



**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP**  
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# Fall Report 2020

## Community News, Programs and Events

### Gloucester Township's Response to COVID-19

During our nation's current health crisis, Gloucester Township has had to reinvent the way that essential government operations continued while implementing all the necessary measures to "flatten the curve" in our community. Mayor David Mayer and Chief David Harkins held an emergency meeting with Camden County Health Department Officials and the Gloucester Township Emergency Management Team in early March when COVID-19 concerns first emerged in the United States. Following that meeting, the Gloucester Township Police Department began discussing pandemic operation procedures and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) acquisition to ensure that they would be in the best possible position to operate under pandemic conditions.

In order to protect both the public and municipal employees as well as to curb the spread of COVID-19, the decision was made to close the municipal building starting the week of March 16th. The building remained closed throughout the first two months of the pandemic. Only those employees deemed essential reported to work to sustain critical resources such as emergency services, public safety, and waste collection. Municipal employees deemed non-essential worked remotely during these months to serve Gloucester Township's residents to the best of their ability during these unique times. Mayor Mayer began holding daily conference calls with Chief Harkins, Township Council, Gloucester Township department directors, and other leadership to coordinate the most efficient response to this national emergency.

"I express my gratitude to all of the first responders and frontline workers: our Emergency Management Team, AMR EMS, our six fire departments, and all of the medical workers who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic. I'd like to thank our Gloucester Township Police Department who put their health and safety on the line every day and adjusted their operations tremendously to ensure the safety of our community during this crisis," says Mayor David Mayer. "I would also like to thank our Public Works Department who performed essential services in our community including road maintenance, waste removal, and the cleaning and sanitizing of our township properties; and all of our municipal employees who were working remotely, returning residents' phone calls and monitoring emails. Last but not least, I commend our school districts for facilitating such a smooth transition into remote learning for all of our students."

Upon the shutdown of schools here in Gloucester Township, the administration, teachers, and staff at Gloucester Township Public Schools and Black Horse Pike Regional School District worked hard to make sure that every student in Gloucester Township had the proper resources that they needed in order to get the most out of the new remote learning experience. The school districts' food service departments continued to distribute free daily meals to the students in need.

In the beginning of the health crisis the residents that appeared to face the biggest threat were our senior citizens and vulnerable populations. When schools closed down, Gloucester Township Police School Resource Officers and Community Relations Officers were deployed to these community members to provide their undivided support and assistance. Gloucester Township Senior and Community Services staff also worked day in and day out to ensure that the seniors in our community got everything they needed when they needed it.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused events around the world to be postponed and canceled altogether as it poses a threat to the health and wellbeing of the general public. This was no different in Gloucester Township where officials were forced to cancel several major events including Gloucester Township Day, National Night Out, and Gloucester Township's 325th Anniversary Celebration in everyone's best interest.

Although the community of Gloucester Township has managed to "flatten the curve" here in Gloucester Township, the virus is not yet past our nation and residents are strongly encouraged to adhere to the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guideline of wearing masks in public, keeping a distance of six feet, and limiting social gatherings. As of September 1, 2020, there have been a total of 976 positive COVID-19 tests and 58 fatalities as a result of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic in March. A total of 10 Gloucester Township Police Officers tested positive for COVID-19 from performing their duties; however, all ten have recovered and returned to duty.

"The men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department have been working in an unprecedented way to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Gloucester Township Emergency Management Team, led by Mayor David Mayer, has been coordinating with our national, state, county, surrounding government and community partners. We remain 100% capable of responding to and handling emergencies as we have throughout the pandemic," says Chief David Harkins. "I couldn't be prouder of the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department who have stepped up to every challenge that we have encountered. Thank you to all who have expressed support to us and for all of the cooperation provided to us during the pandemic."

The municipal building is still closed to the public; however, employees are present Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:45 pm to answer your calls, respond to emails, check the mail, and process documents such as permits, which can be left in the drop-box out front of the main entrance. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the Mayor's Office at (856) 374-3514. You may also visit Gloucester Township's COVID Update page at <https://glotwp.com/news/covid19/>.

**A Message from Mayor David Mayer**



I hope that everyone had a healthy and safe summer as we all try to address the issues associated with the current pandemic. As we prepare for the fall season it is with regret that I must announce that many of our fall events: the 4th annual Drive-In Movie Night, the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival, the 3rd annual Gloucester Township Food & Craft Beer Festival, and Gloucester Township's Trunk-or-Treat have all been canceled this year. Although this was a very difficult decision to make, it was made with the health and wellness of our residents in mind. All of these events draw large crowds and would potentially pose a major health risk to our entire community. We can't wait to bring these events back bigger and better in Fall 2021 and I hope that you and your family will join us!

Once again, I'd like to take this time to thank all of the front-liners who have been the true heroes during the pandemic. Your selflessness and dedication do not go unnoticed here in Gloucester Township. I'd also like to express my deepest condolences for the families and friends of the 58 community members that we lost to complications related to COVID-19.

I would like you to know that there are many resources out there for those who still need assistance. There is help available for small businesses, rent and mortgage, and food as well as other essential services. All of these resources can be found at <https://glotwp.com/gethelp/>.

Census Invitations hit mailboxes back in March and Census Takers have been going around neighborhoods in Gloucester Township since August. Please take the time to fill out the 2020 Census as it determines how federal funding will be distributed to communities like ours. This year's count is even more important since the Census will determine our needs for a successful recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (856) 374-3514 or email [Mayor@GloTwp.com](mailto:Mayor@GloTwp.com) if you have any other questions. You can also report an issue such as a streetlight outage by texting Citibot at (856) 644-6414. I hope you all have a safe fall and a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
*David Mayer*

**Gloucester Township Ranks 22nd Lowest Overall Tax Rate in Camden County for 2019**

According to the 2019 Camden County Abstract of Ratables, Gloucester Township has the 22nd lowest overall tax rate and the 21st lowest overall local rate. (Source: 2019 Abstract of Ratables for the County of Camden)

**Gloucester Township Welcomes Two New Take-Out Restaurants to Town**

**Burgerzoid**

Great taste is the name of the game at this new fresh-ingredient fast food restaurant that opened amid the COVID-19 pandemic in March. Located in the Shoppes at Cross Keys in the Sicklerville section of Gloucester Township, Burgerzoid offers everything from gourmet burgers to chicken sandwiches, salads, and milkshakes. They are offering limited outdoor-dining as well as take-out options so stop in and give them a try!



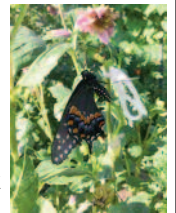
**Shasha's Creole Kitchen**

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop Shasha's Creole Kitchen from opening their doors for business in the Sicklerville section of Gloucester Township this July. Shasha's Creole Kitchen offers delicious Caribbean cuisine for take-out with convenient curbside service Tuesday through Saturday. Be sure to check them out!



**Gloucester Township Community Garden**

Are you interested in getting more involved with gardening? Joining your local community garden is a great option, but if you own or rent your home, there are many things you can plant that will benefit both you and Mother Nature. Many native plant areas have disappeared with the building of more subdivisions. Also, many homeowners tend to select plants that look good without much maintenance. However, individuals can create their own pockets of sustainable native horticulture in small patches within their yards or in containers.



At the Gloucester Township Community Garden, we are not only growing vegetables and herbs, but we are growing annual and perennial flowers that provide nectar, pollen, and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and birds. Native perennials such as garden phlox, black-eyed Susans, zinnias, and many other flowering plants are perfect for these little critters.

We have added native milkweed to the flower beds in the community garden which provides the plant on which the monarch butterfly lays her eggs for the larvae to eat when the eggs hatch. The number of monarchs we have observed are increasing every year. We have also had many swallowtail butterflies this year, of different varieties. These butterflies lay their eggs on parsley, carrot tops, etc., which are the host plants for the larvae. There are many smaller butterflies that live in our garden as well. The caterpillars from these provide much food for the birds that live in the area around the Gabreil Davais Tavern.

We would love to have you stop in to see what we are doing at the community garden. If you live in an apartment or townhouse and don't have space to grow anything, check to see if we have plots to rent early in March of 2021. The date for new renters to sign up will be advertised in the next Newsletter.



On Saturday, October 17, 2020, Gloucester Township will be having our Annual Rabies Clinic. The Clinic will be held at the Gloucester Township Senior Building on Chews Landing Road between the hours of 9am and 10:30 am for dogs and 10:30 am and 11am for cats. The rabies shots for dogs and cats are free.

The Township Clerk's Office will be setting appointments for the clinic

October 12th through October 15th, 8am - 5:30pm. Please call 228-4000, Ext. 3241 between those dates for an appointment.

**CHAPTER 47 ~ PETS**

Dogs and cats are strictly prohibited from: running loose (at large), defecating on any portion of public or private property (owners must dispose of feces in a suitable and sanitary manner) and habitual/excessive barking.

**What is the 2020 Census?**

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States as well as the five US territories. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the US Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. You should have received an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire in the mail back in March. You have the option to respond to the questionnaire online (<https://2020census.gov>), by phone (844-330-2020), or by mail.



**Why They Conduct the Census**

The census provides critical data that is used to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to schools, fire departments, roads, senior services, job training and many other resources based on census data. The 2020 Census will determine how this funding flows to communities just like ours.

**You Count, I Count, We all Count!**

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community because the result of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and much more.

**During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask:**

- Your Social Security number
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your bank or credit card account numbers

Additionally, there is no citizenship question on the 2020 Census. If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

**What Happens to Your Answers?**

It is important to know that your personal information collected during the census is kept confidential. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

**PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION**

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey. Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swim-ming, boating and fishing in these water bodies. Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections. In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

**Proper Pet Waste Disposal**

Flush it down the toilet. \*Do not flush bags, debris, or non-biodegradable items\* or place it in the trash.

For more information please check out:  
 NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation:  
[https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp\\_home.htm](https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm)  
 EPA Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution:  
<https://www.epa.gov/nps>

**Sustainable Gloucester Township Green Team**



The Sustainable Gloucester Township Green Team is an environmentally oriented group of residents dedicated to keeping Gloucester Township "green" and on the path of sustainability. We welcome anyone with similar interests to attend our meetings and participate in our events. The Green Team is also involved with the Gloucester Township Historical and Scenic Preservation Committee in the establishment of local and county trails and their clean-ups. Our members also manage and work an organic community garden for residents and groups at the Gabriel Davies Tavern site. In the past we have participate in the Sustainable New Jersey Certification Program, South Jersey Land and Water Trust Township clean-ups and educational events, Tri-County Sustainable Alliance and Sustainable Camden County events. If you find yourself interested or wanting to participate in any of our activities please e-mail the Mayor's Office at [mayor@glotwp.com](mailto:mayor@glotwp.com) to get on our e-mail list for upcoming events and meetings.

A reminder, Fall is the perfect time to start the process to bring color to your garden or lawn by planting native wildflowers and grasses. By planting a meadow of native flowers you cut back on lawn maintenance and gardening and promote a healthy, sustaining habitat for those all-important pollinators. Fall is also a great time to plant shrubs and trees, walk a trail, visit a historical site and patronize a merchant in our Township.

You can also help our environment by keeping litter, especially plastics, from storm drains, and placing your trash next to your neighbors which reduces the number of stops the trash truck must make. Carpool when possible, buy local and support farmer's markets, find out more about township recycling programs, water conservation, rain barrels and rain gardens. For more ways that you can help our environment go to [www.sustainablecamden-county.org](http://www.sustainablecamden-county.org). Remember, recycle, reuse, re-purpose whenever you can. Have a wonderful season!

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Gloucester Township Green Team Fall & Winter Photo Contest

Grab your phone or camera and capture the fall or winter flora, fauna or naturalscape within Gloucester Township! Winners will be announced at a Council Meeting and the winning photos will be displayed in the Council Room. Photos must be 8x10 and will not be returned. One winner will be selected from each age group: ages 5-13, 14-18 and 19+.

Please mail entries to:  
Gloucester Township Mayor's Office  
1261 Chews Landing Rd.  
PO Box 8  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

# GLoucester TWP. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



The Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee provides scholarship money to High School seniors who live in Gloucester Township and are continuing their education. For more information, please call the GTDSC Hotline at 856-374-5729.



## Murder Mystery Dinner Show Cancelled

The Murder Mystery Dinner Show scheduled for October 30, 2020 has been postponed due to current COVID restrictions and will be rescheduled for February/March 2021. Please call the Hotline 856-374-5729 for more information and also check our website at [www.GTDSC.org](http://www.GTDSC.org) for updates. If you purchased tickets already, we will be mailing you a refund for your tickets and hope you will be able to commit to our event next year.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Gloucester Township Police Department ReEntry Program

As part of our community policing initiatives, the Gloucester Township Police Department has a reentry program for recent parolees who are being released from a term of incarceration. The goal of the program is to provide support to parolees to improve their chances of a crime free reentry into the community. When we are notified of a parolee being released, we contact the person and provide them with resources which will help them gain employment, recover from addiction, and even help them earn their high school diploma if they never completed school. We work closely with the New Jersey State Parole Board to identify parolees who are Gloucester Township residents, and they receive a letter from the Chief of Police welcoming them back to our community. The Reentry Program provides recent parolees with free resources to help them succeed and reenter as productive members of the community.

The following is a list of resources that are available to all Gloucester Township residents, and are provided as part of the Reentry Program:

- Gloucester Township Family Resource Center, 1324 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood. Phone: 856-842-5553 Family and Individual Counseling. SAVE Support Group for family members who have a loved one suffering from addiction.
- CFS Family Connections Family Success Center, 1324 Little Gloucester Rd., Blackwood. Phone: 856-979-3836 [www.centerffs.org/family-success-center/welcome](http://www.centerffs.org/family-success-center/welcome) Free computer/internet access, resume and career counseling, free family dinner nights, youth homework tutoring.
- SAVE Advocate-Drug and Alcohol Counseling Information. Phone: 856-302-7051 Addiction specialist assists people with treatment alternatives.
- Camden County One-Stop Career Center, website: <https://www.camdencounty.com/service/employment/one-stop-career-center/>
- Domestic Violence Information/Assistance, Phone: 856-227-1234 [www.camdencountywomenscenter.org](http://www.camdencountywomenscenter.org) Domestic Violence services for victims and offenders.
- Gloucester Township Library, 15 S. Black Horse Pike, Blackwood. Phone: 856-228-0022 [www.camdencountylibrary.org](http://www.camdencountylibrary.org) Provides free computer/internet access in addition to other resources.
- GTWheels Sustainable Bike Library, Reagan Building, 508 Lakeland Road, Gloucester Twp., NJ 08012, Phone: 856-374-5195
- Gloucester Township Food Pantry, 123 East Church Street, Blackwood, NJ 08012 Phone: 856-803-3230 or 856-845-9520

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Get Important Alerts.



Quick. Convenient. Free.

An informed and engaged community is a strong community. Increased information sharing with residents improves public safety and community relations. The GTPD encourages you to receive important community information. You can receive safety tips, media releases, and police community relations events via email. The GTPD Community Notification System provides greater capabilities to notify our community. Importantly, in this age of instant communication, the GTPD along with the township's Office of Emergency Management must be able to effectively reach residents with road closures, safety warnings or community safety bulletins. Our Community Notification System will give the GTPD the ability to notify thousands of residents, staff members, and volunteers within minutes by sending out text messages and emails instantly. To register please visit <https://local.nixle.com/register/>.



## Autism/Development Disability Registration

The Gloucester Township Police Department has created a registry for individuals with Autism or disabilities in efforts to give police quick access in an emergency to critical information about a person who is registered. The registry can provide police with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines, favorite attractions or special needs of an individual with Autism Disorder or other disabilities such as: Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome or any other endangered individuals. This information can greatly assist police officers when time is essential in communicating and dealing with an emergency situation involving a person with Autism Disorder as well as other disabilities. The information you provide is confidential and will only be used by law enforcement.

