

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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January 3, 2019

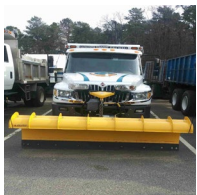
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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Registration for Adult Programs Now Open

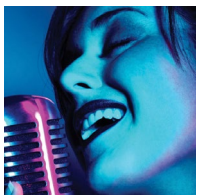
Take advantage of one of our Adult Programs at the Recreation Center!



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Public Works is Winter-Storm Ready

Learn more about how the township prepares for the snow season.



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Local Business Spotlight

Learn more about our Local Business Spotlight of the week: Musically Speaking.

CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR: MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is that time of the year when the holidays are winding down and we are eager to see what the new year will have in store for us. 2018 was filled with lots of exciting events and happenings including our first ever Food and Craft Beer Festival in the downtown Blackwood section of our Township. Despite having to cancel the festival the weekend prior due to unfavorable weather conditions, there was a great turnout. Hundreds flooded the streets of downtown Blackwood 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 each year.

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GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID MAYER



Our second annual Drive-In Movie Night was a huge success as well, with close to 400 vehicles overflowing Camden County College's parking lots. Residents enjoyed food trucks, a hay ride, moon bounce, the Gloucester Township Police Department's Community Outreach Vehicle, and "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" on the big screen.

In October 2018, we held our 5th annual Citizens' Appreciation Ceremony where we recognized thirty-four outstanding resident volunteers for their acts of kindness and selflessness. We also honored nine exceptional Latino members of our community in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. These community members were nominated by their teachers, principals, co-workers and peers for being exemplary

citizens of our township. I'd like to thank each and every one of these individuals for everything that they do to serve our community.

This winter, we are looking forward to Gloucester Township's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service which falls on Monday, January 21st this year. "Make it a day on, not a day off" and join Council, the community, and myself as we partake in fun and worthwhile service projects and activities around town. Our MLK Day of Service is the most anticipated community service event of the year with citizens of all ages coming together to fulfill Dr. King's dream of helping others and we hope to see you there!

We have plenty more to look forward to in 2019. Visit www.GloTwp.com for more information. We also encourage you to connect with us on Facebook (@gloucestertownship), Twitter (@glotwp), and Instagram (@glotwp) to keep up-to-date on all of our upcoming events. I wish you all a safe and warm winter and would like to thank our Police Department, our Public Works Department, municipal employees, and residents for your continued support of our efforts to keep Gloucester Township a great place to live, work, and play.

HARMONY SHOW CHOIR HOLDING AUDITIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



On Sunday, January 6th from 4:00-7:00 pm, Mainstage Center for the Art's Harmony Show Choir is holding mid-season auditions for High School Freshman through Juniors at the Mainstage School of Dance (475 Hurffville Cross Keys Rd. Sewell, NJ 08080). Those planning to audition should arrive 15 minutes prior to sign-in. Please prepare 30 seconds of a song along with a backing track on a CD and dress to sing with a change of clothes for the dance call.

Who is Harmony Show Choir?

The Harmony Show Choir performs throughout the tri-state area year round and serves as an outlet for young artists to grow and perfect the craft of performing while providing a positive atmosphere for it's members. They rehearse Sunday evenings at the School Of Dance. They have also performed in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade and also in Walt Disney World and Hawaii.

For more info, please email the Company Manager, Lorena Melcher at Lorena@mainstage.org.

REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE REC CENTER!

Registration for residents began on January 2nd. Registration for non-residents will begin on January 7th. Non-residents can register for all Recreation Department Programs for an additional \$10 fee. We accept cash, check or money order. Make checks payable to "Township of Gloucester" except where noted; two separate checks/money orders are necessary.

SEWING CLASS | Mondays: January 28 - March 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm | \$100 to Rebekah Plyes / \$10 to Gloucester Township
Dust off your sewing machine and get inspired! Sewing class for those who know how to operate a sewing machine, taught by a full time seamstress.

ZUMBA | Mondays: January 28 - March 25 from 7:45 - 8:45 pm | \$40 to Kirkwood / \$10 to Gloucester Township
Zumba fuses hypnotic musical rhythms and tantalizing moves to create a dynamic workout system designed to be fun and easy!



SURGE AMP RUNNING PROGRAM | Mondays/Wednesdays: January 30 - April 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm | \$80 to Mario Sergi / \$10 to Gloucester Township
Start the new year off on the right foot. Join us as we train to run the 23rd Annual Gloucester Township 5k which will be on Saturday, April 13th.

POP MIXX FITNESS | Mondays/Wednesdays: January 30 - April 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm | \$80 to Desi Sergi / \$10 to Gloucester Township
Pop MIXX Fitness is a high energy class incorporating Cardio Hip-Hop, Bollywood, Boxing, Strength and Conditioning.



