

# WORKS

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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!*



## GTPD ANNOUNCES DISPATCH CENTER UPGRADES

The Gloucester Township Police Department (GTPD) always strives to be at the forefront in their policing practices that focus on effectively fighting crime, partnering with the community, and utilizing the most modern and efficient technology. On Monday, August 26th, GTPD Chief Harry Earle and Mayor David Mayer announced vital upgrades in Dispatch Center equipment.

"Today we are here to speak about yet another improvement in police practice and technology that will enable us to further improve safety for the community and officers, expand our ability to catch criminals, and continue our personal service to our residents. These goals will be consistently achieved and surpassed due to the investments and upgrades in our Community Policing Dispatch Center," announced Chief Earle.



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#### Shred Day - October 12th

Mark your calendars for Public Works next Shred Day on Saturday, 10/12.



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#### Congrats Detective Tony Massi

Congratulations to Detective Massi on his retirement from the GTPD.



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#### GTPD Receives Animal Angel Award

Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center recognizes the GTPD.



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# GTPD Announces Dispatch Center Upgrades (continued)

*This project was done in three phases:*

## **Phase #1 – Community Policing Dispatch Center Renovation**

The existing 911 Dispatch Consoles were replaced with Xybix ergonomic dispatch kiosks that have the ability to raise and lower in order for dispatchers to perform their duties from both standing and sitting positions. This is very important for dispatchers who often work 12 or more hours at a time.

## **Phase #2 – Technology Upgrade NextGen 911**

The existing 911 System was upgraded to the Next Gen 911 Platform which will enable the 911 system to receive text messages, pinpoint the caller's location on a map, and most importantly assist those with disabilities in successfully connecting to 911.

The former system operated on an analog technology whereas this new upgraded system operates on a voice over IP technology. This upgrade was completed by KML Technology in West Deptford. The new 911 System is now fully compliant with the New Jersey NextGen Plan which is not in-service at this time in New Jersey; however, once New Jersey begins the transition to NextGen 911, the GTPD will be ready to provide this emergency service to the residents of Gloucester Township immediately.

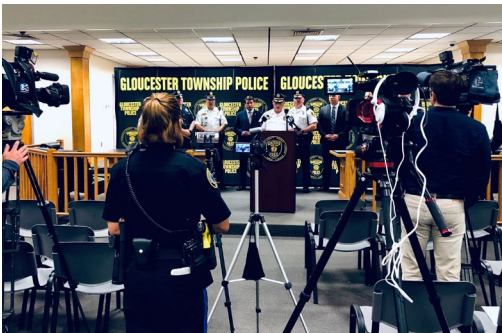
## **Phase #3 - 911 Eye**

It is well understood that many people carry their cell phones with them at all times, and it is important that the GTPD provides the ability to our community members to utilize their cell phones at their maximum potential to keep them and their neighborhoods safe.

Last Thursday, the Gloucester Township Police Community Policing Dispatch Center launched 911Eye, a software that enables its telecommunicators to send a one-time link to the 911 caller that enables the caller stream live video footage as well as their GPS location back to the dispatch center. This system functions on any smart phone and there are no "app" that needs to be installed by the caller.

"The range of incidents where 911Eye may be of assistance is broad and will likely include suspicious person or vehicle calls, active fires, motor vehicle crashes, lost or found children, reuniting pets with their owners, or any other incident where situational awareness can be improved by the use of the 911Eye. We have always said that our residents and Neighborhood Watch Members are the "Eyes and Ears" of the department and with the help of 911Eye we are bringing the 'Eyes' to an entirely new level of sophistication that will help everyone," said GTPD Chief Earle.

"There is no better use of technology then when you use it to save lives and improve Public Safety. Technological advancements are vital in enhancing operational efficiency, and we make sure that our police department deploys the best equipment and practices available," said Mayor Mayer.



