

# WORKS

February 22, 2017

*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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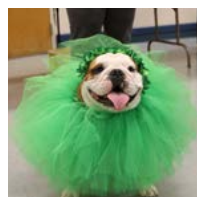
Register for Gloucester Township Field of Dreams!



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### Groundbreaking Opioid Lawsuit

Camden County filed a pioneering lawsuit against drug manufacturers.



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### Happy Birthday Daisy!

Hider Lane seniors celebrated Daisy's birthday with cupcakes and pizza today!



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### Women's History Month

Nominations are now being accepted for Women's History Month.

## GT Fire Districts Purchase New Air Packs with FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

On Tuesday, February 20th, Mayor David Mayer joined Congressman Norcross at a press conference for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that was awarded to Gloucester Township Fire Districts 2, 4, 5 and 6, along with Pine Hill Fire District #1 and the Lindenwold Fire District.

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is a federally funded program designed to provide financial assistance to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect their communities.

The grant authorized the purchase of brand new, state-of-the-art equipment. This equipment will be placed in service in the near future, and will greatly enhance the safety of our firefighters while also improving their ability to protect the residents of Gloucester Township!



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# FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)



*The group chose to purchase Scott X3 4.5 air packs with 30 minute bottles, a representative sampling of which were displayed at the press conference to announce the grant on February 20th.*

In the Fall of 2015, the Chews Landing Fire Department recognized the need to replace their 35 air packs and 70 air cylinders, as they were nearing the end of their ten-year warranty coverage and were starting to require frequent and costly repairs. The air packs were also missing some vital firefighter safety equipment available on newer air packs. An air pack is one of the most vital pieces of equipment used by a firefighter and the department knew that

they had to address the need, which led them to file a regional AFG application in January of 2016 on behalf of GT Fire Districts 2, 4, 5, and 6, along with Pine Hill Fire District #1.

Unfortunately, the departments were notified that they did not receive the grant in August 2016. Undaunted, the departments again applied for the grant in early August 2017, adding the Lindenwold and Deptford Fire Departments. On September 22, 2017, they received the notification that they had been awarded the grant. The grant authorized the purchase of 204 air packs, 408 cylinders and 352 air masks.

## Items purchased:

204

Scott X3 4.5 Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

408

Scott 4500 PSI 30 minute air cylinders

352

Scott AV3 HT Air Masks

## GT Field of Dreams Baseball

There is still time to register for Gloucester Township Field of Dreams Baseball!

The Gloucester Township Field of Dreams is an organized baseball league for special needs children and adults which enables them to play baseball at a field specifically designed for them. To register, contact the Recreation Department at (856) 435-5734.



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# Gloucester Township Joins Camden County Lawsuit Against Opioid Makers



Mayor David Mayer joined Freeholder Louis Cappelli at a press conference announcing a pioneering lawsuit against several drug manufacturers and distributors Wednesday, February 21st. Camden County is seeking to recover millions of dollars the local government has spent combating the opioid crisis over the last decade. The suit is the first of its kind to attack pharmaceutical companies for their role in the deadly epidemic. The 181-page complaint, filed in Camden County Superior Court, contends that drugmakers methodically targeted doctors, the public, and regulatory

agencies with false marketing campaigns aimed at convincing Americans that opioids are not addictive. Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 75 percent of patients in heroin treatment first became addicted to prescribed opioids. Officials say this “epic scheme” spurred the crisis that Camden County now faces.

To read the full article on Philly.com, click below.

**Read more:**

**The Inquirer**  
DAILY NEWS philly.com



## A Message from the Mayor and Chief

Dear Community Members,

In light of the recent tragic killing of students and staff members in Florida, we believe it is most appropriate to provide some information to you. As you may be aware, the Gloucester Township Police Department has a comprehensive School Resource Officer Program consisting of armed and professionally trained police officers.

