

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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On Monday, April 10th, Gloucester Township Police Department held a press conference on becoming the first police department in New Jersey to have the Agency and the PSAP Dispatch center accredited by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP).

"I am proud to announce that the Gloucester Township Police Department has achieved Accreditation for both the law enforcement agency, and for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Dispatch Center, from the prestigious New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP).

The Gloucester Township Police Department is the first police department in New Jersey to receive accreditation for both the agency and the dispatch center at the same time," said Chief Harkins."Upon my appointment as Chief of Police on November 1, 2019, achieving accreditation was a goal to improve our already strong police agency. Getting this project started was delayed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the process began approximately two years ago. (continued on Page 2)

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Statement From Chief David Harkins, Gloucester Township Police:

"Accreditation was accomplished through the diligence and dedication of the team here at the Gloucester Township Police Department. While it was a tremendous effort by many of my staff, I want to recognize a few who oversaw the implementation of the accreditation process:

- -Deputy Chief Anthony Minosse assigned as the Accreditation Manager and oversaw all aspects of the accreditation process.
- -DSgt. Edward O'Lano assigned to the Special Projects Unit, was responsible for the bulk of the accreditation work for the agency.
- -Sgt. Nicholas Katz assigned to as the Support Services Bureau Commander, was responsible for the bulk of the accreditation work for the PSAP/Dispatch Center.

In addition, I want to acknowledge our assigned project manager from Lexipol, Retired Washington Township Police Captain Dennis Sims. Dennis was there along every step of the project, guiding us to improve our practices and we are grateful to Lexipol for assigning him to work with us.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Mayor David Mayer, Township Council, Business Administrator Tom Cardis, and the Township Administration for their unwavering support to accomplish this great achievement. We could not have achieved this without the teamwork demonstrated by the leadership of Gloucester Township.

During the Accreditation process, we examined all critical functions of the agency and the dispatch center. We reviewed and updated most of our departmental and dispatch center policies, conducted a full and complete audit of our property and evidence room, and implemented oversite checks to ensure compliance with all of the best practices mandated by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The U.S. Department of Justice as an "independent credentialing body" also recognizes Accreditation by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. This means that by achieving Accreditation, the Gloucester Township Police Department complies with Presidential Executive Order 13929, Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

The benefits include the independent assurance that we are utilizing the very best law enforcement and dispatch center practices. The Accreditation process actually enhanced our already strong community policing programs. One of the benefits includes a reduction of liability insurance premiums for the Township as well.

I am very proud of the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department. They live out our tenets of "Compassion - Courage – Honesty –Respect – Fairness and Integrity" day in and day out as they serve this great community of Gloucester Township. This accomplishment of being the first agency and dispatch center in New Jersey to receive Accreditation at the same time from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, is an acknowledgment of their hard work and dedication.











"A lot of hard work went into making today a reality. There's a reason why other jurisdictions look to Gloucester Township for advice. There's a reason why our juvenile recidivism rate is below 5%. There's a reason why year-up-on-year crime rate goes down and this department is part of the fabric of our community through our many community policing initiatives. On behalf of our Town Council and myself I want to thank Chief for your leadership and your vision and thank all the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department for what they do day in and day out for the residents of our community," said Mayor Mayer.

2023 GTDSC 5K RUN

Thank you to all the runners and walkers who participated in the 2023 Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee's 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, April the 8th. Thank you to Council President Orlando Mercado for organizing the event and our volunteer photographer Dave Gruen for capturing it!











GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WELCOMES SOUTHWINDS!

Gloucester Township welcomes **Southwinds At Gloucester** - Gloucester Township's premier luxury apartment-home and modern community located on Black Horse Pike in the Downtown Blackwood Section of Gloucester Township.

"Situated in a secluded, landscaped residential utopia back off of Erial Road in Gloucester Township, the trees native to the land create a feeling of serenity and calm. You will feel like you're far away from the bustling commercial corridors that border each end of the street. Southwinds offers both the peace you seek for being in the comfort of your home and also the invaluable convenience of being close to shopping, dining, recreational activities, and entertainment."

The leasing office is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. You can reach the on-site Leasing and Resident Services Specialist by phone or text at 856-672-1532, and by email at Leasing@ teichergroup.com. For more information and pricing, please CLICKHERE.







SAVE THE DATE: SHRED EVENT

Join Camden County on June 3rd for a shredding event. This is free to all Camden County residents only; no businesses are allowed. All residents must show proof of residency. For more information, **CLICK HERE**



JOIN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY **EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

There's still time to register for the Gloucester Township Business Breakfast! The event will take place on Thursday, May 4th, at Valleybrook Country Club. For more information and to register, please <u>CLICK HERE.</u>





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

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Making It Better, Together

FOR **YOUR** NEWS & EVENTS

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!





All residents must show proof of residency

• All residents must remain in the vehicles throughout the event

All materials to be dropped-off should be placed in the rear cargo area of the vehicle only (not in the passenger)







