



## **News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders**

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### **Consumer Protection Office Has Foreclosure Mediation Program Materials**

Working in partnership, several state agencies have developed a free program aimed to assist the thousands of New Jersey homeowners facing foreclosure, by providing free housing counselors, free legal assistance and free mediation.

New Jersey's Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General, the Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, Legal Services of New Jersey, the Office of the Public Advocate and the Department of Banking and Insurance are collaborating to make these services available.

The Somerset County Division of Consumer Protection is assisting with the outreach component of this initiative by helping to distribute critical resource information to municipalities, non-profits and community organizations.

Both English and Spanish brochures and posters describing the program are now available at the county's Consumer Protection Office, located on the second floor of the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove St., Somerville. Free parking is available in the attached parking deck off East High Street.

"We encourage residents facing foreclosure, or anyone with a friend or relative in this situation, to take advantage of these programs," said Freeholder Peter S. Palmer, liaison to the consumer protection office. "Local agencies can play a key role in getting the word out to their constituents."

If your agency can assist in sharing this information with your clients and other groups, contact the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (908) 203-6080, or via email at [ConsumerProtection@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@co.somerset.nj.us), to arrange a convenient pick-up time.

Individual members of the public also may stop by to pick up the brochures.

Click here for the electronic versions of the brochures in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

For more information, go to [www.NJForeclosureMediation.org](http://www.NJForeclosureMediation.org) or call toll-free 1-888-989-5277, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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