



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

Thank You to our First Responders!



March 26, 2020



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Read GTPD Chief David Harkin's message to the community.



PAGE 3 Student Meal Distribution

Parents can pick-up meals for students on free/reduced lunch Mon/Wed/Fri.



PAGE 4 Bulk Pick-Ups Suspended

Waste Management has suspended bulk pick-ups. Please contact Public Works.

Effective March 30, 2020, Gloucester Township Municipal offices will remain closed indefinitely until the health crisis is past us, in an effort to protect employees and the public and to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in the community. Should you need any assistance while the municipal offices are closed to the public, please reach out to the Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514 or mayor@glotwp.com. You may find a full list of municipal department contacts at: <https://glotwp.com/news/covid19/>

"As we go through these uncertain times together, I would like to take the time to thank all of our first responders who have been doing their best in protecting our community: our Gloucester Township Police Department, six fire companies, and AMR EMS services, and also the utility workers. They are putting their own health and safety on the line every day to keep our residents safe and taking extra precautions to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in Gloucester Township. We are one strong and resilient community standing firm and getting through all of this together.

I would also like to thank the first responders and healthcare workers across the country that are standing on the front lines to support our nation's response to COVID-19. We commend you for your bravery and dedication to your communities.

To all our residents: please follow the guidelines provided by professionals, stay safe, and stay healthy," said Mayor David R. Mayer.

For more information, updates, and event changes please visit:

<https://glotwp.com/news/covid19/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>



A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DAVID HARKINS:

"Spring has arrived! I am sure that no one expected to celebrate spring with a 'No Travel Order' but these are unprecedented times. That is what we are experiencing with this COVID-19 National Crisis. The men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department are adjusting our operations and continue to prepare for the public safety concerns of our community during this crisis. I am proud to say that our officers, dispatchers, and staff have stepped up to the challenge. We have taken on the challenge and are fiercely determined to come out on top by serving our community. The men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department would like to commend our colleagues in this battle: Health Care Workers, Emergency Medical Service Workers, Firefighters, OEM and Public Safety and Security Workers, Food service Workers, Truck Drivers, Government and Public Works Workers, School Teachers and Administrators, All those Essential to Keeping our Community Operating.



I want to assure our residents that the Gloucester Township Local Government is doing everything we can to deal with the COVID-19 crisis. The Gloucester Township Emergency Management Team led by Mayor David Mayer has been in coordinating with our National, State, County, and surrounding government partners. We want you to know that we are doing everything we can do to mitigate this crisis, and to maintain a state of operational readiness to be able to respond to any emergency.

Our officers are employing social distancing, are limiting contact with people whenever possible, and wearing additional Personal Protective Equipment, so as to limit our risk of exposure to COVID-19. We are still 100% capable of responding to and handling emergencies, so call us if you need us. We are asking our residents to be patient and help us by following the New Jersey Governor's Executive Orders.

I couldn't be prouder of the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department. We are a family that has been called to serve. We will continue to do that. We will be here when you need us. Thank you to all who have expressed support to us.

This will be over soon, and we will get through this TOGETHER."

David J. Harkins

Chief of Police

Gloucester Township Police Department

GLoucester Township Cancellations:

- Gloucester Township Municipal offices will remain closed indefinitely until the health crisis is past us, in an effort to protect employees and the public and to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in the community. Gloucester Township Public Schools and Black Horse Pike Regional School District will remain closed until further notice.
- Gloucester Township Recreation Department Preschool and Point Ariel Park will remain closed until further notice.
- *For a full list of updates and cancellations, please continue to monitor GloTwp.com.*

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STUDENT MEAL DISTRIBUTION DAYS CHANGED: YOU MAY NOW PICK-UP MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

The Gloucester Township Public Schools and Black Horse Pike Regional School Districts' Food Service Departments have developed a plan to feed our students who currently have either free or reduced price meal status. To distribute meals, the districts are using our three middle school locations: CW Lewis, Glen Landing, and Mullen.

In response to Governor Murphy's directive to stay at home, they have reduced the days for Breakfast & Lunch meal distribution. These changes were effective beginning Monday, March 23rd. Hours of operation are 9:00 AM until Noon. Our districts' outstanding Food Services staff will now be working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to prepare meals for Gloucester Township students.

Parents arriving at our schools will now receive two days of food for each visit. Please refrigerate half the distribution for the second day's consumption.

Until this crisis has ended, we remain committed to the students and families of Gloucester Township. For updates or more information, please visit: www.gloucestertownshipschools.org.

NJ COVID INFORMATION HUB

Last week, Governor Phil Murphy announced the launch of the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub, a new, visitor-friendly website available at <https://covid19.nj.gov>.

The New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub provides New Jerseyans with the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the State's response, including information about services such as food assistance and small business assistance.

"We want to make it easier for New Jersey residents to access the critical resources they need as the State responds to COVID-19," said Governor Phil Murphy. "This innovative new site, equipped with expert knowledge and vital information, is an essential resource for New Jerseyans during this time."



[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](https://covid19.nj.gov)

COVID-19 JOBS PORTAL: FIND OUT WHO IS HIRING NOW!

Did you lose your job or have your hours reduced as a result of COVID-19?

The State of New Jersey has developed a centralized resource to match talent with opportunities in industries on the front lines of serving New Jerseyans during the outbreak.

Businesses across New Jersey, like Amazon, Shop Rite, CVS, and UPS, need thousands of workers for immediate hire. Learn more about who is hiring in your community by visiting the COVID-19 Jobs Portal below.

[CURRENT JOB
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PLEASE BE ADVISED: TOWNSHIP PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED!



Please be advised that the playground equipment at all township parks is closed and that there's absolutely no group play on the Gloucester Township fields.

Residents are encouraged to stay home to protect themselves and others during these times.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation!

WASTE MANAGEMENT SUSPENDS BULK PICK-UP

Waste Management is suspending bulk pick-up nationally, affecting Gloucester Township as well. If you have bulk items that need to be picked up – please call Public Works at 856-228-3144 or email publicworks@glotwp.com

FUN ONLINE ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS

Check out these awesome online activities and share with your family and friends!

Google has teamed up with a large number of museums for online tours:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>

Google also has virtual tours of some of the country's National Parks:

<https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>

Virtual tour of museums and famous sporting venues:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/street-view>

Monterey Bay Aquarium has live web cameras!

Please note they are on 10am PST or 1pm EST.

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

Chamber Music

<https://www.chambermusicsociety.org/watch-and-listen/>

AARP has online games:

<https://games.aarp.org/category/all-games>

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,



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