

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!

Township Hosts Annual Memorial Day Services



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The FTC warns against new contact tracing scam going around via text message.

On Monday, May 25th, Gloucester Township held their annual Memorial Day Services to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and served in our armed forces so that we could live free; however, this year services had to be done just a little bit different. Mayor David Mayer and our Gloucester Township Police Department joined the American Legion and V.F.W. Posts at all nine of our memorials around town as residents were able to tune in live on Facebook in accordance with the Stay-at-Home order.

"Memorial Day is certainly a time of reflection, its a time of remembrance of those men and women who laid down their lives so that we can have the freedoms that we enjoy here in America. We will never forget their sacrifices. Despite the COVID-19 epidemic, we will continue to remember those brave men and women," said Mayor David Mayer.

During the services, Mayor Mayer and Chief David Harkins visited Veterans Park adjacent to the Municipal Hall, American Legion Post 281, Glendora V.F.W. Post 874, Glendora Veterans Memorial at Citizens Appreciation Park, Veterans Memorial in the Blackwood section of Gloucester Township, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 7927, Veterans Memorial at Gloucester Township Elementary, Veterans Memorial at Community Park, and Veterans Memorial at Erial Christian Church. See more photos below or visit the township's Flickr account, here.





Photos by Dave Gruen

Hours Expand at COVID Testing Site at CCC

Creating more flexibility in COVID-19 testing, *Jefferson Health New Jersey, the Camden County Freeholder Board, and the Camden County Health Department* have expanded the hours of operation to their drive-up Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing site on the Gloucester Township campus of Camden County College, beginning Tuesday, May 26th. This site is still prioritizing first responders, healthcare workers and other frontline, essential personnel who have been working throughout the pandemic.

"Almost 30% of our total confirmed positive caseload of COVID-19 patients are working on the front lines of this public health crisis," said Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. "The need for testing continues to be vital and we want to make sure everyone working in an essential capacity – from the EMT answering calls to the grocery store clerk stocking shelves – has the ability to come to the site. This initiative, combined with social distancing and other mitigation factors, will help us break the back of this virus."

The testing site has open operating since April 15, at Camden County College's campus, directly adjacent to Peter Cheeseman Road. The new hours of operation are below:

Tuesday and Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM • Thursday 1 PM - 7 PM • Friday 10 AM - 4 PM • Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

Prospective patients must have an appointment which can be made by calling (844) 542-2273; an appointment must be made even if a resident has already obtained a script.

The testing site is open to county residents, by appointment only, who have symptoms and meet other criteria, and who have received a referral for testing from a medical provider or primary care physician (at Jefferson, CAMcare Health Corporation or another provider). Other individuals receiving priority treatment are from Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order 104, that are employees from grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities, and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities, supply chain drivers, utility employees and civil servants.

GTPD Receives Grant to Assist In Emergency Responses During the Fight Against Coronavirus



The Gloucester Township Police Department was fortunate to apply for and receive a grant from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice "BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program," to assist in their emergency responses.

With these funds, a ClorDiSys Lantern UV Disinfection System was purchased to help our personnel during their fight against the Coronavirus. This industrial strength light contains ultraviolet C (UVC) bulbs that will easily and quickly kill mold spores, bacteria and viruses in the air and on surfaces in mere minutes with a chemical-free disinfection process. This new tool will protect personnel from contracting or spreading the Coronavirus that could drastically hinder police protection and responses. The Gloucester Township Police Department is using the lantern as another method to disinfect vehicles, equipment and offices within police headquarters in conjunction with the regular cleaning being done daily by our Public Works Department. This will not only increase the safety of our police officers and employees, but our valued community who our police department comes in contact with daily.

Food For Residents In Need In Gloucester Township this Friday

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is partnering with Touch New Jersey Food Alliance, to deliver and distribute more than 1,200 boxes of food for families in need on Friday, May 29.

Volunteers and staff will be loading boxes of food for those in need. Residents will be arriving both by walk-up and drive-up to receive food distribution. The county Health Department Mobile Unit will also be on site handing out masks, hand sanitizer and educational material.

Food distribution is open to anyone facing food insecurity. Recipients who walk up to the site will be limited to two boxes, while drive up recipients will be limited to four. Each box of food comes stocked with approximately 24 lbs. of supplies.

Food will be distributed as supplies last on a first come, first served basis.

In addition, the county Health Department will be on-site continuing its COVID-19 public education campaign handing out masks, hand sanitizer and material related to the pandemic.

Date: May 29, 2020 Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Camden County College – Parking Lot 6

200 College Drive

Gloucester Township, NJ 08012

Have You Responded to the 2020 Census? New Jersey is Counting on YOU!

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 the State of New Jersey because the result of the 2020 Census will affect New Jersey's federal funding related to our COVID recovery.

For more information, please visit: <u>2020census.gov</u> and <u>glotwp.com</u>

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MEALS FOR CAMDEN COUNTY SENIORS



Since the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services expanded its meal delivery program in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on March 18th, more than 100,000 meals have been delivered to Camden County seniors.

Huge thanks to the Department of Health, Parks, Buildings and Ops, and other county employees who have stepped up and made these deliveries every day!

The Division of Senior and Disabled Services is continuing to deliver meals to new program participants. If you or a senior you know needs meal assistance, please call (856) 374-MEAL or (856) 858-3220 to make arrangements.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Text Message Scam



The Federal Trade Commission has issued a warning regarding a text messaging scam involving supposed COVID-19 contact tracing, and Camden County residents are urged to exercise caution and not to clink any links sent to them in a text message about contact tracing.

Scammers posing as government contact tracers have sent text messages to potential victims asking them to click a link sent in the text. Clicking on the link downloads software onto a victim's phone that allows scammers access to personal and/or financial information.

Contract tracing — in which people who have been in contact with someone carrying the virus are warned and advised to quarantine — is an import tool in the effort by county and state health departments to assess and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In legitimate circumstances, a person will get a text message from a state or county health department stating that a call will be coming from a specific number. The contact tracer will not ask for money or any personal information such as a Social Security or credit card number. "In the midst of a public health crisis, it is unfortunate that we have to warn residents about something like this," says Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli Jr. "But because real contact tracing is so important to efforts to reduce the spread of this deadly virus, we want Camden County residents to be aware of how contact tracing really works and to not fall victim to scammers."

ATTENTION, SENIORS!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

May 27, 2020

To: Parents, Students and Community

From: Dr. Brian Repici

Re: Outdoor Graduations

On May 1, 2020, the Principals communicated to all seniors that we determined a July 23, 2020 outdoor graduation would be possible if permitted by the New Jersey governmental agencies or Governor Murphy. Yesterday, May 26, 2020, Governor Murphy stated, "Beginning July 6th, schools will have the opportunity to hold outdoor graduation ceremonies that comply with social distancing – ensuring the health and safety of all in attendance."

As of now, we do not have any detailed guidance or definitions as to Governor Murphy's statement, so it is difficult to plan our July 23, 2020 ceremony. We DO plan to have a ceremony on July 23, 2020, but ask for your patience as we await details from the Department of Education, Department of Health, and/or the Governor's Office.

Thank you.

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Dr. Brian Repici Superintendent of Schools Black Horse Pike Regional School District A New Jersey Department of Education Lighthouse District

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,







