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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.

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Mayor Mayer joined the GTPD at the first L.E.A.D. Graduation ceremony of the year.



#### PAGE 4 22nd Annual 5K Fun Run

Find out more information and register for the 22nd Annual Gloucester Township 5k Run.

Gloucester Township, Mayor David R. Mayer, is joining mayors across the country in the Wyland Foundation's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge asks residents to manage water resources more wisely and in return they can win a variety of prizes including: \$5,000 toward their Home Utility Payments and water saving fixtures. Also, one lucky charity will receive a 2018 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid to serve their community.

The annual challenge, which takes place April 1st - 30th, is a non-profit national community service campaign including a series of informative and easy-to-do online pledges at mywaterpledge.com to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy.

Last year, residents from over 4,800 cities in the United States pledged to reduce their annual consumption of freshwater by 2.2 billion gallons, reduce waste sent to landfills by 52 million pounds, and prevent more than 114,000 pounds of hazardous waste from entering our watersheds. The Challenge goes beyond recent drought issues and looks at the ways our water use will affect the future of our communities — from how we grow food to reducing polluted runoff.

"Gloucester Township has always been proactive in sustainability efforts maintaining Sustainable Jersey Certification for over 7 years now. We are eager to join in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation to further improve the environment and promote better resource management," says Mayor Mayer. "It is known that the average American uses over 100 gallons of water a day. And while most of





# Let's stop wasting water & help save the planet!

us take it for granted, over 10,000 gallons of water is wasted each year by an average family. I strongly encourage you to take this easy-to-do online pledge to see what we can do as a community to reduce our water use. Let's stop wasting water and help save the planet together."

To participate, residents enter online at mywaterpledge.com, and then make a series of online pledges to conserve water on behalf of Gloucester Township. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the Challenge in their population category are entered into drawings for hundreds of eco-friendly prizes, including home improvement gift cards, home irrigation equipment, and the Grand Prize \$5,000 Home Utility Bill Payment. The Challenge also gives residents a chance to nominate a deserving charity that would benefit from receiving a 2018 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, and features additional resources for residents to take their commitment of conservation even further, from regional water and energy resource issues to cost-saving tips at home.

The 7th National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is presented by the Wyland Foundation and Toyota, with support from the U.S. EPA WaterSense, The Toro Company, National League of Cities, Conserva Irrigation, and Earth Friendly Products (makers of ECOS).

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH NOMINEES**

Mayor David Mayer and Council would like to congratulate all of the Women's History Month nominees that were honored at the council meeting on Monday, March 26th. Thank you for all that you do for Gloucester Township and for making a difference in our community!



#### **Carolyn Grace**

Carolyn worked hard to bring the Neighborhood watch Program to her neighborhood, Brittany Woods. She also headed the creation of the Brittany Woods Action Committee in a hope to make positive changes in her neighborhood. Neighbors are invited to go to her with their concerns which she handles with care, compassion, and confidentiality.



#### Jeanne Rodrigues

Jeanne, originally from Long Island, moved to South Jersey where she raised her six children. Wanting to get more involved in her community, she stumbled across the Unforgotten Haven, a local non-profit organization. Jeanne is always looking for new ways to help those in need. Her family even started a second location for the Unforgotten Haven in Long Island.



#### Dana Brown

Dana is a teacher in Gloucester Township. She is highly respected by her colleagues and was nominated Educator of the Year during the 2016-2017 school year. She is known for maintaining a nurturing environment in her classroom. Dana is also very involved in her school at Chews Elementary. She is an SOS Leader, SNAP coordinator, and supports the FSA.



#### **Stephanie Roberts**

Stephanie is truly a woman who has made a positive difference in her community. She has worked on several community-based organizations such as the Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee and the GT Historic and Preservation Committee where she serves as Vice President. Through her service, Stephanie helps to enrich the lives of her fellow residents.



#### Lillian Pieczara

Lillian is Vice President of the Glendora PTG, a member of the Glendora Little League Ladies Auxiliary, and volunteers for the St. Baldricks Foundation and Alex's Lemonade Stand. Lilli isn't just a mom to her four kids--she is a mom to all. She will be the first help a stranger in need, give food to someone hungry, or protect any child without expecting anything in return.



#### **Shirley Johnson**

Shirley has been an advocate for her neighborhood, Brittany Woods, since 1990. She was recruited into their Town Watch in 1997. In 2016, she co-founded Brittany Woods Community Action Group with Carolyn Grace. It is their persistent and heart felt efforts that have resulted in a new playground for the children of Brittany Woods.



Stephanie is a member of Our Lady of hope Parish and helps raise awareness for childhood cancer homelessness. She fundraises for St. Baldrick's Foundation and participates in drives with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Along with that, she began her own initiative in memory of her Son Nico who lost his fight to Neuroblastoma called "Nico's Lego Initiative."





Wednesday, March 28th kicked off the first L.E.A.D. graduation of the year. Mayor David Mayer joined the Gloucester Township Police Department at Our Lady of Hope School to congratulate all of the graduates.

L.E.A.D., or Law Enforcement Against Drugs, is an anti-drug, violence and bullying education program that is taught to Gloucester Township students at the fifth grade level. Every week the students get a detailed lesson based on topics such as alcohol, marijuana and tobacco education. The L.E.A.D. officers focus on building the students' self esteem and improving their decision making skills. The most recent additions to the L.E.A.D. lesson plan are: bullying prevention, internet safety and prescription pill abuse.

Don't miss opening day at the Field of Dreams. Come out and cheer on our teams!



## Last Chance!

Local children are invited to be part of Mainstage Center for the Arts exciting 30th Anniversary Year by registering for Summer Stage, South Jersey's longest running, most affordable visual and performing arts camp. Summer Stage is located right here in Gloucester Township. The last day to receive the final early bird discount is April 1st or in person at the Open House at 6:30 pm on April 4th. The Open House takes place at Lincoln Hall at Camden County College.



### **N.N.O. KICK-OFF MEETING**



POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Please join us for the National Night Out Kick Off Meeting which will be held Thursday, April 19th AT 6:30 PM in the Senior Center, 1261 Chews Landing Road. The Gloucester Township Police Community Relations Bureau will be discussing the details of our upcoming event.

All residents who would like to be the head organizer for the National Night Out event in their neighborhood are welcome to attend.



The 22nd Annual Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee 5K Run will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 am. It will take place at Veteran's Park, rain or shine. All proceeds from this event funds college scholarships for high school students residing in Gloucester Township. For additional information and to register, please click below.





In honor of Arbor Day, the Gloucester Township Green Team will be handing out tree saplings at the gazebo in Veterans Park on Saturday, April 28th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.



Bring your paper to the Public Works Building (1729 Erial Road) to be shredded on Saturday, April 7th. 100% of shredded paper is recycled! **Only paper is accepted.** 

## 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,











