

Somerset County Speakers Bureau

2012

The following list is set up alphabetically by topic. Each entry includes the speaker's name, title, the county division or agency for which they work, a daytime telephone number and e-mail address. Please make speaking engagement requests directly with the speaker(s) of your choice. Thank you for your interest in Somerset County government.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT (General)

How Somerset County Government Works

(908) 231-7030, E-mail: freeholdersoffice@co.somerset.nj.us

2012 Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Patricia L. Walsh, Director

Sample topics include Grants, Public Information, Constitutional Officers, Courts, Criminal Justice, Office of the Prosecutor, Raritan Valley Community College Board of School Estimate, Mental Health Board, Planning Board, Superintendent of Schools, Vocational Board of School Estimate, Workforce Investment Board, New Jersey Association of Counties, Leadership Somerset, Business Partnership, Home Investment Partnership Program, Raritan Valley Community College Board of School Estimate, Homelessness Trust Fund, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), Skillman Park Advisory Committee, Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Commission.

Peter S. Palmer, Deputy Director

Sample topics include Mental Health Center, Board of Social Services, Office on Aging & Disability Services, Human Services Office of Operations & Planning, Juvenile Institutional Services, GRWIB & One Stop Training Division, Community Development, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Volunteer Services, Agriculture Development Board, Joint Insurance Fund, Youth Services Commission, New Jersey Association of Counties, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Leadership Somerset, Regional Center Partnership Committee, Vo-Tech Stewardship Group, Somerset County Business Partnership, Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, Somerset County Improvement Authority-Until Budget Adoption, Park Commission Foundation, Cultural & Heritage Commission, and GSA-Hillsborough Advisory Committee.

Robert Zaborowski, Freeholder

Sample topics include Human Resources, Weights & Measures, Consumer Protection, Adjuster, Finance, MIS, Telephone Services, Purchasing, Records Management, Casino Tax Advisory Committee, Raritan Valley Community College Board of School Estimate, Energy Council, Vocational Board of School Estimate, Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (LACADA), County Alliance

Steering Committee (CASS), Youth Leadership Somerset-Beginning July, Business Partnership, Somerset County Improvement Authority-After Budget Adoption, Homelessness Trust Fund, Somerset County Alliance for Action, and county hybrid vehicles.

Patrick Scaglione, Freeholder

Sample topics include Transportation, Facilities & Services, Fleet Management, Planning Board, Engineering, Roads & Bridges, Traffic Safety, Solid Waste Management, Recycling, Library Commission, Park Commission, Planning Board, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, New Jersey Association of Counties-2nd Alternate Voting Member, Regional Center Partnership Committee, Vo-Tech Stewardship Group, Youth Leadership Somerset-Beginning July, Cultural Diversity Coalition, Skillman Park Advisory Committee, GSA-Hillsborough Advisory Committee.

Mark Caliguire, Freeholder

Sample topics include County Health Department, Emergency Management, 911 Communications Unit, Police Academy, Raritan Valley Community College, Commission on the Status of Women, Planning Board-Alternate, Board of Social Services-Alternate, Vocational and Technical Schools, Youth Services Commission-Alternate, Open Space Advisory Committee, Cultural Diversity Coalition, and Shared Services Coordinating Council.

AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

[Note: **RCE** stands for **Rutgers Cooperative Extension** of Somerset County]

Urban and Community Forestry

Nick Polanin, Agriculture & Resource Management Agent, RCE
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Vegetable Gardening

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Reducing Pesticides in the Vegetable Garden

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Backyard Composting

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Deer Ticks & Lyme Disease

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Pruning Trees & Shrubs

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A Threat to Our Trees – Asian Longhorn Beetle

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Hazard and Risk Assessment of Trees in the Landscape

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Home Gardening and Landscaping

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant Program

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HOME Housing Grant Program

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Housing Rehabilitation Program

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Economic Development Incentive Program

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Consumer Protection in our State, County, Towns and Homes: How the NJ Consumer Fraud Act protects the consuming public. Topics include fraud, scams, identity theft, advertising, home improvement, automotive, lemon laws, product safety, pet protection, health clubs and more.

