

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!

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#### **Preschool Update**

A message from the Recreation Center regarding the Fall Preschool Session.



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# GTPD Welcomes New Officers

Welcome to the newest officers: Ptl. O'Hanlon, Ptl. Foschini, & Ptl. Martina



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#### Trash Notice

Trash collection will begin at 5:00 am through Saturday, July 25th.



# MUNICIPAL BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### Here is how to reach us...

Please be advised that the Municipal Building is still closed to the public; however, we are fully staffed and operational. Do not hesitate to reach out to us by phone Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:45 pm or via email. Please visit the following link for respective department contacts: <a href="https://glotwp.com/news/covid19/">https://glotwp.com/news/covid19/</a>

As our Municipal building remains closed to the public, the drive-through window

for taxes is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. In addition, there is a dropbox receptacle outside the entrance nearest to the drive-through window. The dropbox may be used for any township documents.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to the Mayor's Office at (856) 354-3514.



#### **DO YOUR PART**





Governor Murphy recently released the guidelines on how schools and child care centers can reopen during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These plans do not allow preschool and child care centers to allow any more than 10 children together. Per the guidelines, "Centers shall minimize group sizes and movement between groups. Groupings shall not exceed 10 children, and interactions between groups must be limited. Staff shall be assigned to, and remain with one group. Groups shall congregate not less than 10 feet in all directions from other groups."

These restrictions would severely limit the number of children we are currently able to serve due to the classroom configurations at both Point Ariel Park and the Rec Center. After reviewing Executive Order 149, the current requirements would not allow our preschool program to run without risk to the safety of the children, as well as the inability to offer the education our residents have come to expect from our program over the past 30 years. As a result, we have made a decision not to offer the preschool program in the fall. While this decision has not been an easy one and not one made lightly, we are hopeful that in the coming months, restrictions will be relaxed and we can resume our preschool programing for the winter session.

### WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

Self-Response

64.1%

Gloucester Township, New Jersey Self-Response

68.6%

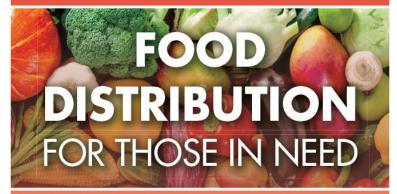




As of this week, Gloucester Township has a 68.6% self-response rate for the 2020 Census. Census results are important as they shape the future of our community. Census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for the next 10 years.

We are counting on you! Help us boost those numbers by visiting https://my2020census.gov if you have not responded yet.

Camden County Board of Freeholders in partnership with Touch New Jersey Presents:



Friday July 10 - Antioch Baptist Church, 690-700 Ferry Ave, Camden - 11 a.m. Friday July 17 - Camden County College, Blackwood Campus Lot 6 - 11 a.m. Friday July 24 - St. Joseph's Procathedral, 2907 Federal Street, Camden - 11 a.m. Friday, July 31 - Camden County College, Blackwood Campus Lot 6 - 11 a.m. Friday August 7 - Antioch Baptist Church, 690-700 Ferry Ave, Camden - 11 a.m. Friday August 14 - Camden County College, Blackwood Campus Lot 6 - 11 a.m.

Drive-up and walk-up options. **Must** wear masks and practice social distancing.











## **GTPD Welcomes Three New Officers**

On Monday July 20, the Gloucester Township Police Department welcomed three new Police Officers. Although new to the Gloucester Township Police Department, these Officers bring with them previous police experience from other departments and are all Veterans who have served our great country.

The Community Relations Bureau was present to capture the exciting moment as they made their oath to serve the community of Gloucester Township. We welcome (left to right) Patrolman Patrick O'Hanlon, Patrolman Christopher Foschini, and Patrolman Kevin Martina to the Gloucester Township family and wish them lots of luck!





# Gloucester Township Police Community Safety Tip: Childproofing Your Pool and Swimming Safety

Children can drown in less than 2 inches of water. That means drowning can happen in a sink, toilet bowl, fountains, buckets, inflatable pools, or small bodies of standing water around your home, such as ditches filled with rainwater.

- Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool including a portable "kiddy" pool even for a few seconds.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- During social gatherings at or near a pool, appoint a "designated watcher" to protect young children from pool accidents. Adults may take turns being the "watcher." When adults become preoccupied, children are at risk.
- Do not consider young children "drown-proof" because they have had swimming lessons. They should still always be watched carefully while swimming.
- Completely fence the pool and install self-closing and self-latching gates. Position latches out of reach of young children.
- Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Baby sitters and other caretakers, such as grandparents and older siblings should also know CPR.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count in preventing a death or disability
- Faulty or missing drain covers can be an entrapment hazard to swimmers, so make sure your pool and all its drains, pipes, and openings have been inspected by a pool safety inspector. Advise children to stay away from drains and openings while swimming.





# ATTENTION: TRASH COLLECTION TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM 7/23-7/25

Due to the excessive heat, trash collection will begin at 5:00 am through Saturday, July 25th. Please keep this in mind and have your trash containers out early. Thank you for your cooperation!

Applications for the Camden County CARES Small Business Grant Program are now available. Please visit:

CamdenCountyCares.com



## 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,