Check your Winter Report for a full list of adult programs offered here in Gloucester Township!



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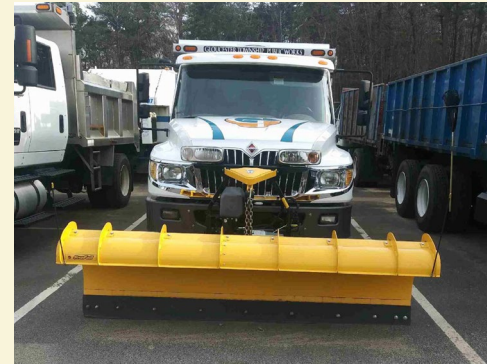
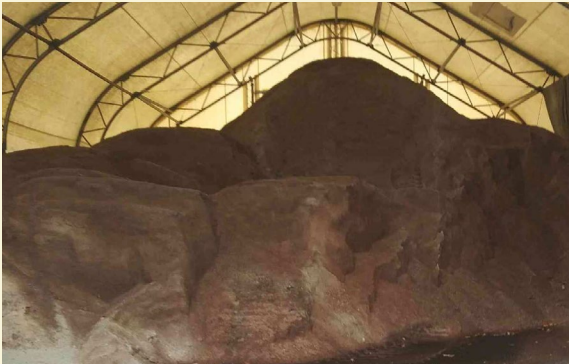
PUBLIC WORKS IS WINTER-STORM READY



As the snow season approaches, Public Works is hard at work preparing their equipment to be able to handle any storm as quickly and efficiently as possible!

Gloucester Township has 14 brine trucks that are able to brine the entire township in just 14 hours or less. It is standard to brine up to three days prior to a storm; however, the township tries to brine as close to a predicted storm as possible. On average, it takes 11,000 gallons to brine the entire town and, as of today, Public Works has over 10,300 gallons of brine on hand with more constantly being made so that we are ready when the first snowfall hits. Brine will only clear .75 inches of snow. If the expected snowfall is 2 inches or more then they will also salt the streets. In addition to brine, we have 800 tons of salt ready to go.

Gloucester Township also has 47 trucks ready to plow snow when needed. Plowing typically starts once 3 inches of snow have accumulated. The township has 211 miles of road to maintain with trucks going out into all sections of town. Our Public Works Department always does its best to get the job done on their own; but sometimes, during a major storm, contractors are called in to assist township personnel with snow removal. When this happens, over 200 pieces of equipment hit the streets of our township. Although each snow storm is different and there is no real way to predict the severity of one, Public Works is always prepared for the worst. You can help by removing cars, trash cans, and basketball nets from streets prior to a storm to ensure that the snow removal process goes smoothly.



It's Not Too Late To Sign Up For GTPD Citizens Police Academy

The Gloucester Township Police Department in a continuing effort to foster an even better police community partnership would like to invite any Gloucester Township resident 16 years of age or older to attend the Citizens Police Academy. The Gloucester Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy is a free 10-week course that begins January 24, 2019. This classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The course will include an overview of the police department and the administration, police communications, special operations, criminal investigations, traffic safety, K9, Special Response Team, Crime Scene Unit and much more. Also, all attendees of the Citizen Police Academy will be trained in the use of CPR for the home. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the Gloucester Township Police Department Community Relations Bureau Corporal Jenn McLaughlin at 856-374-5735 or email Jmclaughlin@gtpolice.com.

CASINO BUS TRIPS

Don't get cooped up this Winter! The Hider Lane Seniors have a Casino Bus Trip on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The bus leaves Our Lady of Hope parking lot promptly at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. For more information and to RSVP, please call Lynette at 856-816-4526.



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Local Business Spotlight is a 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!

GT'S VERY OWN STUDIO FOR MUSIC LESSONS & RECORDING

Musically Speaking Studios is a premiere studio for Recording, Music and Voice Lessons, Production, Artist Development, and Rehearsal/Showcase located right here in Gloucester Township. Their 4,000 square foot facility is fully equipped and their skilled staff can help meet all of your musical needs. Musically Speaking believes that it is never too early or too late to learn. Whether it's Voice, Guitar, Piano, or Drums, their experienced and dedicated instructors will design a lesson plan that is specifically designed for you. For more information, please click below.



MLK DAY 2019



Please join Mayor David Mayer, Township Council, Gloucester Township Public Schools, and Friends and Neighbors on January 21st by volunteering your time to fulfill Dr. King's dream of helping others. As Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Be a part of fun and worthwhile service projects that have a lasting impact on our entire community.

For more information and to register, please click below.

REGISTER NOW

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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