

News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
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April Is National County Government Month
Visit Somerset County's Informational Displays and Stay Connected

Somerset County Freeholder Director Brian D. Levine invites residents to learn about Somerset County government through informational displays at various locations during National County Government Month in April.

“For the 29th consecutive year, Somerset County will join county governments nationwide to raise public awareness and understanding about the programs and services that are available, said Freeholder Director Levine.

“This year’s theme, ‘connecting the unconnected,’ promotes the idea that local governments should provide people-centered programs to ensure that the disenfranchised are receiving the services they need,” he said. “I’m proud to say Somerset County offers many needs-based programs such as Curbing Hunger and Meals on Wheels.”

The county offers programs for all ages and populations -- free clinics, drop-off recycling and shredding events, and so much more. For a wealth of information, visit our website at www.co.somerset.nj.us

Events and activities planned during April include the following:

Need services? Visit the Somerset County Informational Display at the Bridgewater Library branch of the Somerset County Library System, located at 1 Vogt Drive, from **April 8-15**. Find out what’s available and pick up literature about the Greater Raritan One Stop Career Centers, Health Department, Operation Secure Shred, Park Commission, Prosecutor’s Office, Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Sheriff’s Office. Library hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For directions visit www.sclsnj.org

Have a question? Meet Freeholder Deputy Director Pat Walsh at the Bridgewater Library on **Tuesday, April 9**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** She will be glad to answer any questions you may have about county services

What else? Get information and freebies– County divisions will have informational displays in the lobby of the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove St., Somerville. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, except April 19. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking deck off East High Street.

- **Autism Awareness – April 1-30.** Information about autism for individuals with autism and their families.
- **Office of Emergency Management – April 8-15.** Information about emergency preparedness.
- **Surrogate’s Office – April 8-15.** Information about wills, estates, sealed adoption records and more.
- **Sheriff’s Office – April 1-30.** Free giveaways and information about scams and fraud. See a video about how to protect your child from predators.

Events for Seniors – All Somerset County-operated senior centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for anyone age 60 and above. Menu choices include a **hot** meat-based or meatless entrée or a **cold** meat-based or meatless boxed lunch. Please make reservations prior to 10 a.m. on the previous business day.

Bubbles 4 Autism – The six senior centers will be hosting **Bubbles 4 Autism** events during Autism Awareness Month, as follows: **April 4**, at **11 a.m.**, at the Quail Brook Senior Center, 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset; **April 8**, at **10:30 a.m.**, at the Senior Wellness Center at Basking Ridge, 202 Mt. Airy Road; **April 15**, at **11 a.m.**, at the Montgomery Senior Center, in the Otto Kaufman Community Center, 356 Skillman Road, Skillman; **April 23**, at **11 a.m.**, at the Senior Wellness Center at Bridgewater, 876 E. Main St.; **April 25**, at **10 a.m.**, at the Senior Wellness Center at Hillsborough, 339 South Branch Road; and **April 29**, at **10:30 a.m.**, at the Warrenbrook Senior Center, 500 Warrentown Road, Warren. For details, contact Somerset County Disability Services Coordinator Paulann Pierson at (908) 704-6334.

Senior Center Programs – Visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior-centers for a complete listing of programs and activities planned during April at the county’s six senior centers.

Composting Workshops – The Solid Waste Management Division and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County are sponsoring composting workshops **Wednesday, April 24**, from **10 to 11:30 a.m.** and 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ted Blum 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater. A \$50 registration fee includes attendance at a workshop, a compost bin and literature. **Registration** is required by **April 17**. For more information, contact SWM Manager Melissa Harvey at (908) 231-7109 or Harvey@co.somerset.nj.us or visit <http://bit.ly/SCCompost> to print a registration form to mail along with the registration fee.

Free Rabies Clinic – Get free rabies shots on **Saturday, April 6**, from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Rocky Hill Fire Department, located at 154 Washington St., Rocky Hill.

Hatha Yoga – Somerset County Park Commission, Recreation Department, will have Hatha yoga beginner’s classes on Tuesdays, from **April 2 to June 4**, from **9:30 to 10 a.m.**, and Wednesdays, from **April 3 to June 5**, from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (908) 722-1200, ext. 5226, or register online at www.somersetcountyparks.org.

