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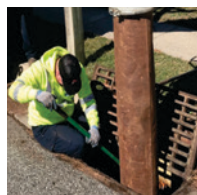
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GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

From the Police Department to Public Works to the Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!



Gloucester Township Celebrates Black History Month 2017

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African American people in U.S. history. Decades ago, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing accomplishments of African American citizens; and during the council meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, Mayor Mayer and Council honored 10 outstanding individuals of Gloucester Township who have made significant contributions to the community.

"Tonight we celebrate Black History Month, and we celebrate the individuals that came up here this evening; we celebrate their gifts to our community. On behalf of myself and Council, we certainly appreciate you making Gloucester Township a great place to live! Congratulations! God Bless!" (Mayor D. Mayer)

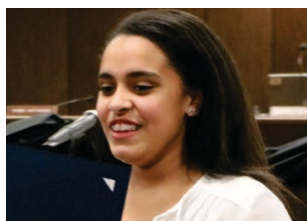


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Meet the Honorees!



Dave Honey. Dave started his service to our residents as a member of the Blackwood Fire Company, he then went on to become a 911 dispatcher for GTPD, and now serves as a Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer for GTPD. Dave was the first African American to ever hold an officer's position within the organization thus carving his way into the organizational history. Dave also serves as a 911 dispatcher and is an ambassador for the GTPD. Whether he is patrolling on parks or directing traffic, Dave always has a smile on his face and a welcoming demeanor.



Kanai Dismus. Kanai is an 8th grade student at Charles W. Lewis Middle School and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, basketball and softball teams. Kanai is an intelligent young lady who is currently taking Algebra 1 – a year early in 8th grade! At her church Kanai is a member of the student ministries and completes monthly community service projects. She participates in food and clothing drives, and other projects to help the community. Kanai also performs service projects at school through her involvement with her school's National Junior Honor Society. She is highly intelligent young lady who has a big heart and is ready to help anyone!



Madison Allen. Madison is one of the top all-around students at Timber Creek High School. She is the class valedictorian with a 4.67 GPA. She has been selected as a student representative attending a leadership seminar at Monmouth University where she received a major award. She is the VP of the Interact Club which focuses on community service. She is a member of the Transition project which helps freshmen adjust to high school. Madison attended Lockheed Martin Women's engineering day workshop where she was recognized as a major contributor. She also has been elected to an executive position for her Senior Class. Last year, she received the Weidner University High School Leadership award as a Junior. In her spare time she is a member of the Girls' Winter Track Team that was recently selected as the #1 team in the State of NJ. She is an active volunteer at the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival and helped make over 1,000 sandwiches for the Timber Creek's MLK Day of Service!



Renee Michel. Renee is an employee of Gloucester Township Public Schools and longtime resident of Gloucester Township. Renee is a secretary at Union Valley Elementary School; she handles all situations in a professional and a timely manner and is quick to ask others to find solution when faced with something that she's not able to resolve on the spot. She recently organized a memorial service for a high school student in the community – she found people to speak at the service, and worked with others to make sure the community of Gloucester Township could share and express their concerns during the tragic time. When Renee is not busy at work she is full of activity with her family and volunteering. Renee serves as a member of Gloucester Township Educational Foundation Committee where she works tirelessly to help improve the quality of education received by the students of Gloucester Township.



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George V. Hill III. George has been a resident of Gloucester Township for 17 years and resides in the Raintree development with his wife, Alia, and 2 children, Nyasia and Amar'e. After graduating from high school, George worked in the Insurance industry, when he decided to change careers and become a licensed Real Estate Broker associate. He then decided to go back to school and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Camden County College. He continued his education at Rowan University and graduated with a B.S. in Accounting. George serves as the Service Director of the Gloucester Township Pine Hill Rotary, and a Trustee of the Gloucester Township Rotary Foundation. He participates in various community projects throughout the Township and surrounding areas. George has always wanted to serve his community and decided to run for the Gloucester Township Board of Education this past year. Despite coming up short, George still continues to be involved in the schools as an active participant in the Ann Mullen Middle School Home and School Committee. George also served as a Team Leader for 2017 MLK Day of Service and his leadership was immensely helpful and made it an overwhelming success!



Tony Brown Jr. Tony is a student that carries a 3.6 GPA. He is a member of the distinguished Timber Creek Men's Leadership program and is the VP of the Senior Class of 2017. He is respected by all of his teachers as a leader and a gentleman. He is heavily involved in the Student Council and Transition Program. Tony has been a perennial all-star on the football field for Timber Creek. This year he took the next step required to be recognized as a future Timber Creek Hall of Fame honoree. Tony was selected as an all-state player for the Chargers, a nationally ranked undefeated football team. He performed so well that he received a full athletic scholarship to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Tony achieved this accomplishment through hard work and dedication: he can always be found helping underclassmen with schoolwork and providing counselling to the younger students. As a Captain, he has many responsibilities and expectations to maintain his status of a role model and a successful student athlete.



