

# WORKS

April 8, 2021

*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 Dedicates a Walkway to World Autism Awareness Day

On Friday, April 2, at a press conference outside the Municipal Building, Chief David Harkins and Mayor David Mayer proudly revealed a beautiful installation by PAVERART designed to recognize Autism and Neurodiversity.

The project started in late 2019 when Gloucester Township resident and parent of a child with Autism, Mrs. Tiffany Scovern, approached PAVERART owner Mark Olivito and General Manager Mike Bull about creating a paver project to recognize Autism and Neurodiversity. They then approached the Gloucester Township Police, because of their ADDR registry, to collaborate and celebrate Neurodiversity.

PAVERART designed the artwork and Gloucester Township Mayor David Mayer authorized it to be installed in a prominent place so that more people would see it which would then create conversation. PAVERART then delivered the pavers and materials for this project to be installed by the Gloucester Township Public Works Department.



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#### Walkway Dedication

A beautiful artwork unveiled to promote respect, tolerance, and inclusion



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Thousands of new appointments made available



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Breakfast Nook is officially open for business!



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**PAVERART** is a small locally owned business located in Lindenwold, NJ, that specializes in custom designed hardscapes. They have been in business for the last 18 years and have partnered with Landscape Architects, Designers, Contractors, Municipalities, Pro Sports Teams, Schools, Commercial Organizations, non-profits and homeowners.

## **About ADDR Registry:**

In 2015 The Gloucester Township Police Department created a registry for individuals with Autism or disabilities designed to give police officers a quick access to a person's critical information in an emergency situation.

The Autism/Development Disability Registry (ADDR) provides police with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines, favorite attractions or special needs of an individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other disabilities such as: Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome or any other endangered individuals. This information can greatly assist police officers when time is essential in communicating and dealing with an emergency situation.

*"I myself am a parent of a special needs child, so I know about some of the worries that parents have. It's always helpful for our police officers to know what we are responding to, so in 2015 we started a registry through a community outreach to gather information about a special needs person whether it would be an adult or a child."* Should an officer respond to an emergency, the officer will be immediately told by a dispatcher about the person on a registry so that the officer will know how to handle the situation in a particular case. *"The more information we know, the better we can handle the situation. So I couldn't be more proud of this Paverart project that we hope is going to stir a conversation. We hope that everyone sees that we are acceptive of everyone in our community – it's what makes Gloucester Township such a great place,"* said Chief David Harkins.

*"Today we will be unveiling a beautiful walkway that will promote Autism awareness as well as respect, tolerance, and inclusion. I want to thank Tiffany for her inspiration, and Mark and Mike for the design. On average about 1 in 54 children are affected by Autism; and my friends and colleagues who have children with Autism often tell me how stressful, overwhelming, and isolating it can be, and how it affects every part of their life. But the fact is that although those families might not be prepared for where life is taking them, nonetheless, that journey and that experience are just as beautiful. And today we are going to start a dialogue for families and children with Autism and for those affected by Autism about respect, tolerance, and inclusion,"* said Mayor David Mayer.

For more information on the ADDR go to:

<https://gtpolice.com/programs/community-relations/addr-autism-development-disability-registration/>

[Click here](#) for more pictures  
[Click here](#) to watch the press conference





## Gloucester Township Public Schools Preschool 2021-2022

## Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022

March 22 – April 16



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration will be held virtually at

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

If you are unable to register virtually, please call (856) 227-1400 Ext. 2402

Step by step directions will be available

### Preschool Information Presentation

Available at

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

The following documents will be needed for registration

1. Original Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Custody Papers (if applicable)
4. Two Proofs of Residency  
*If you own or are buying your home, please bring your sale agreement, or current tax bill and a current utility bill.  
If you are renting, please bring a copy of your current lease and a current utility bill.  
If you are living with someone else (family member, friend, etc.), please bring a notarized affidavit, current tax bill and a current utility bill for the owner. You must also provide two additional proofs of residency (current bill, address change notice from the post office, or bank statement) along with the affidavit.*
5. Immunization Records
  - DPT – minimum of four doses. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday.
  - Polio – minimum of three doses. One must be given on or after the fourth birthday.
  - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – two doses of measles-containing vaccine given on or after the first birthday
  - Hepatitis B – three doses
  - Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose. Additionally, all children will be required to have a complete physical given by their family physician prior to entering kindergarten in September.

