

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!

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Trash collection will begin at 5:00 am through Saturday, August 1st.



A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DAVID HARKINS:

"I want to let the community of Gloucester Township, New Jersey know how the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department have handled these difficult few months. We are always looking at ways to improve our ways of serving our community, and to implement the best practices of policing. With all of the negativity geared toward the policing profession, it has been disheartening for me to see the profession that I love to be portrayed so badly by news reports. This has made us double our efforts to do things even better. This is what I demand as the Chief of Police, and this is what the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department deliver.

The reality for us is that we have been inspired by the community to work harder, and to refine our ways of providing the best police and emergency services to the people of Gloucester Township and those we encounter. I have been meeting with the officers regularly, and all report back to me that they have received much more support than negativity. This has been reinforced by the number of emails, cards, letters, and kind words of support by community members. I share these



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encouraging words with the staff, as I believe that it motivates them, and reminds us all why we were called to the noble profession of law enforcement. As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to find new ways of connecting with our community. I am proud of the ingenuity and determination of our officers who continue to be the model of community policing. These methods of connecting with the community are having a positive effect in the reduction of crime. One example is our “#9PMRoutine”, which is our weekly reminder to lock your car doors, secure your house, and hide your valuables. We are seeing tangible results with a reduction of thefts. Another example is our Community Outreach Team (COT). These are officers who have been going into our neighborhoods and parks with the mission of making positive interactions with the community, and especially our youth. I have met with many community members, and have listened and gained valuable insights into the needs of the community, and ways of solving our neighborhood problems. Good policing takes partnerships with the community. We continue to find new ways of making connections, and building those partnerships.

I want to thank the community of Gloucester Township for your support of our officers, and for doing your part to make us better. It is our collaborative goal to make Gloucester Township the best that it can be. We are committed to serve all the members of our community, and know that we will do our part.”

David J. Harkins

David J. Harkins, Chief of Police

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UPDATE



FROM THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is with disappointment and regret that we must announce that we will be canceling our National Night Out activities for 2020 due to the ongoing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Night Out program is a cornerstone of our community relations initiatives, however with the ongoing restrictions, we felt it was in the best interest in the safety of our community to cancel this year’s event. It is our intention to come back strong in 2021 and have our best National Night Out yet.

The partnerships that we have built to make our community safe will only become stronger because of this adversity. We know that it is because of the partnerships with community members like you that Gloucester Township is such a great place. I want to thank you for your unwavering support of the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department. Please know that we are here for you, and that we look forward to coming back strong for National Night Out in 2021. Please mark your calendars for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Please keep in touch with us, and let us know how we can support you by contacting our Community Relations Bureau at communityrelations@gtppolice.com.



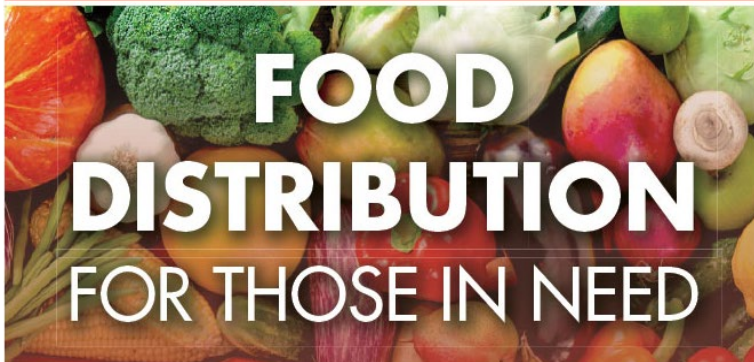
Updated CDC Guidance Says Self-Isolate for 10 Days After Positive COVID-19 Test

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its guidance on self-isolation for people who test positive for COVID-19. According to the new guidelines, people who are symptomatic who tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for 10 days after symptoms begin and for 24 hours after their fever has broken. The latest guidance also indicates that a limited number of persons with severe illness and those who are severely immunocompromised may need to isolate for 20 days after symptom onset. Asymptomatic patients should isolate for 10 days from the date of their first positive test. The new guidelines were previewed last week when officials also said the CDC would recommend people do not need to have two negative tests in order to end isolation, which was the previous standard. The CDC continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine period for people who have been in contact with an infected person but don't have a confirmed infection.

For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website below:



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



Thursday, July 2 – Wayne Bryant Community Center, 323 East Charleston Ave, Lawnside – **11 a.m.**
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 Pro Cathedral, 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.**
Friday August 21 – St. Joseph's Pro Cathedral, 2907 Federal Street, Camden – **11 a.m.**
Friday, August 28 – St. Joseph's Pro Cathedral, 2907 Federal Street, Camden – **11 a.m.**

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



Stay Alert in Times Like These.. **PREVENT**

Someone dies from suicide every 12 minutes--and over the past two decades, suicide rates have increased in every state across the country. For the first time in recent generations, life expectancy is decreasing due to suicide (SAMHSA). According to the latest research:

- There were 1.4 million attempts and more than 47,000 deaths from suicide
- Suicide is at its highest level and is still rising
- Rural counties are being hit the hardest with suicide rates double the rate in urban counties

• There has been an alarming 50% increase of suicide rates among women

Suicide touches whole communities. Each person who dies by suicide leaves behind 135 people who knew that person--and the impact of suicide and the bereavement that follow. Suicide can touch anyone, anywhere, and at any time. But it is not inevitable. There is hope.

By starting the conversation and providing support to those who need it, we all can help prevent suicide and save lives. If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide--whether you are in crisis or not--call or live chat the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).



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ATTENTION: **TRASH COLLECTION** **TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM** **7/30-8/1**

Due to the excessive heat, trash collection will begin at 5:00 am through Saturday, August 1st. Please keep this in mind and have your trash containers out early. Thank you for your cooperation!

There is still time to make a difference. Don't let Gloucester Township be under-counted!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. **FILL IT OUT NOW!**



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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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