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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!



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Meet the award recipients from this year's Black History Month Celebration.



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Field of Dreams

Registration for the Field of Dreams is now open! Visit GloTwp.com for more information.



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#TBT

Throwback Thursday: where we share old photos of our beautiful town!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 BLACK HISTORY MONTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

Gloucester Township would like to extend their sincere congratulations to the 2020 Black History Month award recipients that were honored at Monday night's council meeting. Every February, Mayor David Mayer and Council celebrate Black History Month by honoring outstanding African American members of our community. This year awards were presented to ten individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that have impacted favorably on our citizens.

Learn more about the 2020 honorees below.



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Meet the 2020 Black History Month Honorees

OLUWAKEMI AKANDE

Kemi, as she is known by her friends, is a junior at Timber Creek High School. She takes all advanced placement and honors classes and currently carries a 4.212 GPA, which puts her in the top 15% of her class. Kemi is a member of Timber Creek's Inaugural Volleyball team and is a Discus Thrower for the Track Team. She is able to balance all of her sports and also be a member of the Leo Club, World Language Club, and Student Council. She

also loves to dance and sing at her church, and when she has the opportunity she even preaches as well. "Kemi is very popular with other students in the school and admired by faculty, staff and administration," her Vice Principal, Mr. Saunders, said.

CAROLYN GRACE

In 2016, Carolyn helped form the Brittany Woods Community Action Group (BWCAG). As the CEO/Founder of BWCAG, several community projects were completed in just three short years: Adopt-A-Mailbox, The Road Paving Project, and the Children Park Project. In addition, Ms. Grace is a lead-person for many community events including the Brittany Woods Community Clean-Up, National Night Out and Fall Leaf Removal.

In three years of her community activism, crime is significantly down, abandoned and boarded-up homes decreased from 35 to 4, property values have increased, and most importantly a sense of pride is being restored to Brittany Woods.

DELORES JOHNSON

Delores has been a valued educator at Blackwood Elementary School for nearly twenty years. She has taken many roles at the school including teaching 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, piloting the First Step Program, and even assuming the duties of Vice Principal from April-June 2019. She is a critical member of the school's Intervention Team and presides on the Math and Literacy Night Committee and the Cares Committee. She is also an integral

part of the Read Across America celebration each year. "She is always willing to pitch in for the good of the community regardless of the mission and this is seen even outside the walls of Blackwood Elementary," her coworkers said.

EUGENE COOK

Eugene is a senior at Triton High School that has consistently worked hard throughout his high school career, choosing challenging coursework. In addition to his strong academic record, Eugene has dedicated many hours to Basketball both at Triton and in his community. Eugene takes any opportunity that he gets to help another person in need. "I feel that Eugene possess many qualities

that are deserving of recognition. He will be continuing with his commitment to service by enlisting in the U.S. Navy after graduation," his school counselor, Mrs. Kohout, said.

NYASIA HILL

Nyasia is a senior at Timber Creek High School where she is a model student maintaining a grade point average of 3.75. She is fully immersed in the Timber Creek community as a member of Interact, where she takes part in Gloucester Township's annual Trunk-or-Treat event, Blackwood Christmas Parade, and the annual Rotary Fun Day. She is a member of National Honor Society and the Timber Creek Dance company. "It is without reservation

I recommend Nyasia as an outstanding community member and model student at Timber Creek High School," her Vice Principal, Mr. Milavsky said.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Shirley first joined her Neighborhood Watch in 1997. Since then, she has been doing whatever she can to connect with her neighbors and the children in her community. She helped form the Brittany Woods Community Action Group (BWCAG) in 2016 and continues to work diligently within the community by scheduling events like National Night Out and the Brittany Woods Community

Clean-Up. Shirley believes that if you want to see change, then you must go out and make those changes happen.





CHANDLER NANDKUMAR

Chandler was nominated by her high school, Timber Creek, for being an exemplary student and outstanding member of the Gloucester Township community. She leaves a positive impact on both her school and her local community. Chandler is a sophomore student with a 4.4 GPA. She is a member of student council and also volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House. "It is my distinct honor

and privilege to nominate Chandler. I am especially impressed with her positive demeanor and her willingness to serve others," her Vice Principal, Mr. DiMauro said.



TROY SMITH

Troy is a senior at Highland High School that epitomizes what every student should aspire to be. He is committed to his academics, involved in multiple activities, and shows leadership qualities. In addition to ranking in the top third in the Class of 2020, he is a top performer in the fall drama and spring musical, a member of Highland's concert choir and prestigious A Capella group, part of the Men's Leadership Team, and plays lacrosse. Troy

was also a part of his school's Peer to Peer class in which senior students take Physical Education with students with disabilities, serving as a mentor throughout the year. Troy has also served as camp counselor at the GT Recreation Center.



