

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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GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP STANDS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In an effort to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking as well as encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking, Mayor David Mayer signed a proclamation this week designating January 11th of each year as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Gloucester Township. Joining him were representatives from South Jersey Anti-Trafficking Coalition and the Center for Family Services.

Human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual or labor exploitation. It is currently one of the world's fastest growing crimes. The United Nations' International Organization has estimated that at least 24.9 million adults and children worldwide are currently victims of human trafficking. It is estimated that more people are now harmed by human trafficking worldwide than at any other point in human history.





Gloucester Township was one of the first police departments in the state to charge a suspect with human trafficking. "Our police department was well prepared for this, as they participate in numerous human trafficking training sessions throughout the year," said Mayor Mayer on Wednesday, January 16th, at an event hosted by We Are Free, an organization that advocates and speaks on behalf of victims of human trafficking.

The Gloucester Township Police Department has participated in numerous human trafficking operations that are designed to arrest traffickers and help victims. Their team is comprised not only of police officers, but also social workers and drug abuse advocates who meet with each of the victims to provide support. They also are heavily involved in spreading awareness on the occurrence of human trafficking. During the month of January, which is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, they launch an awareness campaign on Facebook in hope that residents will become educated on the subject and then will spread awareness themselves. Gloucester Township engages in many conversations about the signs of human trafficking to help identify victims. Every week, the police department holds a weekly juvenile meeting called HUDDLE. A portion of their time is

dedicated to attempting to identify future victims and discussing the different services that we can provide for them.

In 2013, Gloucester Township also launched Project MARRS, which stands for Missing At Risk Response Strategies. Project MARRS is a comprehensive and community-based approach to locating missing persons, educating the community about missing persons, sexual exploitation, and implementing strategies to address this growing concern. Missing children are more vulnerable to falling victim to sexual exploitation, which is why this program is very important. Project MARRS' approach is one of compassion, viewing this as a community-based opportunity for education and assistance.

For more information about human trafficking and/or resources for survivors of human trafficking, please click on one of the links below.



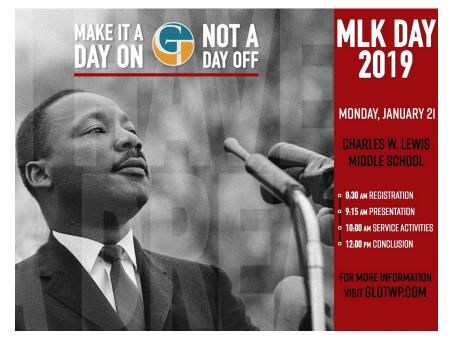


HURRY! LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR MLK DAY 2019

Make It A Day On, Not A Day Off

Join Mayor David Mayer, Township Council, Gloucester Township Public Schools, and your 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 service projects that have a lasting impact on our entire community. Registration and a continental breakfast will take place at Charles W. Lewis Middle School (875 Erial Road) at 8:30 am. The program and presentation will begin at 9:15, then volunteers will part ways and report to their assigned service activity. If you'd like to take part in this worthwhile activity, you can register at GloTwp.com.

But, hurry! Registration closes tomorrow, Friday, January 18th at 10:00 am. On site registration will be available on MLK Day, however project availability may be limited.







Gloucester Township Public Works Ready for Pending Winter Storms



In anticipation of the rain, snow and ice that is predicted to fall over the next couple of days, Gloucester Township Public Works is prepared no matter which way it turns. They began brining the roads at 7:00 am on Thursday with all roads expected to be completed by 5:30 pm. They have the salt trucks loaded and ready to go as well.

There will be a Public Works Supervisor and Police Officers patrolling the town over the weekend as the storm is upon us. Residents are encouraged to stay off of the roads if possible as road conditions are expected to be slippery. If you must go out, please take caution.





PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DROP-OFF



Gloucester Township residents have an opportunity to drop off unused and/or expired medicine in one of our two prescription drug drop boxes. This is a free service to our residents. One drop box is located in the Watch Desk of the Police Department and the second is located in the main entrance area of the municipal building. The drop off boxes accept bills but does not accept any liquids, thermometers, needles, aerosol cans or inhalers.





Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird soared to the top of the best-seller's list upon its 1960 release with its groundbreaking portrayal of racial injustice. Its messages of tolerance, justice, dignity, and courage continue to remain important today. Mainstage Center for the Arts will bring a beautiful stage adaption of this timeless tale to life as it presents To Kill A Mockingbird, February 8 – 10, Denis Flyer Theatre, Camden County College. It is directed by Marge Triplo and Nick Zaccaria. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens/students 12 and under.

To order, visit www.mainstage.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mario Straccialini of the Gloucester Township Police Department who has been promoted from Detective to Sergeant. He has been serving the Gloucester Township community for 20 years.



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!

ALL YOUR RENTAL NEEDS IN ONE PLACE!

Ed's Rental and Tools is a family owned and operated business that has been serving Gloucester Township since 1976. Ed's has you covered whether it's a small yard project or a larger job that requires a backhoe, bobcat, lift or chipper. Specializing in reliable, high end outdoor power equipment, they feature Stihl, Husqvarna and Ferris brands for the discerning homeowner or dedicated

contractor. They also service all brands of equipment.

Stop by Ed's Rental and experience the difference of their trained product specialists. They will be happy to fully assemble, demonstrate and explain all product features and functions with every sale. Their goal is to build a relationship with every customer to better understand their equipment needs and future maintenance.



TO LEARN MORE, CLICK BELOW.

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LT. ERIC QUINTAVALLE RETIRES FROM THE GTPD AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE



Congratulations to Lt. Eric Quintavalle on his retirement from the Gloucester Township Police Department. Eric joined the GTPD in 1995 as a Class I Officer. He always wanted to be "where the action was" and in 1996 he became a full time officer. He made many friends and co-workers during his service in Gloucester Township and will always be remembered by the community. Eric says that he is most looking forward to spending more time with his two sons who are both part of the Gloucester Township Junior Police Academy.

"On behalf of myself and our Gloucester Township residents, congratulations on your twenty-four years of distinguished service. We wish you the very best. Please remember that you always have a home here in the Gloucester Township Police Department," said Mayor Mayer.

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,











