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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!



Gloucester Township Welcomes Mystic Ginger

On Saturday, February 16th, Mystic Ginger Hair Studio held their official grand opening and ribbon cutting. Mystic Ginger is the newest gem to open in the heart of Gloucester Township's downtown Blackwood section. In addition to doing hair, they are a boutique that sells jewelry, soap and other handmade items that come from local artists and vendors. The owner, Kellie, has twelve years of hair styling experience and is also an herbalist. She makes all of her own apothecary, Mystic Ginger Apothecary, which is sold in the hair studio as well. Be sure to stop in and experience the truly mystic aura of this unique salon and boutique next time you are in the area. Gloucester Township welcomes Mystic Ginger and wishes them luck and success for many years to come!



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GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES



Every February, Mayor David Mayer and Council celebrate Black History Month by honoring outstanding African American members of our community. Nominations have been collected and awards will be presented to the recipients at the Council Meeting on February 25th at the Gloucester Township Municipal Building. Come out and support your friends and neighbors at 7:30 pm this Monday Night!



2018 Honorees

FEBRUARY 26

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PRO-BOWL FOOTBALL PLAYER VANCE JOHNSON
WILL SPEAK ON PAIN MEDS AND DRUGS IN SPORTS



As a part of their Black History Month celebration, Pro-Bowl Football player, Vance Johnson, will be speaking at Camden County College on Tuesday, February 26th. Johnson played his entire career for the Denver Broncos and is now an advocate for addiction recovery. Johnson admits that drugs and alcohol nearly claimed his life. He has now been sober for more than four years and travels the country speaking to groups about his experience offering hope to those struggling with addiction.

Vance Johnson will be speaking about pain medication and drugs in sports at 2:00 pm in Civic Hall. For more information, please click below.

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The Gloucester Township Police Department is Now Hiring!

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (PART-TIME) - CLASS I

- Gloucester Township residents preferred
- Part time hours vary between day, night, weekends, and holidays
- \$13.37 per hour
- Under direction of a supervisor, Special Officers will perform varied types of traffic and security details; other related duties as required.

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINEE (PART-TIME)

- Open to Gloucester Township Residents
- \$17.09 per hour
- Under close supervision as a trainee and productive worker, receives and responds to telephone or other electronic requests for emergency assistance including law enforcement, fire, medical, or other emergency services and/or dispatches appropriate units to response sites; does other related duties as required.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD (PART-TIME)

- Open to Gloucester Township Residents
- 10 hours per week & on-call basis
- \$10.99 per hour

Visit www.GloTwp.com for more information.

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- DISPATCHERS
- CROSSING GUARDS
- SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS I (PART-TIME)



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GTPD Utilizes Stuffed Animals During 9-1-1 Calls

"Patrolman Kevin Schultz starts his shift by ticking off every required item on his police vehicle's inspection log. Oxygen tank. Check. Automated External Defibrillator. Got it. Ice rescue rope system. Packed. Floppy-eared stuffed dog in a red scarf? Absolutely.

The stuffed dog riding along in the back of the Gloucester Township Police Department SUV — or a super-soft and squishy camel tucked in the passenger seat headrest — isn't just a toy. It's another tactical tool officers have at their fingertips to calm kids during tense situations from domestic disputes to devastating house fires.

'We don't want a kid remembering an experience like that,' Schultz said. 'It reassures the kids they didn't do anything wrong, and it's OK.'

Officers with Gloucester Township Police Department's Juvenile and Family Services Bureau interacted with more than 400 Gloucester Township children in 2017 and 2018, according to department data. Children serviced by this bureau are victims of crimes and kids who have committed crimes, a department spokesman said. Officers connect with many more kids on their beats, McLaughlin noted. The department does not track how many kids officers casually bump into on patrols, comfort on the curb in front of their burning house, or high-five in the hallways as school resource officers.

'We're in contact with children daily,' she said. 'Forming bonds with the kids is the bridge with the community.'

The juvenile services bureau follows up with families after a traumatic incident, like a home raid by police executing a search warrant.

'The SWAT (team) is pulling out and they're pulling in,' Schultz, a school resource officer, said.

That's how he recently met three kids — the oldest just five — and their mom on their living room couch after a warrant was executed at the residence, the officer remembered. The oldest child's face brightened. He recognized Schultz from his school, the officer recalled.

'I ran out to the car, got three stuffed animals, gave them to the kids and they lit up,' Schultz said..."



Mt. Laurel resident, Mary Cregan, donated 🧸 stuffed animals for officers to give out on calls. She said she appreciates all that we do and makes it a point to ask for stuffed animals just for us! Thank you soooo much! 🚔 ❤️ 🧸

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READ THE FULL ARTICLE AT: [Courier Post](#)



The Gloucester Township Recreation Center holds Family Basketball every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:00-6:00 pm. *You must come and present a valid Drivers License or State ID with a Gloucester Township address or a current Gloucester Township School ID every visit.*

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP LACROSSE

Gloucester Township Lacrosse is growing, and we are currently seeking boys and girls grades K-8 who want to learn and compete in this great sport! Lacrosse is primarily a spring sport taking place from March-May. At the youth level EVERYONE is a beginner, so don't worry if you are not familiar with the sport. Our current coaches are knowledgeable and are excited to teach lacrosse to our youth. They are also just as excited to share their expertise with all future coaches/volunteers. Their goal is to provide a safe and fun learning environment where the fundamentals of the game, sportsmanship and teamwork are emphasized.

For questions, open house dates and registration information, please click below.



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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!

MODERN AMERICAN CUISINE YOU HAVE TO TRY!

Located in the Glendora Section of town, Kitchen 519 serves up modern American cuisine with a menu that changes according to the season. They are a scratch kitchen who uses all local ingredients and fresh foods. Taste the difference in their house made dressings, sauces, soups and desserts!

Kitchen 519 also specializes in unique off-site event catering. Whether you are planning an office meeting, shower, or wedding, they

offer service catering, as well as pick-up party trays. They will create a custom menu for your event to make your day extra special!

For more information click below to visit their website.



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,



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