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# WORKS

*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!*



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID MAYER



Now that Winter is behind us, we are ready to welcome Spring and Summer and embrace all of the outdoor events and activities that come along with it!

Our next big event here in Gloucester Township is the Arts Market that will take place on Sunday, May 19th. Come out to the Gloucester Township Library parking lot where there will be 30+ local artists selling their art and creative works as well as food trucks and entertainment for the entire family! View the promotional video [here](#).



The community pool will officially open for the season on Memorial Day Weekend. This season, residents will be able to lounge in the shade under brand new canopies being installed at the pool. We hope that you take advantage of this beautiful facility that our township has to offer. Pool registration began May 1st at the Recreation Center. Hurry up and register before memberships fill!

This year, we have 9 six-week summer day camps to entertain the young ones. The Recreation Department will also be offering discounted amusement park tickets. Don't hesitate to contact them for more information.

The township is preparing for the 35th Anniversary of Gloucester Township Day--one of our biggest events of the year! Join us on Saturday, June 1st at Veterans Park as we recognize our 45 scholarship recipients and enjoy a day filled with rides, games, music, food and much more. The evening will come to a close with our traditional display of fireworks.

The Annual Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday, June 8th. Come out to Veterans Park to pay tribute to survivors as well as remember those who lost their battle to cancer.

Support our Police Officers on National Night Out which will take place Tuesday, August 6th this year. Gloucester Township ranked first in the state of New Jersey and 7th Nationally in 2018. Help us improve their ranking and participate in this National Night Out Against Crime!

As always, we will be hosting our Summer Concerts and Movie Nights in Veterans Park. Be sure to check out all that's happening in our township this Summer and join in on the excitement!



### PAGE 2 GT Welcomes Flamez to Town!

Mayor Mayer cuts the ribbon for Flamez Wood Fired Pizza.



### PAGE 3 Michael Williams: Visionary Pastor

Helping out those in need is this Gloucester Township Pastor's vision.



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Enjoy pictures from Opening Day at the Gloucester Township Field of Dreams this past weekend.



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Learn more about the Local Business Spotlight of the week: Gotta Play Tennis Kids!





## GT WELCOMES FLAMEZ WOOD FIRED PIZZA TO TOWN

On Saturday, April 27th, Mayor Mayer, Council President Orlando Mercado, the Gloucester Township Police Department, and Blackwood Fire Company joined community members for the ribbon cutting of Flamez Wood Fired Pizza, located at 75 S Black Horse Pike. Possessing all of the ingredients of being a major hit, Gloucester Township would like to welcome this new business to town and wish them success for many years to come! Be sure to check them out next time you are the area.



## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day



The Gloucester Township Police Department participated in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event this past Saturday. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for residents to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Six million Americans misuse controlled prescription drugs per year. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The Gloucester Township Police Department would like to thank our community members for getting 188lbs of medicine out of their medicine cabinets and to the police department so that they can dispose of the medication properly.

They would like to remind residents that we collect medication 24 hours a day/7 days a week at the Medicine Drop Box located in the watch desk area at the police department and Mon-Thurs at the entrance to the municipal building, 1261 Chews Landing Rd. Gloucester Township, NJ 08021



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# Michael Williams: A Visionary Pastor of GT



Pastor Michael Williams gives Mayor Mayer a tour of the church grounds.

Three years ago, Pastor Michael Williams acquired a little church on Erial Road with the single most important objective of impacting the community in the meaningful way. And, he surely has been doing just that. A full-time nurse at Bayada Home Health Care, he dedicates all his free time to helping out wherever and whomever he can. His church became a local food bank with volunteers helping deliver food to seniors around the township. Pastor Michael works closely with Gloucester Township Police Department who call him when there's someone in need of food or assistance. He also partnered with residents of Shenandoah Village, a 55+ community of Gloucester Township, who came out to a clean-up this past Saturday in an effort to pay thanks to the pastor for everything he has been doing for them.

Pastor Michael's church, Shades of Worship International, houses a small but in no way ordinary cemetery adjacent to the main building dated back to 1904. It's a historic cemetery where great African American military men and other notable residents are buried. This church is an important piece of history in Gloucester Township; however, not much is known about these honorable residents. As such, it is the Pastor's objective to find any information related to these individuals in order to properly honor them for their contributions to our community.