It is important to understand that we believe that preventing an active shooter requires much more than an armed officer in a school. Such prevention requires a strategic combination of School Resource Officers (SRO), school security measures, formalized sharing of critical information between schools and their local police, community wide action planning for youth in need of services, appropriate screening of the possession of firearms by those experiencing mental illness, and community members and students informing their school or law enforcement of any suspicious activity or alarming statements by anyone. One of the most important functions of our SRO's is their role in being part of a larger community wide support system for students and families.

Of course, we know that such terrible violence can happen anywhere, and it is so important that all community members, including children know they should and can report anything that causes them alarm or seems odd. Anyone may report suspicious activity to the Gloucester Township Police Department by calling 911 (Emergency) 856-228-4500 (Non-Emergency), or our GTPD Anonymous Crime Tip Line: 856-842-5560. Thank you for your partnership in policing.

Sincerely,

David Mayer

Mayor of Gloucester Township

Harry Earle

Chief of Police



## Rec Center Open Gym

### Monday:

Basketball (open gym basketball for adults 30+)

8:45-10:15 pm

### Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday:

Basketball (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult) 3:00-5:00 PM

Family Basketball (families with children under 12)  
5:00-6:00 PM

### Friday:

Pickleball (adults 18+) 9:00 AM-2:00 PM



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAISY!



The seniors of Hider Lane Senior Club celebrated Daisy's second birthday with cupcakes and pizza today! Daisy is an English Bull Dog who works as a grief therapy dog at Earle Funeral Home. She visits with people during funeral and arrangements to help them grieve. Daisy enjoyed hanging out with the seniors as they ate cupcakes and sang Happy Birthday to her.



## Public Works Is Hard at Work to Eliminate Pot Holes

Every day this winter at least one Gloucester Township Public Works vehicle has been out filling potholes across town. Today, they were in Fernwood Development.

There are two types of roads in Gloucester Township: those that belong to the Township, and those that are County roads. Public Works only fixes Township roads. County roads are handled by the County. To report a pothole, you can visit [www.GloTwp.com](http://www.GloTwp.com), or click below.



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# TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH BEATLEMANIA AGAIN

FEBRUARY 23RD, 7:30 PM  
DENNIS FLYER THEATER

Relive the craze that swept the nation in the '60's when the Beatles took the world by storm with *Beatlemania Again*. Presented by Mainstage Center for the Arts, this live stage show takes audiences on a musical journey through three eras of the Beatles' remarkable career. This event is sponsored by the Lamp Post Diner and the Meadows Diner.

**Gloucester Township Residents:** Use code: **GTRESIDENT** at checkout when ordering online for a \$5 discount off of the adult ticket price.

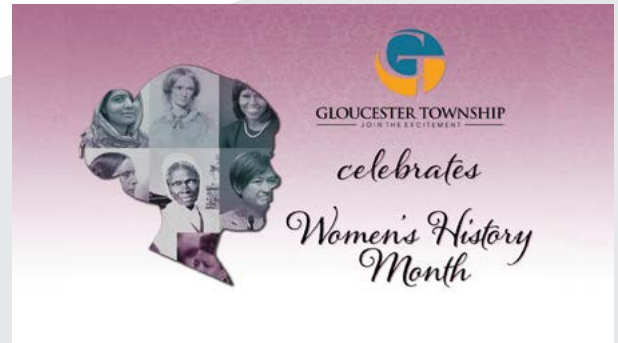


TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT [MAINSTAGE.ORG](http://MAINSTAGE.ORG)

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every March, Gloucester Township Mayor and Council celebrate Women's History Month by honoring outstanding Women Who Make A Difference within our community. Nominations are now being accepted for exemplary citizens who have demonstrated significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that have impacted favorably on our citizens.



The awards will be presented on Monday, March 26th during the Gloucester Township Council Meeting.

Nomination forms are available online and must be returned by Thursday, March 8th at 5:00 PM to the Township Clerk's Office via mail, fax or email. For more information click below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## 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](mailto: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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