

WORKS

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!

July 1, 2020



Gloucester Township Playgrounds Re-Open, Indoor Dining Postponed

All Gloucester Township playgrounds are set to re-open on Thursday, July 2nd, according to Governor Murphy's executive order. We ask that you please maintain a social distance (6 feet is recommended), wash or sanitize hands before and after equipment use, and most importantly stay home if you do not feel well in order to keep our community safe.

Indoor dining, which was also set to resume on Thursday, has officially been postponed indefinitely due to concerns of significant spikes in COVID-19 cases. Outdoor dining will continue; however, please keep practicing social distancing and wear a mask if you walk away from your table.

We thank all of our residents who are following the rules and helping keep Gloucester Township a healthy and safe place to live.



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Fireworks Safety Tips from the GTPD

Just in time for the Fourth of July, check out these fireworks safety tips.



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NJMVC Delays In-Person Services

Most in-person transactions have been delayed until July 7th.



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Happy 4th of July!

Mayor David Mayer and Council wish you a happy Independence Day!



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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GTPD:

July is synonymous with barbecues, the Fourth of July, and of course fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be *legal* but they are NOT *safe*.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2018 five people died and over 9,100 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 36 percent of the estimated injuries. Similar to 2017, nearly half of the estimated emergency department treated, fireworks-related injuries were to individuals younger than 20 years of age. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 33% were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers.

Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires and 300 vehicle fires.

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eye wear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show!

GTPD Advisory: Prevent Burglary & Thefts by getting into the #9PMRoutine Every Night and Locking Your Doors



Get into the #9PMRoutine EVERY NIGHT by ensuring that your vehicles, residences' doors, garages, windows, gates, and sheds have been **LOCKED**.

By participating in the 9 PM Routine, residents can help reduce the opportunity for residential burglaries and thefts.

Residents observing suspicious and/or criminal acts in progress should call Gloucester Township Police at 856-228-4500.

If you have Emergency CALL 911.

ALL ENTIRES FOR THE JULY 4TH HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY!

It is your last chance to enter the July 4th House Decorating Contest and win gift cards to local businesses! 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 3rd. 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 until the end of the day on Tuesday, July 7th. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, July 8th.

Thank you to all who already submitted their awesome pictures!





New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission In-Person License and Vehicle Transactions Starts July 7th

The NJMVC announced last Friday that most in-person transactions scheduled to start on June 29th, will be delayed until July 7th. However, road tests and inspections began on June 29th.

More updates from NJMVC:

- Most licenses, IDs, registrations, and other documents scheduled to expire after March 13 have been extended to July 31 or later (more info at NJMVC.gov).
- Starting July 7, designated Licensing Centers will be processing new licenses and permits, out-of-state transfers, and REAL ID for those whose appointments were canceled.
- Starting July 7, designated Vehicle Centers will be adding individual registration and title transactions.

Transactions that can be done online will not be available in person until further notice.

The Commission continues to urge customers to use NJMVC.gov to renew or replace licenses, renew or replace registrations, or change their address.

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IN THIS
Together**



Knights of Columbus Holy Crusaders Council #9193

Our Lady of Hope Parish - Hall
701 Little Gloucester Road
Blackwood, NJ 08012

**Thursday, July 16, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

Give Blood. Save Lives.
To schedule an appointment, please call:
Dan Riiff at (856) 228-0334.
To register online visit RedCrossBlood.org
Enter sponsor code: our lady of hope

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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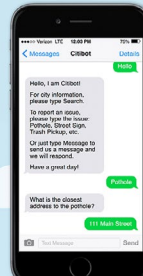
GET YOUR PARTY STARTED AT OUR GAZEBOs!

The Gloucester Township Recreation Department is taking rental reservations for the gazebos at Veterans Park and Gloucester Township Community Park. Reservations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. All rentals are required to follow the current executive orders on social distancing and capacity restrictions. For any questions or to request an application, please email bfagan@glotwp.com or call the Recreation Department at 856-435-5734. There is no in-person registration.



Gloucester Township introduces Citibot: a text messaging tool for citizens to communicate with their local government in an easy and efficient manner!

SIMPLY TEXT "HELLO" TO (856) 644-6414



Citibot is the quickest way for you to communicate requests for service and find city information. No more phone calls or emails. All you need is a text and about 10 seconds.

Text 'HELLO' to 856-644-6414 to submit a service request, search for information, send us a message or opt-in for alerts!

Have a pothole to report? Did we accidentally miss your trash during pick-up? Need to search for city information from your mobile device?

With Citibot, it's easy. TEXT 856-644-6414 and follow the simple instructions!

GT PLAYGROUNDS REOPEN!

WELCOME BACK!

Gloucester Township Playgrounds Open as of 7/2
*Please maintain social distancing (6 ft apart),
wash or sanitize hands after equipment use,
and most importantly stay home if you feel sick
to help keep our community safe.*

For more information on Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities Guidelines please click on the link below:



STAY SAFE!

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,

David R. Mayer



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EARLY TRASH COLLECTION

Attention: Due to excessive heat weather conditions, tomorrow's (Thursday, July 2nd) and Friday, July 3rd, trash collection will begin at 5:00 am. Please keep this in mind and have your trash containers out early. Thank you for your patience!



July 4th is a day to remember the birth of our great nation.

Mayor David Mayer and Council wish you a happy and safe Independence Day!

Please note that the municipal offices will be closed on Monday, July 6th in observance of the holiday.