Hazardous Waste & Rx Drop-offs – Get rid of household hazardous waste and unwanted or expired medications at free dual drop-off programs on **Saturday, April 13**, from **9 to 2 p.m.** at the Warren Township Public Works Garage, 1 Bardy Road, Warren.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** – Free for Somerset County residents and farmers. No registration is necessary, but proof of Somerset County residency is required (current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill with a Somerset County address). For more information, contact county Solid Waste Management Division Manager Melissa Harvey at (908) 231-7109 or Harvey@co.somerset.nj.us or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/HHW
- **Rx Mission Drive-In/Drop-off Medicine Collection Program** – The Somerset County Sheriff's Office hosts this periodic, no-questions-asked drop-off where residents can safely dispose of unwanted and outdated prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. For more information regarding medicine collection, contact Capt. Steve SanAntonio at (908) 231- 7168 or Sheriff's Officer Dave Daneker at (908) 231-7250 or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/medwaste

Health and Family Wellness – This wellness event is for parents of fifth- through eighth-grade students who would like to learn about diet, relationships, and health-related topics pertaining to their children on Tuesday, **April 9**, at **7 p.m.**, at the Hillsborough Middle School, located at 260 Triangle Road, Hillsborough. Walk-ins are welcome or click here to register <http://bit.ly/5to8GradeHealth>

Hot Flash! Menopause & You Symposium – Learn what the experts say about menopause as experienced by the female cancer patient on **Saturday, April 6** from **8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion, located at 333 Mount Hope Ave, Rockaway. Free breakfast and registration are at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/Menopause2019> call 1-800-247-9580, or contact Kathleen.Crowley@atlantichhealth.org

How to Attract Butterflies – Rutgers Cooperative Extension is hosting “If You Plant it, They Will Come,” a presentation about how to attract butterflies and keep them coming back. The event will be held on Friday, **April 12**, from **10 to 11 a.m.** at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Building, located at 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater. For more information, call (908) 526-6293, option 4.

Operation Secure Shred – The county's second free document-shredding event of 2019 will be held **Saturday, April 27**, rain or shine, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. Residents can bring a combination of six bags, containers or boxes of documents for shredding; staples and paperclips do not have to be removed. Do not bring recyclable items such as junk mail, magazines and newspapers. This event is for Somerset County residents only; proof of residency is required. Businesses are not allowed. Additional 2019 dates and locations can be found at <http://bit.ly/SCShred> . For more information, contact the Somerset County Public Works Department at (908) 203-6018 or publicworks@co.somerset.nj.us

Tire Drop-off – The Somerset County Solid Waste Management Division is partnering with the Somerset County Road Division to collect scrap tires, with or without rims, **Monday**,

April 22, through Friday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. Residents and farmers can drop off up to eight tires per household. The program is free but proof of Somerset County residency is required (current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill with a Somerset County address). For information, call (908) 541-5021, e-mail roaddiv@co.somerset.nj.us or go to <http://bit.ly/TireRecycle>

Walk, Bike, Hike Second Public Meeting – The Somerset County Planning Board will host its second public meeting to discuss the county's Walk, Bike, Hike draft plan outlining potential improvements for the county's trail and bike systems. Residents will have the opportunity to speak to planning experts and provide their feedback on **Thursday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.**, in the third-floor freeholders' meeting room at the Somerset County Administration Building, located at 20 Grove St., Somerville. **Free** parking is available in the adjacent Bernie Field Parking Deck; the entrance is off of East High Street. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/WBHApril11>

Youth Services: For Young People Facing Challenges – Somerset County Office of Youth Services will give residents a chance to meet over 30 local agencies and find out about their services, get advice and ask questions, on **Thursday, May 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.**, at the Somerset County Administration Building, located at 20 Grove St., Somerville.

For more information about County Government Month, contact Somerset County Public Information Specialist Lisa Clark at (908) 231-7020 or lclark@co.somerset.nj.us For information about specific programs, contact the divisions or senior centers directly.

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