Please contact the GTPD Community Relations Bureau at [communityrelations@gtpolice.com](mailto:communityrelations@gtpolice.com) or call 856-374-3513 with any questions. Forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.gtpolice.com/programs/autism-development-disability-registration/>. Completed forms may be turned into our police officers, e-mailed, or taken directly to the GTPD Community Relations Bureau.

## GT Emergency Needs Preparedness Registry

The Gloucester Township Police Department (GTPD) has created a voluntary Gloucester Township Emergency Needs Preparedness Registry that will let police, fire and other first responders in our community better prepare for, and respond to your needs during a hurricane, storm or other major emergency. This has been established to collect information for emergency responders to help assist those with special needs or high risks during an emergency, especially when family, caregivers or others are unable to help them.

Many people may need extra help during a time of emergency including people who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker, or are insulin dependent;
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities; or
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis.

Your information is held confidentially and will only be accessed to assist in your safety and well-being in the time of an emergency affecting your area of Gloucester Township. This notification allows first responders additional time to consider how to best respond to that incident. Please note that strict confidentiality is maintained at all times and only those that have a reason to access the information are authorized to do so.

If you cannot complete the enrollment form yourself, a family member, caregiver, or authorized representative can enroll on your behalf. The registration form can be found on the GTPD website under Programs at <https://gtpolice.com/programs/community-relations/emergency-needs-preparedness/>. For additional information on this program you may contact the GTPD Community Relations at [communityrelations@GTPolice.com](mailto:communityrelations@GTPolice.com) or 856-374-5735.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## New Changes to our School Resource Officers



The Gloucester Twp. Police Department would like to introduce Cpl. Tom Messick as the new Roving School Resource Officer (RSRO). Cpl. Messick will be filling a void left by seasoned SRO Charles DeWalt who was just promoted to Sergeant. Cpl. Messick will be assigned to Glen Landing Middle School and the elementary schools in our North end of town. He will visit each school throughout the day randomly as

RSRO's have a dual role in our schools, one as a safety measure for the children and staff attending the schools. The other as a mentor to ensure we do everything possible to enhance our community-police relationship. He will be one of three RSRO's that patrol our K-8 district and will be tasked with building relationships with the community through Community Outreach Projects.

Cpl. Messick has been with the Gloucester Twp. Police Department since 2005. Before then, he was a Camden County Corrections Officer and is a Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves, serving from 2000-2006 in the 514th Security Forces Squadron. He proudly served our Country overseas after 9/11 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Gloucester Twp. Police Officer Serves Community as well as our Country

Ptl. Randy Pearce can usually be seen in one of our schools mentoring our youth as one of Gloucester Twp. Police's LEAD Instructors. LEAD stands for Law Enforcement Against Drugs and is an important program to help our children



make the right decisions when confronted with any type of drugs or alcohol. He spends most of the school year teaching the students the dangers of narcotics; that is until this past spring. Ptl. Randy Pearce, a hometown resident and graduate of Timbercreek High School, has been serving his Country in the New Jersey National Guard in a Military police Unit. In 2011, he was deployed to Afghanistan and now has been deployed to the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in Cuba since March.

Ptl. Pearce was hired by Gloucester Twp. Police Department in July 2014 and has always worked hard to serve his community the best he can. Ptl. Pearce is one officer who clearly lives by our motto of "Dedicated to Service, Committed to Excellence". The Gloucester Township Police Department is proud of Ptl. Pearce's dedication and service to his country. We wish him a safe deployment and look forward to his return from active military service.

## Driving Safety Tips During the Return of School

The start of school is always a busy and stressful time of the year. The Gloucester Township Police recommends the following back to school safety tips for drivers. By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

### If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school

### Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school resource officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

### Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/drivers>

# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



The Public Works facility is located at 1729 Erial Road in Blackwood. Please contact Public Works with any questions at 856-228-3144.

## Saturday Drop-Off Hours at Public Works

The Public Works facility will be open on Saturdays, September 5th through November 21st, from 8am-2pm for residential recycling drop off. This will be for brush, oil, white goods, electronics, metals, concrete, propane tanks, and car batteries. We do not accept paint or trash.



Check out the Fall Leaf Collection schedule on Page 15.

## Bagged Grass Clippings and Bagged Leaves



11/1-3/15 - GTPW collects bagged grass and bagged leaves WEEKLY on your recycling day with the exception of Friday which will be picked up on Thursday. GTPW will not accept plastic trash bags. Please note: grass clippings generated by a commercial landscaper will not be collected.

GTPW collects leaves according to the fall leaf schedule. A second pick up will start after the first round is complete, weather permitting. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves curbside, NOT IN THE STREET, only during the fall leaf schedule which ends 12/31. After this time all leaves must be bagged.

## BRUSH PICKUP



As per Township Ordinance, branches, hedge trimmings, light brush clippings, etc. must be securely tied into **four foot (4')** bundles that can be easily handled and the diameter of any branch may not exceed six inches (6"). The bundles shall not exceed **fifty (50) pounds** in weight. Public Works will pick up bundles on your designated day only if the ordinance is followed.

During storm damage, we will work with residents to pick up their brush, however the ordinance must be followed. No commercial vehicles can dump at Public Works. For questions on brush pickup please call Public Works at 856-228-3144.

The GTMUA will pick up your grass in bags until Oct. 31, 2020. Please separate your grass from yard debris, sticks, trash, etc or it will not be picked up by the GTMUA. To contact the GTMUA, please call 856-227-8666.

