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# WORKS

*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!*



## Gloucester Township Celebrates the Energizing of a New Solar Project at Triton High School

Gloucester Township and energy advisor BlueSky Power are proud to announce that a ribbon cutting event was held on Monday, November 16th, to officially kick off the commissioning of a new 822kW solar project at Triton High School.

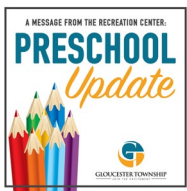
The new solar installation at Triton High School is part of a larger solar initiative across the Black Horse Pike Regional School District (BHPSRD), which has already seen the completion of 1.5MW of solar at both Triton and Timber Creek High School. This project increases the BHPSRD solar energy total to 2,742,000 kWh, saving the school district hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs and eliminating over 29,000 metric tons of harmful greenhouse gas emissions over the 15-year contract term.

"Gloucester Township's focused pursuit of a cleaner community and world for its residents has resulted in award winning, nationally recognized clean energy projects and a significant decrease in the Township's carbon footprint," said BlueSky Power CEO Ben Parvey. "That focus is demonstrated once again with the Triton Solar Project, ensuring that students are learning in an environment powered by renewable energy."

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#### Preschool Update: Winter Session

Read the update from the Rec Department regarding their Preschool Program.



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#### GTPD: Combating Package Theft

GTPD gives tips on how to keep your packages safe and delivered to the rightful owners.



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Elmwood Hills is fighting poverty, hunger, and loneliness this holiday season.



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#### No Shave November

Help the GTPD and GTFOP Raise "No Shave November" donations.



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The BHPRS solar projects are a component of Gloucester Township's longstanding Energy Master Plan, which has orchestrated the installation of over 15 Megawatts (MW) of solar, including 8 MW of solar on two landfills, 6 MW of solar at 11 schools and municipal sites, solar truck port canopies at Public Works buildings, and EV charging stations at municipal sites. The clean energy projects accomplished to date have resulted in the elimination of approximately 12,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year, and significant energy savings for the Township and its residents.

"Gloucester Township has implemented numerous solar energy projects over the past several years, and we are proud to cut the ribbon and celebrate the energizing of yet another solar project at Triton Regional High School. As a community we strive to not only look for cost-effective options when it comes to energy, but we also aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make a lasting impact on our environment," stated Mayor David Mayer.



Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases, the Township has made the decision to cancel the Winter Session of the Recreation Department's Preschool Program in the best interest of the students, teachers, and our residents.

Restrictions severely limit the number of children we are able to serve at both Point Ariel Park and the Rec Center, and current requirements would not allow our preschool program to run without risk to the safety of the children. As a result, we have made the decision not to offer the preschool program in January. While this decision is not an easy one and not one made lightly, we are hopeful that in the near future we will be able to bring back the education that our residents have come to expect from our program over the past 30 years.

We wish you a healthy and safe winter, and hope to see you in Spring 2021!



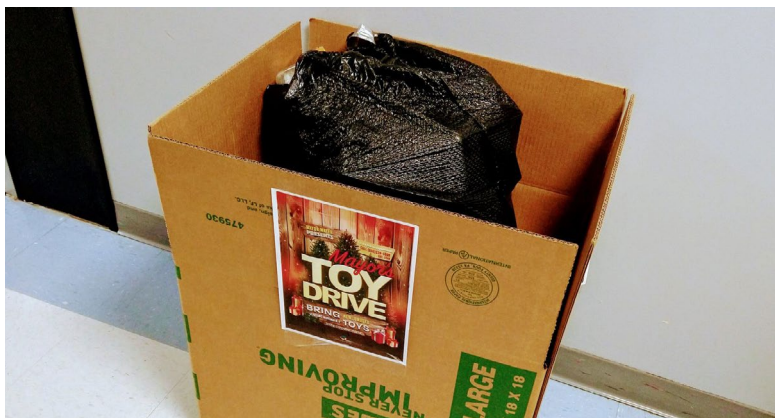
Public Works has begun Fall Leaf Collection. Look for signs on the road and don't worry! If you miss your round, they will continue to collect until all leaves are picked up during the fall schedule which ends December 31, 2020. After this date, all leaves must be bagged.

**Schedule for the upcoming week (11/23, 11/24, 11/25):**

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







## Huge Thanks to Everyone Who Has Already Donated to the Mayor's Toy Drive!

The Mayor's Annual Toy Drive for the children of Gloucester Township has begun; and we just want to thank all of the businesses and individuals who have already donated to this worthwhile activity!

