

# WORKS

August 27, 2020

*GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.*

*From Police Department to Public Works to Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!*



## Outdoor Youth & Adult Programs Starting this Fall!

The Gloucester Township Recreation Department is excited to announce that they will be offering outdoor youth and adult programs this fall! Registration begins on September 1st for Gloucester Township residents and September 7th for non-residents.

We will be using CommunityPass, an online registration system with convenient 24/7 access to registration, for all of the programs at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. With CommunityPass there will be no more waiting in lines! It is not only easy to use, but also secure. CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa and Mastercard (please note that a separate 2.9% processing fee will be added).



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#### GO PHILADELPHIA FLYERS!

GT Hockey Association arranged a pep rally with the Flyers on Tuesday.



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Congrats Mr. Santiago of Loring Flemming Elementary.



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#### Congratulations to Det. McElroy!

Congratulations Detective, on your retirement from the GTPD!



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# Outdoor Youth & Adult Programs Starting this Fall! (Continued)

The Rec Center will still hold in-person registration by appointment only. Cash, check, and credit/debit cards will be accepted during in-person registration (the processing fee will still apply for cards). Please contact the Recreation Department at 856-435-5734 or [recdept@glotwp.com](mailto:recdept@glotwp.com) with any questions.

*Register for CommunityPass at the link below:*

<https://register.communitypass.net/TownshipofGloucester>

*View the Fall Class Catalog:*

[https://register.communitypass.net/reg/cat\\_program\\_list.cfm?season\\_id=23017](https://register.communitypass.net/reg/cat_program_list.cfm?season_id=23017)

## PHILADELPHIA FLYERS CARAVAN VISITED GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP THIS WEEK



Congratulations to the Philadelphia Flyers who have made it to the 2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs. On Tuesday, August 25th, the Gloucester Township Hockey Association enjoyed a drive-by pep rally parade for the Flyers at Veterans Park here in Gloucester Township.

Gloucester Township was the sixth stop on the Flyers Caravan tour this summer, which is making its way through neighborhoods across the Greater Philadelphia Area. Side-lining the hands-on activities of years' past, the Flyers have transformed the Community Caravan into a socially-distant mobile pep rally featuring the Flyers' own DJ Reed Streets, In-Arena Host Andrea Helfrich, Flyers Alumni, the Flyers Ice Team and, of

course, Gritty on a tandem bike with his men in black.

Gloucester Township wishes the Philadelphia Flyers luck in the playoffs. GO FLYERS!



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMDEN COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP'S VERY OWN MR. SANTIAGO!



Congratulations to Mr. Santiago, a fifth grade teacher at Loring Flemming Elementary here in Gloucester Township, who was named Camden County Teacher of the Year!

Mr. Santiago joins a prestigious group of Gloucester Township teachers to receive this honor. He is an active member of the school community participating in student and parent events, and is beloved by his students. Mr. Santiago has participated in numerous district committees and had the distinction of taping a virtual lesson for televising during state-wide COVID-19 school closures as part of the collaboration with NJDOE, NJEA and NJTV.

He was honored along with the teachers of the year from the state's other 20 counties during a virtual awards ceremony.

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 programming for the winter session.



We are going to offer home school learning packets for Preschool!

Check back at <https://glotwp.com/departments/recreation/preschool/> to download our monthly packets. Plans for November and December will be available in late September. Follow us on Facebook at Gloucester Township Recreation Center for preschool updates and weekly supplements to our lessons.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECREATION CENTER:

# PRESCHOOL

## Update



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Home School Packets Coming Soon!

# Local Realtor Gives Back to the Gloucester Township Police Department



Huge thanks to real estate agent, Mike Chuppe, and the Clidy Group at Keller Williams Realty for their generous donation to the Gloucester Township Police Department.

For every house Mike sells, he donates a portion back to the community. Mike (right) is pictured with GTPD Chief David Harkins (center) and Deputy Chief Anthony Minosse (left).

