

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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GLOUCESTER TWP EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON REDUCING RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

By **MIKE MONOSTRA** THE SICKLERVILLE SUN

"There's no doubt Americans are recycling more and more with each passing year. The latest data from the United States Environmental Protection Agency states more than 91.1 million tons of recycling was processed in 2015. This is a large jump from approximately 69.4 million tons in 2000 and a small increase from the 85.4 million tons in 2010.

While the rate of recycling has never been higher, officials in towns such as Gloucester Township are now challenged to get residents recycling correctly. In an article published on its website in 2018, Waste Management estimated roughly 25 percent of items placed in recycling containers are not actually recyclable. This problem, called recycling contamination, can increase the cost to process recyclables and also ruin the quality of recyclable materials in the same bin."



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Dave & Buster's Update

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Gloucester Twp Movie Night

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse will be shown this Friday, July 12th at Vets Park!



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Local Business Spotlight

Learn more about the Local Business Spotlight of the week: Hilltop Creamery.



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EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON REDUCING RECYCLING CONTAMINATION (CONTINUED)

“For Gloucester Township Municipal Recycling Coordinator Glenn Engelbert, educating residents on what can and can’t be recycled is one of the biggest challenges of his job. In 2011, Gloucester Township began single-stream recycling, and while Engelbert notes it increased recycling in the township about 40 percent, he said it also led to an increase in recycling contamination.

Engelbert said **plastic grocery bags** are easily the biggest problem Gloucester Township and many other local towns are having right now.

‘You can take them to Shop-Rite, but recycling facilities do not recycle plastic bags,’ Engelbert said. ‘It’s a major contamination problem, because now our loads are starting to be rejected at the recycling facility. There’s a limit of what they can take.’

‘If we could eliminate plastic bags, we would be good shape,’ Engelbert added. Engelbert acknowledges there are a number of residents who simply don’t know about the recycling rules. To combat this, Gloucester Township includes recycling rules inside all of its newsletters as well as online. Engelbert said the Gloucester Township MUA also does marketing campaigns to remind residents about the rules.

Bags are not the only plastic items residents cannot place in their recycling bins. Right now, Gloucester Township is only recycling plastic containers with the numbers one and two in the triangle.

Another issue is recyclable items used for food and drinks. While items such as glass bottles and metal beverage cans can be recycled, items with too much food contamination on them may be rejected at the recycling facility.

‘Pizza boxes, that’s the trickiest one,’ Engelbert said. ‘They are recyclable, but if they are contaminated with food waste, they aren’t worth anything to the recycling facility.’

Numerous other items cannot be placed in single-stream recycling bins. Among the prohibited items are construction debris, Styrofoam, pet waste, scrap metal and medical waste.

Some items, such as yard waste and electronics, are recycled separately from the single-stream bins. Yard waste, including leaves and grass clippings, must be placed in a separate container or lawn bag for pick-up on the regular recycling day. The township also has dedicated leaf pick-ups during the autumn and winter.

For electronics, Residents can call the department of public works at (856) 228-3144 to schedule a Wednesday curbside pick-up. Electronics can also be dropped off at the public works building at 1729 Erial Road in Blackwood on Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.”

To read the full article, visit thesunpapers.com



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NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE BIN

RECYCLE SMARTER



CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY AT THE DAVE & BUSTER'S!

Construction is underway at the brand new Dave & Buster's located adjacent to the Gloucester Premium Outlets. Ground was broken back in April and construction of a 40,000 square foot facility is moving along with a projected opening in April 2020.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT VETERANS PARK

Our Sounds of Summer Concert Series continued on Monday with performances by Mainstage Center for the Arts' Harmony & Encore show choirs as well as selections from their 2019 Summer Stage productions: High School Musical, Cinderella, and Frozen!



PHOTOS BY DAVE GRUEN



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MOVIE NIGHT

SPIDER-MAN

INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

JULY 12

Bring your blankets and chairs to Veterans Park for another movie night this Friday, July 12! Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse is sponsored by Republic Bank and Coppola's. This computer-animated film features the Marvel Comics character Miles Morales (Spider-Man) as he crosses paths with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat for all realities.

Food & games will be available at 7:30 pm. The movie will begin at dusk. We hope to see you there!

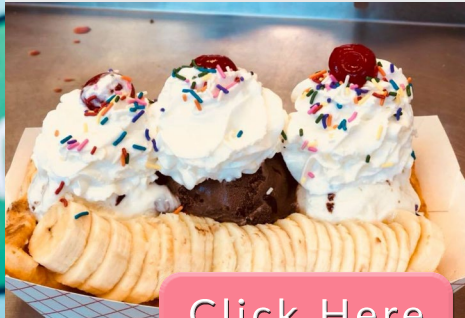
LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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!

WHERE EVERY DAY IS SUNDAE

Located in the Blackwood section of Gloucester Township is a favorite for those with a sweet tooth--Hilltop Creamery! Hilltop Creamery offers a wide variety of ice cream and water ice flavors in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. In addition to their menu which has expanded over the years, Hilltop Creamery offers a car show which they host every Wednesday evening. Stop by for a sweet treat and to look at all of the cool, old-fashioned cars!

Visit their Facebook page below to learn more!



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DIDN'T GET ENOUGH FIREWORKS ON THE 4TH?



Didn't get enough fireworks on the Fourth of July?! That's alright because the Gloucester Township Police Department has you covered. Join us on National Night Out, August 6th for FIREWORKS at Veterans Memorial Park at 9:30 PM. After Gloucester Township Police officers visit the various locations around town, they will head back to the park and enjoy an amazing fireworks show. We hope to see you there!

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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