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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!

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just been added to the map



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ARTS DISTRICT NPP

Gloucester Township Receives Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant

Gloucester Township has been awarded a 5-year designation, including an initial \$125,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP). Pending annual State budget capacity, the Arts District in Downtown Blackwood is anticipated to receive up to \$125,000 a year for a total of five years to assist with economic and community development. In addition to funding, the State's NPP Team of place-based revitalization experts will provide a robust array of technical assistance and training to guide and empower this local effort. The focus will be on revitalizing the Downtown Blackwood section of Gloucester Township.

The program is designed to increase place, economic, civic and social value. It seeks to achieve this by enhancing buildings, streets and a district's entire physical realm, by supporting and coordinating small business recovery, growth and sustainability, and by marketing district events and activities while also engaging local stakeholders in planning and relationship building. The state's NPP Team will work closely with the municipality and the stakeholders to support an array of bottom-up efforts that create visible and tangible change, leverage other public and private resources, and address real needs and aspirations of the Gloucester Township's Arts District stakeholders, including residents and business owners.

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Gloucester Township Receives Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant <u>Neighborhood</u>



The Neighborhood Preservation Program strives to be flexible in terms of how funds can be applied. The municipality may use NPP grants for any purpose that will lead to the restoration and rehabilitation of threatened, but still viable neighborhoods. Eligible activities include:

Administrative Costs

Community Planning

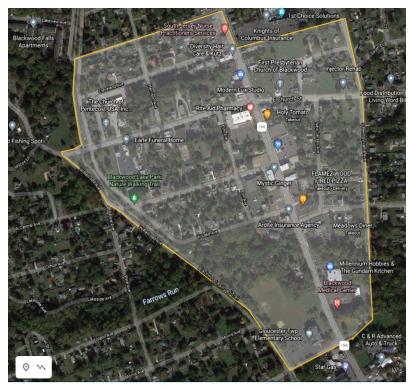
Housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, related commercial rehabilitation/revitalization

Educational, self-help activities, neighborhood organization Demolition, site clearance, property acquisition and disposition Gloucester Township Police Department Community Relations Bureau at Limited infrastructure and public facility improvements in conjunction with neighborhood rehabilitation activities

The deadline for completing the survey, which is available in multiple languages, is Friday, December 31st. Go to www.GloTwp.com to help us create a community-driven vision for the future of the Gloucester Township Arts District. The survey can also be accessed using the attached QR Code.

Link to survey: https://forms.gle/3pgFDzD3s57UXNHf6

Neighborhood Preservation Program Map



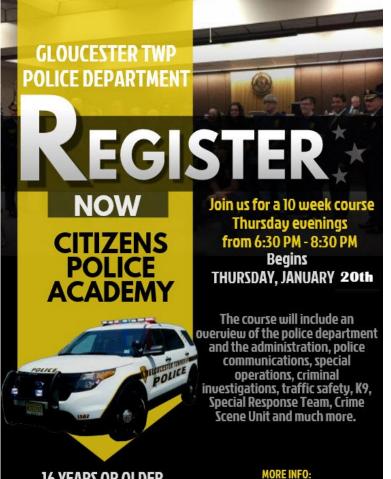
Sign Up for GTPD's Citizens Police Academy

Sign up today for the Gloucester Township Police Citizen's Police Academy! Learn more about your Police Department and the people behind the badge during our FREE 10 week course for any Gloucester Township, New Jersey resident 16 years of age or older- fill out your application today!

The course begins January 20, 2022, and the classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:30 PM. The course will include an overview of the Police Department and the Administration, Police Communications, Special Operations, Criminal Investigations, Traffic Safety, K9, Special Response Team, Crime Scene Unit and much more. Also, all attendees of the GTPD Citizen Police Academy will be trained in the use of CPR for the home.

If you feel you would like to be part of this cooperative effort between the police and the community, and have any questions, please call the (856)374-5712 or email CommunityRelations@gtpolice.com.

Download the application HERE!



16 YEARS OR OLDER CAN APPLY

COMMUNITYRELATIONS@GTPOLICE.COM



It's beginning to look a lot like the start of the Holidays here in Gloucester Township! Detective Mike Mosiondz and the Gloucester Township Police Department have started off right with their magnificent squad car decoration.

Mayor's Toy Drive: Toy Distribution Starts Next Week Start

Mayor David Mayer is pleased to announce the kick-off of the annual Mayor's Toy Drive for children of Gloucester Township! All schools, businesses, organizations, and residents are invited to donate new toys for this needed and worthwhile activity.

We are now actively accepting toys, and they can be dropped off at the Police Department's Watch Desk in the Gloucester Township Municipal Building (1261 Chews Landing Road). Please note that we can NOT accept the following items:

- Clothes
- Stuffed Animals
- Unsealed Gifts

Distribution of toys will begin the week of December 6th.



Save the Date: Gloucester Township's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Don't miss the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Veterans Park on Sunday, December 12th. Christmas movie, free hot chocolate, local food trucks, pony rides and more!

Cloucester Township TREE LIGHTING

PLEASE JOIN MAYOR MAYER AND COUNCIL FOR THE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

VETERANS PARK • 1261 CHEWS LANDING ROAD

Chrismas Movie • Food Trucks • Christmas Carols • Pony Rides

4:30 PMFOOD & ACTIVITIES BEGIN6:00 PMPERFORMANCE BY MAINSTAGE6:30 PMTREE LIGHTING & SANTA ARRIVAL

Public Works Continues Leaf Collection

Public Works Leaf Collection continues. Look for signs on the road. Don't Worry! If you miss your round, Public Works will collect until all leaves are picked up.

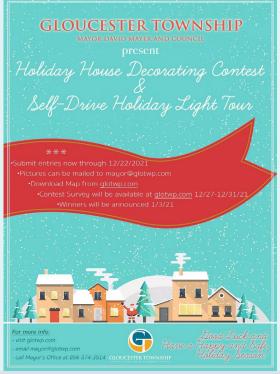
Public Works will keep to the Schedule as much as possible. Please allow for inclement weather, vehicular breakdowns, etc. If we are ahead of schedule, we may go into heavier areas, but will return on your scheduled week. Thank you. See your Schedule <u>HERE</u>





Let's Keep In Touch!

2021 Township Holiday Light Tour/ Contest



2021 Gloucester Township Holiday House Decorating Contest and Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour are here! Contest entries (photos) can be submitted now through Wednesday, December 22nd. Pictures can be emailed to mayor@glotwp.com. Please NO VIDEOS.

Residents will be encouraged to take a brief survey to vote on the best decorated house starting December 27th. The survey will be available on the website as well as social media platforms until EOD Friday, December 31st. Three place winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be announced on Monday, January 3rd, and presented with gift cards to a local business. 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. The Map can be found <u>HERE</u>

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





