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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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Summer Night Market

Mystic Ginger Salon and Apothecary holds
a Summer Night Market in the Arts Market

On Monday, May 23rd, in partnership with Syncarpha Capital and the Township's Energy Consultant, Blue Sky Power, Gloucester Township cut the ribbon on the 4.5 MW DC GEMS (the Gloucester Environmental Management Services) Solar Park located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Hickstown Road and New Brooklyn-Erial Road. The Solar Park is estimated to produce 6,086,000 kWh of clean zero emissions power per year and yield approximately \$1,000,000 in lease revenue to the Township over the next 25 years. Construction started in November 2021; the solar system was energized on April 14, 2022 and was built utilizing local union electricians from IBEW 351.



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In attendance were Mayor David Mayer, Congressman Donald Norcross, Former New Jersey Governor Jim Florio, Louis Cappelli, Jr., Director of Camden County Board of Commissioners, BPU President Joseph Fiordaliso, DEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, and other state, county, and local officials.

The site is interconnected through Atlantic City Electric and will provide power to the PJM wholesales market.

“Fortitude, perseverance and the hard work of so many people at Gloucester Township, Syncarpha Capital and BlueSky Power made this day possible. Given the incredible environmental, regulatory, and technical issues to overcome, this project took years to bring to fruition. Thanks to Mayor Dave Mayer’s remarkable dedication and leadership, everyone stayed focused on knocking down roadblocks. This project adds to Gloucester Township’s clean energy portfolio, making it one of the most sustainable communities in America,” said Ben Parvey, CEO of Blue Sky Power.

“We are extremely excited to announce that our GEMS superfund solar project is operational after an extended 8-year development and construction process. We want to thank the Township of Gloucester who has been an awesome partner throughout the entire process as well as the staff at the BPU and Atlantic City Electric who provided support down the home stretch,” said Managing Partner of Syncarpha Capital, Cliff Chapman.

“Understanding that our future heavily depends on everyone doing their part with sustainable efforts, Gloucester Township has been leading the way since the establishment of the Gloucester Township Energy Master Plan in 2010. With over 11,178,631 kWh produced annually between our 14 solar projects, we are proud to cut the ribbon today on our biggest project to-date that will total our overall output to a whopping 17,264,651 kWh per year!” said Mayor David R. Mayer.

The clean energy produced at the GEMS Solar Park will annually offset 4,313 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide, which is the equivalent of emissions from 10,839,527 miles driven by a typical passenger vehicle, or 4,767,134 pounds of coal burned. The offset of carbon at GEMS each year equals the amount of carbon sequestered by 5,284 acres of U.S. Forest in one year.



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NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM PROJECTS BEGIN IN THE ARTS DISTRICT



Earlier this year, the Neighborhood Preservation Program Stakeholder team analyzed the data from the community survey for the Arts District and allocated funds for improvements of Harwan Park in the first year's budget among other items. The concerns the residents expressed were the physical condition of public parks in the Arts District and not enough events and activities currently held in the area. Also, the priority our community identified was to make the Arts District safer. Public Works Supervisors and Gloucester Township Police Officers held a meeting in the park to address residents' concerns and suggest remedies. Multiple areas of improvements were identified such as removal of large trees, cutting down overgrown shrubbery, adding lighting and surveillance cameras. These improvements will address the public safety concerns, while other projects such as adding permanent seating and landscaping will aid aesthetics for the future events held at the park. Mystic's Ginger Summer Night Market on June 17th will kick off this summer at Harwan Park followed by the weekly farmers' market on June 23rd. Stay tuned for the updates on NPP projects as more great changes will be happening in our Downtown Blackwood! Please visit glotwp.com for more information on the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

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 30th, at 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial at 1261 Chews Landing Road. Mayor David Mayer and Chief of Police David Harkins will be travelling to the eight veteran memorials before culminating the tribute with a service at Veterans Park.

8:00 AM – Blackwood V.F.W. 7927
8:20 AM – Gloucester Township School
8:40 AM – Church Street Monument
9:00 AM – Glendora V.F.W. Post 8714
9:20 AM – 9th Ave Monument, Glendora
9:40 AM – American Legion Post 281
10:00 AM – Gloucester Township Community Park
10:15 AM – Erial Cemetery, Erial
11:00 AM – Veterans Memorial Park



You are Invited to an open house at this year's "host post," Blackwood VFW post 7927, located at 405 Washington Ave, immediately following the ceremony.

