past several years, a number of towns have contracted with the county for public-health services through the county Health Department. The county Engineering Division provides engineering services to the Borough of Somerville. Many municipal and school vehicles fill their gas tanks at county pumps, a less-expensive way of buying gasoline.

Communications

To keep abreast of Somerset County issues, programs and events, be sure to sign up for the FREE e-newsletter published twice a month by the Board of Freeholders. Go to www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter/index.html to sign up and to view back issues.

You can become a fan of Somerset County's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SomersetCountyNJ or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/SomersetCntyNJ. The county also has a FREE email-subscription service to dozens of items, including press releases, recycling information, senior program announcements, emergency county road closings, bid notices and many more. Click on Email Subscriptions from the homepage at www.co.somerset.nj.us to view the items offered and to sign up for email bulletins.

The Flu & You: Keeping Informed This Flu Season

Look for flu-season updates on the Somerset County Health Department's Twitter page at www.twitter.com/SCHealthDept

You also can visit the Health Department website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/health or call 908-231-7155.

Para informacion de salud en español, llame al 908-541-5798.

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
Human Services Offices: 27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ • Web Site: 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 Chosen Freeholders*
County Administrator/Clerk of the Board
Deputy Clerk of the Board
Public Information Office
County Clerk*
Sheriff*
Surrogate*

* *elected county officials*

EMAIL ADDRESS or WEBSITE

FreeholdersOffice@co.somerset.nj.us
AdministratorsOffice@co.somerset.nj.us
FreeholdersOffice@co.somerset.n.us
PublicInfo@co.somerset.nj.us
CountyClerk@co.somerset.nj.us
Sheriff@co.somerset.nj.us
SurrogatesOffice@co.somerset.nj.us

TELEPHONE

908-231-7030
908-231-7040
908-231-7037
908-231-7020
908-231-7006
908-231-7140
908-231-7003

HUMAN SERVICES:

Office on Aging & Disability Services

Community Development
Human Services
Mental Health Center

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Veterans Services
Volunteer Services
Youth Services

OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us
NJ EASE toll-free senior hotline:
CommDev@co.somerset.nj.us
HumanServices@co.somerset.nj.us
MentalHealth@co.somerset.nj.us
Toll-free number:
Website: <http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu>
VeteranServices@co.somerset.nj.us
Crosby@co.somerset.nj.us
Youth@co.somerset.nj.us

908-704-6346
1-888-747-1122
908-541-5756
908-704-6300
908-725-2800
1-888-744-4417
908-231-7000, x7520
908-704-6329
908-704-6358
908-704-6333

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

Consumer Protection
Finance/Treasurer
Human Resources
Purchasing

ConsumerProtection@co.somerset.nj.us
FinanceDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
HumanResources@co.somerset.nj.us
PurchasingDiv@co.somerset.nj.us

908-203-6080
908-231-7631
908-231-7120
908-231-7045

PUBLIC WORKS:

Emergency Management
Engineering
Health
Planning
Planning Board
Cultural & Heritage Commission
Solid Waste Management
Recycling Center/Curb-side Program
Recycling Education/Tours
Roads/Mosquito Control
Transportation

EmergencyMgmt@co.somerset.nj.us
EngineeringDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
HealthDiv@co.somerset.nj.us

908-725-5070
908-231-7024
908-231-7155

PlanningBd@co.somerset.nj.us
CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us
SolidWaste@co.somerset.nj.us
RecyclingDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
SolidWaste@co.somerset.nj.us
RoadDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
TransportationDiv@co.somerset.nj.us
Toll-free number:

908-231-7021
908-231-7110
908-231-7031
732-469-3363
908-231-7109
908-541-5021
908-231-7116
1-800-246-0527

AFFILIATED AGENCIES:

Business Partnership
College, Raritan Valley Community
Election Board
Library
Park Commission
Prosecutor
Social Services & Food Stamps
Superintendent of Schools
Tax Board
Vocational & Technical Schools

Website: www.scbp.org
Website: www.raritanval.edu
ElectionBd@co.somerset.nj.us
Website: www.somerset.lib.nj.us
Website: www.somersetcountyparks.org
Website: www.scpo.net
SocialServices@co.somerset.nj.us
Website: www.co.somerset.nj.us/schools/index.htm
TaxBd@co.somerset.nj.us
Website: www.scvths.org

908-218-4300
908-526-1200
908-231-7084
908-526-4016
908-722-1200
908-231-7100
908-526-8800
908-541-5700
908-541-5701
908-526-8900

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

County Dispatch/Communications (police/fire/medical emergencies only)
Psychiatric Emergency Screening Service (24/7 mental health line)

9-1-1
908-526-4100

I would like FREE information on the following:

Name _____
Tel. # _____
Address _____
Town _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____
I would like to volunteer for _____

- Affordable Housing
- Office on Aging & Disability Services
- Consumer Protection
- County Employment
- Crime Victims Services
- Disabled, Programs for the
- Economic Development
- Family Crisis Intervention Unit
- Farmland Preservation
- Food Stamps
- Foreclosure Assistance
- General County Information
- Handyman Program
- Handyman Volunteers

- Historic Sites
- Homeless Prevention Program
- Job Training
- Library
- Medicaid
- Mental Health Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Project Lifesaver
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Resource Center of Somerset (Women's Resource Center)
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Agriculture, Family & Consumer, Sciences, 4-H & Youth Development)

- Senior Centers
- Senior I.D. Photos
- Sheriff's Sales
- Social Services/Welfare
- Teen Arts Festival
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Veterans' Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Age 54 & under
 - Age 55 & over
- Vo-Tech Schools
- Voter Registration
- Youth Services

Mail to: Somerset County Public Information Office
P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

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