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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!



MAYOR DAVID MAYER, ASSEMBLYMAN PAUL MORIARTY, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CRAIG COUGHLIN DISCUSS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS WITH SENIORS

On Thursday, September 28, Mayor David Mayer, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty and General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin visited the Gloucester Township Senior Center to discuss various Senior Tax Relief Programs available to New Jerseyans. Speaker Coughlin explained Senior Freeze, the Anchor Program, and the StayNJ to the attendees.

Assemblyman Moriarty and Assembly Speaker Coughlin discussed the importance of the recent legislation that will “slash property taxes for most seniors by 50% and give them the economic security necessary to stay in their homes in New Jersey.”

The elected officials then had a Q&A session to answer questions and address concerns of the residents.



SENIOR TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

Residents with any questions should call the 4th Legislative District Offices for assistance.

LD4 Gloucester Township Office: 856-401-3073, OR

LD4 Washington Township Office: 856-232-6700



Senior homeowners and renters deserve **the opportunity** to stay in the state they have called home. **The ANCHOR program has been expanded by \$250 and the StayNJ program has been created to provide** ground-breaking property tax relief to make it happen.

ANCHOR BENEFITS EXPANDED – STARTING FALL 2023

- Senior homeowners with incomes no more than \$250,000 will receive either \$1,750 or \$1,250 each year over the next three years until StayNJ begins in January 2026.
- Senior renters with incomes no more than \$150,000 will receive \$700 each year.

SENIOR FREEZE PROGRAM – STARTING SPRING 2024

- Income eligibility increased to \$150,000 per year and residency requirement reduced from 10 years to 3 years.

STAYNJ – STARTING JANUARY 2026

- Senior homeowners aged 65 and older with incomes no more than \$500,000 will receive half off their property taxes or \$6,500 maximum annually.
- The reduction will be a credit applied directly to the property tax bill beginning January 1, 2026.

RESOURCES:

- Contact your local Assembly member's District Office by visiting www.NJLeg.State.NJ.US
- Visit: www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

It was a night full of music, food, and celebration of our outstanding Hispanic residents at the council meeting on Monday, September 25th. Eight accomplished honorees got their awards presented by the Township Council and Commissioner Virginia Betteridge.

Congratulations to Hunter Hendry, Froilean Alejo, Laura Hernandez, Victor Oquendo, Haley Hoskin, Brisa Medina, Martita Diamond, and Gabriela Mosquera!



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THE FESTIVAL IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE SUPPORT FROM



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!

This year's Pumpkin Festival has a great line up of entertainment for everyone!

Check out some of the happenings on the day of the event:

- Pumpkin Painting (located at Railroad and Harwan Park), Pumpkin Painting is a cherished and loved activity at the festival.
- Let Your Talent Shine - check out our talented residents as they showcase their skills and dazzle the crowd!
- House Decorating Contest - check out the houses that participate in the Pumpkin Festival House Decorating Contest while walking the grounds of our historic Downtown Blackwood.
- Pumpkin Carving Contest - show your creativity and win prizes! Those who wish to enter should bring their pumpkin to Harwan Park on the day of the festival.

30TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

	RITE AID GREEN ZONE	FIRE HALL BLUE ZONE	ACADEMY YELLOW ZONE	RAILROAD PURPLE ZONE
11:00-11:15			CHERRY HILL EAST MIMES	DJ CHRIS RINALDI
11:15-11:30	STORYBOOK THEATRE	KSD JAZZ		
11:30-11:45		CHERRY HILL EAST MIMES	THE STUDIO AT MAINSTAGE	COSTUME & PET PARADE
12:00-12:15			AARON HEHL & JOHN DUTTON	
12:15-12:30	HARMONY & ENCORE (SHOW CHOIRS)	KSD JAZZ	HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS ANNOUNCED	DJ CHRIS RINALDI
12:30-12:45				
12:45-1:00				
1:00-1:15	THE STUDIO AT MAINSTAGE			
1:15-1:30		AARON HEHL & JOHN DUTTON		COSTUME & PET PARADE
1:30-1:45			LET YOUR TALENT SHINE Talent Competition	
1:45-2:00	HARMONY & ENCORE (SHOW CHOIRS)			CHERRY HILL EAST MIMES
2:00-2:15		THE STUDIO AT MAINSTAGE		
2:15-2:30				DJ CHRIS RINALDI
2:30-2:45				
2:45-3:00	THE STUDIO AT MAINSTAGE	KSD JAZZ	CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED	DJ CHRIS RINALDI
3:00-3:15				
3:15-3:30	HARMONY & ENCORE (SHOW CHOIRS)	CHERRY HILL EAST MIMES	AARON HEHL & JOHN DUTTON	THE STUDIO AT MAINSTAGE
3:30-3:45				
3:45-4:00				

THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL



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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