Eileen Popovich, Director, Consumer Protection
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Somerset County's Role in Economic Development

Somerset County Business Partnership

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Business Retention and Attraction in Somerset County

Somerset County Business Partnership

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Sources of Information for Businesses and E.D. Professionals

Somerset County Business Partnership

John Maddocks, Vice President, Economic and Community Development

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Developing a Local Economic Development Organizational Structure

Somerset County Business Partnership

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Business Incentive Programs in New Jersey

Somerset County Business Partnership

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EDUCATION

[See "Superintendent of Schools"]

ELECTION PROCESS

Understanding the Election Process in Somerset County

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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition Programs

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

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Family & Community Health Sciences Programs

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or

Nancy Rosa-Mejias, Program Coordinator, RCE
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Nutrition: Fitness & Lifestyles, Eating Right, Obesity Prevention
Food Safety: Living with Food Allergies, Keeping Food Safe
Environmental Health: Reducing Asthma Triggers

FINANCIAL SERVICES

County Budget and Finance Issues, County Taxes and the Budget

Brian Newman, Finance Director
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Doing Business with Local Government and Cooperative Pricing System Program

Mary Louise Stanton, Purchasing Agent
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Somerset County Improvement Authority

Brian Newman, Finance Director
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FLOOD CONTROL

[See "Stormwater Management"]

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs

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ward@njaes.rutgers.edu

Leadership Development

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Astronomy & Space Program

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Hands-on Science Programs

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Character Education/True Colors

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GRANTS

Grant Proposal Writing & Funding Sources

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HEALTH

Somerset County Health Department

Lucille Young-Talbot

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Cancer Awareness: Best Protection, Early Detection

Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance

Community Health/Emergency Preparedness

Epidemiologic Disease Investigations, Control and Prevention

Emerging and Re-emerging Disease Threats in the Community

Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers

Preparing An Emergency 'To Go' Kit

The Health Department will be glad to arrange a presentation on other health-related topics. Please call (908) 231-7155.

HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES

The Human Services System in Somerset County: What Services Are Out There?

Perry Tchori, Director, Department of Human Services

(908) 704-6300, E-mail: tchori@co.somerset.nj.us

Human Service Needs, Target Populations, Future Priorities and Funding Streams

Kathleen O'Brien, Administrator of Planning & Programs, Department of Human Services

(908) 704-6300, E-mail: obrien@co.somerset.nj.us

Creating a Public/Private Partnership to Meet Human Needs

Perry Tchorni, Director, Department of Human Services
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Substance Abuse Service Overview

Brenda Pateman, Substance Abuse Coordinator, Department of Human Services
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Municipal Alliances: What Are They, What Do They Do?

Ronnie Weiner, Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Department of Human Services
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County Human Services Contracting & Monitoring: How Are Taxpayer Dollars Monitored to Ensure Effective Provision of Services?

Patricia Lake, Administrator of Fiscal and Contract Operations, Department of Human Services
(908) 704-6300, E-mail: lake@co.somerset.nj.us

The Intoxicated Driver Resource Center: What Is It, Whom Does It Serve?

Janet McDowell, IDRC Coordinator, Department of Human Services
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Board of Social Services Overview

E. Joseph Kunzmann, Director, Board of Social Services
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Board of Social Services: Social Service Programs

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Board of Social Services: Income Maintenance Programs (AFDC, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Home Energy Assistance & Others)

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Nancy Balent, Assistant Administrative Supervisor of Income Maintenance, Board of Social Services

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Detention and Detention Alternatives Service Overview (Juvenile Detention, Home Detention, Intensive Case Management and Youth Employment Services Programs)

Monica Mulligan, Coordinator, Juvenile Institutional Services
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Welfare Reform/Work First New Jersey Program

Charlotte McNorton, Administrative Supervisor of Social Work, Board of Social Services
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Somerset County's Non-Profit Purchase of Service Program

Perry Tchori, Director, Department of Human Services
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Domestic Violence Services

Kathleen O'Brien, Administrator of Planning & Programs, Department of Human Services
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Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults

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Services to the Homeless

E. Joseph Kunzmann, Director, Board of Social Services
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Fiscal Accountability for Government Entities and Nonprofit Organizations

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Mental Health Services in Somerset County

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Services for the Disabled

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and the Criminal Justice System

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Bias and Hate Crimes

Kathleen Holly, Assistant Prosecutor
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Counter-Terrorism Unit/Homeland Security

Detective Lieutenant Steven Ughetta & Detective Sergeant Robert Orro
(908) 575-3300, E-mail: ughetta@co.somerset.nj.us or orro@co.somerset.nj.us

Identity Theft

Detective Sergeant John Fodor
(908) 575-3300, E-mail: fodor@co.somerset.nj.us

Internet Safety

W. Brian Stack, Assistant Prosecutor
(908) 575-3300, E-Mail: stack@co.somerset.nj.us

Character Counts!**Crime Stoppers Program****D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)****G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training)****S.R.O. (School Resource Officers)**

Captain Jack Bennett (ret.)

