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!



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#### Awareness

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ic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

# Trick-or-Treating in Gloucester Twp

Visit GloTwp.com for more info about how to celebrate Halloween safely.

# Council Appoints New Member: Carolyn Grace

On Wednesday, October 14th, Mayor David Mayer swore in Gloucester Township Council's newest council member, Carolyn Grace. She was appointed by Council to finish out the remainder of Scott Owen's term which ends in 2021. "Thank you for the honor of swearing you in. I know that you know the importance of building a community and I am so excited that you are now taking on this new responsibility," said Mayor Mayer.

Ms. Grace has been a resident of Gloucester Township since 1987. She moved to the Brittany Woods development with the goal of raising her family in a community that shared her values: love for your neighbors, hard work, and service to others. Over the next few decades, she experienced a steady deterioration of her beloved neighborhood. With her "vision for change," Ms. Grace had no choice but to take action.



## Council Appoints New Member: Carolyn Grace (Continued)



In 2016, she organized the Brittany Woods Community Action Group (BW-CAG). Under Ms. Grace's lead, this group yielded over 60 new mailboxes to help improve the development's curb appeal and saw the completion of "The Road Paving Project" which brought a fresh look to her community. In a few short years, Hampshire Road transformed from over 23 abandon homes to approximately three vacant properties. The BWCAG also advocated for the "The Children Park Project" which gave the children of Brittany Woods a safe place to play. In addition to her work with the BWCAG, Ms. Grace organizes many annual events in her community such as the Brittany Woods Community Clean-Up, National Night Out, and Fall Leaf Removal.

"I first met Ms. Grace four years ago at a council meeting...Ms. Grace was here with Ms. Shirley to talk about their community and the things that they wanted to accomplish there. Ever since that time, Ms. Grace has been actively involved in the community and we are very happy to have you here," said Council President, Orlando Mercado.

"I am very happy to be here on council. I hope that I can make a difference in this community and keep up the great work that you guys have been doing," said Carolyn Grace.

We welcome Carolyn Grace to Council and thank her for her service to the Gloucester Township community!

# **Our Veterans Need YOUR Help!**

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Schad Assembly is having a "Veterans Need Your Help" Drop-Off Day this Saturday, October 17th at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center on Little Gloucester Road between the hours of 1:00-4:00 pm.

Items needed: Wipes, Body Wash, Tissues, New Socks, Tee Shirts (M-L-XL), Crackers, Potato Chips, Tastykakes and Water. Your help is greatly appreciated!





#### GTPD Spreads Awareness for Metastatic Breast Cancer



The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, however, October 13th is dedicated to Metastatic Breast Cancer awareness. Metastatic (pronounced as Met-a-STA-tic) Breast Cancer (MBC), also known as Stage IV, is cancer that has spread outside of the breast to other organs such as bones, liver, lung or brain. This is through a process called metastasis.

Please enjoy these photos shared by the Gloucester Township Police Department of our officers and K-9s wearing pink on Tuesday to show their support.

## **GTPD Training: Special Response Team**

This week, the Gloucester Township Police Special Response Team (SRT) conducted several real time scenarios with the GTPD Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and the Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Camden County Emergency Training Center.

As highlighted in the past, the SRT trains hard and frequently. Working with the K-9 Unit, CNT, and IMT, they attempt to successfully resolve

critical incidents and specific police emergencies in which they simulated during their training scenarios seen in these photos.





### A Message From the Gloucester Township Green Team:

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 <u>www.sustain-ablecamdencounty.org</u>. Remember, recycle, reuse, re-purpose whenever you can. Have a wonderful season!



#### Gloucester Township Reminds Residents that Trick-or-Treating Is NOT Banned This Year



Just a reminder to please use your own discretion when evaluating risks associated with your child trick-or-treating this year; and if you are worried about possible COVID-19 exposure, please refrain from participating and opening your door to trick-or-treaters. If you do choose to participate in trick-or-treating, the recommended hours are between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

For those who do not want to participate, a sign is available for downloading and printing on the municipal website (https://glotwp.com/news/halloween-2020-guidance/). Gloucester Township suggests placing the sign on your door or any other visible area on your property.

## 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,

Jan R. Mayer