Great work by the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Patrol-1st Platoon who donated their own money to purchase and replace Colin's stolen bicycle last month.

Colin is a brave young man battling brain cancer. Please keep him in your prayers and follow his progress on Facebook page: "*Colin Strong Journey!*"

## GTPD Officers Replace Young Man's Stolen Bicycle

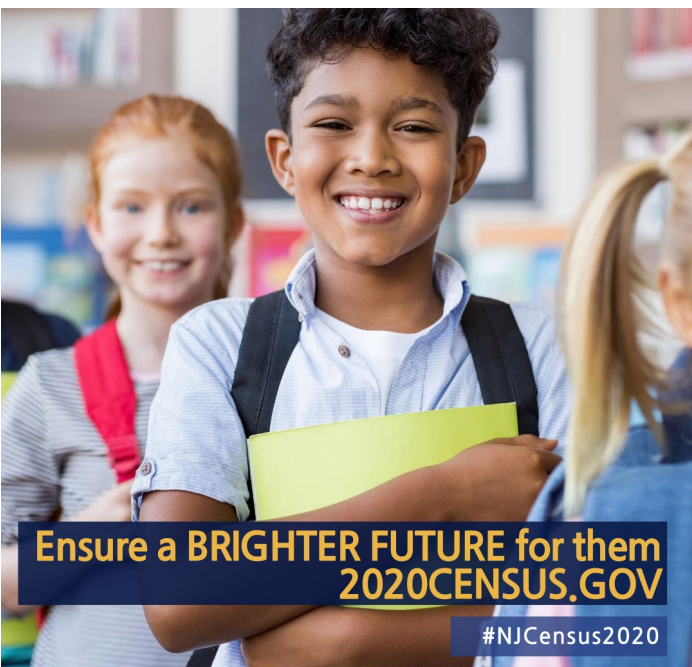


## County to Unveil Remembrance & Hope Memorial on International Overdose Awareness Day

Join Camden County's Addiction Awareness Task Force on Monday, August 31st at 4:00 PM as they unveil the Camden County Remembrance and Hope Memorial located at Timber Creek Park here in Gloucester Township. The memorial was created with the intention of honoring those we have lost to the disease of addiction, giving families and loved ones a place to reflect and remember with others in the community. Following the unveiling of the memorial they will hold their annual vigil.

The full event will be live streamed at [CamdenCounty.com/Live](https://CamdenCounty.com/Live). The live stream will be available following the event if you are unable to tune in.

[Click Here](https://CamdenCounty.com/Live)



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# Congratulations to Det. McElroy on his Retirement from the GTPD!



Det. Michael McElroy will retire from the Gloucester Township Police Department after 21 years and 7 months of honorable service. Det. McElroy was hired by the GTPD on January 25, 1999. He has served the department honorably as a Patrol Shift Investigator and was appointed as a Detective on May 12, 2005, where he has served in the Juvenile Investigations Unit and the Criminal Investigations Unit.

Congratulations to Det. McElroy. We wish you a long, happy retirement!

## Apply Now

Camden County CARES  
Small Business Grant Program

A small inset image showing a person working at a computer, with a sign that says "OPEN SHOP" below it.

The Camden County logo, featuring the text "camden county" and the tagline "Making It Better, Together".

[www.CamdenCountyCares.com](http://www.CamdenCountyCares.com)

In the last month since applications opened for the Camden County CARES Small Business Grant Program, the Camden County Freeholder Board has put \$6.9 million of emergency grant funding into the hands of local proprietors. To date, more than 2,800 applications have been submitted to receive aid, including 151 since a \$5 million expansion to the program was announced two weeks ago. More than 1,080 applications have already been approved and have received or are awaiting their funds.

The Camden County CARES Grant Program made available \$25 million of federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to assist struggling businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is continuing to award and distribute funds on a first come, first served basis. Applications can be submitted at [camdencountycares.com](http://camdencountycares.com) until all available funds have been awarded.

## 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](mailto: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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