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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 CELEBRATES WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

During 2024, we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity. They know that people change with the help of families, teachers and friends, and that young people in particular need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view as they grow up," National Women's History Alliance.

Congratulations to the nine amazing women who were recognized on Monday at the 2024 Gloucester Township "Women Who Make a Difference" celebration.

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#### Women Who Make a Difference

Get to know the nine amazing women who were honored



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#### GTPD Holds Last Call Ceremony

Congratulations to Cpl. Michael Trabosh on his retirement!



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#### Sign Up for 5K Run/Walk

Registration continues for Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee's Run/Walk



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**Pam Buoni** is a devout Christian and lives her life through her faith. She makes it a point to help people when they are in need. Pam is often seen cooking meals for individuals when they are ill; and when her time doesn't allow her to cook – she orders food and has it delivered to their home so they can concentrate on recovery and feel better. Pam spends her time on weekends gathering clothes for those in need and helps out at Sunday School at her church. If anyone needs help with anything – Pam is always there to lend a hand!

Pam has been working for the Gloucester Township Board of Education for 9 years. She is a great listener and constantly provides great support to whomever needs it. She gets her strength through her faith and gives it to those around her. “Pam is happy, genuine, and just a wonderful person,” said

Peggy Ebling who nominated Pam.



**Jean Gomez** has been Gloucester Township's Senior Bus Driver for almost 19 years where she has made a huge difference in the lives of older residents and their families.

Every day Jean picks up her seniors and takes them to grocery stores, banks, lunches, and other stops. Jean cares and loves her seniors like her own family. She treats them like they are her own parents and goes above and beyond for them. Jean is always sprinkling extra kindness on her beloved seniors by making every Friday a treat day. She bakes a variety of snacks that cater to the seniors' special dietary needs such as gluten-free and diabetic. She knows her seniors on a personal level giving them nicknames and providing a kind ear to those experiencing health or family issues.

Jean can be seen navigating her senior self-check-out lines, she is familiar with their shopping lists

and will even alert them when their favorite product is on sale! Whether it's wheelchairs or walkers, Jean's there to make her seniors safe and comfortable. Her coworkers know her to be attentive, thoughtful, funny, and outgoing with a great sense of humor and most of all a tremendous passion for her job.



**Dawn Huber** moved to Gloucester Township from Florida in the summer of 2019, and immediately jumped at the opportunity to join the Highland Home and School Council.

For two years she was a Vice President of the HSC and this current school year she is the President of the HSC. The very first thing she brought forward and had implemented was adding student input and representation for the HSC. Dawn communicated the importance of representation for all sides including students and teachers, and was able to get a Teacher Liaison appointed as well. Over the last four years she has been an advocate and helped give students a voice to bring forward and fix issues throughout the school that otherwise would remain unheard. Dawn also attends the majority of the School Board meetings and continues to advocate for equity within the district. Dawn has

been able to help resolve and ease student, parent, and in some cases even teachers' issues through her work with the HSC. She has also volunteered for multiple Highland fundraising and student events as well as helping to set up additional fundraising opportunities to raise money for senior HSC scholarships including advocating for increasing the amount of HSC scholarships that are given out to help more students pursue higher education.



**Linda Perrine** has been a teacher at Chews Elementary School for 31 years; she is a single mother and a dedicated animal rescuer. Linda has been a vocal advocate for children with special needs during the duration of her career. Her commitment to children goes beyond teaching as she also serves as a mentor and even surrogate mother if necessary. For over 20 years, her greatest joy has been putting countless hours into Chews' Giving Tree Committee, a program that ensures families in need have a merry Christmas. Linda adopted several rescue dogs in her lifetime but her dedication to our furry friends does not stop there. Recently she agreed to take in a pup coming from the mean streets of Texas but when the other fosters had to withdraw their commitment to help, Linda stepped up and took all three pups so they would not be left behind.

Her kindness extends to humans as well as she made it a practice to provide for those that are facing adversity. She helps her coworkers who go through hard times put food on the table and by giving them rides wherever they need to go.



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**Beth Simmons** is an English special education teacher at Highland High School and runs the Highland Intervention and Referral Services program. Beth has had many different roles while at Highland such as the Assistant Athletic Director, the Peer Mentor Advisor, head Track Coach, and “No Place For Hate” Facilitator among others.

Beth competed in the 2004 and 2008 USA Olympic Trials; she also professionally competed in the USA and World Track Circuit, a winner of the Penn relays Olympic Development Division of 2004. Beth has been inducted into the Wheaton College Hall of Fame for individual Athletic Accomplishments in May of 2023 and team Athletic Accomplishment in the Fall of 2014 and 2017. She is an NCAA Individual High Jump Champion Outdoors 2000, a 6-time All American and holds Wheaton and Gettysburg College Indoor and Outdoor School Records.

Mrs. Simmons has shown great leadership with her peers and the students at Highland. She has demonstrated leadership in her professional and personal life. Her contributions to the community through her students show every time she enters the building every day. Mrs. Simmons is well respected by her colleagues and students at Highland High School.



**Wendy Sindoni** has worked as a physical therapist in Gloucester Township School District for many years. She has served countless students and along the way helped teachers better understand the physical development of children.

