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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!



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



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Every Memorial Day Gloucester Township holds a Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the United States Military.

This year's ceremony will take place on May 31, at 12 pm, at Veterans Memorial at 1261 Chews Landing Road. Mayor David Mayer and Chief of Police David Harkins along with representatives of Township's Veterans' organizations will be traveling to the eight veteran memorials before culminating the tribute with a service at Veterans Park. Veteran's Parade will start out at Shop Rite on Chews Landing Road and march to Lt. Col. Samuel M. Siler Veterans Memorial Park. The parade will start prior to the ceremony, so please be sure to arrive early.



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EBBP provides a discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying households



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Lt. Col. Samuel M. Siler
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Master of Ceremonies.....Tony Santanello
Past POST Commander, The American
Legion 281

Posting of Colors..... *Glendora VFW Post 8714 Guard*

Pledge of Allegiance.....Bill Simpson
Commander VFW Post 8714

National Anthem..... *Tatiana Tapang*
A senior at Triton High.

Invocation by.....*Pastor Bill Wilson*
Chews Methodist Church

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Musical Selection by.....*Rich Croce*

Guest Speaker.....*Ret. Tsgt. Tracy E. Thomas*
Tsgt. Thomas. USAir Force. deployed twice to Afghanistan, once to Iraq and
once to Qatar

Roll Call of War Dead..... Glendora VFW Post 8714

Introduction of Gloucester Township Mayor.....*Honorable David R. Mayer*

Musical Tribute to our Armed Forces..... *Rich Croce*

Presentation of Wreaths.....*Veterans and other Individuals*

God Bless America..... *Tatiana Tapang*
A Senior at Triton High.

Salute.....*American Legion Post 281 Firing Squad*

Raising of the Flag.....*Glendora VFW Post 8714*

Taps.....*Al Oneal Post 281 Honor Guard*

Benediction.....*Pastor Bill Wilson*
Chews Methodist Church

Retirement of Colors.....*Blackwood VFW Post 7927*

You are invited to an Open House at this year's "Host Post," Glendora VFW Post 8714, located at the intersection of 11th & Central Ave., New Jersey, immediately following today's ceremony.

INVITED DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Honorable Donald Norcross
Congressman 1st Congressional District

Honorable Fred H. Madden
N.J. State Senator 4th District

Honorable Paul D. Moriarty
Assemblyman 4th District

Honorable Gabriela M. Mosquera
Assemblywoman 4th District

Louis Cappelli, Jr.
Director Board of Chosen Freeholders

Charles H. Billingham
Camden County Sheriff

Honorable David R. Mayer
Mayor of the Township of Gloucester

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Orlando Mercado, President

Tracy Trotto

Dan Hutchison

Michael Minone

Carolyn Grace



EMERGENCY
BROADBAND
BENEFIT



Universal Service
Administrative Co.

Federal Communications Commission Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program enrolled more than one million households in the first week of the program's debut. Households in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa are benefitting from the subsidy program initiated by Congress.

Over 900 broadband providers have agreed to take part in the program. The benefit is available to eligible new, prior, and existing customers of participating providers.

Customers can sign up by contacting a participating provider, enroll online at <https://www.getemergencybroadband.org>, or sign up via mail. To learn more or learn where to access a mail-in application, call (833) 511-0311.

GTPD Resumes Bicycle Patrols

The Gloucester Township Police Bicycle Patrols are out and about in our Gloucester Township neighborhoods! Be sure to say hi if you see them patrolling near your home!

GTPD began an active Bicycle Patrol program in 2010, and is an additional duty of patrol personnel. Their times of operations vary and they can be seen during the day and night throughout Gloucester Township as well at various special community events.



Take The Citizen Preparedness Survey to Help Camden County Update the Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HPM) is required by state and federal agencies in order for communities in Camden County to be eligible for certain types of mitigation funding to reduce hazard risk. The goal of the project is to save lives and property through the reduction of hazard vulnerability for the entire county. During the course of this planning project, county and local leaders will work in tandem to identify risks, assess capabilities, and formulate a strategy to reduce disaster vulnerability.

Public and stakeholder participation and feedback is a vital part of the hazard mitigation planning process.

WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION?

Natural hazards have the potential to cause property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. While an important aspect of emergency management deals with disaster recovery (i.e., those actions that a community must take to repair damages and make itself whole in the wake of a natural disaster), an equally important aspect of emergency management involves hazard mitigation.

Hazard mitigation actions are efforts taken before a disaster happens to lessen the impact that future disasters of that type will have on people and property in the community. They are things you do today to be more protected in the future. Hazard mitigation actions taken in advance of a hazard event are essential to breaking the typical disaster cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

WHAT IS A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN?

A hazard mitigation plan is a well-organized and well-documented evaluation of the hazards that a jurisdiction is susceptible to, and the extent to which these events will occur. Hazard mitigation plans identify an area's vulnerability to the effects of the hazards, as well as the goals, objectives, and actions required for minimizing future loss of life, injury, property damage, and economic disruption as a result of hazard events.

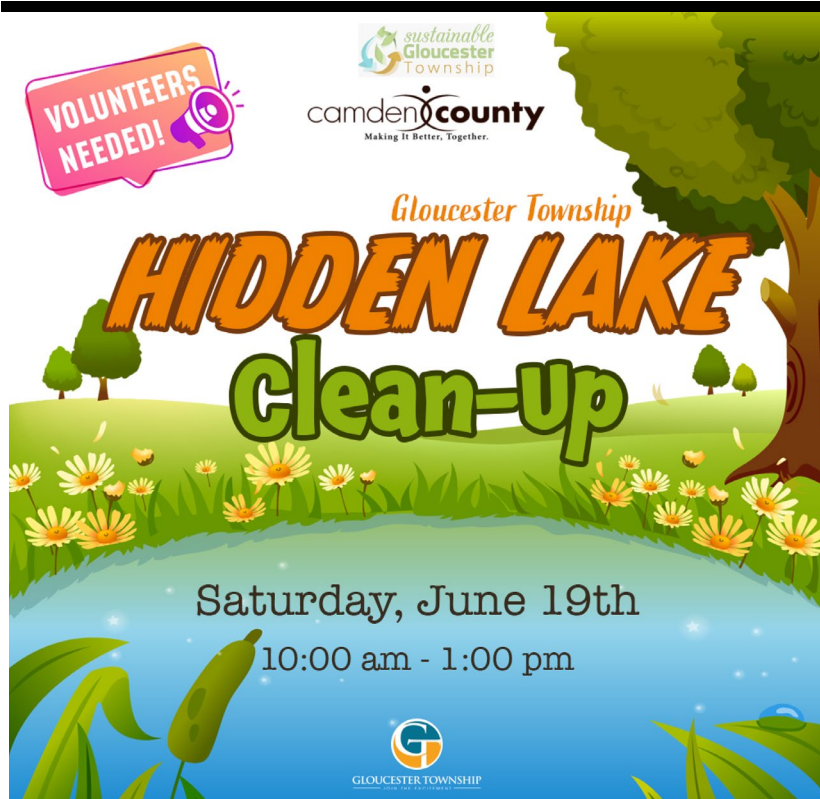
PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PLAN

A hazard mitigation plan is developed BEFORE a disaster strikes. The plan identifies community policies, actions, and tools for long-term implementation to reduce risk and potential for future losses. Adopted, implemented, and maintained on an ongoing basis, the plan will gradually, but steadily, lessen the impacts associated with hazard events in your community.

Under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), as of November 1, 2004 communities that do not have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan in place are no longer eligible for FEMA project grant monies under long standing programs such as the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

Citizen Survey: *Camden County developed a Citizen Preparedness Survey to assist in providing the public an outlet to contribute to the HMP update. Thank you for participating in this important initiative by providing us with your anonymous survey contribution.*

Please visit the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Camden_Citizen



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A LAKE CLEAN-UP!

In partnership with Camden County, Gloucester Township will be holding a lake clean-up on Saturday, June 19th, 10 am- 1 pm.

Volunteers will meet at the intersection of Little Mill Road and New Road, Gloucester Township.

- Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided.
- Please wear boots.
- A guided nature walk will follow the cleanup.
- The event is rain or shine.

Contact Michael Hogan for more information (609) 813-1583

Farrows Run Bridge Update

Please note that Farrows Run pedestrian bridge is still closed to the public until further notice. The contractors are in the process of clearing up the site. The bridge will be open by the end of this week/beginning of next. Stay tuned for the official announcement.



Let Memorial Day be a day to count our blessings and remember those who serve to protect our country and our freedom. Our deepest gratitude goes to the fallen men and women. May their courage and dedication never be forgotten.



Please be advised that there will be NO trash collection, recycling, and brush pick-up on Memorial Day. Your normal trash schedule will be one-day delayed next week. Friday trash will be collected on Saturday. Monday's Recycling will be picked up on Tuesday and Recycling will continue on with your normal schedule. Brush will be picked up Tuesday.

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!

David R. Mayer

