



# Summer Report

**2024** 

Community News, Programs and Events

## Gloucester Township Partners with Volunteers of America Delaware Valley

Gloucester Township Mayor David Mayer and Police Chief David Harkins are excited to announce a new partnership with Volunteers of America Delaware Valley (VOADV) in an effort to better serve vulnerable individuals in crisis and strengthen community policing.



The Gloucester Township Police Department and Volunteers of America of Delaware Valley will work together to provide immediate assistance and support to individuals and families facing challenges like mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, and housing instability. They're committed to fostering a strong partnership and addressing these issues through their Mobilization of Police Assisted Crisis Team Initiative (I.M.P.A.C.T.). This initiative aims to align police and social services to stabilize individuals and families and ensure public safety. GTPD will work directly with the VOADV case manager who has a satellite office in the Municipal Building with operating hours of Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, housing instability, and other underlying social services stressors profoundly impact individuals, their families, and the broader community, giving rise to multifaceted repercussions. I.M.P.A.C.T. is geared towards aligning police and social service endeavors and methodologies across three pivotal domains of law enforcement: prevention, intervention, and suppression, with the overarching aim of effectively stabilizing individuals and family units. Through the proactive engagement of I.M.P.A.C.T., it is envisioned that the stabilization of individuals or family units will be achieved, thereby addressing in real-time the immediate circumstances confronting our service recipients, which contribute to public safety concerns such as social disorder, criminal activity and the fear of crime.

Where formally Gloucester Township police officers would respond to crisis calls alone, now they will be accompanied by a VOADV volunteer trained to assist with individuals experiencing distress due to addiction, mental illness, or homelessness. "We are very fortunate to have an in-house VOADV representative working side-by-side with our officers to maximize the quality of assistance we can provide to the community. This highly trained volunteer is here to address the needs of the vulnerable population and provide the resources tailored specifically for them. With this approach we are hoping to alleviate tension for both parties – the responding officer and, most importantly, the individual suffering from mental affliction," said Mayor David Mayer.

The GTPD and VOADV are unwavering in their commitment to fostering a cohesive service delivery framework within the community through I.M.P.A.C.T. This initiative will facilitate robust communication while upholding the fundamental values of each entity. "Our partnership with Volunteers of America Delaware Valley (VOADV) has brought social service resources to the community, with the implementation of I.M.P.A.C.T. This collaboration has placed VOADV specialists to work side by side with Gloucester Township Police Officers. Together, they provide resources for mental health, homelessness, food insecurity, utility assistance, and addiction issues to the community. The VOADV Specialists have been integrated to work with the Gloucester Township Police Juvenile Family Services Bureau so that social service issues can be quickly addressed, and help can be provided quickly. We have already seen many positive outcomes that the collaboration of I.M.P.A.C.T. has provided," said Chief David Harkins.

## COMMUNITY HONOREES

## Black History Month Honorees:

Michael Jones, Kakliah Bruce, Pastor Mike Williams, Sydney Griffin, Jasmine Lewis, Tammy Dash, Eric Butler, Alex Hick, Timothy Lee Mims Jr., Fedora Adjei.



## Women Who Make a Difference Honorees:

Pam Buoni, Jean Gomez, Dawn Huber, Linda Perrine, Beth Simmons, Wendy Sindoni, Takisha Jones, Rhoda Wus.









## A Message from Mayor David Mayer



Warmer weather is finally here along with summertime just days away! Time to enjoy the great outdoors, our beautiful parks, sports fields, and recreational spaces around Gloucester Township! We have plenty of events to enjoy throughout the rest of the year with some old-time favorites and

exciting new ones for residents to take part in.

We are starting off with the annual Gloucester Township Business Breakfast taking place on May 9th at Valleybrook Country Club. Sponsored by the Gloucester Township Economic Development Partnership, this event is an opportunity for local business owners to network and learn about the economic development progress that is happening around our town. Registration is still open and available on the municipal website.

Our favorite Movies in the Park will kick off on May 24th and the Sounds of Summer Concert Series will begin on June 24th.

Get ready for the biggest event of the year - Gloucester Township Day! This year I am excited to announce that we are bringing a drone light show for our residents to enjoy! Sponsored in part by Ron Jaworski's Valleybrook Country Club, the light show will begin at 9:30PM sharp – so make sure you are in the best spot of the park to enjoy the epic display of lights curated specifically for our local community!

On June 15th, come to Veterans Park to participate in the very first official Gloucester Township Juneteenth Celebration. This family-friendly event will feature a cultural marketplace, live music, and plenty of entertainment for everyone!

Several years ago, we brought back the tradition of drivein movies to Gloucester Township; and this year we are happy to continue the tradition with the 7th annual Drive-In Movie on September 14th on the grounds of Camden County College. Save the date and bring your family and friends for a good time and lasting memories!

And last but not least, I am proud to announce that we will be hosting a Medal Ceremony for the veterans of our town coming up in the Fall. My office has already sent letters to every veteran in our town with another communication going out this summer. But I also kindly ask you to spread the word to make sure every local veteran is honored and recognized at this significant and very distinguished event.

As always, please reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns and sign up for my weekly enewsletter GTWorks to stay up-to-date on events and happenings in Gloucester Township!