We thank Pastor Michael for what he has done for our community.

## JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS REFLECT ON THEIR FIRST YEAR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

“When it comes to joining other junior firefighters as part of the *FirefightersofGloucester-Twp.org* campaign, Alex Sims Jr. and Austin Reynolds may be the best people to talk to in order to learn what the experience is like. The two teens have each served at their respective stations for about a year now and say it's been life-changing to say the least.

Their stories show that regardless of whether they're following in the family footsteps or striking out on their own, the best volunteers are the ones who come ready to work hard to safeguard their community every day.

Becoming a junior firefighter is a great way to volunteer in your neighborhood and there are plenty of opportunities to do so across Gloucester Township. If you're 16 years old or older, there are many reasons to volunteer. You will gain valuable experience around the fire station, the training and gear are free and serving your community can help you build an impressive college resume.

And it's not just junior firefighters who are needed. The Blenheim, Chews Landing, Erial and Glendora fire companies are also looking for volunteers over 18 years old, who are passionate about serving their community to serve as firefighters, volunteer associate members and ladies auxiliary members. So don't wait! Go to *FirefightersofGloucesterTwp.org* and volunteer today. Firefighting is our passion. Volunteering is our tradition. Make it yours.”



Read the full story at [firefightersofgloucestertwp.org](http://firefightersofgloucestertwp.org)



**Don't Miss Our Lady of Hope Parish Carnival!**

May 16-18

6:00 - 11:00 pm in the Parish Parking Lot

## A Hilarious Twist on “The Princess and the Pea” Comes to Mainstage Center for the Arts!

If you thought you knew the story of *The Princess and The Pea*, you may be in for a wallop surprise when Mainstage Center for the Arts Musical Theatre Company presents *Once Upon a Mattress*, May 10th and 11th, 7:00 pm, Dennis Flyer Theater, Camden County College. Ticket prices to *Once Upon a Mattress* are \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors/children 12 and under. Click below to get your tickets today!



# FIELD OF DREAMS OPENING DAY



We had a great time at the Field of Dreams Opening Day on Saturday, April 27th! For more pictures, visit the township's Flickr account: 



## COLONIAL RE-ENACTMENT AT GABREIL DAVEIS TAVERN

The Colonial Re-Enactment is a two-day event hosted at Gabreil Daveis Tavern each year. Residents came out and learned all about Colonial Life: including how to make hooks, shoot a rifle, and cook food over a campfire! This past weekend also marked the beginning of tours season at the historic 1756 museum house.

The Colonial Re-Enactment was organized by the Gloucester Township Historic & Scenic Preservation Committee. For more information about the Historic Committee, visit their Facebook Page or contact the Mayor's Office at (856) 374-3514.





# 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!*

## FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Research has shown tennis to be one of the healthiest physical activities available, and thanks to a partnership with the Gloucester Township Recreation Center, Ron and Trish Miller offer affordable (all equipment provided) and family-friendly programs in Gloucester Township Community Park. Gotta Play Tennis Kids delivers fun for those ages 5-10 and their families. Parents and even Grandparents share in the fun and family camaraderie as part of a supportive and no-pressure environment during their sessions. Feedback from the community has shown this style of athletics to be well received: "Coaches Ron and Trish were absolutely amazing! It was my daughters first time attending this camp. I was blown away by how they taught the children." And it's not just parents who are impressed. The United States Tennis Association presented Gotta Play Tennis with the 2014 Organization of the Year award for their efforts in the tennis community. Ron Miller, certified by the Professional Tennis Registry in Junior Development, believes that active involvement with loved-ones on the court is the key to success and lifelong enjoyment. Therefore, he and his wife Trish are committed to providing a great experience whether Spring, Summer or Fall. In addition, Ron makes private tennis lessons available for individualized tennis development and is even offering a new adult mini-tennis group program this Spring.

No matter what athletic activity ones' kids might currently enjoy, Gotta Play Tennis Kids can help nurture the agility, balance, and coordination skills that apply to any sport.



For more information:

[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](mailto: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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