

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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Pictures from GT Food & Beer Fest

Check out pictures from Gloucester Township's first ever Food & Beer Fest last Sunday.



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GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP KICKED OFF FALL FESTIVAL SEASON

On Sunday, September 16th, food trucks lined the Black Horse Pike for the first ever Gloucester Township Food & Craft Beer Festival. Despite the cancellation the weekend prior, we had a great turnout with hundreds flooding the streets of the downtown Blackwood section of Gloucester Township for food, beer, and fun.

All proceeds from the event went to the Gloucester Township Scholarship Committee, a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing college scholarships to local students. Thank you to everyone who came out to kick off the Fall Season at the Gloucester Township Food & Craft Beer Festival on Sunday. We hope to see you next year!







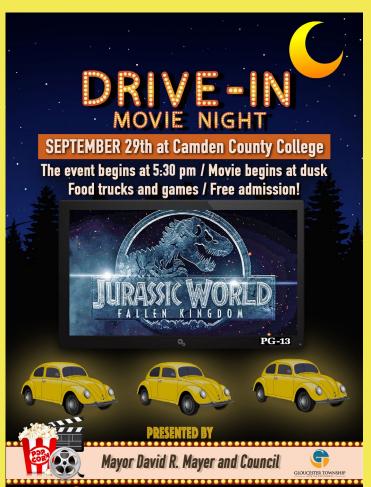


Every September 15th through October 15th, Gloucester Township Mayor David Mayer and Council celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring outstanding Latino members of our community. Nominations are now being accepted for exemplary citizens who have demonstrated significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that have impacted favorably on our citizens.

The nomination must include an essay supporting the nominee's accomplishments. The nominations will be evaluated by a three-member panel appointed by the Mayor. The awards will be presented on Wednesday, October 10th during the Gloucester Township Council Meeting at the Gloucester Township Municipal Building.

Nomination forms must be returned to the Township Clerk's Office by Monday, October 1st at 5:00 PM. Forms can be mailed, faxed or sent by email. For more information and to download a copy of the 2018 nomination form, click the link above.

DON'T MISS THE SECOND ANNUAL DRIVE-IN MOVIE



We've all heard stories of our grandparents going to the drive-in theater for a Friday night hangout, maybe you were a drive-in theater frequenter yourself--but do you know the history of the classic drive-in experience?

The first patented drive-in theater opened on June 6, 1933 in New Jersey. Richard Hollingshead created it as a solution for people unable to comfortably fit into traditional movie theater seats. Hollingshead advertised his drive-in as a place where "the whole family is welcome, regardless of how noisy the children are."

The success of Hollingshead's drive-in caused drive-ins to spread to every state in the country, and soon, internationally as well. Drive-ins gained immense popularity in the 1950s and '60s with the Baby Boomer generation. There were over 5,000 drive-ins throughout the U.S., mostly in rural areas. They maintained popularity as both a space for families to spend time with each other as well as an affordable date night option. Since then, however, the rising price of real estate, combined with the growing numbers of walk-in theaters and the rise of video rentals have curbed the growth of the drive-in industry. Today, fewer than 500 drive-in theaters survive in the United States.

Mayor Mayer and Council are thrilled to bring back this famous staple of American culture for one night this Fall. Join us on Saturday, September 29th, for our second annual Drive-In Movie Night. Last year's event was such a hit that we expect a bigger crowd this year. We are moving the Movie Night to Camden County College this time around to accommodate even more families and fun! There will be food trucks, games, a moon bounce, and a hay ride for children. The movie, Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, will begin at dusk. We hope to see you there!

Daisy, the Grief Therapy Dog



The Hider Lane Senior Club had a special visitor at their luncheon last Thursday--Daisy, the grief therapy dog from Earle Funeral Home. Daisy has been in training since she was just 8 weeks old and has been working funerals since she was a year old. She is a wonderful asset to Earle Funeral Home, as she lifts the spirits of grieving friends and family.

When grieving families feel overwhelmed with emotions, many cannot cope with the loss of a family member or friend. Because of the therapy dogs' skill set, they provide comfort and support to families and friends trying to manage their grief. For this reason, many funeral homes have employed are using therapy dogs to help families through funeral planning and the funeral service.

Although the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) does not currently keep a record of how many funeral homes in the United States employ utilize therapy dogs, funeral homes have seen an increase in the last few years. According to an NDFA survey, more than half of survey participants said they would either be somewhat, very or extremely interested in having a therapy dog at a funeral or memorial service. Therapy dogs allow those grieving to receive some comfort and relieve their stress and anxiety for a bit. This is especially true for grieving children who may not be comfortable talking about their feelings with adults. For more information about the use therapy dogs in funeral homes, click here.

JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Public Works is looking for laborers for leaf season. This is a temporary position lasting the end of October through January. The hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am -5:30 pm. Under the direction of a supervisor, you will perform various types of manual and unskilled laboring work and may drive a truck in connection with laboring work on occasion. You will also be required to do other related duties as requires including raking leaves, working hose on leaf truck, picking up bags and may shovel snow. Must be able to perform heavy physical labor, in adverse weather conditions for prolonged period of time, and pass a pre-employment physical and drug screening. Applications can be picked up at the Municipal Building or printed from our website. Click here.





The Camden County Department of Health and Human Services recommends everyone get a flu shot this flu season, especially children and seniors who are most vulnerable.

Camden County will be in Gloucester Township giving out free flu shots on Thursday, October 25th at Camden County College and Friday, October 26th at the Gloucester Township Municipal Building. Flu vaccine is provided for no out-of-pocket cost for children ages 9 and older. Children under age 9 need to see their primary care physician.

For more information and the full 2018 Flu Shot Schedule, click below.

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SPOTLIGHT

Local Business Spotlight is a new section in GTWorks that highlights local businesses throughout Gloucester Township. Its primary purpose is to promote local small businesses by giving the readers opportunity to get to know more about local eateries and services available to them in our beautiful Gloucester Township!

JOHNNIE'S APPLIANCE: OFFERING AFFORDABLE APPLIANCES FOR OVER 55 YEARS

Johnnie's Appliance is a family-owned discount appliance store based in the Glendora section of Gloucester Township. Located at 419 Black Horse Pike, Jonnie's Appliance has served its customers low priced appliances and top notch customer service since 1958.

Johnnie's carries brands including Amana, Broan, Frigidaire, GE, and Hotpoint. Their knowledge of the appliances they sell is what sets them above their competition.

Johnnie's Appliance looks forward to helping you select your new appliances at any budget. For more information and store hours, click below.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!

MAINSTAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are the glue who hold the Pumpkin Festival together. The Blackwood Pumpkin Festival is a HUGE fundraising event that helps to stabilize the budget for Mainstage Center for the Arts (MCA). MCA is a non-profit performing arts organization whose goal it is to make the arts financially accessible to South Jersey families. This fundraiser assists Mainstage in attaining this goal.

As a volunteer, you will receive free parking and a festival t-shirt. (You can also be entered into a drawing for a free Summer Stage tuition.) If you are not available on October 7th (or rain date: October 14th), please consider assisting Mainstage with some of the advance prep or contributing to the various donations that they can use to make this event a BIG success.

Please click below to volunteer.



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,