Sincerely,

David Mayer

# Construction Update: Gloucester Township Community Arts Center

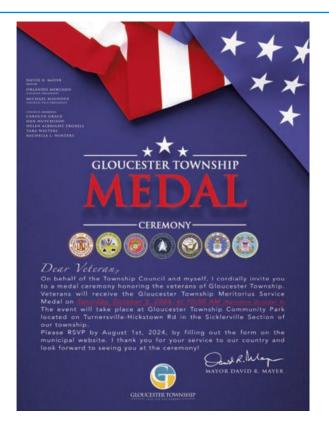
Phase 1 of construction of the Gloucester Township Community Arts Center is underway in the Downtown Blackwood Section of Gloucester Township. The demolition portion of the project is happening now with the Contractor working on structural reinforcement of the floor and the roof. The concrete on the ground floor has been cut to allow for the footings to support the new entryway. The contractor is welding existing steel beams bringing them up to code.

Phase 1 includes exterior work such as removal of the existing aluminum storefront vestibule and installation of the new entrance with exterior and interior stairs, new windows, installation of new exterior columns with steel beam, stone mortar repairs, slate roof and gutter systems repairs. Phase 1 also includes ADA work such as installation of new stairs with a chair lift, installation of a handicap dressing room and ADA restrooms, and reconfiguration of the façade area to include a new handicap entry door and sliding window.

The Contractor will start working on roughing in electric, HVAC, and plumbing systems next. The Phase 1 of construction started in the beginning of March and is projected to be completed in November of this year.









BUSINESSES

#### The Haven



On Thursday, April 18, 2024, Mayor David Mayer, Assemblyman Dan Hutchison, and Senator Jim Beech cut the ribbon on a new rehabilitation facility in the Blackwood section of the township: The Haven Detox. Haven Health Management offers specialized treatment for mental health and substance

abuse disorders and operates in the states of Florida, Massachusetts, Arizona, Indiana, New York, and New Jersey.

## Stay and Play



Located in Gloucester Premium Outlets, Stay and Play Indoor Playground offers a wide variety of services from ages Birth-Eight. Open play, Private Birthday Parties, Special Visitors and more! Stay and Play does not offer childcare services. Explore the

## ESSES

## **Grocery Outlet**



Construction is underway at the former Rite Aid building on the corner of Berlin Cross Keys Rd and Johnson Rd in the Sicklerville Section of Gloucester Township.

Local residents, Becky and Blake Maxey, can't wait to open the doors of their

Grocery Outlet for residents to enjoy! The grand opening is scheduled for June 27th at 8 am - so make sure to stop by and check out this national retailer offering products from name-brand and private-label suppliers!

#### Mission BBQ



Mission BBQ is coming to the Sicklerville Section of Gloucester Township with brandnew construction of a 12,000-sqft multi-tenant building. Mission BBQ will occupy 3,600 sf of that space. The restaurant serves authentic BBQ in a patriotic setting all while

giving back to men and women who have served our Country. If you stop by at lunchtime, you might even catch them doing the daily Flag Salute.

## **Visionstream Gloucester Township Campus**



A use-variance application has recently been approved for Visionstream Gloucester Township Campus located at the former site of the Diocese of Camden Retreat House on Peter Cheeseman Road by Camden County College. The proposed application features a mixed use residential and commercial development that will contain multi-family rental apartments, age restricted apartments.

independent living, assisted living, a grocery store for the area, small retail to service the community and a self-storage building.

#### The Forum



The Forum is a newly renovated grand banquet facility located in the former Palace Catering in the Downtown Blackwood Section of Gloucester Township. The event space features 2 ballrooms: The Grand Ballroom (capacity 750+) and the Terrace Room (capacity of 400+). Patrons will enjoy valet parking, covered entrance, cocktail

reception area, bridal suite, fireplace, chandeliers and more. For information, please visit: www.icccatering.com

#### Shop Rite



Shop Rite Supermarket's application has recently been approved for a new location - the site of former K-Mart on Blackwood-Clementon Road in the Cherrywood

Shopping Center. Shoppers will enjoy all the amenities they've grown to love in the surrounding Zallie's supermarkets and more!

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### Gloucester Township Children's Garden



THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP Did you know that Gloucester Children's Garden Township has a Children's Garden? Come out and claim your family Garden Bed. It's a great way to spend time together, grow your own veggies and learn a little about everything outdoors.

When: Monday May 13, 4:30 to 6:00

Where: The GT Family Resource Center, 1324 Little Gloucester Rd. Blackwood, NJ 08012

This is a free GT activity. Plants, tools and smiles are provided by the Kiwanis Club of Gloucester Township and the Gloucester Township Police Dept.

## MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE DARK

Gloucester Township will be sponsoring movie nights once again this summer. Join us for great fun and great movies at Veterans' Park. Raindates will be held the following week, there is no May raindate. Movies and dates are subject to change.

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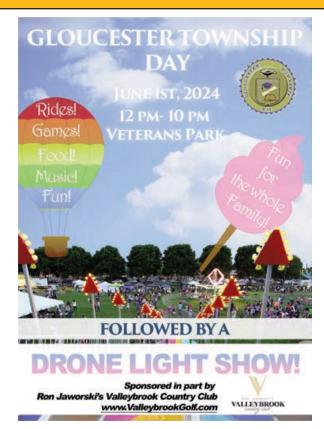
**June 14 Trolls** 

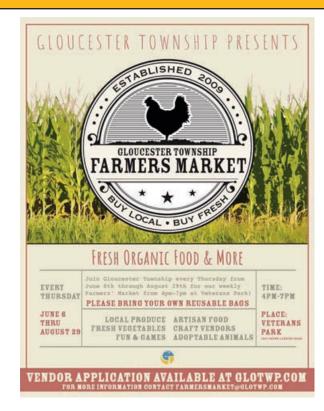
**July 12** 

**August 9** Wish



## COMMUNITY EVENTS







Gloucester Township will be sponsoring concerts in the park once again this summer on select Mondays Join us for great fun and great music at Veterans' Park. Concerts start at 7pm.

