

# 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!

November 25, 2020



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Big Thank You to the individuals and businesses who have donated to our annual toy drive

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP**  
MAYOR DAVID MAYER AND COUNCIL  
present  
*Holiday House Decorating Contest  
&  
Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour*

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- Submit entries now through 12/21/2020
- Pictures can be mailed to [mayer@glotwp.com](mailto:mayer@glotwp.com)
- Download Map from [glotwp.com](http://glotwp.com)
- Contest Survey will be available at [glotwp.com](http://glotwp.com) 12/28-12/31/20
- Winners will be announced 1/1/21

For more info:  
- visit [glotwp.com](http://glotwp.com)  
- email [mayer@glotwp.com](mailto:mayer@glotwp.com)  
- call Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514

 **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP**  
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT

*Good Luck and  
Have a Happy and Safe  
Holiday Season!*



## Gloucester Township Introduces its First Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest and Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour

Do you take pride in decorating your house for the holidays? Is your house considered the "showstopper" on the block? Do cars slow down to admire your elaborate holiday display? If so, we have the perfect contest for you!

Mayor David Mayer and Council are excited to launch a new holiday tradition this year. We are giving residents the exciting opportunity to not only enter our 2020 Holiday House Decorating Contest, but also submit their house to Gloucester Township's first ever Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour, if they wish to. The houses will be mapped out on an interactive map for our residents to drive by and enjoy!

Contest entries can be submitted now through Monday, December 21st. Pictures can be emailed to [mayer@glotwp.com](mailto:mayer@glotwp.com). Please NO VIDEOS.

Residents will be encouraged to take a brief survey to vote on the best decorated house starting December 28th. The survey will be available on the website as well as social media platforms until EOD Thursday, December 31st. Three place winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be announced on Friday, January 1st, and presented with gift cards to a local business. (continued on page 2)



(continued from page 1) Please specify in your email that you wish to be a part of our Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour, and if so, include your physical address to be placed on the map.

No need to leave the town in search for holiday cheer - just hop in your car with your family and friends and watch spectacular holiday displays proudly put up by our residents!

*Click Here  
for the Self-Drive Light Tour  
Map*

(Once you open the map please zoom out till you see the participating houses marked as this  for your convenience! Enjoy!

## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING GOES VIRTUAL THIS YEAR!

Ring in the Holiday Season with Mayor David Mayer and Gloucester Township Council at the 2020 Gloucester Township Tree Lighting Celebration. The 31st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held virtually this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the fact that Gloucester Township won't be able to host a usual live audience at Veterans' Park, there will be plenty of holiday cheer to be had during a virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony premiering at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Look forward to Christmas carols, appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and much more! Join us while we stream the event on our Facebook page and GloTwp.com, as we encourage you to stay home and celebrate the season in warmth with family and friends!



2020 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

# Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

WAYS TO WATCH:  facebook | GLOTWP.COM  
@gloucestertownship

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 6 PM**

**PLEASE JOIN MAYOR MAYER & COUNCIL  
FOR THIS VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY!**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS  
& PLENTY OF HOLIDAY CHEER!





# Meet Ms. Jordan Crawley- a Gloucester Township Police Department's new Social Worker!

Ms. Crawley is a longtime resident of Gloucester Township, New Jersey, and a graduate of Timber Creek Regional High School. Ms. Crawley attended Rutgers University and Monmouth University graduating with a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Since then, Ms. Crawley has worked in the field of Social Work specializing with school-aged children.

She is very excited to start this new chapter in her career and help the residents of Gloucester Township!

*Gloucester Township welcomes Ms. Jordan Crawley and wishes her best of luck in her new job!*



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM GTPD:

Drive SOBER or Designate A Sober Driver  
This Holiday Week

'According to NHTSA, in the past 5 years more than 800 people died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday period (6 p.m. Wednesday to 5:59 a.m. Monday), making it one of the deadliest holiday on our roads.

We all know COVID-19 restrictions have limited access to bars and restaurants, but it doesn't change the fact that you need to plan ahead and designate a sober driver, or utilize public transportation, a taxi, or a ride share service, to get home safely.

Thank you, and STAY SAFE," advises Gloucester Township Police Department.



## FREE Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 26 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner for all Veterans, Community Members, and their families.

Simply stop by Stetser-Lamartine American Legion Post 281, stay in your car, and pick up your prepared dinner!

ON THE MENU: Turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cranberry sauce

Reservations are not needed, but if you'd like to reserve dinner please call the Post at 856-228-9869 during business hours.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner for all Veterans, Community Members, and their families! Simply stop by Stetser-Lamartine American Legion Post 281, stay in your car, and pick up your FREE, fully prepared dinner.

Reservations are not needed, but if you would like to reserve dinners for you and your family please call the Post at (856) 228-9869 during business hours.



Big thank you to Gloucester Township Public Schools and Latch Key Program for donating bikes and toys to the Mayor's Toy Drive!

If you or someone you know would like to donate to this worthy activity, please visit [www.glotwp.com](http://www.glotwp.com)



Mayor David Mayer and Township Council wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!  
*"May your day be filled with warmth and happiness. From all the employees of Gloucester Township who serve you everyday, Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe!"*

Please be advised that the Municipal Offices and Public Work Department will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, 2020.

**Trash/Recycling:** If your trash or recycling day is Thursday, please note that no trash or recycling will be collected on Thanksgiving Day. Please have your trash/recycling out early Friday morning as it will be collected on Friday instead.

Friday recycling will still be collected on Friday.

**Leaf Collection:** Gloucester Township Public Works collects leaves according to the fall leaf schedule. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves to the curbside only during the fall leaf schedule. Please do not park your vehicles in front of leaves during your collection week. Residents can view the fall leaf schedule [here](#).

# 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,

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