Julia Robinson. Julia teaches special education students as an in-class support teacher in grades 2 and 4. She spends the majority of her day in other teachers' classrooms and is every bit a co-teacher who never takes a back seat. While her primary responsibilities are to the students with disabilities, she never turns down opportunities to support any student in the room who may need her assistance. She constantly develops projects for her students that are creative and engaging and help them become better citizens of the world. She spends much of her own time and money buying prizes for students, hosting special events in the classrooms, starting a DVD rental club, teaching the students about charitable giving of the TOMS shoe company, hosting a vocabulary rap battle, and creating a project where students are able to give back to special needs people in their lives. Being a teacher is only one way in which she is able to give to others. Ms. Robinson is active in her faith community and also spent many years as a foster parent. She's been able to provide a loving home to dozens of children before finally adopting a sibling group of three children! She doesn't seek attention or recognition – she comes to work and simply does her best every day!



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Amira Guy. Throughout the years, Amira has demonstrated dedication, determination, perseverance, and willingness to help others. She is a dedicated, ambitious, conscientious, and determined young lady. Her academic accomplishments are best shown by her 4.47 GPA, class rank of 20/333, present enrollment in five AP courses, and participation in the STEAM Capstone. She is a member of Highland's Spanish, English, Math, and History Honor Societies as well as the VP for National Honor Society. She is involved with several clubs at Highland: One Acts, Student Council, Interact, Band, Peer Mentoring, and Model UN club. Amira recognizes the importance of giving back to the community. She volunteers her time with a shelter in Pennsylvania, assists bi-weekly feeding the homeless, serves as an assistant at the Baptist Church and Children's School, Vacation Bible School, volunteers at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania and Virtua Hospital, is a Red Cross donor and volunteer, and always donates her time at Martin Luther King Day of Service.



Donnetta Beatty. Mrs. Beatty came to Timber Creek last year and made an immediate impact. She instantly became a role model for the female students. As freshmen class Vice Principal she faced many challenges as her students transitioned from Middle to High School. She is a strong educator who has initiated many programs designed to support students. Her most important strength is her ability to help students recognize their self-worth. She is honest and fair which has transcended to a culture of trust with her students and they constantly rely on her counseling and advice. She stresses the importance of building long-term relationships that lead to success.



Jamayka Young. Jamayka has been an exemplary student at Highland High School. Extremely hardworking, she represents Highland with class. Two years ago she wrote a letter expressing her concern about the dress code; she stated that the dress code was worded in a way that some students may be offended and find it as stereotypical. The Superintendent and Principal met with Jamayka to listen to her concerns. She was not interested in making it better for herself, but rather for the entire student body. She was very articulate and mature while discussing the issue and, as a result, changes were made for the following school year. Jamayka is a very mature young lady who is always looking to make a difference. She is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, English, History, and Spanish Honor Society, Teen Pep, Poetry Club, GSA, Photography Club, Tennis, and Basketball. She is an active participant in the Cancer Awareness Walk in Collingswood each year and tutors students at Highland who struggle academically. She volunteers in the community through her involvement with the National Honor Society. She is ranked #1 in her class with a 4.67 GPA, enrolled in five AP courses and a Spanish IV Honors class.



CONGRATULATIONS!

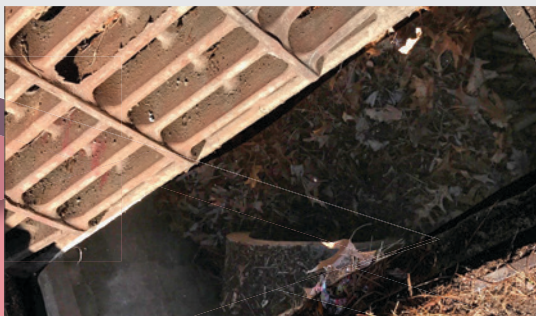


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Public Works continue drainage clean up



Above are pictures of Township employees using the Vac-All truck to get rid of the debris that accumulated during the winter months. Doing this substantially reduces the potential flooding in the high traffic areas of the Township. The picture below shows significant accumulation of the foliage which prevents water from draining properly. As per DEP regulations the Township must clean 50% of the storm boxes a year; despite that Public Works make sure they clean at least 75% of all boxes. The workers are currently servicing the Erial Section of Gloucester Township.



For questions or concerns please call PW at 856-228-3144

Preschool Registration Started

The Gloucester Twp. Recreation Dept. Preschool has been operating for over 25 years! Our goal is to provide Gloucester Twp. and the surrounding communities with an affordable program to help preschoolers with socialization skills, beginning their independence and helping them prepare for their grade school years. We have one of the highest teacher retention in the state! Our open door policy allows you to come and observe your child anytime! Our State licensed program is for children who have turned 3 by January 1, 2017 for our winter session and by March 1, 2017 for our spring session. Students enrolling in Preschool will be grouped according to the year they will enter Kindergarten. Children must be potty trained. Our program is held at your choice of locations: Recreation Center or Point Ariel Park. Registration for the Spring Session began March 1.

For more information please call 856-435-5734



Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Mayer



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