(908) 575-3300, E-mail: bennett@co.somerset.nj.us**Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force and Drug Identification**

Captain Timothy Fitzgerald or Detective Lieutenant Steven Ughetta

(908) 575-3300. E-mail: fitzgerald@co.somerset.nj.us**Gangs and Guns Task Force and Gang Awareness**

Detective Sergeant Joseph Walsh

(908) 575-3300, E-mail : walsh@co.somerset.nj.us**Police Academy**

Dr. Richard Celeste, Director, Police Academy

(908) 526-1200, E-mail: rceleste@raritanval.edu**Victim's Rights**

Deborah McGowan, Coordinator Victims Right Advocacy

(908) 575-3300, E-mail: mcgowan@co.somerset.nj.us

LIBRARY SYSTEM**Somerset County Library (General)**

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or

Somerset County/Bridgewater Library

W. Keith McCoy, Assistant Director

(908) 526-4016, ext. 128, E-mail: kmccoy@sclsnj.org**Bound Brook Memorial Library**

Hannah Kerwin, Director

(732) 356-0043, E-mail: hkerwin@sclsnj.org**Hillsborough Public Library**

Ed Hoag, Director

(908) 369-2200, E-mail: ehoag@sclsnj.org

Mary Jacobs Memorial Library

Cynthia Mangel, Director
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North Plainfield Library

Lauren Ryan, Director
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Peapack/Gladstone Library

Karen Pifher, Director
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Warren Township Library

Elaine Whiting, Director
(908) 754-5554, E-mail: ewhiting@sclsnj.org

Watchung Library

Doug Poswencyk, Director
(908) 561-0117, E-mail: dposwenc@sclsnj.org

MENTAL HEALTH

The Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center of Somerset County provides a wide variety of programs that serve clients of all ages. The following is a list of some of the topics and speakers available. To make arrangements for a presentation, please call the Center's Clinical Director, Nicci Spinazzola, at (908) 253-3160. E-mail: mentalhealth@co.somerset.nj.us

Workshop Presentations:

Scott Weiss, LCSW, CCGC
Compulsive Gambling
Dual Diagnosis: Mental Illness & Addictions

Melissa Callen, LPC
How To Talk To Your Kids About Anything And Survive
Responding to School Crisis
Child/Adolescent Suicide Prevention/Intervention/Postvention
Managing Sudden and Traumatic Loss
Managing Behavioral Problems in the Classroom
Why Papercuts Hurt and Cutting Does Not

Lida Hartfiel, MA/CAGS, LPC, LRC, CRC
Living With Mental Illness

Karen Wagner, LSW
Emotional Eating/"Mood and Food"

Cheryl Garodnick, LPC, LCADC
Perpetrators of Domestic Violence
Postpartum Depression
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Co-occurring Disorders

Bonnie Berkowitz, MA, ATR
Creativity and Good Mental Health

Lily Freier, LSW
Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

ALLIES - Staff

Fostering Resilience in Youth
Understanding Grief and Loss
Mental Health Problems in the Family
Supporting Children around Parental Mental Health Issues
Infant and Preschool Mental Health topics (development, learning, care giving, brain development, sensory issues, relationships, etc)
Childhood Mental Health Disorders
Adolescent Development
Maternal Depression
The Impact of Trauma on Children and Families
Coping with Change

Program Presentations (Specific Presentations on Service Offerings):

RHCMHC: An Overview Of Clinical Services
Nicci Spinazzola, Ed.S., LMFT, LPC
Clinical Director

Outpatient Department Services
Scott Weiss, LCSW

ALLIES Child & Family Services
Center Based Services: Anne Pardun, Psy.D.
School Consulting Team Services: Melissa Callen, LPC

Dual Diagnosis: Mental Illness and Addiction
Scott Weiss, LCSW; Cheryl Garodnick, LPC, LCADC

Mental Health and the Geriatric Population
Mary Anne Lancaster, CNS, LPC

Mental Health Issue in the Hispanic Population
Isabel Suarez, LCSW; Vilma Ramirez, LCSW, LCADC

Mental Health Issues in the Corrections System
Christian Alfund, LPC

Substance Abuse Issues in the Corrections System
Rachel Hoh, LSW

Mental Health Services in a Community Context
Michael Frost, LCSW, ACSW

Project Outreach/PATH
Jill Zabowski, LCSW
Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services: Supported Employment, Partial Care
Lida Hartfiel, MA/CAGS, LPC, LRC. CRC

