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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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GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ JUNE 27, 2024, 09:30 AM– Mayor David Mayer and Police Chief David Harkins joined Senator Paul Moriarty, Assemblyman Dan Hutchinson and Assemblyman Cody Miller at Veterans Park in Gloucester Township to announce new legislation seeking to deter the dangerous behavior that occurred Gloucester Township Day. The legislation comes in response to an incident earlier this month, during which multiple fights broke out after hundreds of teens and young adults descended on day's festivities in coordination fashion—resulting in several people requiring medical treatment for minor injuries at the scene, including law enforcement officers. Mayor Mayer and Chief Harkins also discussed proposed amendments to the local curfew regulations under the Township Code, which the administration has sent to the Township Council for its consideration and public hearing next month. *(continued on page 2)*





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Free Fans and Air Conditioners Commissioners provide free fans and air conditioners to eligible seniors



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The proposed legislation prepared by Senator Moriarty, and Assemblymen Hutchinson and Miller includes:

- the establishment of penalties for certain conduct related to public brawl and disorderly acts;
- amending state criminal laws regarding the incitement of a public brawl and upgrading penalties;
- requiring the Attorney General to establish training programs for crowd management and provide resources to local law enforcement concerning large gatherings, flash mobs, and pop-up parties;
- liability for parents and guardians of offending juvenile suspects involved in such crimes

The Township Ordinance introduced amending the township's curfew regulations seeks to complement the efforts being undertaken at the State level by:

- expanding the list of public areas covered by the curfew restriction to include parks, playgrounds, and similar public places;

- increasing penalties for disorderly conduct through fines and community service and clarifying that juvenile offenders and parents who knowingly allow such conduct can both be subject to liability.

"I would like to commend Senator Moriarty, Assemblyman Hutchison and Assemblyman Miller for their efforts to address instances of disorderly conduct and public brawls. The incidents during a family-oriented event such as Gloucester Township Day where multiple fights broke out among hundreds of teens and young adults have no place in our community. It is important that these juveniles know of the repercussions of their actions. Also, it is important for the parents to know the repercussions for not knowing where their child is. Today is a great example of State, County, and local government collaborating to ensure the safety of our residents and we are grateful for this strong relationship with our fellow policy makers," said Mayor David R. Mayer.

"The lawlessness that we experienced at the 2024 Gloucester Township Day event was caused predominantly by juveniles who were dropped off and unsupervised. We looked at how to help prevent it from ever happening again, while addressing parental accountability for the actions of their children. These legislative measures will provide the means to improve public safety by focusing on violent behavior and by holding parents accountable for the actions of their children," said Chief David Harkins.



MEGAN KNIGHT OPENED THE 2024 SOUNDS OF SEASONS CONCERT SERIES

On Monday, Gloucester Township residents enjoyed the live performance of Megan Knight at the Sounds of Summer concert at Veterans Park !

Next Concert: July 1st at 7pm - cover band XStream Band. Photos by Dave Gruen.









Commissioners Provide Fans and Air Conditioners to Seniors



To help senior citizens beat the heat this summer, the Board of Commissioners is once again distributing free fans and window unit air conditioners to residents aged 60 and older with an income of \$25,000 or less. For more information, please <u>CLICK HERE.</u>



Mark you r calendars for the 2025 Gloucester Township National Night Out (NNO) on August 6th!

If your neighborhood is not holding a NNO Block Party, be sure to stop out at the FIVE public locations!:

- Gloucester Township Veterans Park, 1261 Chews Landing Road, Gloucester Township, NJ

- Blackwood Fire Company , 14 West Central Avenue, Blackwood, NJ

- Wye Oak Park, 1100 Williamstown Erial Road, Erial, NJ

- Gloucester Premium Outlets, 100 Premium Outlet Drive, Blackwood, NJ

- Point Arial Park, 2900 New Brooklyn Road, Erial, NJ (parking entrance on Little Mill Road side)

About NNO: From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on August 6, 2024 residents throughout Gloucester Township are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors and police.

Several Neighborhood Watch groups will be hosting a variety of special events, such as block parties, cookouts, carnivals, dessert tasting parties, and pool parties. Visiting these many special events will be Mc-Gruff the Crime Dog along with his nephew Scruff, Police, Mayor and Council and Inspira EMS!

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP FARMERS' MARKET **NOW- AUGUST 29**

AVE THE DAT

Celebrate Christmas in July with a holiday classic! Save the date for the movie "Elf" at Veterans Park on July 12th!

The GT Farmers' Market is back today after last week's sweltering heatwave with a hot variety of produce that is sure to cool you off!

Duffield's Farm Market, sponsored by GT's own Field of Dreams offered farm fresh NJ blueberries, lovingly crafted jams, and rich, robust artisanal tomato sauce.

Vibrant hanging floral baskets, juicy ripe peaches, the ever-popular strawberries, Jersey corn and tomatoes along with melons, peppers, and cucumbers were the courtesy of Tony Morrelli's Market.

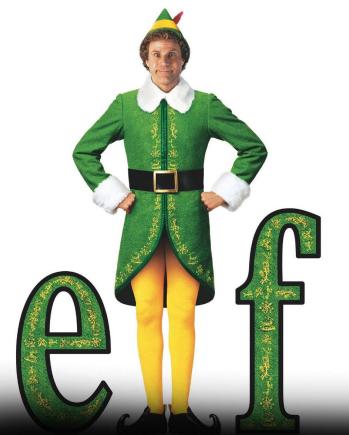
The patrons enjoyed summer sounds of modern rock music by Devon Orsini of The Jaspers, sponsored by GT's Urge Fitness where you can find "less crowds, cleaner clubs and better results."

Homeward Bound attended the market with adorable kittens available for adoption!

Residents shopped wide array of crafting vendors who bring a distinctive charm and creativity that enriches our marketplace atmosphere!

Location: Veterans Park (1261 Chews Landing Rd) Time: Every Thursday (until August 29th), 4pm-7pm





Gloucester Township Movie Night

LOCATION: Veterans Park DATE: Friday, July 12th (Raindate 7/19) ADMISSION: Free

SPONSORED BY: COPPOLA PIZZA

FOOD AND GAMES AVAILABLE AT 7:30PM

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 plav!

David R. Mayer