## **DON'T MISS SHRED DAY ON OCTOBER 12TH!**

**COMMUNITY**  **SHRED DAY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**8:00 AM – NOON**

**PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING  
1729 ERIAL ROAD**



During the Public Works Department's last Community Shred Day on April 6th, 18,400 lbs (9.2 tons) of paper was shredded and recycled from nearly 650 households that participated in the event.

Join Public Works on Saturday, October 12th between 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM for their next Shred Day event. Bring your information-sensitive documents to the Public Works Building to be shredded securely and then recycled. Please note that you must be a Gloucester Township resident.



# Congratulations to Detective Tony Massi on his Retirement!



On Thursday, August 29th, Gloucester Township Police, Mayor David Mayer, municipal employees, family and friends celebrated Detective Tony Massi's accomplishments over the last 27 years of his career.

Detective Massi was hired by Gloucester Township Police in January 1993. He first started out as a Shift Investigator, then a Field Training Officer. In February 2000, he began assignment as a Detective. He was assigned to the Internal Affairs unit in August 2014 where he managed a large case load in addition to doing all background checks on new officers and other Township employees. Amongst his many accomplishments

throughout the years, Detective Massi was named Police Officer of the Year in 2011.

"I know this is a day you look forward to, but it is bittersweet to leave a career that you love and enjoy. I would like to thank Chief Harry Earle, Deputy Chief Dave Harkins, and the rest of the officers, both retired and active, that I spent the last 27 years with," said Detective Massi.

Mayor David Mayer & Council would like to thank Detective Tony Massi for the service that he has provided for Gloucester Township residents and wishes him the very best!

## GTPD END OF SUMMER BBQ

Join the GTPD at the Family Resource Center for their End of Summer Barbecue to celebrate National Eat Outside Day and recognize Overdose Awareness Day.

Don't forget to wear purple to remember those lost and those still fighting addiction.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the 28th Annual Blackwood Pumpkin Festival sponsored by Mainstage Center for the Arts, Beneficial Bank, and others. This year's event takes place Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 11 AM - 4 PM in and around The Studio at Mainstage, 27 South Black Horse Pike. The festival draws 10,000 people each year to enjoy food, games, music, shopping among 200 vendors, and four stages of entertainment. You don't want to miss it!

**Elmwood Hills**  
HEALTHCARE CENTER

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
COME ONE...COME ALL!

ELMWOOD HILLS HEALTHCARE CENTER  
425 WOODBURY TURNERSVILLE ROAD  
BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY

**FACE PAINTING**

HOT DOGS COLD DRINKS

**FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

**CARNIVAL GAMES**  
BOUNCY CASTLE

**PONY TOWN PETTING ZOO**

PONIES | GOATS | RABBITS  
LLAMAS | DONKEYS | DUCKS

**PONY RIDES**

**FREE**

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15TH  
12:00-3:00 P.M.

RAIN DATE: SUN, SEPT. 22

**28th Annual**

**BLACKWOOD PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

**MAINSTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**SUNDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2019**  
**11 A.M. - 4 P.M.**  
**RAINDATE: OCT. 13**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GTPD FOR RECEIVING THE ANIMAL ANGEL AWARD



*Congratulations to Gloucester Township Police Department for receiving the Animal Angel Award from The Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center! The Animal Angel Award is meant to highlight persons, businesses or organizations that have a proven track record of partnering with Homeward Bound to ensure Camden County's animals are cared for, protected and loved.*

*Since this partnership in October 2018, over 112 pets have been found, photographed and posted on social media. Of these 112 pets, 88 have been reunited with their families, or adopted into a new loving family. That means 75% of pets recovered have made it to a LOVING HOME!*

*The Gloucester Township Police Department is proud to serve our community, and will continue to cultivate partnerships that will benefit our residents!*



Labor Day is a well-deserved day for those who work so hard. No matter what kind of work you do, Mayor David Mayer and Council would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend!

## 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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