Toys can be dropped off at the Gloucester Township Police Department's Watch Desk in the Gloucester Township Municipal Building (1261 Chews Landing Road).

Please note that due to safety precautions we can NOT accept the following items: clothes, stuffed animals, or unsealed or unboxed toys.

Distribution of toys will begin the week of December 2nd. For an appointment or to donate, please call (856) 228-4000 ext. 3249

## Gloucester Township Police Community Bulletin: Combating Package Theft As The Holiday Season Approaches

The rise of online shopping has made holiday shopping easier and more convenient, especially during the current pandemic. It has also made it easier for thieves, otherwise known as "Porch Pirates", to steal your recently delivered items from the front of your home.

**Use the following tips to keep your packages safe and delivered to the rightful owners:**

1. Install Security and/or Doorbell Camera(s)
2. Require Signature, Sign Up for Tracking Alerts, or Click-and-Collect
3. Coordinate With Your Neighbors
4. Request a Mail Hold When You're Out of Town
5. Have Packages Delivered to Your Workplace

Have security camera(s) on your home or business? Register them with GTPD and help us solve crimes like package thefts! Read more here:

<https://gtpolice.com/gloucester-township-police-camera-program/>







## Get Covered NJ

New Jersey's Official Health Insurance Marketplace

Quality, Affordable  
Health Insurance for  
New Jersey Has Arrived!



### New Jersey's first health insurance marketplace to offer financial help

- Nearly 8 out of 10 qualify for financial help to lower health plan costs.
- A family of four earning up to about \$104,800 a year and an individual earning up to about \$51,040 a year can qualify for financial help.
- Compare plans and costs in just minutes.

#### Key Dates to Remember:

**Nov 1, 2020 through  
Jan 31, 2021**  
Open Enrollment Period

**Dec 31, 2020**  
Last date to apply for  
coverage that starts on  
January 1, 2021

**Jan 31, 2021**  
Last date to apply for  
coverage that starts on  
February 1, 2021

Enroll now at [GetCovered.NJ.gov](https://GetCovered.NJ.gov)

New Jersey residents will now use Get Covered New Jersey  
instead of the federal Marketplace (healthcare.gov) to  
enroll in coverage.

[GetCovered.NJ.gov](https://GetCovered.NJ.gov)

Make A Difference in Someone's Life this Holiday

### Baskets of Love .... Holiday Drive

Drop off Donations  
Between November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 & December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
(10 am - 2pm)



Brightview Senior Living - Woodbury Lake  
752 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

For more Information and Ideas visit our Website:

[www.theunforgottenhaven.org](http://www.theunforgottenhaven.org)

In an effort to fight poverty, hunger, and loneliness, Elmwood Hills Health-care Center is spearheading a drive to help those less fortunate this holiday season. Located in Gloucester Township, NJ, Elmwood Hills has teamed up with other partners in caring: Serenity Hospice Care, Brightview Senior Living in Woodbury, PA Vascular Institute, Mullica Gardens Assisted Living in Mullica Hill, and Washington Twp. Senior living in Sewell. The "Baskets of Love Holiday Drive" will raise funds for Unforgotten Haven, a non-profit organization, and will focus primarily on providing food for undernourished children who lack nutrition and distribute 'Blessing Bags' to the homeless. "Helping those less fortunate in the community is a basic component of our mission," explains Karen DeCecco, who serves as Elmwood Hills' Community Liaison. "Especially with the challenges folks are facing due to the pandemic, we just felt we should promote some positivity and encouragement." Individuals or organizations who would like to donate or help in the drive can contact Karen DeCecco at 856-637-3495.



# NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

*Help the GTPD and GTFOP Raise "No Shave November"  
Donations for An Officer Battling Pancreatic Cancer*

The Gloucester Township Police Department and Gloucester Township FOP Lodge 206 have participated in No Shave November to raise money to fight cancer for several years, and this year we're helping to raise money for one of our own brother Police Officers in Camden County. Unfortunately an Officer with the Merchantville Police Department, who is married with three children, has recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We have teamed up with FOP Garden State Lodge 3 to raise funds to assist with this Officer's long battle ahead.

If you would like to donate, please send your gift via Venmo to @FOPGarden-StateLodgeThree (list Rulli66 as reason) OR send a check to FOP Garden State Lodge 3, 871 Engard Ave, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 and list Rulli66 at the bottom of the check.

If you are not familiar with "No Shave November", it is a campaign held annually from November 1st to November 30th to raise money and awareness for cancer. During the month, our Officers forgo shaving in order to evoke conversation regarding cancer and raise money for cancer research, education, and prevention.

## 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,



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