June 24	Megan Knight
July 1	Xtreme Band
July 8	<b>Buddy Gale Big Band</b>
July 15	Bar None Band
July 22	The Great American Sound Machine
July 29	Main Stage Center for the Arts
August 5	Payton Taylor Band







#### POLICE DEPARTMEN NEWS

## **Community Outreach Truck**

This summer, the Gloucester Township Police Community Outreach Truck will be visiting a park near you. Ensure to stop by for some enjoyable outdoor activities, such as cornhole, football catch, and Frisbee toss. Alternatively, you can step inside the airconditioned COT truck to engage in video games with our GTPD Officers. Stay informed about the locations by following GTPD's Facebook Page for updates.



## **Gloucester Township Police Junior Police Academy**

The Gloucester Township Police Department is pleased to unveil the schedule for the upcoming Gloucester Township Police Junior Police Academy. Participants in this program will assume the role of cadets and will be outfitted with a uniform to be worn throughout the academy.

The curriculum encompasses a variety of activities including physical training, lectures, presentations, hands-on exercises, and a designated field trip. The program will conclude with a formal graduation ceremony for each class. Throughout the academy, junior cadets will be instructed in various skills, including marching techniques and collaborative teamwork. Additionally, cadets will receive instruction on the significance of maintaining physical fitness, living a drug-free lifestyle, fostering teamwork, and demonstrating respect for others.

Registration is now open and limited spots are still available. Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact Ptl. Doug Pickard at dpickard@gtpolice.com or 856-228-4000x5730.

## Ages 10-12 Basic Class

Dates: July 22-26, 2024 Times: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Daily Location: Gloucester Township Police Department Cost: \$150.00 residents / \$175 non-residents

#### Ages 10-12 Advanced Class

Dates: July 29-Aug 2, 2024 Times: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Daily Location: Gloucester Township Police Department Cost: \$150.00 residents / \$175 non-residents

#### Ages 13-15 Basic Class

Dates: August 5-9, 2024 Times: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Daily Location: Gloucester Township Police Department Cost: \$150.00 residents / \$175 non-residents

## Ages 13-15 Advanced Class

Dates: August 12-16, 2024 Times: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Daily Location: Gloucester Township Police Department Cost: \$150.00 residents / \$175 non-residents

## **Community Notification System**



The Gloucester Township Police Department (GTPD) encourages community members to stay informed by subscribing to our Community Notification System. This system delivers essential updates including safety tips, media releases, and details on police-community relations events directly to your email inbox. In today's era of rapid communication, it is imperative for both the GTPD and the township's Office of Emergency Management to efficiently disseminate crucial information such as road closures, safety advisories, and community bulletins.

Our Community Notification System offers advanced features that enable us to promptly reach thousands of residents, staff members, and volunteers via instant text messages and emails. By registering for this service, you contribute to enhancing community safety and awareness.

To register for the GTPD Community Notification System, please visit https://local.nixle.com/register/. You may also register for the GTPD new updates on our website, https://gtpolice.com/news/subscribe Thank you for being so committed to keeping our community informed and safe.

## **Volunteers of America Delaware** Valley - Immediate Mobilization of **Police Assisted Crisis Teams**





The GTPD and VOADV are dedicated to forging a meaningful partnership grounded in the spirit of advancing organizational strategies and proactively delivering immediate services and support to individuals and families who stand to benefit from assistance in various domains, encompassing but not limited to mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, housing instability, and related needs across diverse facets of police operations.



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## The Family Resource Center (FRC)

The Family Resource Center (FRC), staffed by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, offers professional counseling services in a comfortable, homelike setting. It hosts GT Focus meetings for at-risk youth and their parents, providing a platform for targeted discussions and support. The Gathering Space, a weekly teen counseling and support group, operates year-round. Furthermore, the FRC extends individual and family counseling sessions free of charge to community families facing challenges that impact our youth.



## **GTPD Online Policing Solutions**

The Gloucester Township Police has a redesigned website! All the digital information provided by our new OPS System is readily accessible at your fingertips with a simple click of your mouse. Visit www.gtpolice.com.



## **Reporting Streetlight Issues**



Streetlights play a vital role in ensuring traffic safety in the community. If you observe a malfunctioning streetlight in front of your residence, it is imperative to take action. The following steps outline how to report a streetlight outage.

#### For PSE&G Customers:

- Access PSEG.com and proceed to register.
- 2. Navigate to "Outages & Leaks".
- Select "Report Streetlight Outage"
- 4. Alternatively, contact PSE&G at 1-800-436-7734.