- Full day program for 3 and 4 year olds
- Limited seats available by lottery
- Additional information available at [www.gloucestertownshipschools.org](http://www.gloucestertownshipschools.org)
- Students must reside in Gloucester Township
- Informational FAQ posted on district website
- Preschool lottery will run April 7 - 28. Lottery forms are available at [www.gloucestertownshipschools.org](http://www.gloucestertownshipschools.org).
- Questions may be directed to [preschool@gloucestertownshipschools.org](mailto:preschool@gloucestertownshipschools.org)

*If you do not have internet access, please call (856)227-1400, Ext. 2401, and leave your name and telephone number; someone will return your call.*

## Meet Haven, GMR Therapy Dog!

Gloucester Township Police Lt. Jason Gittens, Cpl. Jen McLaughlin, and Gloucester Township Mayor David Mayer had the pleasure of meeting the GMR Therapy Dog Team and their Therapy Dog, Haven, at the AMR Ambulance Station on Tuesday afternoon.

Founded in 2016, the Global Medical Response Therapy Dog Program is committed to bringing comfort, happiness, and community partnerships to AMR and GMR First Responders. The Certified Program has qualified therapy dog team who delivers effective, pet-provided therapy services during times of sadness, stress and mental trauma.

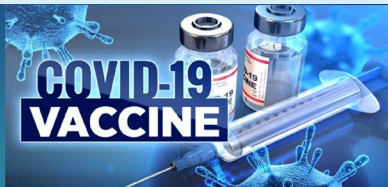


# Public Work Advisory: Spring Leaf Collection



Public Works will be picking up leaves from through April 16th. Residents must have the leaves raked to the curb and call 856-228-3144 for a pick up prior to April 12th.

## THIS SATURDAY: VACCINATION AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH



St. Matthew's Baptist Church is a vaccination site. Register using this Link:

<https://wagsoutreach.com/schedulerLanding>

1<sup>st</sup> shot- Saturday,  
April 10, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> shot- Saturday,  
May 1, 2021

Saturday April 10th, 2021 - St. Matthew's Baptist Church will offer the covid-19 vaccination to the community by appointment only.

Register here <https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/STM332881>

*"We felt compelled to assist the global vaccination efforts" said the Senior Pastor, Dr. Raymond M. Gordon, Sr. "We are thankful that during this pandemic we continue to assist our community by feeding people via our food pantry, offering the covid-19 test and now we are a vaccination site".*

The Vaccinations are a two-part test with vaccination dates of April 10th and May 1st. Participants must be available for both dates.

# COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Resource:



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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. They are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

## COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on April 12, 2021

844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

## Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

For more information please visit:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance?>



## Camden County Vaccination Clinic Opens New Appointments

(Gloucester Township, NJ) – Thousands of new vaccination appointments have been made available at the Camden County Vaccination Center this week thanks to a significant new delivery of Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine doses. The vaccination site is operated by the county in partnership with Cooper University Health Care and Jefferson Health-New Jersey and has provided more than 70,500 vaccines to date.

The Camden County Vaccination Clinic is currently open to those with appointments only. Appointments are available for eligible residents at [camdencountyvaccine.com](http://camdencountyvaccine.com) or by calling (856) 549-0530 or 1-800-999-9045.

[Click here](#)

[For More Information](#)

# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Gloucester Township Welcomes The Breakfast Nook!

“Our Breakfast Turns Heads!” is the slogan of this new breakfast place in town, The Breakfast Nook! Located at 683 Berlin Cross Keys Rd, it opened last Saturday and has been welcoming their guests everyday from 6 am to 3pm!

Stop by and give them a try!

For more information and their menu please visit:

<https://thebreakfastnooksj.com>

For more pictures of the Ribbon Cutting please visit:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/glotwp/>



## 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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