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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!



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Women

WHO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
IN GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

On Monday, March 25th, Gloucester Township held their annual Women's History Month Celebration. Mayor David Mayer and Council honored ten outstanding Women Who Make A Difference in the Gloucester Township community. These women were nominated for their significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that they have done for their community.

Keep reading to learn more about our 2019 award recipients!



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ALLISON SWACK

Ali is a senior at Highland High School that excels academically, while being an active member of multiple service organizations and clubs that impact her fellow students. She is a member of National Honor Society, History Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and Math Honor Society. She is the President of the Peer to Peer Mentoring Group which pairs up junior and senior students with freshman to aid them with the transition to high school. She is also a member of the Transition Project, Interact, the concert and pep bands, the acapella choir group and the morning news. Ali is a tremendous leader at Highland and positively impacts people in whatever situation, organization, and event that she attends.



MICHELLE BECK

Despite being a busy mom and wife, Michelle is a volunteer for the Gloucester Township Police Department. She runs the Country Aire National Night Out here in the Township and has also participated in neighborhood watch. Michelle is always willing to help out including with last minute projects and events. Chief Harry Earle thanks Michelle for her ongoing support to the police department and the community and says that without residents like her, they would not be able to accomplish their community policing goals to the level that they have.



JO-ANN NICHOLSON

Jo-Ann is described as a "Community Hero." She has shown extraordinary commitment to community service and is always volunteering when needed. Whether it be buying a pile of toys for those in need during the holidays, donating clothes to The Unforgotten Haven and veterans, helping out a family in town that is going through a tough time, or spending countless hours helping with Glenn Oak's National Night Out, she is always asking "What do they need?" or "What can I do?" Everyone needs to take a page out of Jo-Ann's book as she demonstrates selfless dedication to the betterment of others and of the Gloucester Township community.



FERN NANETTE ALLEN

Fern is a woman with very strong worth ethic and personal integrity. She always goes above and beyond in every job that she does. She is leader in both her church and her community who is willing to help whenever she is asked. She also inspires others to engage in the various service projects she is a part of including but not limited to: providing Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate, helping kids in need, and volunteering at her church. Anytime that someone is in need, Fern is there to lend a hand.



DOROTHY MORLEY

Dorothy is a member of the Historic Committee who makes many valuable contributions of her personal time and talents to enhance the committee's efforts to share local history. She is an active member and works on the Tavern Preservation and Maintenance, Grant Writing and Sponsorship, and the History of the Tavern/Inventory/Talking Points subcommittees. In addition to these subcommittees, Dorothy also voluntarily shares her knowledge as a featured Lecture on the Lawn at Gabreil Daveis Tavern and at one of the high schools during Black History Month. As a cherished member of the Historic Committee, Dorothy is truly a woman in Gloucester Township who makes a difference.



ALESSA WILLIAMS

Alessa is a Sophomore at Triton High School who over the past 8 years, has committed herself to train in the martial art of Taekwondo-Do. Through her hard work, dedication, and multiple injuries, she has achieved the level of a 3rd degree black belt. In addition to Taekwondo-Do, she has trained in Kick-Boxing and Hapkido. Alessa has completed a multitude of tournaments and traveled to many different states for training to perfect her craft. Alessa recently qualified and has been chosen to represent the United States in the 4th Unified Taekwondo-Do World Championships in Brazil in August 2019. Alessa has shown through her hard work and dedication that one's personal goals can be achieved.





MAKAYLA DEMPSEY

Makayla is an 8th grade student at Ann A. Mullen Middle school who was crowned the very first Little Miss Wheelchair of New Jersey. She is a very passionate young lady with Cerebral Palsy who does not let her disability hold her back. Makayla wants to give back to her community while raising awareness for the Ms. Wheelchair Organization which she does through various fundraising events. Disability awareness is extremely important to Makayla as she wants to break the stereotypes and preconceptions regarding those in the disability community.