NARDIRA VENABLE

Nardira is a student at Triton High School that is involved in a multitude of diverse activities. She is a member of Pep Band, Color Guard, Stage Crew, Tri-High News, and Key Club. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society and recognized in Triton's Senior Showcase. Her leadership abilities are valued in her role as National Honor Society Vice President and Co-Captain of the Color Guard. On top of all of her excellent grades in

honors classes, multiple school activities, and leadership roles, Nardira also manages to hold a part-time job at Chick-Fil-A. "Nardira is well-rounded, respectful, tenacious, and friendly to everyone," her principal, Ms. Bonmati, said.



MAKAI WARNER

Makai is a student at Glen Landing Middle School that excels in community, school, as well as his personal pursuits. Recently, Makai has been accepted into CCTS medial arts program where he wishes to help as many people as he can. Makai has achieved Principal's List and Honor Roll throughout all three years of middle school. He has also volunteered on Gloucester Township's MLK Day, at the Unforgotten Haven, food kitchens, and at local summer camps. In addition to all

of this, he is the Vice President of Glen Landing's Student Government. He has also been involved in Concert Choir, Select Choir, Honors Choir, School Climate Student Ambassador, Drama, and Student of the Month.



The Field of Dream's Season will begin in April 2020. All games are held at the Gloucester Township Field of Dreams located at the Valleybrook Sports Complex, 247 Little Gloucester Road. Registration forms are now available at GloTwp.com and at the Recreation Center. For more information contact Bill Fagan at 856-435-5734 or Bfagan@glotwp.com.

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Cut it and Leave it

Have a green healthy lawn and save time and money!



What to do

Grass clippings contribute a large amount of waste to New Jersey's municipal solid waste stream. After Mowing your lawn simply let the grass clippings fall down into the soil which will quickly decompose to fertilize your soil. By doing so the grass clippings will not only benefit your lawn by adding nutrients to the soil, but also reduce municipal waste.

To properly maintain your lawn keep it at a length of 2.5-3.5" high in order to keep the soil shaded from the sun and keep the roots cool. You save the time it takes to bag up the grass clippings and you also save money in lawn supplies and fertilizers.

Grass Clippings do not contribute to thatch!

Thatch is an accumulation of dead roots, stems, and rhizomes that slowly decompose. Grass clippings are made of 95% water, which decompose very rapidly and will not harm your lawn. Thatch is a result of an over-fertilized lawn.



SAVE THE DATE!

Township of Gloucester - Glendora, NJ



COLONIAL RE-ENACTMENT at Gabreil Daveis Tavern - Spring Open House and Revolutionary Weekend

~~Come Experience Colonial Life!!~~

April 18 & 19, 2020

Saturday: 9-5

Sunday: 9-3

Rain or Shine!

- Tavern Tours
- Period Reenactors
- Blacksmithing

- Colonial Crafters
- Try your hand at
Primitive Archery!!
- Shoot a Flintlock Rifle!
- Historical Spinning Wheel

- Campfire Cooking
- Come Throw Tomahawks!
- Artillery Demo throughout the day
- Children's Musket Drills AND games!

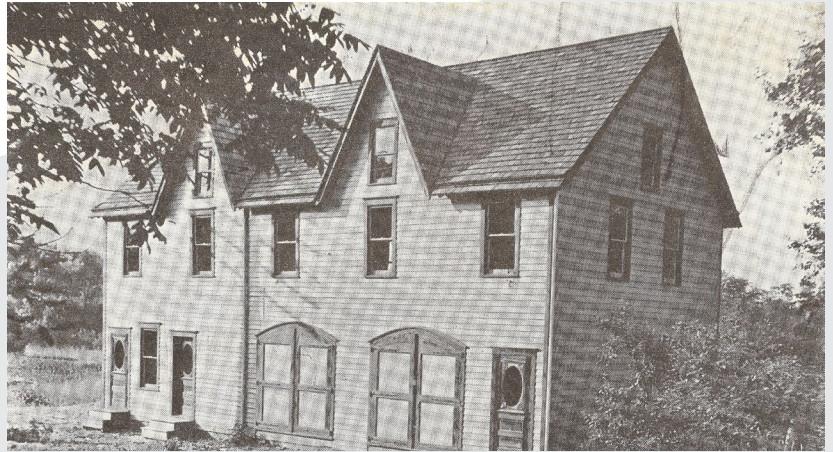
Join the fun!
Admission is
FREE!

More Info: www.facebook.com/glotwphistory
Tel. 856.228.4000 X3249

Location: 4th Ave and Floodgate Rd, Glendora, NJ (Look for signs)



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 mayer@glotwp.com.



Pictured above is the original Chews Landing Volunteer Fire Company which was constructed in 1910. The company utilized the first floor to house its equipment while the second and third floors were devoted to the township for executive meetings and entertainment. This was the second of two fire companies that existed in Gloucester Township by the end of the first decade of the 20th century.

See more photos at www.glotwp325.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,

Daniel R. Mayer



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