## REMINDER

It is helpful if residents, especially after a storm, would help keep the grates at storm drains clear or notify Public Works when they become clogged.

## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP RECYCLES ELECTRONICS

15, 17, 19, 21" MONITORS, FLAT SCREENS & ALL-IN-ONES TOWERS, DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS, UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY

KEYBOARDS, MOUSE AND SPEAKERS, ALL TYPE OF WIRE, GOLD CLIP ENDS

PRINTERS, FAX MACHINES, SCANNERS, MODEMS, COPY MACHINES, ALL TYPE OF MEMORY

ANY HARD DRIVES, FANS AND POWER SUPPLIES MOTHER, B, C, TWEENER AND FINGER BOARDS AC ADAPTORS, YOKES, AND MOTOR

PLASTIC, BALED OR LOOSE ALUMINUM, BRASS, LIGHT IRON & COPPER, METALS, BALED OR LOOSE,

ALL RELATED COMPUTER PARTS PHONES, CELL PHONES, PHONE & LAPTOP BATTERIES

PC SCRAP AND STEREOS (NO WOOD), VCR'S, DVD'S, CD PLAYERS, BOOMBOXES, ANY AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT

SCANNERS AND PAGERS, CASH REGISTERS AND SCALES RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES,

APPLIANCES NOT CONTAINING COMPRESSORS

**WE NOW RECYCLE TV'S**

Call Public Works at 856-228-3144 to schedule pickup.



## Help us Recycle:

Public Works accepts car batteries, used oil, eye glasses, ink cartridges, metals and concrete. All items must be delivered to the Public Works building during office hours.

## White Goods Pick-Up

Public Works now picks up white goods: refrigerators, air conditioners, ranges, washers, dryers and hot water heaters. Call Public Works at 856-228-3144 to schedule pickup.

# SENIOR PROGRAMS

Gloucester Twp. offers many programs for its senior residents. The Hider Lane Senior Drop In Center is located at 1575 Hider Lane. All Hider Lane and Senior Meetings, Senior bus and events are cancelled, until further notice. If anyone is in need of food, please call the office at 856-228-9015 and we will help with locations that are providing free food. We will also provide notary services, by appointment only.

## Lending Closet



Our Lending Closet is currently open, by appointment only, for those in need of the following items: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, etc.

We cannot accept any donations at this time due to COVID! For more information, please call 856-228-9015.

## Free On-Line Senior Chair Yoga & Meditation

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is sponsoring free Chair Yoga and Meditation and Healthy Lifestyles exercise classes for seniors ages 55+. Those interested should register early. Enrollment will be first-come, first-served for the classes of 25 participants. Classes are suitable for all experience levels. Classes are one hour long 11am-12pm on Wednesdays on-line with ZOOM. See Dates below.

### Chair Yoga

This class is designed to bring yoga to your day - come as you are, have a sturdy, armless straight back chair, all in the safety and comfort of your own home on-line with ZOOM! Join the group to maintain health & revitalize your body systems- suitable for all experience levels. Yoga develops a union connecting body, mind & breath...in essence, it's a whole body tune-up!

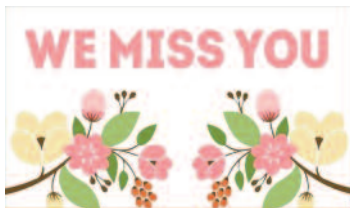
**Class Dates:** September 16, September 30, October 14, October 28, and November 11.

### Meditation & Healthy Lifestyles

On-line MEDITATION CLASSES FOR 55+ This class is designed for those individuals who feel overwhelmed with the anxiety and stress of everyday life, or those who battle with stress related disorders. Bring harmony into your life! Create awareness methods to diminish stress & create balance for yourself. Come as you are, have a sturdy, armless straight back chair all, in the safety and comfort of your own home, on-line with ZOOM!

**Class Dates:** September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4 and November 18.

Once you are registered, students will be emailed a secure Zoom link. Students will be asked not to share the link. The link will remain the same for each class. To register please email Diane Jones at [dianejones@glotwp.com](mailto:dianejones@glotwp.com)



# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

## OFFICE INFORMATION

**Recreation Number:** (856) 435-5734 **Fax:** (856) 782-8962 **Township Website:** [www.glotwp.com](http://www.glotwp.com)  
**Recreation Email:** [recdept@glotwp.com](mailto:recdept@glotwp.com) **Main Township Number:** (856) 228-4000

## Recreation Office Location

80 Broadacres Drive, Clementon 08021

## Recreation Office Business Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-5:45PM

The office is currently closed to the public. Please call the office to schedule an appointment for cash/check registration.

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**September 1 Resident Registration**

**September 7 Non-Resident Registration**

We are excited to introduce CommunityPass, an online registration system with convenient 24/7 access to registration for all of the programs through the Recreation Department. Click the link below, sign up, and enjoy the convenience of online registration. CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa and Mastercard (please note that a separate 2.9% processing fee will be added). The Rec Center will accept 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). Click here to try CommunityPass today: <https://register.communitypass.net/TownshipofGloucester>

Full refunds will be given only if the Recreation Department cancels. We reserve the right to cancel a program if enough people have not registered in advance. Program refunds will be given minus a \$10.00 processing fee. **This refund must be requested prior to the 2nd class.** All refunds take 30-45 days to process.



## RENTALS

The Recreation Department is currently offering the following locations for rental. Rentals can be booked on our Community Pass website at: <https://register.community-pass.net/TownshipofGloucester>

### GAZEBO

The Gazebos at Veterans Park and Gloucester Twp. Community Park are available for the following time slots: 8am-11:30am 12pm-3:30pm 4pm-7:30pm  
The Rental fee is \$30 for GT Residents and \$60 for non-residents per time slot.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Non-Residents can now register for all Recreation Dept. Programs for an additional \$10 fee. Residents can begin registering on Sept. 1 and non-residents begin on Sept. 7. All participants will have their temperature taken and fill out a COVID screening questionnaire prior to each class. Online Registration is now available! CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa and Mastercard (please note that a separate 2.9% processing fee will be added). The Rec Center will accept in-person registration by appointment only. Cash, check, and credit/debit cards will be accepted in-person (the processing fee will still apply for cards). Click the link to sign-up: <https://register.communitypass.net/TownshipofGloucester>**

### SOCCER SHOTS

**Cost: \$82      6 Weeks      Held at Veterans Park**  
**Thursdays: September 17- October 22**

**Instructors: Coach Neil & Coach Jon from Soccer Shots**

Soccer Shots is a national leader in youth soccer development for young children. Our program has been created under the guidance of childhood education specialists, professional soccer players and experienced coaches. Our innovative lesson plans are developmentally appropriate and tailored specifically to the age groups we teach. Using these creative and age appropriate curricula and infusing each lesson plan with enthusiasm and structured activity, soccer shots aims to leave a lasting, positive impact on every child we serve. Raindate is October 29.

**Parent & Me Minis      Ages 2-3      5:20 - 5:50pm**  
**Classic Program      Ages 3-5      6:00 - 6:40pm**

### KID YOGA

**Cost: \$60      6 Weeks      Held at Veterans Park**  
**Wednesdays: Sept. 16 - October 21      5:00 - 6:00pm**

**Instructor: Janice from Still Point Yoga**

Through learning and practicing yoga kids release energy and learn how to relax. improving coordination, creating strength and increasing flexibility. They discover respect for their bodies and themselves as well as others. No yoga experience needed. Bring your own mat and water. Open to ages 7-10.

### TEEN YOGA

**Cost: \$60      6 Weeks      Held at Veterans Park**  
**Tuesdays: Sept. 15 - October 20      4:45 - 5:45pm**

**Instructor: Michelle from Still Point Yoga**

Similar to an adult yoga class, students will be taught in a non-competitive environment. Each class will include movement through thoughtful sequencing, mindfulness through the power of connection to breath, and stress relief through relaxation. No yoga experience needed. Bring your own mat and water. Open to ages 14-17.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### SURGE AMP RUNNING PROGRAM

**Cost: \$80.00      8 Weeks      Held at GT Community Park**  
**Mondays/Wednesdays: Sept. 21- November 11      6:30-7:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mario Sergi**

This program is designed for ALL fitness levels. If your new to running and looking to get in shape this class is just what you need to amp your fitness level. It will help you gain strength, knowledge, build endurance, and give you the cardiovascular training needed to achieve your goals. If you're an experienced runner, you will gain and achieve better agility, speed, distance performance, as well as gain tips to encourage one of your greatest successes in fitness. Come out, Amp your fitness level and give your life the power surge it deserves to stay heart healthy.

### POP MIXX FITNESS

**Cost: \$80.00      10 Weeks      Virtual Class via ZOOM**  
**Mondays/Wednesdays: Sept. 21- Nov. 25      6:30-7:30pm**  
**Instructor: Desi Sergi**

Pop MIXX Fitness is a high energy class incorporating Cardio Hip Hop, Bollywood, Boxing, Strength, and Conditioning. This class is designed for all fitness levels. It is sure to burn calories, tone, strengthen, and boost your confidence all while having fun! Private Zoom link will be sent once registered.

# A D U L T P R O G R A M S

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## BEGINNERS LEVEL YOGA

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Mondays: Sept. 14 - October 19 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Instructor: Heather from Still Point Yoga

Start the week a fresh.. with something for you. The change of season brings for a change within us. Stay connected during these ever changing times. We will learn the basics of yoga and the mind body connection. Breath relax, and unroll your mat. Bring your own mat and water.

## ALL LEVELS YOGA

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Mondays: Sept. 14 - October 19 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Instructor: Heather from Still Point Yoga

Inviting all yogis new and experienced to start the week off on the right foot! or, maybe the left? Come and find out on your mat where we will center and unwind after the first day of a new week. No experience needed. Bring your own mat and water.

## TOTAL BODY TONING

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held outdoors at Point Ariel Park  
Mondays: Sept. 14 - October 19 6:30- 7:30pm  
Instructor: Alx Davis

Thirty minutes of various low impact cardio moves & drills. This will be followed by a full range of toning exercises designed to get your body into shape from head to toe, including those abs. Please bring 3 to 5 lb weights, a mat and water to class. Good sneakers are a must. Open to HS Students and adults.

## MORNING YOGA

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Tuesdays: Sept. 15 - October 20 9:30 - 10:30am  
Instructor: Janice from Still Point Yoga

Start your day with enjoying the mornings quiet stillness as you warm up and energize the body with gentle and effective yoga poses. Complete the experience with a meditative relaxation and leave the class ready to enter the rest of your day with vitality and equanimity. No yoga experience needed. Bring your own mat and water.

