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From the desk of the Freeholder Director

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[Budget Adopted](#)

The 2019 Somerset County budget was adopted by the Freeholder Board on May 14. [You will find both the budget document and the presentation on the county website.](#) The budget retains essential services that benefit our 335,00-plus residents every day.

[Take the Pledge](#)

Freeholder Pat Walsh led us in taking the [Pledge to Stand Up for the Other](#) and called on other organizations to do the same to combat bigotry and racism.

[NJ SkillsUSA Champions](#)

Congratulations to the Somerset County Vo-Tech High School students – including 28 gold medalists – who competed in the 2019 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships!

[Census 2020](#)

The Freeholder Board has approved the creation of a Complete County Committee to support the U.S. Census Bureau and encourage residents to respond to the 2020 questionnaire.



FREEHOLDER PROCLAMATION
[EMS Week - May 19-25, 2019](#)

FREEHOLDER PROCLAMATION
[Mental Health Awareness Month - May 2019](#)



Recycling Calendar



The Recycling Center and county offices will be closed for Memorial Day; [recycling pickups](#) will be Tuesday, May 28, in Bernards Township and in Franklin–Society Hill I & II, Whitehall Manor, Beacon Hill and surrounding areas. The next [First Saturday Recycling Drop Off](#) will be held June 1. The next [Household Hazardous Waste](#) and [Rx Disposal](#) drop-offs will be held June 15.

Prevent Identity Theft!



The next free document-shredding event of 2019 will be held Saturday, June 15. Proof of residency is required.

BOBO Fridays Food Drive

Help keep food bank shelves stocked by donating to the next "Buy One, Bring One" food collection tomorrow, May 17.

Watch for those Orange Bags

The 25th annual Curbing Hunger Month food drive is just around the corner. Look for the bright-orange bag tied to your recycling bucket. Canned-food items will be collected in June.

Pick Up Mail-in Ballots

The County Clerk's Office will have extended hours for voters wishing to pick up a Vote By Mail ballot in person.

Excellence in the Arts

Seven award recipients will be honored May 23.

Community Resource Fairs

Come learn about the many social services available to Somerset County residents at two local resource fairs on May 30.

'The Human Mosaic'

Human services professionals are invited to this June 5 conference. [Click here to register.](#)

Human Services Newsletter

Learn more about [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) in our [May issue](#).

Library Branches Closed May 22

All branches of the SCLSNJ will be closed May 22 for Staff Development Day. You still can access online services at [SCLSNJ.org](#).

Community Volunteers Sought

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board, which serves Somerset and Hunterdon counties, is looking for volunteers for several committees.

Washington Valley Road Closed

A detour will be in place through late 2019.

May Senior Center Programs

There's something for all interests at our six county-operated senior centers!

Older Americans Month

Connect, contribute and create at our senior centers, this month and year-round!

[Single Senior Women's Group](#)

Single women age 60 and above are invited to join for socialization and support.

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