Gloucester Township
COVID-19 Update

April 9, 2020

PAGE 2
Take FREE Virtual Dance Classes!
Local GT Dance Studio, Dance Class, is offering FREE online dance classes.

PAGE 3
Over 4,000 Meals Delivered to Seniors
Please call (856)-374-MEAL if you or a senior you know needs assistance.

PAGE 4
Businesses Support First Responders
Huge thanks to the local businesses donating food & supplies to our first responders.

PAGE 5
Happy Easter!
Mayor David R. Mayer and Council wish you a happy and healthy Easter holiday!

“First I would like to thank the residents of Gloucester Township for their patience and their fortitude during this current health crisis,” said Mayor David Mayer. “I would also like to provide you with a current update. As you know, the municipal hall is still closed to the public, however, I want you to know that you can either email us (mayor@glotwp.com) or call us (856-374-3514) because we are working remotely and we will answer your questions and concerns. I would also like to make sure that you are aware that our police department, dispatch, public works, fire departments and EMS are fully operational. I want to assure you that here in Gloucester Township, we are doing everything that we can to keep our citizens and our employees safe and healthy.”

To see Mayor Mayer’s full message, please click here.

Gloucester Township would also like to inform our residents that consistent with Governor Murphy’s Executive Order and in the interest of public health during the current national emergency, Gloucester Township parks are closed to the public until further notice, effective April 8th. We ask that you please stay safe and protect yourself and your family. Continue to follow recommendations from the CDC and monitor GloTwp.com for updates and event changes. We also have a new page that lists all of the resources available to you should you need assistance during this time: click here.
Gloucester Township, How Are You Spending Your Time at Home?

In an effort to spread some light and positivity during a dark time, we want to hear from our residents! Share with us what fun activities you and your family are taking part in while at home.

Whether it is reading a book, cooking, doing at-home exercises, or learning a new skill, we want to know how you are spending your time social-distancing.

For a chance to be featured on the township’s Facebook page, simply tag Gloucester Township (@gloucester township) on Facebook or send an email to rearisto@glotwp.com that includes a picture or video and a short description of how you are staying positive, staying active, and staying busy during this time.

While self-isolating and practicing social distancing, it is important to stay active and stay healthy! That is why Gloucester Township dance studio, Dance Class, would like to provide residents with the opportunity to take FREE online dance classes on Zoom!

See the schedule of classes (right) that ANYONE can enroll for. They are on the Zoom app and are password protected. If interested, please email DanceClassNJ@gmail.com for instructions on how you can take part, free of charge!

A Message From the Recreation Department’s Pre-K Program:

The Gloucester Township Recreation Department Preschools at Point Ariel Park and the Rec Center have been canceled for the rest of the year. Refunds will be mailed out to all of our Spring students.

Registration for our extended 2020-2021 preschool will be held at a date to be determined. 2019-2020 students and their siblings will get priority registration.

Contact Diane Jones at dianejones@glotwp.com with any questions. Please stay tuned and stay safe!

DON’T LET GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP BE UNDER-COUNTED!

Did you know the 2020 Census is easy to complete at home?

Respond via Phone | Online | Mail

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States as well as the five US territories. The census provides critical data that is used to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to schools, fire departments, roads, senior services, job training and many other resources based on census data. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community because the result of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and much more. For more information, please visit: 2020census.gov
Over 26,000 Meals Delivered to Camden County Seniors In Need

The Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services delivered more than 26,000 meals to seniors in need since the expanded meal delivery program began in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on March 18, 2020. As many as 4,000 meals have been delivered in a single day, and in total, more than 1,500 individual seniors have received nutritious meals as they navigate the unprecedented crisis represented by coronavirus. Roughly 2/3 of meal recipients since March 18th are seniors who previously were not part of the program. The Division of Senior and Disabled Services will continue to provide resources for our seniors, the most vulnerable population. If you or a senior you know needs meal assistance, please call (856)-374-MEAL or (856) 858-3220 to make arrangements. To read the full article, please visit CamdenCounty.com.

---

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear a Face Cover
Face coverings should:
- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine-dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Face Covers
CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies, especially in areas of significant community transmission.

CDC also advises the use of single cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face covering is a recommendation and not a surgical mask or N95 respirator. These are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?
Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely(stereilize/dean a cloth face cover?
A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.

How does one safely remove a used face cover?
Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.
FOX 29’s Bill Anderson has been highlighting what he calls “local heroes” amid the COVID-19 pandemic in his series, For Goodness Sake. This week he spoke with Gloucester Township Police Chief David Harkins and Sergeant Adam O’lano on how the pandemic has affected our Gloucester Township police officers.

Watch the full story at Fox29.com.

Huge Thanks to all of the Local Businesses That Are Supporting Our First Responders!

We appreciate every single one of the local businesses that have donated food and supplies to our first responders and police officers.
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,

Mayor David R. Mayer