JENNIFER MAZZOCHI

Jennifer has been a Special Education Teacher at C.W. Lewis Elementary here in Gloucester Township since 2001. She has always conducted herself with professionalism and grace in her 18 years working in the district. In 2018, she was recognized as one of the 21 county teachers of the year in the state of New Jersey. Jennifer exemplifies the outstanding level of hard work and dedication that exists in the Gloucester Township Public Schools system.



ABIGAIL BUCCILLI

Abigail is Miss American Teenager 2019, a title that she earned from participating in Regional Pageant competitions. She started her own non-profit organization, "Beyond My Past," whose mission is to help young people move on whether it be from struggling with a learning disability, self-esteem issues, or family instability. "Beyond My Past" provides care packages with clothes, basic necessities and other materials to encourage positive thoughts and feelings. "Beyond My Past" is a passion of Abigail's as she faces her own struggles as a teen. Her positive outlook allows Abigail to share her story and hopefully make an impact on others to have the courage to move forward and live a happier and healthier life.



DORSETT KELLY

Dorsett has been a Gloucester Township resident since 1991. She is a Human Resources professional and is also heavily involved in her church, St. Matthews, where she is a part of the Women's Ministry and teaches classes on etiquette. In 2018, Dorsett reached out to the Mayor and Council and wanted to know how she could get involved in her community. Since, she has been a part of the Zoning Board and also various committees. Dorsett continues to proactively serve the Gloucester Township community and help whoever she crosses paths with.

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HOP IN FOR

Easter Bunny

BRUNCH

AT THE RECREATION CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 10 AM - NOON

JOIN US

Join the GTPD on April 10th at 7:00 pm in the Gloucester Township Council Room for their Annual NNO Kickoff meeting. Have you been thinking about holding an event in your neighborhood? Would you like more details on what we do for National Night Out? Do you want to get your business involved in the community? All residents and business owners are invited. They will be discussing goals and plans for the 36th Annual National Night Out. Come out and get your neighborhood signed up!



Plant Sale



Good Quality! Affordable Prices!

Sale Begins Saturday, April 13th

THEN DAILY SALES DURING SCHOOL DAYS

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CAMDEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



PUBLIC WORKS HARD AT WORK PREPARING THE TOWNSHIP FOR SPRING

Public works has been out and about preparing the township for the warmer months ahead. As the baseball and softball seasons approach, they've installed two new scoreboards and have been prepping the fields for opening days.

One of these scoreboards is located at the girls' softball field, Glover Field, off of Evesham Road; with the other located at the June Drive Baseball Field--both up and running for the upcoming season.

They've also been working on building a new facility at the Gloucester Township Police Department's gun range, located at 800 Hickstown Road. The gun range is where police officers go to practice and pass mandatory qualification every six months. It also has an obstacle course designed for K9 training.

The Gloucester Township Police Department has been due for a new gun range facility for quite some time as their current trailers dating back to the 50s are deteriorating. The newly-constructed 80 x 50-foot pole barn will house offices, classrooms, and will be used to store equipment.

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!

FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CRAZY ABOUT BOOKS!

The Book Asylum, a family owned and operated bookstore in the downtown Blackwood section, has been providing Gloucester Township residents with books for the last eight years. The owners, Rosemary and Jeff, were avid readers that ran out of room to store all of their books so Jeff took his wife for a walk one day and showed her a little store front on the Black Horse Pike; and The Book Asylum was born!

The Book Asylum offers an eclectic selection of both new and used books. They even offer store credit if you bring in your own gently used books.

The bookstore doubles as a small cafe--a place to sit down, read your favorite book and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with complimentary wifi. They also host a Writer's Group hosted by a local author on the first Thursday of each month. "The people that you meet are the best part of my job," says Rosemary. "Finding people that read what you read; that is why I do what I do."

Next time you are in the area, be sure to drop in and check out The Book Asylum. You can also shop their online store at the link below.

[Click here](#)



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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