

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!

WORKS

May 14, 2020



PAGE 2

Gloucester Township Day Postponed

Due to the current health emergency, GT Day has been postponed.



PAGE 3

Senior Graduations/Celebrations

A message from Dr. Repici regarding senior graduations and celebrations.



PAGE 4

Don't Fall Victim to These Scams

Check out the Senior Scam Safety Tips from the GTPD.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

(Source: <https://nleomf.org/programs-events/national-police-week>)

As we remember and honor our fallen officers, this year we must also account for the estimated 92 COVID-19 Line of Duty Law Enforcement Deaths, including 9 from New Jersey. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

Happy Police Appreciation Week to the men and women of our Gloucester Township Police Department and all of our law enforcement heroes across the country! We appreciate all that you do and the courage that you've shown during these tough times.



UPDATE ABOUT GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP DAY/5K RUN

Please note that as a result of the current health emergency, Gloucester Township Day which would have taken place on June 6th is **postponed until further notice**. This decision was made with the health and wellbeing of the Gloucester Township community in mind.

“As disappointing as it is, we’re going to have to postpone GT Day to possibly later in the summer due to social distancing requirements,” says Mayor Mayer.

Gloucester Township day is one of the township’s biggest events of the year attracting thousands of attendees which would violate social distancing laws and be overall unsafe for residents to attend.

The Gloucester Township Scholarship Committee’s annual 5K Run which was originally rescheduled for June 13th has officially been **canceled** this year. Gloucester Township will continue to work with the Office of Emergency Management Team, the Gloucester Township Police Department, AMR EMS, and the County Health Department to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of its residents.



GTPD HELD A CEREMONY TO HONOR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS



As a part of National Police Week celebration, on Wednesday, May 13, Gloucester Township Police Department held a ceremony dedicated to the law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony was held at the Gloucester Township Community Park and was attended by over 50 police officers, Chief Harkins and Mayor Mayer.

International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers Donates Masks to GTPD



Sincerest thank you to the local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for donating hundreds of masks to Gloucester Township on Monday, May 11th. It is greatly appreciated as protecting our Police Department and employees is so important.



A Message From Dr. Brian Repici, Superintendent of BHP Regional School District, Regarding Senior Graduations and Celebrations:

"We feel sorry for the seniors who will possibly miss out on the end of the high school career events due to the Pandemic that has engulfed the nation in uncertainty. Of course, just as so many who came before them, seniors and their parents, would want to experience the traditions that come towards the end of senior year. We all wish we had better news and a return to normalcy. The Governor has placed Executive Orders in place, which are enforced by the Attorneys General Office and local law enforcement that prohibit gatherings of 10 or more people at any one time in any one place, if it is not considered essential. Even though in the eyes of the senior students and their parents, these time-honored traditions are perceived as essential, under the regulations as set forth by the Governor and Department of Health, they are not categorized as essential.

Each High School in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District is making plans for graduating seniors. Each senior student was sent a memorandum outlining the senior events on May 1, 2020. It was crafted and written prior to Governor Murphy's expansion of the closure of schools, but the memorandum specified the following events would be held, remotely, if current limitations remain in force:

Curricular Honor Society Inductions; People's Choice Awards; Miss Mustang/ Miss TC; Decision Day; College Signing Day; Spring Concert and/or Dance Concert; Performing Arts Show/Pen to Mic/Spring Coffee House/Multi-Cultural Fair; Spring Musical cast highlights posted to our website; Art Show; Academic Awards; Athletic Awards; Cap and Gown Distribution; and Yearbook Distribution.

Graduation plans include a virtual graduation ceremony if limitations are not lifted, for June 16. We also plan an in-person graduation ceremony for July 23, if limitations are lifted.

In addition, I am working with parents on the Home & School Councils, Parent/Teacher Partnerships, and Gloucester Township, Runnemede, and Bellmawr Police Departments, along with assistance from local fire companies, to hold three parades through the towns in honor of our graduates. The District will purchase streamers and window markers for the students. We will publicize the parade routes as devised by our local police officers so that we can have a community turnout in support of our students. Those tentative dates are June 22nd for Highland; June 23rd for Timber Creek; and June 24th for Triton.

Again, we are working to produce opportunities to showcase students' talents and to celebrate their accomplishments before the dive into the world of work, college, an apprenticeship, or service to our country. We are proud of our students and I believe all of these events, which started this week, as planned by our School Administrators, will at least restore some glimmer of sunshine during this Pandemic.

The District is also purchasing personalized lawn signs for each graduate and we will make those available to each senior as soon as they are printed. So long as the student had their picture taken for the yearbook or ID, they will have their senior year photo on the lawn sign.

We recognize, and I hope the general public realizes, that plans may change as governmental direction becomes available or regulations soften. For now, we have to plan based on the information we have and within the limitations set forth by the government."

Dr. Brian Repici

Superintendent of Schools

Black Horse Pike Regional School District

TODAY IS CENSUS DAY OF ACTION!

**Shape
your future
START HERE >**

**United States®
Census
2020**

May 14th is Census Day of Action. Did you know that New Jersey's federal funding related to our COVID recovery depends on the completeness of our Census count? The good news is YOU can help with that! **First:** Fill out your Census. **Then:** Call those who count on you. See how they're doing & ask them to fill out their 2020 Census. You're the most trusted voice to ask them to fill it out. It's easy! Find everything you need at [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



Senior Scam Safety Tips

Remove your number and home address from directories.

- Remove your senior loved one's number from directories and add them to no call lists to ensure that no telemarketers call. If someone would call saying they were you, you would know it's likely a scam.

Do not give out personal information over the phone.

- Unless you have initiated the phone call do not give your Social Security number, card number, bank information, or Medicare information over the phone.



Be wary about money inquiries from strangers and family.

- Telemarketing scams targeted at seniors are becoming more creative. Many prey on seniors' kindness and willingness to give by impersonating family members or threatening jailing a family member.
- The Police Department will not call you for bail and request payment over the phone.
- If a family member needs bail paid you will have to come into the police department to pay it. We will NOT ask for a wire transfer or gift card.

If you are threatened in any way to send money it's a scam.

- If you are told to wire money or get gift cards immediately it's a scam.
- When in doubt and you believe a family member is in trouble hang up and call that family member. More than likely they will be okay and advise you they are okay and it's a scam.
- If the person on the phone or in the email is rude, has improper grammar or misspellings it could be fraud.



Don't Fall Victim to These Scams!

The pandemic can be stressful enough on everyone including seniors who are at high risk of not only the virus but another predator, SCAMMERS. Here are Senior Safety Tips that the Gloucester Township Police Department wants to share to help you notice the signs of scammers and not fall prey to their tricks.

BLOOD DRIVE

**May 15
2pm-5pm**



Senior Center
(next to Gloucester Township Municipal Building)
1261 Chews Landing Road

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,



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT

