

# 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!*



**Dave Mayer**

Mayor, Gloucester Township



**David Harkins**

Chief of Police, Gloucester Twp.



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## Mayor Mayer and Chief Harkins Report 2020 Crime Drop

Gloucester Township is pleased to report that the overall reported criminal offenses (overall crime) have dropped by 12.26% from the previous year. Violent crimes also dropped 15.63%, making the great community of Gloucester Township an even safer place!

"A safe community is a great community. Gloucester township Police Department is committed to serving our community to make it as safe as possible! While we are pleased with this crime reduction – we are not yet satisfied! We are committed to improve and find better ways to solve problems so that we can make Gloucester Township even safer for all of our residents! I want to personally thank the community for the strong support the men and women of the GTPD have received over the past year – we are committed to being servant leaders to our community!" said Chief David Harkins.

Mayor David Mayer also thanks the residents of Gloucester Township for providing unwavering support for our Gloucester Township Police Department and appreciates the good work that they have accomplished throughout the pandemic!



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# Mystic Ginger Hair Salon and Apothecary Receives the Gloucester Township Small Business Assistance Grant!

Congratulations to Mystic Ginger Hair Salon and Apothecary on receiving the Gloucester Township Small Business Assistance Grant! Mystic Ginger is conveniently located in the Downtown Blackwood section of our township and you can learn more about them and schedule your appointment at their website:

<https://www.mysticgingerapothecary.com>

If you or someone you know owns a small business in Gloucester Township, please visit <https://glotwp.com/cdbg/> and take advantage of this amazing grant opportunity!



*"Keeping the doors open and serving customers during the pandemic has been a real challenge; but so many local businesses have done just that! We thank those businesses that have risen to the challenge; and, in appreciation, we created a small business assistance program,"* said Mayor Mayer.

*"We want to make sure you understand that there's still money available through the Small Business Grant of Gloucester Township. Go on the website and fill out your application! We know people are hurting and you want to take advantage of this so you can keep your business going!"* said Congressman Donald Norcross.

For more information visit: [Glotwp.com/cdbg](https://glotwp.com/cdbg/) or contact Mayor David Mayer at 856-374-3514, [mayer@glotwp.com](mailto:mayer@glotwp.com)





# Gloucester Township Celebrates National Police Week



## *A Message from Gloucester Township Police Chief David Harkins:*

“The men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department are celebrating a very special time of the year for law enforcement. National Police Week is celebrated May 9-15 this year, with a special somber remembrance on National Peace Officer Memorial Day on May 15.

As I reflect back on this time last year, we were in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic, and law enforcement in general were part of the “good guys,” who were out working in public safety along with healthcare professionals and other first responders. No one could have predicted how fast the pendulum would swing against law enforcement, with the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests and riots that began at the end of May and continued into summer. This has certainly been the most challenging time for law enforcement in my 26 years of experience.

To be clear to everyone, good, honest, dedicated cops are angered and disgusted by the actions of a very few “bad cops.” The actions of a few have a significant impact on the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day. When we make mistakes, we own them, and we fix them. In my experience, most of the effective police reforms and meaningful changes in the culture of policing comes from “good cops” who propose how to make our profession better for the community that we serve. The men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department love our community that we serve, and we see it every day.

While certain national news organizations do not portray it, the thanks and support provided to us by our local community, businesses, and organizations has been humbling. We are tremendously grateful for the support we have received.

It is our duty to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in law enforcement. We must never forget what Peace Officers Memorial Day is all about. We honor those who have fallen by our promise to “Never Forget” and by putting on our badge and gear to serve as they would serve.

On behalf of all the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department, I thank you for your unwavering support. Please know that the Gloucester Township Police Department is here to serve our community, and that the men and women I serve with have courage and integrity. I am proud to be a police officer, and I am proud to serve side by side with the Officers, Dispatchers, and Professional Staff of the Gloucester Township Police Department.

They are Servant Leaders who will answer the call every day to serve our beloved community of Gloucester Township, New Jersey. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13”

*Chief David J. Harkins*

For more information about the National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day, go to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund at: <https://nleomf.org/>

To learn more about the fallen heroes that we honor this week, visit The Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) at: <https://www.odmp.org/>

## GTPD Safety Advisory:

Gloucester Township Police reminds you that **bicycles on the roadway are vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles.**

If you’re a bicyclist, or have children who enjoy riding their bikes, learn bicycle safety tips and rules of the road, from properly fitting your helmet to driving defensively and predictably here:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>



# Save the Date: May 21st, 11 AM

## Senior Walk at Elmwood Hills

Join Elmwood Hills for a senior walk and spring back into shape!



Join us for a  
**SENIOR WALK**

*We're Walkin'!*



When: Friday May 21 @ 11:00 AM  
Where: Elmwood Hills Front Circle  
425 Woodbury-Turnersville Road  
Blackwood, NJ

Refreshments - Soft Drinks - Fun

*Spring Back Into Shape With Elmwood Hills!*

To Join, RSVP Karen @ 856-637-3495 | Rain Date: May 28

## Free Community Shred Day this Saturday!

**Shred Day:**  
**Saturday, May 15**  
**8am-Noon**  
**Public Works - 1729 Erial Rd**



Come to the Public Works building on Saturday, May 15, and bring your papers to be shredded. An operator will move the bins to a mobile shredding unit where your material will be destroyed before your eyes.

**100% of the shredded paper is recycled!**

## 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,

*Daniel R. Mayer*



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