June 2020 marks the 325th anniversary since Gloucester Township’s incorporation in 1695. To kick off the 325th anniversary festivities, we will be hosting an anniversary parade on Saturday, May 2nd (Rain Date: May 9th) as a way to commemorate our town’s rich history and we’d like you to join us! The parade will start at the intersection of Davistown Road and the Black Horse Pike and travel North to Church Street. Local groups, organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate in the parade and enter their own unique floats. Those interested in participating should download the application provided at the link below.

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20th Annual Business Breakfast
Register today for Gloucester Township’s Business Breakfast on April 9th!

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Tax Season: Avoid The Scams!
Read GTPD’s helpful tips for avoiding scammers this tax season.

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Throwback Thursday: where we share old photos of our beautiful town!
On Saturday, February 1st, Mayor David Mayer attended Blackwood Fire Company’s Annual Installation banquet. Congratulations to those who were installed on this evening. We thank you for your dedication and service to the Gloucester Township community!
IT’S TAX TIME - AVOID THE SCAMS!
A MESSAGE FROM THE GTPD:

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll and tax professionals. Please be informed that the IRS does NOT initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

The IRS does not:

• Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.

• Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe. You should also be advised of your rights as a taxpayer.

• Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law-enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. The IRS also cannot revoke your driver’s license, business licenses, or immigration status. Threats like these are common tactics scam artists use to trick victims into buying into their schemes.

Here is what the IRS will do:

If an IRS representative visits you, he or she will always provide two forms of official credentials called a pocket commission and a HSPD-12 card. HSPD-12 is a government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification for federal employees and contractors. You have the right to see these credentials. And if you would like to verify information on the representative’s HSPD-12 card, the representative will provide you with a dedicated IRS telephone number for verifying the information and confirming their identity.

IRS collection employees may call or come to a home or business unannounced to collect a tax debt. They will NOT demand that you make an immediate payment to a source other than the U.S. Treasury. The IRS can assign certain cases to private debt collectors but only after giving the taxpayer and his or her representative, if one is appointed, written notice. Private collection agencies will NOT ask for payment on a prepaid debit card or gift card. Taxpayers can learn about the IRS payment options on IRS.gov/payments. Payment by check should be payable to the U.S. Treasury and sent directly to the IRS, not the private collection agency.

Know Who to Contact

Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report a phone scam. Use their “IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting” web page. You can also call 800-366-4484. Report phone scams to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the “FTC Complaint Assistant” on FTC.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes. Report an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, or an IRS-related component like the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

For more information on Tax Fraud: [Click Here!]
On Thursday, February 6th, Gloucester Township municipal employees and the Gloucester Township Police Department celebrated Go Red for Women Day. Employees wore jeans and red to work in exchange for a $5 donation. All proceeds went to the American Heart Association. For more information about Go Red for Women Day, please click below.

February is Children’s Dental Health Month. The Dental Department at Camden County College is participating in the 18th annual Give Kids a Smile Day on Friday, February 7th from 9AM - 1:15 PM in the Dental Hygiene Clinic in Halpern Hall. The program offers children aged 12 and under FREE dental care and introduces them to the importance of oral health. All visits are by appointment only. Call (856) 227-7200 Ext. 4631 today for more information and to schedule an appointment!
Pictured is the old Blackwood Train Station. The Blackwood Train Station was built in 1891 and sat on Church Street in Blackwood. It served as the last stop along the “Peanut Line” until the rail was extended to Grenloch. In 1975, train travel died down, and the station was sold by Reading Railroad.

In honor of the 325th Anniversary since Gloucester Township’s incorporation in 1695, we will be sharing old photos of our beautiful township. If you or your family have a history in Gloucester Township and have any old photos that you would like to share, send them to mayor@glotwp.com.

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

See more photos at www.glotwp325.com