## ALL LEVELS CHALLENGING YOGA

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Tuesdays: Sept. 15 - October 20 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Instructor: Michelle from Still Point Yoga

Invalidate the body, mind, and senses with physically challenging, yet accessible sequences. This style of yoga cultivates endurance and focus and is a wonderful practice. Accessible for beginners and challenging for all levels of experience. Bring your own yoga mat and water.

## CHAIR YOGA

Cost: \$40 4 Weeks Held outdoors at Point Ariel Park  
Wednesdays: Sept. 16 - October 7 2:00 - 3:00pm  
Instructor: Janet from Still Point Yoga

Use a chair as a prop for support, balance, or advancing the pose as appropriate for you. Increase your strength, balance, flexibility, breath, and relaxation. All are welcome to this class. No Yoga experience needed. Bring your own mat and water.

## T'AI CHI CHIH FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT

Cost: \$40 4 Weeks Held outdoors at Point Ariel Park  
Wednesdays: Sept. 16 - October 7 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Instructor: Michelle Carlino

Experience more abundant health, harmony and balance. T'ai Chi Chih's gentle movements release stress by relaxing and rejuvenating the body while refreshing the mind. T'ai Chi Chih consists of 19 powerful movements and 1 pose that are easily learned by anyone, regardless of age or physical condition.

## BASIC YOGA

Cost: \$40 4 Weeks Held outdoors at Point Ariel Park  
Wednesdays: Sept. 16 - October 7 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Instructor: Michelle Carlino

This class is a workout for the mind, body and soul that brings inner and outer balance through stretching, breath work, and meditation. Yoga promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and calms anxiety. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel and water.

## FIT HAPPENS WITH CHRISSY

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Wednesdays: Sept. 16 - October 21 6:30- 7:15pm  
Instructor: Chrissy Manuola

Work smarter, not harder. Strengthen, tone and increase your cardio ability in this class that works you whether you're a beginner or expert. Bring a mat, light to medium hand weights (one set of either) and water. All fitness levels welcome.

## MINDFULNESS YOGA

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held outdoors at Point Ariel Park  
Thursdays: Sept. 17 - October 22 10:00 - 11:00am  
Instructor: Cathy from Still Point Yoga

Explore yoga postures, gentle movement sequences, breath work, supported silent meditation, and guided relaxation to support increased awareness and mindfulness of the breath and body, and quieting of the nervous system. No yoga experience needed. Bring your own mat and water.

## YOGA FOR YOU

Cost: \$60 6 Weeks Held at GT Community Park  
Thursdays: Sept. 17 - October 22 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Instructor: Janet from Still Point Yoga

Practice Self Care - Movement is Medicine - Move your body and calm your mind. Discover that self care is self love, with kindness, curiosity and yoga. Beginners to experienced yogis welcome. Bring your own mat and water.

## ZUMBA

Cost: \$50 6 Weeks Held at Veterans Park  
Thursdays: Sept. 17 - October 22 6:30- 7:30pm  
Instructor: Sandy Kirkwood

Zumba fuses hypnotic musical rhythms & tantalizing moves to create a dynamic workout system designed to be FUN and EASY TO DO! The routines feature interval training sessions where fast & slow rhythms & resistance training are combined to tone & sculpt your body while burning fat. Good for all fitness levels. Bring water and a towel.

# P R E S C H O O L



The Gloucester Twp. Recreation Dept. Preschool Program has been operating for over 25 years! Our goal is to provide Gloucester Township and the surrounding communities with an affordable, professionally-run program to help preschoolers with socialization skills, beginning their independence and helping them prepare for their grade school years. We have one of the highest teacher retention in the state! Our open door policy allows you to come and observe your child anytime! Come and check us out!

Our State licensed program is for children, who have turned 3 by September 30, 2019 through 5-year olds who have not yet entered kindergarten. Students enrolling in Preschool will be grouped according to the year they will enter Kindergarten. Children must be potty trained. Our program is held at your choice of locations: Recreation Center or Point Ariel Park.

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 currently offering homeschool lesson plans! Check out the link to download monthly preschool lesson plans. <https://glotwp.com/departments/recreation/preschool/>**

# S P O R T S L E A G U E S

## Gloucester Township Youth Sports Leagues

<b>Blackwood Kiwanis Little League</b>	Hotline #: 856-232-9336	baseball@bkll.com	www.bkll.com
<b>Erial Little League Baseball &amp; Softball</b>	www.ell.teampages.com		
<b>Glendora Girls Athletic League</b>	www.ggal.org	fastpitch@ggal.org	
<b>Glendora Little League</b>	www.glendoralittleleague.com		
<b>Gloucester Twp. Baseball</b>	www.gtball.com		
<b>GTBBL - Gloucester Twp. Boys Basketball League</b> www.gtbbl.info		Hotline #: 856-208-1367	gtbblhoops@yahoo.com
<b>Gloucester Twp. Field Hockey</b>	www.gtfieldhockey.com	gtfieldhockey@gmail.com	
<b>GTGAA - Gloucester Twp. Girls Athletic Association</b> www.gtgaa.org		Hotline #: 856-227-3083	gtgaa@yahoo.com
<b>GTHA - Gloucester Twp. Hockey Association</b>		www.leaguelineup.com/gtha	gtpantherpride@gmail.com
<b>Gloucester Township Lacrosse</b>	www.glotwplax.com	gloucestertownshiplax@gmail.com	
<b>Gloucester Twp. Lions Youth Football &amp; Cheerleading</b>		www.gtlions.com	president@gtlions.com
<b>Gloucester Twp. Stallions Midget Football &amp; Cheerleading</b>		www.gtstallions.com	
<b>Highland Jr. Wrestling</b>	www.highlandwrestling.com		
<b>Highland Youth Soccer Club</b>	www.hysc.org		
<b>TBAA - Timber Birch Athletic Association - Soccer</b>		www.tbaa.net	tbaanet@hotmail.com