Assessment and the Community Linkages
Betty Bushey, LCSW, ACSW
Rebecca Kane, BA
Consumer/Agency/Hospital - Outpatient Referral Process

NATURAL RESOURCES

Training in Arboriculture

Nick Polanin, Agriculture & Resource Management Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
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OLDER ADULTS

Caring for Older Adults

Cynthia Voorhees, RN, MS, Administrator of Elder Care Services
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Benefits Programs – A Description and Update of Community Services for the Elderly

Cynthia Voorhees, RN, MS, Administrator of Elder Care Services
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Case Management: Individualized Care Plans for Caregivers of the Elderly

Cynthia Voorhees, RN, MS, Administrator of Elder Care Services
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Multipurpose Senior Centers: The Gateway to Programs, Activities, Meals & Information

Angela Dubivsky, M.S., R.D., Nutrition Program/Volunteer Services Administrator
(908) 704-6340, E-mail: dubivsky@co.somerset.nj.us

Wellness and Health Promotion Opportunities

Caitlin Witucki, Health Promotion Specialist
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Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

George Harlan – SHIP Office Volunteer Coordinator
(908) 704-6319, ship@co.somerset.nj.us

No Place Like Home: Helping Vulnerable Loved Ones Live Safely in Their Homes

A recent survey of American seniors found that 89% of seniors feel it's very important to remain in their own home, yet 53% are concerned about their ability to do so. Find out how you or an aging loved one can obtain the services you need to stay safely at home.

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In Case of Emergency: Emergency Preparedness for seniors and their families

When an emergency or disaster happens, being prepared can be the difference between life and death. This is even more true if you are vulnerable due to chronic disease or impairment. This is essential information for seniors and for caregivers.

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The Plan Ahead Project

Knowing which documents you must have to plan for your future is a vital action for needs such as: Long Term Planning, Program Applications, Medical Emergencies and End of Life Decision Making. A free packet to help organize these documents is given.

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Fall Prevention

Did you know that 1 in 3 people over 65 will fall during the next year and that falls are the leading cause of death from injury in people over 65? The good news is that falling is not a normal part of aging. Learn simple steps you can take to make yourself and your home safer.

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The Medicare Maze

Is figuring out Medicare making you feel like you are swimming in alphabet soup? This presentation by a Senior Medicare Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor will help you to understand the basics of Medicare and how you can find the best plan. The open enrollment period extends from Nov 15 to Dec 31 each year and this is an essential time to decide on your plan.

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PARK SYSTEM

Somerset County Park System (General)

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The following are the various departments of the county Park Commission. Many topics, under each general program heading, are available to the public.

Buck Garden

James Avens, Superintendent
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Horticulture

Jeff Van Pelt, Supervisor, Horticulture Department
(732) 873-2459, E-mail: jvanpelt@scparks.org

Environment/Nature Interpretation

Catherine Schrein, Manager, Environmental Science Department
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Recreation Programs

Karren Newman, Manager, Recreation Department
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Recreation Programs for People with Disabilities

Dina Trunzo, Manager, Therapeutic Recreation Department
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Golf

John Kitchen, Deputy Director, Golf Management
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Visitor Services & Scout Programs

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Leisure Services & Programming

Cynthia Sullivan, Deputy Director, Division of Leisure Services
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PLANNING

County and Regional Planning

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Agriculture/Environmental/Utility Planning

Anthony V. McCracken Sr., Administrative Planner
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or

Tara Kenyon, Senior Planner
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Transportation

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Land Development

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Demographics/Housing

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Regional Center

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Brownfields/Redevelopment Issues

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or

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Historic Preservation Planning

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Getting Your Message to the Media

Linda Van Zandt, Public Information Director
or

Joanne Vuoso, Public Information Specialist
or

Lisa Krueger, Public Information Specialist
(908) 231-7020, E-mail: publicinfo@co.somerset.nj.us

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Recycling: Residential and Commercial

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Recycling: First Saturday Drop-Off

Melissa Harvey, Recycling Coordinator
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Tours of Recycling Center

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Marketing Recyclable Materials

Melissa Harvey, Recycling Coordinator
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Solid Waste Management, Household Hazardous Waste, Adopt-A-Road

Diana Vigilante, Solid Waste Manager
(908) 231-7681, E-mail: vigilant@co.somerset.nj.us

Composting Workshop

Melissa Harvey, Recycling Coordinator
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RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County
Daryl Minch - Family & Community Health Sciences
Carol Ward or Lisa Rothenburger - 4-H
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YOUTH SERVICES

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