

WORKS

September 3, 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!



Overdose Awareness Day: Camden County Unveils Remembrance & Hope Memorial

Monday, August 31st was International Overdose Awareness Day. Mayor David Mayer, Chief David Harkins, and members of the Gloucester Township Police Department and Honor Guard attended the county's Remembrance & Hope Memorial unveiling and annual vigil. Before the vigil, the Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force officially unveiled the new Remembrance & Hope Memorial that is located at Timber Creek Park here in Gloucester Township.

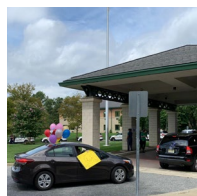
Upwards of 2,000 people in Camden County have lost their lives to overdose since 2010. This memorial serves as a place of reflection for families and friends to honor their loved ones whom they have lost to addiction and to unite our community in the fight against the epidemic. The memorial is now open for visitors.



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A Message From Our GTPD COT:

The GTPD Community Outreach Team thanks you for a great summer!



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Elmwood Hills Organizes Drive-By for Residents

Elmwood Hills Health Center shows appreciation for their residents & staff.



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Congratulations Lt. Crabtree and Cpl. Holmes!

Congrats to Lt. Crabtree & Cpl. Holmes, who retired from the GTPD.



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INDOOR DINING TO RE-OPEN AT 25% CAPACITY



Indoor dining will re-open at 25% capacity with social distancing in place, effective at 6:00 AM on Friday, September 4th. We ask that you please enjoy our Gloucester Township restaurants safely!

According to Governor Murphy's executive order, food and beverage establishments must:

- Limit the number of patrons in indoor areas to 25% of the food or beverage establishment's indoor capacity, excluding the food or beverage establishment's employees

- Limit seating to a maximum of eight (8) customers per table (unless they are from a family from the same household) and arrange seating to achieve a minimum distance of six feet (6 ft) between parties
- Require customers to only consume food or beverages while seated
- Require patrons to wear face coverings while inside the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment, except when eating or drinking at their table
- For food or beverage establishments with table service, require that customers be seated in order to place orders
- For food or beverage establishments with table service, require that wait staff bring food or beverages to seated customers
- Keep doors and windows open where possible and utilize fans to improve ventilation

For more information, please click [here](#).



Gloucester Township has a 71.2% self-response rate for the 2020 Census. This means that we still need a little less than 29% of our residents to respond for a complete count. There is only one month left to go!

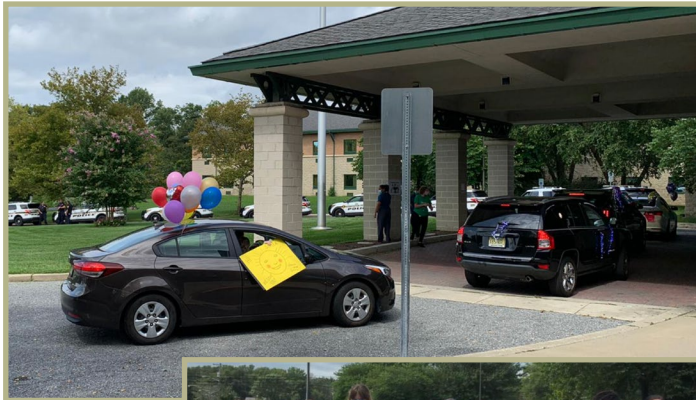
Census results are important as they shape the future of our community. Census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for the next 10 years. Help us boost those numbers by filling out the Census at <https://2020census.gov> if you haven't already.

A Message From Our GTPD Community Outreach Team:

As the summer vacation season is winding down, our Gloucester Township Police Community Outreach Team would like to thank our wonderful Gloucester Township residents who joined us in our neighborhoods for some summer fun activities. We hope your children enjoyed themselves and we look forward to next summer!



ELMWOOD HILLS HEALTHCARE CENTER ORGANIZES A DRIVE-BY FOR THEIR RESIDENTS



On Wednesday, September 2nd, Elmwood Hills Healthcare Center organized a drive-by parade for their long-term residents and staff who have been directly affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

“I wanted to do something special for our residents, their families, our staff, our police officers and for our community,” said Karen DeCecco of Elmwood Hills.

They used the parade as a chance to not only bring a smile to their residents’ faces, but also to thank our Gloucester Township Police Department and first responders who have worked tirelessly throughout the crisis.

“During this distressing time, it is great to see a local healthcare facility trying to lift the spirits and show appreciation for their long-term residents, staff, our Police Department, Fire Companies, and other essential services of Gloucester Township. Elmwood Hills Healthcare Center has been serving our town for 7 years and lately found itself on the front lines of this terrible pandemic. I sincerely thank all the essential personnel for their countless hours and hard work caring for our most vulnerable population. I also thank our Police Department and all the frontline employees for not only helping Gloucester Township bounce back, but spring forward, as we become a stronger and more resilient community,” said Mayor David Mayer.

Center For Family Services Holds Their Annual Backpack Giveaway!

Last week the Gloucester Township Police Community Relations Unit and School Resource Officers stopped by the Gloucester Township Police Department Family Resource Center to assist the Center For Family Services in their Community Connections Outreach Program Backpack Giveaway. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. It is great to see our GTPD Family Resource Center giving back to the community, especially during these difficult times.



Congratulations Lt. Crabtree and Cpl. Holmes!



Effective September 1, 2020, Lt. Crabtree retired from the Gloucester Township Police Department after 28 years and 8 months of honorable service, with 24 years and 6 months as a Police Officer. Lt. Crabtree was hired on January 16, 1992 as a part time Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer, and was hired as a Police Officer on February 5, 1996. Lt. Crabtree served as a Field Training Officer, a Patrol Shift Investigator, and a Firearms & Tactics Instructor. Lt. Crabtree was appointed to the Special Response Team in September 2000, being appointed as a Team Leader on February 1, 2006 until May 31, 2015. Lt. Crabtree was appointed a Detective from September 13, 2004 until May 16, 2005, serving in the Juvenile Investigations Unit. On February 1, 2008, Lt. Crabtree was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Patrol Bureau serving a Deputy Platoon Commander and Operations Response Unit Supervisor. On June 1, 2015 Lt. Crabtree was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, where he served as a Platoon Commander, Investigations Bureau Commander, Professional Standards Bureau Commander, and Professional Development Bureau Commander.

Effective May 1, 2020, Cpl. Holmes retired after serving 25 years of honorable service with the Gloucester Township Police Department. Cpl. Holmes was hired as a Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer by the Gloucester Township Police Department on March 13, 1995. Cpl. Holmes was hired as a Police Officer on May 21, 1999. Cpl. Holmes served as a DARE Officer in 2003. Cpl. Holmes was a founding member of the Honor Guard Unit from November 21, 2005 until her retirement. Cpl. Holmes worked as a Patrol Officer and served as a Watch Desk Officer.

Gloucester Township wishes them both a long, happy retirement!

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Mayer".



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