## For Atlantic City Electric Customers:

- 1. Visit the website at www.atlanticcityelectric.com.
- 2. Locate the "Outages" tab and choose "report a streetlight outage."
- 3. Alternatively, contact AC Electric at 1-800-642-3780

## **National Night Out 2024**

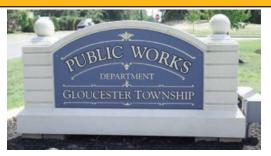


On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, neighborhoods throughout Gloucester Township are cordially invited to unite with thousands of communities nationwide for the 41st Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime/drug prevention event. This event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Gloucester Township Police Department (GTPD), will engage communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. National Night Out aims to achieve several objectives: (1) Increase awareness about crime and drug prevention; (2) Garner support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) Foster neighborhood spirit and enhance police-community partnerships; and (4) Convey a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and actively combating crime.

The Annual National Night Out Event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Any groups interested in hosting a National Night Out Event in their neighborhood are encouraged to contact either Cpl. McHugh at jmchugh@gtpolice.com or Ptl. Ohrenich at Cohrenich@gtpolice.com, or 856-228-4011.



## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



The Gloucester Township Public Works facility is located at 1729 Erial Rd in Blackwood. Please contact Public Works with any questions at 856-228-3144.

## Saturday Drop-Off Hours at Public Works

The Public Works facility will be open on Saturdays, April 1st through June 24th from 8am - 2pm. We will be taking: brush, electronics, white goods, oil/anti-freeze, concrete, metals, batteries, TV's.Please contact Public Works at 856-228-3144 with any questions.

### **SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION**

In accordance with our NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Twp. adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment.

- **1. Pet Waste**: This requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting the local waterways.
- **2. Litter:** This states it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. This prevents unsightly & unsanitary conditions & prevent litter from impacting waterways.
- **3. Improper Disposal of Waste:** This states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose is to prevents unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
- **4. Wildlife Feeding:** Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by Ordinance. The Township enacted the Ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to humans and fish populations.
- **5. Yard Waste:** Yard waste is regulated by Ordinance which establishes the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush, and other yard waste. The purpose is to keep leaves and grass out of the storm sewer system.
- **6. Illicit Connections:** This makes it unlawful to connect any pipe or device to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any material other than stormwater runoff or ground water (sump pumps) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent pollution and contamination of waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies destroys fish, wildlife and habitats; threatens public health and causes the loss of recreational and aesthetic value. We have enacted these Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by stormwater from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies.



Please keep grass clippings out of the street and our waterways. It is against DEP state and local regulations. The grass clippings clog our storm waterways and put toxic chemicals into our waterways.





Dispose of your American Flag properly! Public Works collects American Flags and will dispose of them.



## White Goods Pick-Up

Public Works now picks up white goods: refrigerators, air conditioners, ranges, washers, dryers and hot water heaters. Please call PW for items to be picked up.

## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP RECYCLES ELECTRONICS

15, 17, 19, 21" MONITORS, FLAT SCREENS & ALL-IN-ONES TOWERS, DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS, UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY

KEYBOARDS, MOUSE AND SPEAKERS, ALL TYPE OF WIRE, GOLD CLIP ENDS

PRINTERS, FAX MACHINES, SCANNERS, MODEMS, COPY MACHINES, ALL TYPE OF MEMORY ANY HARD DRIVES, FANS AND POWER SUPPLIES MOTHER, B, C, TWEENER AND FINGER BOARDS AC ADAPTORS, YOKES, AND MOTOR PLASTIC, BALED OR LOOSE ALUMINUM, BRASS, LIGHT

LASTIC, BALED OR LOOSE ALUMINUM, BRASS, LIGHT IRON & COPPER METALS, BALED OR LOOSE,

ALL RELATED COMPUTER PARTS
PHONES, CELL PHONES, PHONE & LAPTOP BATTERIES
PC SCRAP AND STEREOS (NO WOOD),
VCR'S, DVD'S, CD PLAYERS, BOOMBOXES,

ANY AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT SCANNERS AND PAGERS, CASH REGISTERS AND SCALES

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES,
APPLIANCES NOT CONTAINING COMPRESSORS

WE NOW RECYCLE TV'S Call 856-228-3144 for pick-up.

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## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP DAY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee provides scholarship money to High School seniors who live in Gloucester Twp. and are continuing their education. For more information, please call the GTDSC Hotline at 856-374-5729.

## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP DAY 2024

Join us on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 12pm - 10pm as we take the field at Veterans' Park when we recognize our Scholarship recipients while enjoying the activities provided at Gloucester Township Day 2024. Raindate is Sunday, June 2, 2024.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

RIDES GAMES FOOD MUSIC

ENTERTAINMENT DRONE SHOW



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

Gloucester Twp. offers many programs for its senior residents. The Hider Lane Senior Drop In Center is located at 1575 Hider Lane. Gloucester Twp. Seniors may "Drop In" for fun & friendship. The Senior & Community Center is on Chews Landing Rd next to the Municipal Building. For more info contact Debi Carr at 228-9015 or 374-3522.

#### **MONDAYS**

Cards (Pinochle) 10am - 3:30pm Cards (Poker) 11am-3pm Hider Lane Drop In Center

## **TUESDAYS**

Cards (Pinochle) 10am - 3:30pm Hider Lane Drop In Center

Mah Jongg 11am - 3:30pm Hider Lane Drop In Center

#### WEDNESDAYS

Cards (Pinochle)
10am - 3:30pm
Cards (Poker)
11am-3pm
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12pm-3:30pm
Hider Lane Drop In Center

## **THURSDAYS**

Cards (Pinochle)
10am - 3:30pm
Hider Lane Drop In Center
\*2nd & 4th Thurs. at
12:15pm

Hider Lane Sr. Club Mtg. 11am (2nd & 4th Thurs.) Senior Community Center

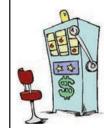
#### **FRIDAYS**

Cards (Pinochle) 10am - 3:30pm Cards (Poker) 11am-3pm Hider Lane Drop In Center

Mah Jongg 11am - 3:30pm Hider Lane Drop In Center

### Casino Bus Trips

The Hider Lane Seniors have a Casino Bus Trip the 3rd Tuesday of every month, bus leaves promptly at 9am and returns at 4pm. For more info and to RSVP, please call 856-228-9015.



#### SCHEDULE

#### Monday

Deptford Walmart, Deptford Mall & surrounding strip stores **Tuesday** 

\*Look for Monthly Updates

Wednesday

Chews Landing Shoprite

Thursday
\*Look for Monthly Updates

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Cross Keys Rd Strip Malls including: Target, Acme



## Gloucester Twp. Senior & Disabled Bus

**To schedule an appointment call**: 856-374-3525 Please call before 8:30am the day you would like a ride or the night before and leave a message.

Age Eligibility: 50 years and older or disabled

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes Bus Driver: Jean Gomez

The schedule and monthly updates can also be found on

Glotwp.com and channel 19.



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## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

#### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

Phone: (856) 435-5734 and (856) 374-3520 Township website: www.glotwp.com Recreation Email: recdept@glotwp.com Main Township Number: (856) 228-4000

#### **Supervisors**

Bill Fagan bfagan@glotwp.com
Diane Jones dianejones@glotwp.com

#### **Recreation Office Location**

80 Broadacres Drive, Clementon 08021

### **Recreation Office Business Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-5:45PM

Extended evening hours on Tues. & Thurs.until 7:30pm

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

May 1 Pool, Swim Lesson Registration

May 6 New Student PreK Registration

May 13 Camp & Summer Class Registration

May 20 Non-Resident Camp Registration

Registration opens at 8am. Scan the QR code below, sign up, and enjoy the convenience of online registration.

CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa and Mastercard (\*separate 2.9% processing fee will be added). The Rec Center does accept in-person registration. Cash, check, and credit/debit cards will be accepted during in-person registration (the processing fee will still apply for cards).

Full refunds will be given only if the Recreation Department cancels. We reserve the right to cancel a program if enough people have not registered in advance. Program refunds will be given minus a \$10.00 processing fee. **This refund must be requested prior to the 2nd class**. All refunds take 30-45 days to process.

The grade specified (K-8) for all summer camps is current gradefor the 2023/2024 school year. We will verify age using school records or may request proof of age.

Register at CommunityPass today! Scan the QR Code to get started:





## RENTALS

The Recreation Department is currently offering the following locations for rental. Rentals can be booked through our CommunityPass website.

#### **GAZEBO**



The Gazebos at Veterans Park, Harwin Park and Gloucester Twp. Community Park are available for the following time slots:

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8am-11:30am 12- 3:30pm 4-7:30pm

The Rental fee is \$30 for GT Residents and \$60 for non-residents per time slot.

#### **RECREATION CENTER**

Rent the Rec. Center for children's birthday parties. Available for children ages 4 - 14 only. Must be a GT Resident.

FEE: \$ 150.00 for 2 hours

#### **POOL RENTAL**

The Gloucester Township Pool is available for private party rentals on Saturday and Sunday from 6-8pm. Rentals begin June 2. Booking begins May 1,

2024 at 8am online

or in-person at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. Dates fill fast! Must be a GT Resident. Cost is \$250.00 for the 2 hour rental.







## YOUTH DAY CAMPS

## **CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

May 13 Resident Registration Begins
May 20 Non-Resident Registration Begins

Registration begins in-person at the GT Recreation Center or online on our Community Pass Site at 8am. Scan the QR Codes to register.

#### Cost:

Residents \$250.00 per child Non-Residents \$310.00 per child

#### **Camp Session:**

Monday - Thursday, June 24 - July 25 (No Camp July 4)

The grade specified for all camps is current grade for the 2023/2024 school year. We verify age using school records or may request proof of age. Please send a snack, lunch and drink with your child everyday. We do not provide transportation.

## PRESCHOOL CAMP 9:00am - 1:00pm

### FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 to 5

Our Preschool Camp provides a safe, nurturing, and fun environment in which children can make new friends, enjoy new activities, create works of art and learn new things. Preschool campers will enjoy playing and learning with their friends while participating in a great camp program designed to keep the young campers moving, laughing, and enjoying the summer. Preschoolers must be potty-trained and have turned 3 by June 15.

This program is held at the following locations:
~Glendora Elementary ~Recreation Center





~Lilley Elementary



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP**

8:45am - 12:45pm

#### **FOR STUDENTS FINISHING GRADES 6-8**



Get moving this summer! Join us for a summer designed especially for middle schoolers with sports, board games, crafts, and weekly visits to the pool! This program will be held at the Rec Center.

## 9:00am - 1:00pm FOR TWEENS FINISHING

### **GRADES 4 & 5**



Each week campers will embark on a different tween-themed adventure packed with various types of games and crafts. With activities like the infamous Tween Camp Olympics, trips to the pool, and making slime, there is something for every tween at Tween Camp! This program will be held at Blackwood Elementary.

## NATURE CAMP 8:45am - 12:45pm

## FOR CHILDREN FINISHING GRADES 1 - 4



Go Green! This popular camp is designed for children who are interested in nature and the environment. We turn facts about the earth, outdoors, plants and people into exciting games, activities and craft projects. Camp is led by an experienced head counselor and elementary school teacher. This program will be held at

Point Ariel Park Community Center.

## K3 PLAY CAMP 9:00am - 1:00pm FOR CHILDREN FINISHING K-3

Fun, fun, fun! Playground Camp is the place to be this summer. This very popular camp has campers experience a wide variety of activities including crafts, games, sports, park and playground fun as well as 2 trips to the Municipal Pool.

This program is held at the following locations:
~Blackwood Elementary ~Glendora Elementary





~Lilley Elementary









## RECREATION DEPT. PRESCHOOL

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## Fall 2024 Enrollment New Student Registration Begins: May 6

Register online at CommunityPass or in-person at the Recreation Center. Serving the community for over 40 years! Our goal is to provide Gloucester Township and the surrounding communities with an affordable, professionally-run program to help preschoolers with socialization skills, beginning their independence and helping them prepare for their grade school years. We have one of the highest teacher retention in the state! Come and check us out! Classes are held 4 days a week (Monday-Thursday). Children are grouped by the year they will enter Kindergarten. To be eligible for our 4 Year-Old Program, your child must turn 4 by September 30th. 3 Year-Olds

can begin our program during each session. For the Fall session, your child must be 3 by September 30th, for Winter session children must be 3 by December 15th, for Spring Session children must be 3 by March 1st. Classes are limited to 10 children per teacher. Contact us at (856) 435-5734 or dianejones@glotwp.com with any questions or to schedule a tour.

## PRESCHOOL SESSIONS - Scan to Register

3yr old, 9-11am, Point Ariel Park

3yr old, 12-2pm, GT Rec Center



4yr old, 9-11am, GT Rec Center



4yr old, 12-2pm, Point Ariel Park



## COST OF PROGRAM

#### **Resident Fees:**

\$215/session(Fall, Winter, Spring) or \$645/full year

### Non-Resident Fees:

\$260/session (Fall, Winter, Spring) or \$780/full year



## TCHS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPS

GT Recreation has teamed up with Timber Creek HS to offer current 5th-7th grade students a variety of camps throughout the summer. The cost for each camp is \$100. Non-Residents can register for an additional \$20 fee. All camps are held at Timber Creek HS. Campers need to bring a lunch daily. Register online on our CommunityPass website or scan QR on page 10.

#### **Cross Country Clinic**

Dates: July 8-11 Times: 9AM-12PM

Whether new to the sport or a seasoned middle school veteran, camp participants will learn: the importance of warming up and cooling down, healthy nutrition practices, practical training strategies/plan, strength and agility development and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude. At the end of the week, students will have experienced an introduction to cross country and the camaraderie that goes along with a shared experience. It is our hope to foster in all participants an appreciation for living a more fit lifestyle and a developing sense of accomplishment and confidence. Participants must have running shoes, water bottle, snack, and a towel.

#### **Exploring Art**

Dates: July 15-18 Times: 9AM-1PM

In this creative environment, students would get to experience different techniques, tools, technologies, and materials each day of the camp. Campers would be able to take home a portfolio of work at the end of the week demonstrating their new skills.

#### **Passion for Fashion**

Dates: July 22-25 Times: 9AM-1PM

n this fashion camp, students will receive a blend of quality industry techniques and compelling projects. We've created activities and discussions that are relevant; and we'll cover fashion trends, moodboarding, fashion illustration, design, and beginner sewing techniques. Throughout the week, students will create a fashion portfolio to take home.

## Mini Tech Challenge

Dates: July 29 - Aug. 1 Times: 9AM-1PM

This camp offers a week of construction, testing, using technology, and competition! This STEAM inspired opportunity combines academic excellence and engaging extracurricular activities with supportive guidance and supervision. Students will gain valuable insight and practical tools that will better equip them to achieve their personal, educational and career goals.

#### **School Survival Skills**

Dates: Aug 5-8 Times: 9AM-1PM

In our School Survival Skills course, we will provide the foundation for students to "learn how to learn". This course is dynamic and provides strategies to improve how they perform as a learner. Participants will be introduced to note-taking, study skills, time-management techniques & goal setting. Get charged up and sharpen your skills to start your school year off strong!

## Video, Media & E-Sports

Dates: Aug 12-15 Times: 9AM-1PM

This course will offer four major learning lessons within the 4-day clinic. Day 1: commercial life, day 2: broadcast news/sports life, day 3: life through a camera lens and day4: life of an E-Sporter. Each day will be hands-on activity driven in providing students with an opportunity to engage in video production and Esports.

## **Theater Camp**

Dates: Aug 19-22 Times: 9AM-1PM

This camp offers students the opportunity to explore hidden talents, improve communication skills and ignite their imagination. Through theater activities, campers learn improvisation, how to create a scene, singing, dancing and acting techniques. We will culminate the week with a performing arts showcase.



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Scan the QR Code next to each program to find out more and to register!



Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
REAL Monday Vets Park
\$110 - Ages 2-3
AU 30 June 23rd-August 12th - 4:40-5:10pm



Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Sundays Wye Oak
Sundays 2 - 3
Sundays 18th - 9-9:30 am



Soccer Shots Classic

Trive Monday Vets Park

\$110 age 3-4

July 1st- August 12th - 5:20-6pm



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Soccer Shots Classic+
Sundays Wye Oak
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July 7th- august 18th - 10:30-11:10am



After Camp Fitness Program
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Tuesdays 1pm-2:30pm
\$100 grades 6-8





Intro to Guitar ages 14+
6 Weeks 7/9-8/13
Tuesdays 4:30-6:30pm at Rec Center
\$150 - use of guitar included



■ Youth Tennis ages 6-11

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Kids Let's Learn to Sew Beginners Workshop \$350 Ages 8-17 - July 29- August 2



Theater Camp Ages 9-12

July 8-11 2-5pm at GT Rec Center

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Theater Camp Ages 13-15
July 15-18 2-5pm at GT Rec Center
\$150
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Theater Camp Ages 13-15
August 12-15 2-5pm at GT Rec Center

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Kidding Around Yoga Ages 4-8 Fridays June 21-July 26 4:45-5:45pm at Still Point Yoga



**MORE PROGRAMS** BEING ADDED! CHECK COMMUNITY PASS FOR **UPDATES!** 



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Beginners Gentle Morning Yoga

8 Weeks June 20 - August 15 at Still Point Yoga

7 Thursdays 9:30-10:45am

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Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga

Some Street Still Point Yoga

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm



Yoga for Us - 55 Plus

8 Weeks June 20 - August 6 at Still Point Yoga

Thursdays 11:00am-12:15pm



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An Hour to Empower Yoga

8 Weeks June 20 - August 6 at Still Point Yoga
Thursdays 6-7pm

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■拾張着■ Morning Yoga Take Care of You

8 Weeks June 18 - August 6 at Still Point Yoga

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The Recreation Department is offering reduced Theme Park tickets until early September. When planning your trip, please remember that these tickets can only be sold Monday through Thursday, 8am-5:30pm. ONLY CASH or MONEY ORDERS are accepted. "Gate" prices generally do not include tax, but you will not have to pay tax when purchasing our tickets. Amusement tickets are valid all season and do not have to be used immediately. All ticket sales are final. Contact the Recreation DSepartmnet at 856-435-5734 for more information.

#### Morey's Piers FLEX Amusement Ride & Water Parks Admission

Enjoy the rides one day and the water parks on another or both on the same day. Gate Price: \$123.05 (including Tax) Our Price: \$98.00

Morey's Piers Water Park Only—Ocean Oasis/Raging Waters General Admission Gate Price: \$71.69(including Tax) Our Price: \$55.00

Big Kahuna Water Park Berlin, NJ

All Day Pass Gate Price: \$38.51(including Tax) Our Price: \$35.00

Splash Zone Water Park Wildwood, NJ

All Day Pass Gate Price: Varies \$30-50 plus tax Our Price: \$38.00

Philadelphia Zoo and Adventure Aquarium tickets coming soon!







## Pool Registration Begins May 1, 2024 8am

Pool membership registration begins May 1, 2024 at 8am and will continue until Memberships fill. Register online or in-person at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. All registrations will be processed through our CommunityPass website. If you currently don't have a CommunityPass account, please set one up by scanning the QR Code. Contact the Recreation Department at 856-435-5734 or dianejones@glotwp.com with any questions.

## 2024 Membership Rates:

Full Season Family: \$280 Full Season Single: \$150 Weekday Only Family: \$225 Weekday Only Single: \$115 Nights/Weekends Single: \$95 Nights/Weekends Family: \$185

(Nights are 4pm-8pm during the week)

All members will be required to show proof of Gloucester Township residency. They can be brought to the Recreation Center or emailed to recdept@glotwp.com. The following proofs of residency are required:

- Drivers license or State ID for every member 18 and older with same GT address
- Utility bill or tax bill with family name and GT address
- All school age children need report card/school paperwork showing a home GT address (this can be a screen shot of Parent Portal showing home address). For summer or shared custody, an agreement must be provided.

#### **POOL OPENING:**

## **POOL HOURS:**

May 25 – Weekends Only June 17 – Full Time

Monday through Friday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturdays & Sundays 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

#### **POOL LOCATION:**

The Township pool is located in the Glen Oaks section of the Township at 59A Monroe Dr., Laurel Springs, NJ.

#### POOL MEMBER SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons will be available to all pool members ages 3-12 during weekday morning

hours. There will be a \$15 charge per child for each week of lessons. Registration will begin May 1st, members can register at anytime online or in person until a class is full. Lessons will be held the weeks of June 24, July 8, and July 29.



Register beginning May 1st at 8am online at https://register.communitypass.net/TownshipofGloucester or in-person at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. Open to Gloucester Township Residents only. Classes are held for 4 weeks. Lessons are for beginning swimmers and are taught by our Lifequards. Class sizes are limited to 5 per Prek & 10 per Swim. Cost is \$50 for preK lessons and \$75 for ages 5-12.

#### **June Sessions**

Class	Day	Time	Dates	Ages	Cost
PreK I	Saturday	9:00-9:30am	June 1, 8, 15, 22	3-5	\$50
PreK 2	Saturday	9:45-10:15am	June 1, 8, 15, 22	3-5	\$50
PreK 3	Sunday	9:00-9:30am	June 2, 9, 16, 23	3-5	\$50
PreK 4	Sunday	9:45-10:15am	June 2, 9, 16, 23	3-5	\$50
Swim 1	Saturday	9:30-10:30am	June 1, 8, 15, 22	5-12	\$75
Swim 2	Sunday	9:30-10:30am	June 2, 9, 16, 23	5-12	\$75



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PreK 5	Saturday	9:00-9:30am	July 6, 13, 20, 27	3-5	\$50
PreK 6	Saturday	9:45-10:15am	July 6, 13, 20, 27	3-5	\$50
PreK 7	Sunday	9:00-9:30am	July 7, 14, 21, 28	3-5	\$50
PreK 8	Sunday	9:45-10:15am	July 7, 14, 21, 28	3-5	\$50
Swim 3	Saturday	9:30-10:30am	July 6, 13, 20, 27	5-12	\$75
Swim 4	Sunday	9:30-10:30am	July 7, 14, 21, 28	5-12	\$75



#### **POOL RENTAL**

The Gloucester Township Pool is available for private party rentals on Saturday and Sunday from 6-8pm. Rentals begin June 1. Booking begins May 1, 2024 at 8am online or in-person at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. Dates fill fast! Must be a GT Resident. Cost is \$250.00 for the 2 hour rental.





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## YOUTH SPORTS

## **Gloucester Township Sports Leagues**

Blackwood Kiwanis Little League

baseball@bkll.com www.bkll.com

Erial Little League Baseball & Softball

www.eriallittleleague.org

Glendora Girls Athletic League

www.ggal.sportngin.com ggalsoftball@gmail.com

Gloucester Twp. Baseball

www.gtball.com admin@gtball.com

GTBBL - Gloucester Twp. Boys Basketball League

www.gtbbl.info

gtbblinfo@gmail.com

Gloucester Twp. Field Hockey

www.gtfieldhockey.com

GTHA - Gloucester Twp. Hockey Association

www.leaguelineup.com/gtha gtpantherpride@gmail.com

**Gloucester Township Lacrosse** 

www.glotwplax.com

Gloucester Twp. Lions Youth Football & Cheer

www.gtlions.com

Gloucester Twp. Stallions Midget Football & Cheer

www.gtstallions.com gtstallionshelp@gmail.com

Highland Jr. Wrestling

www.highlandwrestling.com

**Highland Youth Soccer Club** 

www.hysc.org

TBAA - Timber Broadmoor Athletic Association Soccer

www.tbaa.net tbaanet@hotmail.com

Timber Creek Jr. Wrestling

tshq.bluesombrero.com/timbercreekwrestling

All Gloucester Twp. Sports Leagues are independent organizations. Please contact each league directly.



## **GT PARKS**

A popular question heard at the Recreation Department is "Where is that?" We try to offer a variety of classes and events throughout the Township. Listed below are some of our popular locations and their description.

## Veterans Memorial Park 1261 Chews Landing Road Laurel Springs, NJ

Popular Park with 3 Playground Units, swings, tables, gazebo, basketball courts, rest rooms and open space. Hosts many events including Movie Nights and GT Day.

## Gloucester Township Community Park 300 Hickstown Rd Sicklerville, NJ

Large Park with multiple playground units, turf and grass sports fields, walking/running paths, tennis courts, gazebo and rest rooms. Hosts many sporting events through our local youth sports leagues.

#### Point Ariel Park 2900 New Brooklyn Erial Rd. Sicklerville, NJ

Community Building that hosts preschool, camp, classes and meetings. Outdoor playground, tennis courts, exercise stations, walking path and open space.

Wye Oak Park Annapolis Dr Sicklerville, NJ

Park with large playground unit, swings, basketball court, baseball/softball field, walking path and large open space area. Hosts GT Rec Soccer Shots classes.

### GT Recreation Center 80 Broadacres Dr Clementon, NJ

The Recreation Center is host to preschool and summer camps. The large rink area is used by many youth sports leagues including basketball, street hockey. Open basketball and pickleball are held weekly. Annual Events are hosted here. The Rec can also be rented for youth birthday parties.

## GT Municipal Pool 59A Monroe Dr Laurel Springs, NJ

Memberships are required for our municpal pool. Our pool has a large shallow end as well as a deep end with diving board and slide. There is a seperate baby pool. Snack bar, restrooms, tables, chairs and loungers are also available. Memberships are for GT residents only and fill up quickly each summer.



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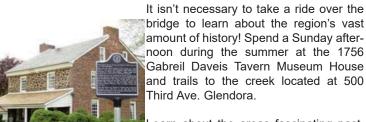
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Please contact Diane at dianejones@glotwp.com for any questions regarding this newsletter.

## FOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

## Gloucester Township Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee



Learn about the areas fascinating past. Tours of the entire first floor of the building run from 1:00pm-4:00pm two

Sundays a month during the summer. Tours are completely free, kid-friendly, and given by volunteers from the Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee, who lend their time and talents to help keep the public educated on the area's rich history. Donations are always welcomed!

#### Special Events:

June 8 – South Jersey History Fair (10am-4pm)

September 7 - Global Gloucester Day Activities

October 13 & 27-Camden County History Month

October 12 - Halloween Paranormal Night Fundraiser

December 1 - Holiday Open House

Visit www.facebook.com/glotwphistory or email gthspc@gmail.com for more information.

## Gloucester Township Special Parents & Kids Network



is a township supported, parent-directed parent-to-parent support, education and information group that firmly believes that providing events and resources for families who care for special needs individuals is important to enhancing the

lives of those individuals and their families.

Summer Events include indoor movie night at the GT Rec Center and a pool party at the GT Pool.

For more information or any questions, please contact: Judy Guido at GloTwpSPKN@hotmail.com

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