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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!



Class
of
2020



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HATS OFF TO GRADUATES!

On June 22, 23, and 24, our three High Schools had their graduating parades in Gloucester Township, Bellmawr, and Runnemede.

Hundreds of cars, families and spectators cheered on our graduates as they moved along their routes.

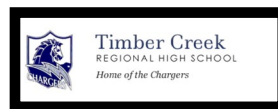
Thank you to all of the parents, town mayors, fire departments, police departments, Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education, and volunteers who celebrated this great milestone in the lives of our seniors and made this graduation so special for the Class of 2020!

Mayor Mayer's Graduation Message to the Class of 2020

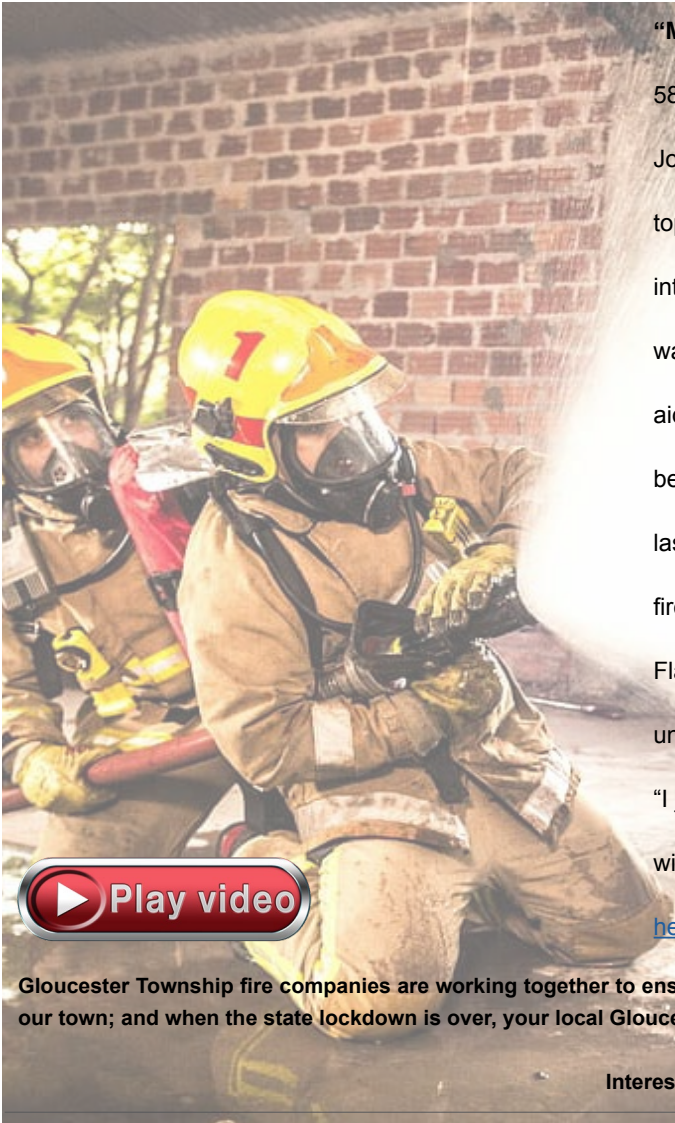
"You might be graduating in a tough and what seems to be uncertain time for our country right now; and your graduation might look different to you, but I want you to remember that your achievement is still the same.

I'm sure it's been challenging at times, but you all put tremendous work into your well-deserved success. I believe your future is very bright; and I know that many wonderful career paths lie ahead for all of you. Gloucester Township is happy to share in the excitement of your graduation and wishes you a life full of many achievements, successes, and proud moments just like this! Congratulations and best wishes for your next adventure!"

Click below to see the pictures from the three parades.



Like Father, Like Son.



"My son is alive today because I was a volunteer firefighter," said Gary D. Smith, 58, the former chief with the Blenheim Fire Company.

Jonathan W. Smith, 29, was in diapers when his dad was putting together a glass topped table. Unbeknownst to his dad, the younger Smith put one of the pieces into his mouth - a rubber grommet. He started to choke and began turning blue. "If I wasn't a firefighter, my son would have died that day," said Gary Smith. But his first aid training kicked in. "I picked him up, turned him over and gave him three whacks between the shoulder blades and it came flying out, along with the (contents of the) last bottle he got. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that being a volunteer firefighter would have such an impact on my life," said Smith.

Flash forward to today and Jonathan Smith is also serving with the Blenheim Volunteer Fire Company, although his dad has now retired after 32 years of service.

"I joined because my dad was in there," said Jonathan Smith. "I got to spend time with my father." At the firehouse "it's like family," he added. ([read the full article here](#))



Gloucester Township fire companies are working together to ensure the long tradition of volunteer fire service continues into the next generation in our town; and when the state lockdown is over, your local Gloucester Township fire company will need YOU to volunteer!

Interested community members are encouraged to visit FirefightersofGloucesterTwp.org.



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor Mayer and Council are excited to announce that Gloucester Township will be holding a July 4th House Decorating Contest, open to all Gloucester Township residents!

Participants are asked to decorate their homes based on a 4th of July or America theme.

Pictures can be emailed to mayor@glotwp.com and submitted no later than Friday, July 3.

Residents are encouraged to take a brief survey to vote on the best decorated house.

The survey will be available on the website as well as social media platforms till EOD Tuesday, July 7th. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, July 8th, and presented with gift cards to local businesses.

If you have any questions, please contact Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514 or mayor@glotwp.com



Gloucester Township Police Traffic Safety Advisory: Intoxicated Driver Arrests Increase & GTPD's DWI Zero Tolerance Policy

As our State begins to re-open, Gloucester Township Police and area police departments have noticed that traffic has been increasing. This has led to increased crash investigations, speeding, and careless driving complaints. Unfortunately, we have also seen an increase in intoxicated drivers.

