

GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

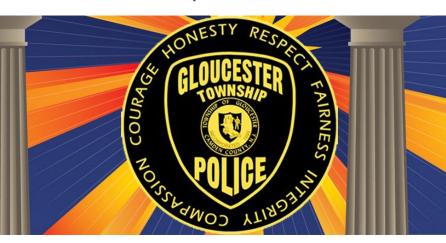
From the Police Department to Public Works to the Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!

April 11, 2019

## National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Honoring Our Past.
Creating Hope
for the Future.

**APRIL 7-13 2019** 

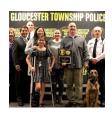




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#### GT 5k Run

Read the frequently asked questions about the Gloucester Township 5k, taking place this weekend!



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GTPD Celebrates Cpl. Gerace and K9 Officer Arrow's retirement.



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**Local Business** 

### Spotlight

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# GTPD CELEBRATES NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

The Gloucester Township Police Department received federal funding to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 7 - 13, 2019). GTPD's goal is to have more people learn about these free, valuable services for crime victims. These services serve as a connection to additional victim services available through our County Prosecutor's victim-witness office as well as the New Jersey Children Systems of Care.

The funding was used to create a Victim Services Video, host a Resource Fair, conduct a victim and Domestic Violence Response Team Roundtable, and to form high school student focus groups as part of a Community Awareness Project in Gloucester Township. The funding came from the U. S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute money from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 6,300 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines and other monetary penalties collected from offenders convicted of Federal crimes.



First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future."

Since 2004, OVC's NCVRW Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to more than 1,000 community projects that promote victim and public awareness activities, innovative approaches to victim/survivor outreach, and public education about victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The Gloucester Township Police Department Project was one of the 92 projects recommended by NAVAA and selected for funding by OVC for 2019 from the 200 applications that were submitted nationwide.

For additional information about 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or about victims' rights and services in Gloucester Township, please contact the Gloucester Township Police Community Relations Bureau at communityrelations@gtpolice.com or call police services during regular business hours at 856-228-4011. For information about national efforts to promote 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at www.ovc. gov/ncvrw.

Mayor David Mayer and Chief Earle discuss changes and improvements to Victims' Services in Gloucester Township.

# click here to watch now!

## **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP 5K! THIS WEEKEND!**



CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Frequently Asked Questions About The Race This Weekend:

Where is the race taking place?

Gloucester Township Municipal Complex (1261 Chews Landing Road)

What is the course?

5K Course starts approximately 200 yards from the Senior Center on Chews Landing Road and loops through Police patrolled streets ending in the Municipal Complex parking lot. The One Mile Walk is two loops around the Veteran's Park track, with two small loops within the two loops.

Is there race day registration?

Race day registration is available from 8:00 am to 8:50 am.

Will I receive a shirt?

All participants will receive a 23rd Annual Run GT shirt.

How is the race timed?

Linmark Sports is a ChronoTrack authorized timing company that has timed our race for the last 22 years.

How will I get my results?

Linmark will post results immediately as participants cross the finish line. Results will also be available online later that day.

What are the race categories?

Awards will be presented to First Male Overall, First Female Overall, First Gloucester Twp. Resident Finisher, First Parent & Child Duo Finishers, 1st Male Clydesdale 195+ lbs, 1st Female Athena 150+ lbs

Age Groups – Top 3 Males & Females - 12 & Under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Is the race children and stroller friendly?

Yes. Those pushing strollers are asked to start in the back.

Is race registration refundable?

Registration is non-refundable and non-transferable. This is a rain or shine event. Where do I get my bib and race shirt?

You can pick up your bib and race shirt on race day, starting at 8:00 am, inside the Senior Center located within the Gloucester Township Municipal Complex.

Is there food?

Of course. We have quite the post-race spread for our runners and walkers available inside the Senior Center.

Where are your restrooms?

We have indoor facilities! No need to worry about portable restrooms.

Where can I find out more information about the Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee?

Please visit www.GTDSC.org for more information about our mission and events.

# Congratulations Cpl. Gerace and K9 Officer Arrow



On Monday, April 8th, the Gloucester Township Police Department hosted Corporal Chris Gerace's final radio call and celebrated the retirement of him and his partner, K9 Officer Arrow. Cpl. Gerace began serving his community at a very young age. He volunteered with the Glendora Fire Company from ages 16-20 and then with Chews Landing Fire Company for almost 25 years. Cpl. Gerace began his career with the Gloucester Township Police Department in January 2003. In 2011, he became a Narcotics Specialty K9 Handler and was assigned K9 Arrow. Arrow was trained to detect the odor of six controlled substances and successfully completed 60 seizures of illegal drugs during his career, along with 100 apprehensions. Cpl. Gerace and K9 Arrow participated in twelve USPCA K9 competitions and trainings, placing Top 3 in five of them.

"We thank you for the 16 years of service to the residents of this community. Today is bittersweet for all of us, but if you look back on the years that you spent here, its not just about the number of years you gave, its the impact you made," said Mayor David Mayer.

We thank him for his service and wish Corporal Chris Gerace the best of luck in all of his future endeavors!





### **COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**

Community Shred Day was a huge success this past Saturday with a turn out of nearly 650 cars waiting to have their paper shredded and recycled. Huge thanks to everyone that came out and participated. Public Works will see you for the next Shred Day Event in the Fall!





# REGISTER FOR THE 2019 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP BUSINESS BREAKFAST!

**CLICK HERE** 



# 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!

#### **PLAN YOUR EVENT AT THE PALACE!**

Located in the Blackwood section of our township, The Palace has been serving the Gloucester Township area for over 10 years. The Palace is family owned and operated which gives you that "home" feeling experience.

At The Palace you will work with some of the area's top rated event planners. Their dedicated staff knows that you want your event to remain a perfect memory and that is why at The Palace they approach each with that in mind. Whether you are planning a Wedding, Anniversary or Birthday Party, they guarantee you and your guests Royal treatment. For more information, please click below.









Mayor Mayer & Council are excited to announce that the GT Bike Kiosk is now open for the season!



# 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,











