

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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KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE IN GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

In light of the recent school shootings taking place across our country, we would like to inform our residents of the initiatives Gloucester Township has been taking to address school security and keep schools in the Gloucester Township and Black Horse Pike Regional School Districts a safe place for our students to learn and grow. Our school security initiatives were created with both prevention and protection in mind. One of the most important aspects of our action plan is our comprehensive School Resource Officer Program. School Resource Officers (SROs) are armed and professionally trained police officers that serve as a liaison between the Police Department and the schools. They provide law enforcement services and ensure a safe school atmosphere while assisting in the administration of school rules and policies. The officers participate in school emergency drills, learn the nuances of each school, provide suggestions, and build upon the established relationships to help keep children safe. One of the most important functions of our SROs is their role in being part of a larger community-wide support system for students and their families. We believe that such personal interaction among officers, students and faculty may be lifesaving in the event of an emergency.





“We have always emphasized the safety of the children in our community. Since I was elected Mayor, I fully cooperated with the Police Department to implement safety measures that we felt were necessary. Our school security initiatives look at both: preventing an incident from occurring in the first place, as well as protecting our students and faculty in a crisis situation. We recognize that the key to successful school preparedness and emergency planning is establishing and sustaining a strong connection between government, the Police Department, our schools and members of our community; and we are fully committed to further strengthening this relationship,” states Mayor David Mayer.

Our School Resource Officers are members of the department’s Juvenile and Family Services Bureau which encompasses all officers who work with youth and families. This includes officers assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The Juvenile and Family Services Bureau facilitates a weekly Juvenile Unit Huddle, also known as “JU Huddle,” where students who have been involved in an incident within the school or community are reported and discussed. This discussion includes the developments of an action plan for that child or family that often involves a School Resource Officer, faculty, or counseling at the Gloucester Township Police Family Resource Center. The development of such an action plan is vital in preventing further misdemeanors and acts of violence, keeping them safe and helping them succeed.

“Here in Gloucester Township we are fortunate to have a great relationship between schools and our Police Department. We closely observe individual behavior through our ‘JU Huddle’ program where we develop an action plan to help youth and families, share it with schools when appropriate, and review it on a weekly basis.

We are making the connection; and unfortunately, looking at the recent shootings, it appears that these connections were not likely established or developed into a strategy that provided necessary youth and family support,” says Chief Harry Earle. “We do feel really confident in our School Resource Officers and the training that they have. These officers are trained in the same way as our officers on the street and they’ve been interacting with the students and faculty, promoting a positive and safe atmosphere for over 7 years. The Gloucester Township Police Department constantly works on improving safety measures and monitors suspicious behaviors to better protect our schools.”

It is important to understand that we believe that preventing an active shooter attack requires much more than just placing an armed officer in our schools. Prevention requires a strategic combination of School Resource Officers, additional school-initiated security measures, sharing of critical information between our schools and our local Police Department, community-wide action planning for youth in need of services, an appropriate screening process for those that wish to purchase a fire arm, and community members and students informing their school or law enforcement of any suspicious activity that they may encounter. We know that such horrific violence can happen anywhere; so it is important that all citizens, including children, know that they should and can report anything suspicious.

If you see something, say something. Anyone may report suspicious activity to the Gloucester Township Police Department by calling 911 (Emergency) (856) 228-4500 (Non-Emergency), or our GTPD Anonymous Tip Line: (856) 842-5560. To send an Anonymous Tip via Text Message to Gloucester Township Police, text the keyword TIP GLOTWPPD and your tip message to 888777.



UNITY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Gloucester Township celebrated the 67th Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3rd.

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, the theme is **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Government officials, first responders, and residents gathered at the Gloucester Township senior center on Thursday for breakfast and a morning of prayer.



May 16 - 19

Wed. & Thurs: 6 pm – 10 pm

Fri. & Sat.: 6 pm – 11 pm

Thursday is Family Night! – All Rides \$20 per person!



**BE A GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER.
BE AN EVERYDAY HERO.**

Call the Mayor's Office at 856.374.3514



The Gloucester Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is proud to sponsor its 18th Annual Business Breakfast. The Business Breakfast provides a great opportunity for business people from across the Township to meet each other, network, and share in the progress that's occurring in the community. The breakfast will take place at 9:00 am on Thursday, May 17th at The Palace (109 N. Black Horse Pike, Gloucester Township, NJ).

There is still time to register for this FREE event! For more information, click below!

[Click Here](#)

2018 KYLE "SIR" HINES BASKETBALL CAMP

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$125 PER WEEK | APRIL 6TH - MAY 31ST

\$150 BEGINNING JUNE 1ST

BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 7-10-16



MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - 3:30PM

AIR-CONDITIONED
FACILITIES

CAMP INCLUDES:
T-SHIRT, DRAWSTRING BAG
& LUNCH

WEEK #1 JULY 9TH-12TH
WEEK #2 JULY 16TH-19TH
WEEK #3 AUGUST 6TH-9TH
WEEK #4 AUGUST 13TH-16TH

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM TOP PLAYERS, COACHES FROM HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Camp Awards & Prizes

CAMP HELD AT: TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL | 501 JARVIS ROAD | ERIAL NJ 08081

This Weekend!



Waddle on over to Dennis Flyer Theater at Camden County College on May 5th & 6th for the inspirational *Honk! Jr.* presented by Mainstage Center for the Arts Musical Theatre Company.

For tickets and more information, click below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

PUBLIC WORKS PREPARES THE GT POOL FOR THE SEASON!

Registration for the Gloucester Township Pool is now open! The Township pool is located at 59A Monroe Dr., Gloucester Township, NJ. Membership is open to *Township Residents only*. Registrations began at the Recreation Center on Monday, May 1st and will continue until memberships fill. The pool & snack bar will tentatively open for weekends on May 26th and full-time on June 9th. The pool hours are 12-8pm on weekdays & 11am-6pm on weekends and holidays. Memberships are only available at the Recreation Center during business hours. Please call 856-435-5734 with any questions.



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,



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT