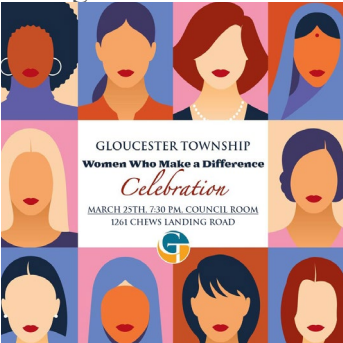
In addition to helping children and teachers, she also went the extra mile to always provide resources and information for parents as well. During meetings and interactions with parents, she explained complex terminology in very easy-to-understand terms and demonstrated how parents could work on gross motor skills at home in ways that it wouldn't feel like “work” for their kiddos.

Over the years, Wendy took her love for children and gross motor development to the ball field. She was an active participant in coaching a team for the Field of Dreams. She was able to help kids feel the joy and excitement of being a part of a baseball team. Wendy is a caring, knowledgeable, professional, and kind woman. She has been helping to make a difference in the lives of GT students for many years.



**Takisha Jones.** “Fortunately, Glen Landing Middle School has an amazing leader, Mrs. Takisha Jones. She has been making a difference in the lives of her students for many years. What sets her apart from others is her daily commitment to being a servant first. Anybody who knows Mrs. Jones has been a recipient of her kindness and support. She puts everything on hold for students and staff no matter what she has on her plate. Her desire to nurture and care for others is innate. Combine that with the “servant-first” mentality with her amazing ability to teach and inspire and you get one of the best education leaders around.

Takisha was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduated from Philadelphia High School for girls, and graduated from Lincoln University with an education major. During the years in Lincoln, she was heavily involved in student government. She attended and graduated Saint Joseph University in 2006 and received a master's in education leadership. She started working for Gloucester Township School District in 1996 and has been employed there ever since. She has held many positions in her career, such as Vice Principal and Principal of Glen Landing Middle School among others.



**Julie Scully** is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. Her job is huge and so is her heart. As an Assistant Superintendent she juggles a range of responsibilities, including the oversight of socio-emotional learning & development, managing school personnel, and addressing student concerns. In her world, Julie recognizes the importance of hosting fair investigations focused on H.I.B. -harassment, intimidation and bullying. In our world, H.I.B., as it relates to Julie, stands for helpful, important and beneficent. She is the co-manager of our educational planet in Gloucester Township; and aids our Superintendent, Dr. Brian Repici, immensely in implementing policies, solving everyday problems and ensuring the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our educational system. They are a dream team. She fosters a positive learning environment by lending her time, her care and her utmost attention to issues big and small. She

manages the Central Office with Mama Magic and gifts to folks- students, families and faculty- the magic of believing in themselves and their ability. There are countless teachers she has recruited at job fairs giving a recent graduate the shot at success they deserve or substitutes she has convinced to start teaching in a more permanent role. Julie is married to a teacher and raised two boys, all while supporting evening programs and events.



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**Rhoda Wus** is a very active person in our community especially in her church, United Methodist, and Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC). Wherever Rhoda is needed she is always there to help Sunday School, collections, community services – she is always doing something to help the Church and people. Rhoda has spearheaded IHOC for the church, donated money, held fund raisers, arranged housing, and provided food for the homeless in our community. She is also on the Board of Trustees in the church. Most of the things that Rhoda has done is through her faith; she cares about people and is always ready to help. “I have seen her serve in a thousand ways and always without demanding the recognition, serving humbly and faithfully in any capacity,” said Pastor John Inverso.

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for more photos

## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS LAST RADIO CALL FOR CPL. MICHAEL TRABOSH

Effective April 1, 2024, Cpl. Michael Trabosh will retire after 25 years of honorable service with the Gloucester Township Police Department.

Cpl. Trabosh was hired as a Gloucester Township Police Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer on February 2, 1999, and as a full time Police Officer on January 17, 2000. Cpl. Trabosh served as a Patrol Officer, a School Resource Officer, and was an Instructor for the Junior Police Academy.

We are grateful for Cpl. Trabosh’s dedicated service to the Gloucester Township Police Department and the community and wish him a happy and healthy retirement!





27th Annual  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

# 5K RUN & WALK

4/13/24

📍 1261 CHEWS LANDING RD  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ

- 5K RUN/WALK
- ONE MILE WALK

**PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE  
A T-SHIRT & POST-RACE  
BREAKFAST BUFFET!**



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## FREE SHRED DAY!

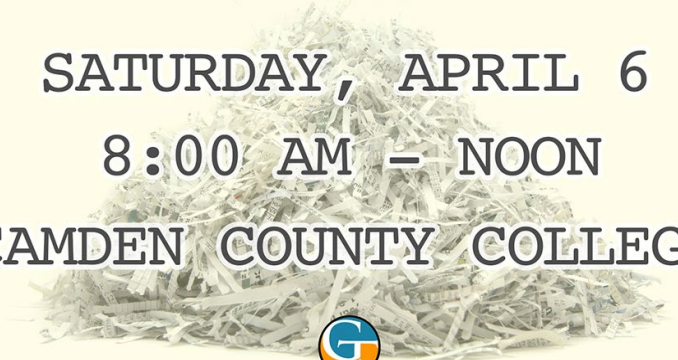
Free Community Shred Day: Saturday, April 6, Camden County College. This event is for Gloucester Township residents ONLY. Only paper is accepted. No plastic bins or metal, including binders, bound books and binder clips. Paper clips/staples are OK. For more information, please call 856-228-3144.

## COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM – NOON

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE



On Saturday, April 13th, the Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee will be hosting its annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit High School students of the township. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

## 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](mailto: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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