

WORKS

October 4, 2018

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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CENTER FOR THE ARTS

27TH ANNUAL BLACKWOOD PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 7 11 AM-4 PM

FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC • SHOPPING • & MORE



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Register Now for Trunk-or-Treat!

Celebrate Halloween with friends and family at the 2018 Trunk-or-Treat.



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JDRF One Walk Returns to GT

JDRF South Jersey Chapter will return to Gloucester Township on Oct. 28th.



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Local Business Spotlight

Learn more about our Local Business Spotlight of the week: Cotardo's!

This weekend downtown Blackwood will come alive with entertainers, vendors, shoppers, and families during the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival. This tradition began in 1992, which means that this year marks its 27th year. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of visitors have attended.

The festival, presented by Mainstage Center for the Arts (MCA), takes place this Sunday, October 7th from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in and around the area of MCA's Performing Arts Academy, 27 S. Black Horse Pike. The Black Horse Pike will be closed from the intersection of Church Road through Lake Avenue.

Since parking around the festival fills up quickly, free parking and a shuttle bus service to the festival is available at Highland Regional High School.

The festival will feature amusements, food, music, shopping, live entertainment, pumpkin painting, hayrides, moon bounces, a petting zoo, face painting, scarecrow building, costume contests, a puppy parade, a talent contest, a Mainstage studio treasure hunt, and more.

"As Mainstage celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, we're thrilled that the South Jersey community has been able to enjoy the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival for 27 of those years. It's such a fun way for friends and families to spend a day celebrating the joys of the fall season," said Anne Marie Weaver, Director of Special Projects, MCA. "We appreciate all those who visit the event, which raises funds for Mainstage's year-round performing arts programs for kids and their families."

"Gloucester Township is proud to be the home of this fun-filled annual event. The Pumpkin Festival is a tradition here in our Township that we hope all of our residents take advantage of and enjoy," says Mayor Mayer.

For more information about the event, visit www.mainstage.org or call (856) 302-6485.



GLoucester TOWNSHIP
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Gloucester Township TRUNK OR TREAT

Celebrate Halloween with friends and family at the 5th annual Gloucester Township “Trunk or Treat” event at Veteran’s Park. “Trunk or Treat” will take place on Friday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. Only registered vehicle participants may pass candy out to our Trick-or-Treaters, however, the event itself is open to everyone (not just registered vehicles).

How It Works:

Each car must be registered online. Registrants will receive a confirmation with instructions prior to the event. Only registered cars will be displayed in the Park and an adult

must be with the vehicle at all times during the event. All cars participating in the event must be in the lot prior to 6:30 PM. Volunteers will be there to assist you. There will be a prize for the Best Decorated Trunk. You can decorate your own vehicle or collaborate with another family to decorate your vehicle. Be creative, but not too scary as you decorate your trunk for trick-or-treaters.

“Trunk or Treat” starts at 7:00 PM within Veteran’s Park. Children of Registered Cars will get to enter the course first.

For more information and to register your vehicle, visit our website www.GloTwp.com.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

[CLICK HERE](#)

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY AT PUBLIC WORKS

Bring your paper to the Public Works Building (1729 Erial Road) to be shredded. An operator will move your bins of paper to a mobile shredding unit where your material will be destroyed before your eyes. 100% of shredded paper is recycled! Only paper is accepted. No plastic bags or metal, including binders, bound books and binder clips. Paper clips/staples are OK. *Must be a Gloucester Township resident.*

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

1729 ERIAL ROAD



JDRF ONE WALK RETURNS TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

Where: Camden County College

When: 10/28/18, 9:30 AM



On Sunday, October 28, 2018, the JDRF South Jersey Chapter is returning to Gloucester Township for their annual JDRF One Walk, an event that raises money and awareness for type 1 diabetes (T1D). JDRF One Walk has one goal: to create a world without T1D.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly. It has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle—and it's serious and stressful to manage. There is nothing you can do to prevent T1D and there is currently no cure.

When you participate in JDRF One Walk, the money you raise supports life-changing breakthroughs that give hope to everyone impacted by this disease.

To register to participate in the walk or donate to this event, please click below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

COFFEE WITH A COP



On Wednesday, October 3rd, officers and dispatchers from the Gloucester Township Police Department had coffee with residents at the Dunkin' Donuts on Chews Landing Road. Residents were given the opportunity to ask the GTPD questions and express any concerns that they may have. "Coffee with a Cop" is just another initiative that our Police Department is taking to connect with citizens on a personal level. We hope that you took advantage of this unique opportunity and look out for more of the fun events that our officers host throughout the year.



Citizens Appreciation Ceremony Saturday, October 13, 2018



CITIZENS APPRECIATION PARK | 10:00 AM

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

It is almost that time of year again! Public Works will begin Leaf Collection on November 5, 2018. Look for signs on the road. Don't Worry! If you miss your round, we will continue to collect until all leaves are picked up.

To make this program a success, please adhere to the following:

- Try to keep all leaves unbagged at curbside. If you must use bags, please use paper bags only.
- Have all leaves curbside the weekend prior to your week. Do not rake leaves into the street if it will block traffic.
- Do not mix trash and broken branches with leaves. This clogs the machines and your leaves will not be picked up.
- Do not park any vehicles in front of leaves during your pick up week. They will not be picked up.

To see the 2018 Leaf Collection Schedule, click [here](#).

LOCAL BUSINESS 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!

A TASTE OF SOUTHERN ITALY IN GT

Cotardo's Ristorante Italiano has served traditional southern Italian cuisine with their homemade recipes since 1982. As our community evolves and changes, Cotardo's has remained as beloved to Gloucester Township as ever.

"Our restaurant is a family business that features home-style cooking. We have no fancy equipment—just like Grandma used to cook," says owner,

Romaldo Cotardo. "I have excellent employees, but there is nothing like working with family."

Cotardo's encourages you to come in and try something new or come back and enjoy the flavors that have lasted for over 35 years!

Cotardo's won the Small Business Award at the 2018 Gloucester Township Business Breakfast. To check out the video, click below.



Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for Mary Johnson who received the Camden County Sustainability Champion Award during the month of August.

Mary is a retired teacher and library programmer and has been a gardener for over forty years. She attended gardening classes at the Rodale Institute and participates in the Rutgers Home Gardener School annually. Mary has been a Certified Rutgers Camden County Master Gardener since 2015, volunteering 150 hours of her time to projects and outreach in Camden County. She has also been an active member of the Gloucester Township Community Garden for over three years and is the liaison between Gloucester Township and all programs related to the Community Garden. Mary has done a wonderful job overseeing every aspect of the garden and helping it grow into a gem of Gloucester Township.



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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