Intoxicated drivers not only endanger themselves but the lives of every other motorist they may encounter on the road. Over the past week, Gloucester Township Police have arrested five intoxicated drivers. Out of those five drivers, two of them were involved in motor vehicle crashes and two other drivers were intoxicated by over three times the legal limit.

Gloucester Township Police has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy when it comes to driving while intoxicated; so we please ask you to use caution if you decide to drink. Identify a designated driver or use a rideshare app to get you safely home.

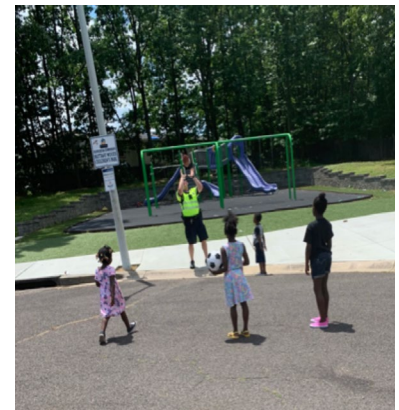
We care about you and your safety, and we are always here to protect you, so please play it safe and don't drink while intoxicated!



The GTPD Community Outreach Team is back!

The Gloucester Township Police Department understands the importance of building and maintaining effective community partnerships. The Gloucester Township Community Relations Bureau (CRB) is made up of officers that often work behind the scenes to increase the quality of life for residents and businesses in Gloucester Township while highlighting community engagement as a way to increase connectivity between police and community. It is only through collaboration and mutual respect among our employees, residents, businesses and visitors that we can maintain and improve the quality of life that makes Gloucester Township a great place to live, work and play.

GTPD Community Outreach Team started off their first day hanging out with children in the Brittany Woods Development and will be popping up in other developments throughout the summer. Be on the lookout for our COT officers coming to a neighborhood near you! Please remember to utilize social distancing when coming out to join them!



WELCOME BACK! GT Playgrounds Reopen

Children across New Jersey will get to swing and hang from monkey bars in time for the Fourth of July weekend as more restrictions to stop the spread of the coronavirus continue to be lifted.

Gov. Phil Murphy announced Tuesday playgrounds will reopen beginning July 2.

Department of Public Works will be routinely sanitizing equipment and wiping down high-touch surfaces.

Gloucester Township is asking anyone who feels sick to stay home and for everyone to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue practicing social distancing.

For more guidelines, please [click here](#).



July 7 Primary Election Information

Voting is a fundamental process in a democratic system. It is a chance for the citizens of a country to have a say in the people who represent them or an issue that impacts them. Informed voting and participating in elections are responsibilities of citizens of the United States.

Below please find the list of the polling locations in Gloucester Township. All the locations will be open from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Please call Gloucester Township Clerk's Office with any questions at 856-374-3534

Municipality/District	Polling Place Name	Address
Gloucester Twp.	Clerk Nancy Power (856)374-3534	
1	Glendora Fire Company	29 7th Avenue, 08029
2,22	Chews United Methodist Church	319 Black Horse Pike, 08012
3,15,24,37,40	Gloucester Township Senior Center	1261 Chews Landing Road
4	Blenheim Fire Company	34 Almonesson Road
5	The Palace	109 N. Black Horse Pike
6,10	Camden County Emergency Training Center	420 N. Woodbury Turnersville Rd
7	Gloucester Township Library	15 S. Black Horse Pike
8,32,39	Erial Fire Company	1946 Williamstown Road, 08081
9,12,13,25	Municipal Building	1261 Chews Landing Road
11,16,21,26	Chews Landing Fire Company	43 Somerdale Road
14,23,27,28	Gloucester Township Recreation Center	80 Broadacres Drive, Clementon
17,38	Charles Lewis School	875 Erial Road
18,33	Timber Creek High School	501 Jarvis Road, 08081
19,34	Camden County Technical School	343 Berlin-Cross Keys Road
20,30	Point Ariel Community Center	2900 Erial Road, Erial
29,35	Ann Mullen School	1400 Sicklerville Road
31,36	J.W. Lilley Elementary School	1275 Williamstown Road

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gloucester Township congratulates all the graduates of the Gloucester Township Schools. Over the past months, the students, parents, and teachers fully immersed themselves into remote learning and all did an excellent job in continuing education in our community. We thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to Superintendent John Bilodeau for navigating the district through these unprecedented times. Please accept our warmest congratulations on your graduation. We are proud of each and everyone of you.

Best of luck next year!



Gloucester Township Police Community Safety Tip: Hot Car Interiors Can Kill A Dog very Quickly

WARM WEATHER PET SAFETY: HOW HOT IS YOUR CAR?

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE

OUTSIDE TEMP (F)	INSIDE TEMP (F)	
	after 10 mins	after 30 mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

Source: Veterinaryclinic.com

Even with windows cracked, the temperature inside your vehicle can increase within minutes. When in doubt, **leave your pet at home.**



Even on a moderately warm day, the inside of a car can heat up in minutes, putting the life of a dog in danger. In general, it's best to leave pets at home in summertime if you have to go into a store or if there is a possibility you might have to leave them alone.

While they may love jumping in the car when you do errands, give it a second thought before taking them for the ride for the next couple of months. Leaving a dog in the car for 10 minutes while you run into the grocery store can be extremely dangerous in hot weather.

Dogs do not perspire the way humans do; so the way they maintain a safe body temperature is through panting and also by releasing heat through the pads of their feet — which becomes increasingly challenging on hot car seats, or even on asphalt.

If you see a dog left alone in a hot car, take down the car's color, model, make, and license plate number. Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings, or call local humane authorities or police. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.



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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