

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!

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Township gets new Backup Generator through FEMA Grant

The Gloucester Township Office of Emergency Management and Gloucester Township Public Schools conducted a ribbon cutting for the newly installed backup power generator at CW Lewis School on Wednesday, July 5th. The generator was purchased and installed through funding from the Hurricane Sandy HMGP Grant.

In November of 2013 Gloucester Township Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Evans applied for the Hazard Mitigation Grant. By December 2013 Gloucester Township was notified they were one of eight municipalities in Camden County to be rewarded the Hurricane Sandy HMGP Grant Funding and CW Lewis Middle School was selected as a site for the new power backup generator.



Gloucester Township holds Press Conference on Emergency Preparedness at CW Lewis School



On Wednesday, Gloucester Township held a press conference on Emergency Preparedness at CW Lewis School. At this conference they discussed a newly installed backup generator which will serve the school. The purpose of the CW Lewis School Project was to provide generator backup power supply to the Township school district's communications and computer hub, as well as provide backup power for an emergency shelter for the central part of the Township. The project enables the school system to keep their communications and computer hub functional while supporting the Gloucester Township Emergency Management Operations Plan (EOP) by providing support for evacuation and sheltering of residents during an emergency. The school houses critical communications, such as telephone and internet systems, and functions for Gloucester Township Public Schools.

The generator runs on diesel fuel and is designed to reduce fuel consumption and emissions which will support the Township's green initiatives.

"This generator will allow CW Lewis school to continue to be powered should an emergency issue occur. CW Lewis School is recognized by the American Red Cross as the only emergency shelter in Gloucester Township.

This generator will allow both communications and several important components relative to the fallout shelter to continue uninterrupted. I hope we don't have a situation that requires this school to transition to a shelter, however if that need arises then because of this project, the district and the greater community are better prepared for such an event," stated Superintendent, Mr. John Bilodeau.

"Certainly, one of the main responsibilities of our local government is to take care of safety of our residents, and today Gloucester Township is taking another step in providing preparation for any future storms and other occurrences. We have seen the effects of hurricane Sandy and the summer storm of 2015 in which some of the



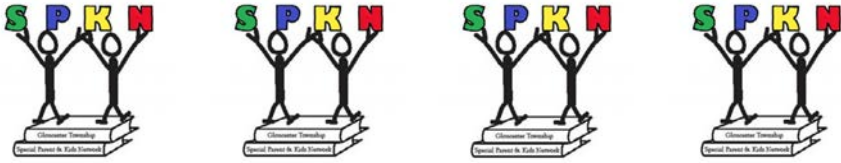
residents of our community were without power for up to a week. Since then, we have implemented a series of initiatives to make us more resilient and prepared. We put battery backup systems in our traffic lights on major intersections which frees up our emergency personnel from directing traffic so they can address emergency situations. We've also installed solar panel charging stations in our parks so people can charge their cell phones, as well as mobile generator units that can be deployed into neighborhoods during power outages.

Today we cut the ribbon on a new generator that will fully service CW Lewis School, which is the hub of communications for our school district and will provide shelter for up to 250 families should the need arise," said Mayor Daid R. Mayer.

"As a long-time resident, it's really inspiring to see such a major project come together, which started back in November 2013. While working on the project, I realized how critical of a facility this site was to the daily operations of our school district. Not only will it help in times of emergency, but it would provide them with back up on a day-to-day basis, as we know we can lose power at any point. This generator is not only critical to the school district and their function everyday, but also to the community because the school district is an intricate partnership with Emergency Management in times of disaster. Their efforts and their personnel assist us with our Emergency Operations Plan as a key partner in the community because they house and take care of our young people," said Coordinator of OEM, Captain Ray Evans.



Gloucester Township Special Parents & Kids Network



Gloucester Township's Special Parents & Kids Network is a Township supported, parent-directed, education and information group that firmly believes that providing events and resources for families who care for special needs individuals is important to enhancing the lives of those individuals and their families. The SPKN is committed to building a network of resources, socialization opportunities, continuing education and support to children of all ages with special needs, their families and caregivers.

The group also acts as a means of providing awareness of the importance of social integration of our children into the general population using opportunities to educate others and create overall societal acceptance. Monthly SPKN meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center.

Ever wanted to help out and volunteer with local children or teens with special needs? If your answer is "yes" then this is the group for you! The SPKN is always seeking typical teen peers (grades 7 and up) or interested adults to help facilitate events and mentor others because there are plenty of awesome kids who would love a buddy! For more information on how you can help, contact the SPKN at: GloTwpSPKN@hotmail.com.

Click the link below to find out more about our extracurricular activities!



THE DROP OFF BOX PROGRAM

Most parents would be horrified to hear that they can easily become the source of their child's drug abuse. The effort to stop the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs begins at home. The Gloucester Township Police Department wants to remind everyone to "clean out" your unused medications from your medicine cabinet and safely dispose them in one of our drug boxes. Residents from Gloucester Township can visit our drug boxes seven days a week, to drop off unneeded and expired medications – and keep them away from those at risk of abusing them. Boxes are located by the Police Department's Watch Desk Area and on the municipal side of the building by the operator entrance. The drop off boxes accept solid pharmaceuticals such as pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications. They cannot accept syringes or liquids.



GLoucester TOWNSHIP
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT

DON'T MISS MIKE DANIELS' FOOTBALL CAMP!

Join football camp hosted by NFL player Mike Daniels of the Green Bay Packers. Mike graduated from Highland Regional High School in Gloucester Township in 2007. From there, he went on to graduate from University of Iowa and then to play professional football in the NFL. Mike is giving back to his community with this excellent opportunity for kids ages 8-17!

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Join us on Monday, July 10th for another one of our fabulous concerts in our Sounds of Summer Concert Series. Enjoy Mainstage's Harmony and Encore show choirs as they perform selections from the Lion King, Once on this Island, and Elf the Musical.



Mainstage Opens with Once on this Island, Jr.

Summer Stages' Children's Theater will open with the production of Once on this Island, Jr. on Wednesday, July 12th. The show will run from July 12th-14th. Don't miss this captivating production which features a Caribbean-flavored score with a lot of songs and dances to delight audiences! To purchase tickets, click the link below.

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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,

David R. Mayer



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