SUMMER NIGHT MARKET

Join Mystic Ginger Salon and Apothecary on Friday June 17th, 6pm, for a Summer Night Market with craft vendors, tarot readings, sound healing and more! For more info please contact mysticgingerapothecary@gmail.com



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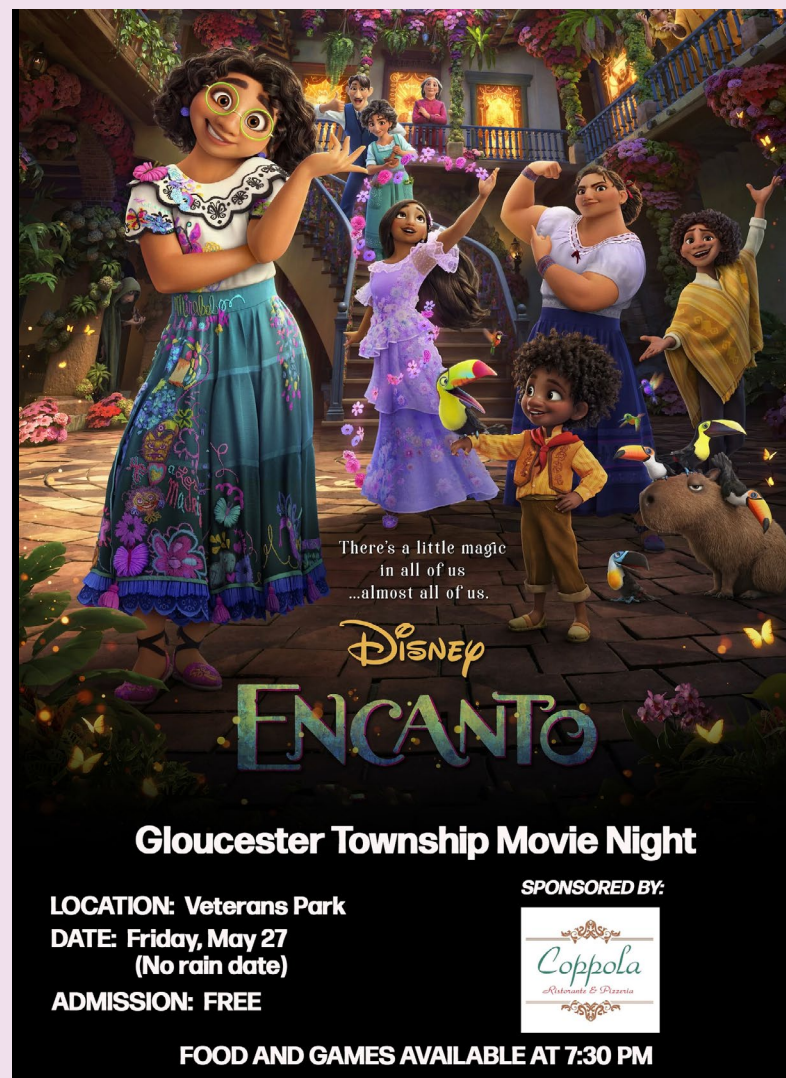
CRAFT VENDORS • TAROT READINGS •
HANDCRAFTED MOCKTAIL BAR
REIKI HEALING • AURA PAINTING •
SOUND HEALING • PSYCHIC READINGS

Friday June 17th 6pm-9pm

Mystic Ginger
36 S. Black Horse Pike
Gloucester Township, NJ 08012

TOMORROW: ENCANTO

Join your neighbors and friends at the first movie night of the 2022 season! Encanto will be shown at Veterans Park on Friday, May 27 (no rain date) at dusk. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a free movie under the stars! Big Thank You to Coppola Pizzeria for sponsoring our movie night!



There's a little magic
in all of us
...almost all of us.


**Disney
ENCANTO**

Gloucester Township Movie Night

LOCATION: Veterans Park
DATE: Friday, May 27
(No rain date)
ADMISSION: FREE

FOOD AND GAMES AVAILABLE AT 7:30 PM

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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!

Daniel R. Mayer



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