**All Gloucester Twp. Sports leagues are independent organizations. Please contact each league directly for any information.**

# F A L L L E A F C O L L E C T I O N

Public Works will begin Leaf Collection on November 2, 2020. Look for signs on the road. **Don't Worry! If you miss your round, we will continue to collect until all leaves are picked up during the fall schedule which ends 12/31/20. After this date, all leaves must be bagged.**

## To make this program a success, please adhere to the following:

Try to keep all leaves unbagged at curbside. If you must use bags, **please use paper bags only.**

Have all leaves out the weekend prior to your week.

Rake all leaves curbside. Do not rake leaves into the street if it will block traffic.

Do not mix trash and broken branches with leaves. This clogs the machines and **your leaves will not be picked up.**

Do not park any vehicles in front of leaves during your pick-up week. **They will not be picked up.**

## GLOUCESTER TWP IS GOING GREEN

Please use large paper bags.

**Help Us Help You:**

Please mark your bags: grass, brush, leaves, etc.



**1st Week:** Autumn Ct, Ballantree, Broadmoor, Catalina Hills, Chews Wyck, Evers Place, Fernwood, Glendora on the East side of the Black Horse Pike, All streets off of Somerdale Rd, Somer Hill Place, Timberline, White Birch, Wilson Tract, Morgan Estates, Sterling Estates.

**Pick Up Dates: November 2, 3, 4, 5**

**2nd Week:** Blenheim, Blackwood on West side of Blackhorse Pike & North side of E. & W. Church Street, to Little Gloucester Rd, Chews Village, Coles Hill, Echo Park, Foxboro, Glendora on West side of Black Horse Pike, All of Hilltop, Oxen Hill, Pine Run, Pristine Farms, Peter's Walk, Valleybrook, Players Place, The Links, St. James Place.

**Pick Up Dates: November 9, 10, 12**

**3rd Week:** Cameron Circle, Cherrywood, Glen Oaks, Highland Park, Highland Village, Kingwood Estates, Laurel Hill, Millbridge, Rosegate, Tall Oaks Dr., West Gate Woods, Wood Mill Pond, Broadmoor West

**Pick Up Dates: November 16, 17, 18, 19**

**4th Week:** Blackwood, South of Church St. and West of Black Horse Pike, Blackwood Estates, Blackwood Manor, Briar Lake, Cherrywood Hills, Deer Park, Dunleigh, Fox Chase, Garwood Rd, and all streets off Garwood Rd and Peter Cheeseman Rd, Grenloch, Hickstown Rd, Lambs Terrance, Raintree, Revere Run II, Stonebridge Run, Amber Ct, Terrestria, Timber Glen, Woodshire, Quail Hollow.

**Pick Up Dates: November 23, 24, 25**

**5th Week:** Albion Terrance, Asten Woods, Breckenridge, Brittany Woods, Brookwood, Clementona, Country Aire, Country Oaks, Cobblestone Farms, Dresden Downs, Forest Ridge, Forest Woods, Kearsley Road, Kings Gate, Mayfair Meadows, Mayfair Woods, Mulberry Station, New Brooklyn Rd, Point Pleasant Farms, Quail Pointe, Revere Run I, Senators Walk, Sicklerville Rd, Spring Hollow, Sturbridge Oaks, Sweet Briar Woods, The Fields, Twin Streams, Williamstown Rd, Woods Edge, Woods Hill, Wye Oak, Spring Valley, Meadowbrook, Jarvis Rd., Johnson Rd.

**Pick Up Dates: November 30, December 1, 2, 3**

We will keep to the schedule as much as possible. Please allow for inclement weather, vehicle breakdowns, etc. **If we are ahead of schedule, we may go into heavier areas, but will return on your scheduled week.**



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**How to Contact Gloucester Township**

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**Mayor's Email:** [mayor@glotwp.com](mailto:mayor@glotwp.com)

**Emergencies:** 911  
**Non-Emergencies Police:** 856-228-4500

**Municipal Building:** 856-228-4000

**Municipal Court:** 856-374-3531

**Public Works:** 856-228-3144

**Code Enforcement:** 856-374-3513

**Tax Assessor:** 856-374-3532

**Tax Collector:** 856-374-3533

**Township Clerk:** 856-374-3534

**Zoning Office:** 856-374-3512

**Community Development and Construction:**  
856-374-3500

**Recreation:** 856-435-5734

**GT Senior Services:** 856-228-9015

**GTMUA (Recycling):** 856-227-8666

**CCMUA:** 856-541-3700

**Waste Management (Trash):** 800-633-9096

**Camden County:** 856-226-3362

**Animal Control:** 856-718-0305

**Gloucester Township Schools:** 856-227-1400

**Black Horse Pike Regional School District:**  
856-227-4106

**Camden County College:** 856-227-7200

**Gloucester Twp. Library:** 856-228-0022

**Family Resource Center:** 856-842-5553

**Camden County Emergency Assistance:** 856-225-8800

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** 856-232-3900

**Gloucester Township Food Pantry:** 856-803-3230