

# WORKS

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*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!*



## A Message From Mayor David R. 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!



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#### Drive-Thru Flu Shot Schedule Now Available!

Camden County Freeholder Board announces the 2020 Flu Shot Schedule.



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School Resource Officer, Cpl. Messick, enjoys his first day of school.



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#### Check Out Gloucester Township's Fall Report!

The 2020 Fall Report, featuring news, programs & more, is now available.



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Once again, I'd like to take this time to thank all of the frontliners 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 as of September 1, 2020.

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 R. Mayer*  
Mayor of Gloucester Township

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## CAMDEN COUNTY FREEHOLDER BOARD ANNOUNCES DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT SCHEDULE

As our region continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting the spread of seasonal influenza will be critical to protecting public health in Camden County this fall. To help keep residents safe and healthy this flu season, the Camden County Freeholder Board is announcing the 2020 Seasonal Flu Shot Schedule, beginning on Friday, October 2nd. In order to accommodate social distancing recommendations, this year's flu shot program will be conducted via a series of drive-thru events at locations throughout the county.



"It is always important for our residents to protect themselves and their families by getting vaccinated, but with our battle against COVID-19 still in full effect, it is especially important in 2020," said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to the Health Department. "The flu is a dangerous illness, just like COVID-19, and patients frequently require hospitalization for treatment. A sudden surge in flu-related hospitalizations could reduce our health care system's capacity to care for COVID-19 patients and endanger folks who would otherwise be treatable. We can save lives and keep our hospital beds open by preventing and limiting the spread of the flu, and that starts with as many residents as possible receiving their flu shot."

Each fall, the county offers a number of times and locations throughout the county where residents can receive the influenza vaccine, at no out-of-pocket cost. Visit the link below for this year's schedule:

<https://www.camdencounty.com/freeholder-board-announces-2020-drive-thru-flu-shot-schedule/>



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## The GTPD Wants You to “Know The Signs” During National Suicide Prevention Week

In support of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week, World Suicide Prevention Day and National Recovery Month, all held in September, Gloucester Township Police are encouraging people to “Know The Signs”. Pain isn’t always obvious.

Every day in the United States friends, family and co-workers struggle with emotional pain; and for some, it’s too difficult to talk about the pain and the need for help. Though the warning signs can be subtle, they are there. By recognizing these signs, knowing how to start a conversation and where to turn for help, you have the power to make a difference – the power to save a life.

Read more by visiting the Suicide Is Preventable website here:

<https://www.suicideispreventable.org/>



GLoucester TOWNSHIP GREEN TEAM PRESENTS

# 2020-2021 Fall & Winter PHOTO CONTEST

Grab your phone or camera and capture the fall or winter flora, fauna, or naturescape within Gloucester Township!

Winners will be announced at a Council Meeting and photos will be displayed in the Council Room

Mail entries to: Gloucester Township Mayor's Office  
1261 Chews Landing Road, P.O. Box 8, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Photos must be 8x10 and will not be returned • Please include your contact info/age  
One winner will be selected for each age group: 5-13, 14-18, 19+

 DEADLINE: 2/16/2021

*Looking for a fun activity that you can participate in at home?*

*Grab your camera and head outside!*

The Gloucester Township Green Team presents their Fall & Winter Photo Contest. All photos must be 8x10 and are due to the Mayor's Office by February 16, 2021.

## Meet Our Newest School Resource Officer: *Corporal Tom Messick*



The First Day of School is not only exciting for first time students and teachers, but it's also exciting for brand new School Resource Officers as well!

Gloucester Township Police Cpl. Tom Messick is our “rookie” SRO assigned to Glen Landing Middle School, Loring Flemming School, Glendora School, and Chews School.

He may be a rookie SRO, but he's not a rookie Police Officer. Corporal Messick is a Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves, serving from 2000-2006 in the 514th Security Forces Squadron, and

served in Doha, Qatar after 9/11, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was also a Corrections Officer at the Camden County Correctional Facility, prior to becoming an Officer at Gloucester Township Police Department in 2005. Cpl. Messick has been assigned to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Platoons in the Patrol Division from 2005 through 2020. He is also a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT).

In his spare time Cpl. Messick enjoys surf fishing, camping, restoring classic cars, and spending time with his family and cats.



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Gloucester Township remembers and honors the 2,977 people who lost their lives and the 6,000+ people who were injured on September 11, 2001. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the victims' families and friends as we observe the 19th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11.

## Check out Gloucester Township's Fall Report!

Read about community news, programs & more

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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](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,

*David R. Mayer*



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