



Fall Report 2024

Community News, Programs and Events

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE WELCOMES VETERANS!



On July 30th, Gloucester Township Mayor David R. Mayer and Township Council held the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Gloucester Township Veterans Affairs Office. The office is run by two local veterans,

Anthony Santanello and Robert DiCesare, and provides services such as assistance in accessing health care, benefits administration, and support services. The office also aids with counseling and support for mental health and assists with employment and housing needs.

Anthony "Tony" Santanello, is a retired USAF veteran of 21 years. He is a member of Stetser Lamartine American Legion Post 281 for 22 years and has held numerous offices in the American Legion Department of New Jersey. Tony is passionate to help veterans in need especially to prevent veterans' suicide. "This is an opportunity of a lifetime for me to continue my service in helping not only American Legion veterans but all veterans in Gloucester Township. This is the Mayor's vision; the vision that gives Bob and I a chance to help veterans in unique ways and inform them of the benefits available to them."

Robert DiCesare started his military career in the Erial section of Gloucester Township at the Nike Hercules Missile Base. Robert was sent to South Korea where he spent 17 months. His civilian path, especially his work in home mortgages, provides him with the skill set to aid veterans with housing concerns. "Working for the Veterans Affairs Office is a treat of a lifetime! I get to speak with and hopefully help veterans like me, who have dedicated their lives to protecting and making sure the USA is a land where all people are created equal and free to live their lives and grow up as they wish! I love helping people and this means a lot to me. I will continue to do my best to help each veteran that comes into the office; and I enjoy working with Tony who has dedicated his life to helping all veterans!" said Robert DiCesare.

Congressman Donald Norcross also attended the event stating: "It was a great day to join Gloucester Township in opening their office of Veterans Affairs. This will make it easier for our heroes to access critical veteran support services. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I'm focused on supporting our servicemembers, and I've seen firsthand how hard the transition to civilian life can be. Our debt of gratitude doesn't end when our servicemembers hang up their uniforms. It's on all of us to work toward easing the burden of their sacrifices, and this new center will do just that."

Chief David Harkins noted "this town has always supported our veterans; but what I'm most proud of is what we are doing right here. We are putting not only the symbols to commemorate our veterans, but we are putting it into action where it's needed. We are making sure the veterans are getting the resources that they need. As the Police Chief, having these resources available will be another way for us to connect with Veterans as part of the way we do community policing."

The Veterans Affairs Office is located in Suite B of the Public Works Building and will be open Monday through Thursday, 9am-5pm, and 9am-7pm on Wednesday. The office can be reached at 856-302-7087 or via email at asantanello@glotwp.com and rdicesare@glotwp.com

"Local Veterans Affairs offices are vital for any community, providing essential healthcare, benefits, and support services that honor and uphold the sacrifices made by our veterans. It is important that, as a town, we ensure we are doing everything we can to honor our residents who served in the Armed Services. This new office will play an important role in fostering the efforts to ensure that those who have served our country receive the care and respect they deserve. Join me in welcoming Tony Santanello and Robert DiCesare as new coordinators for the Gloucester Township Veterans Affairs Office," said Mayor David Mayer.

Attention Veterans: Registration is still open for the Gloucester Township Medal Ceremony!

Mayor David Mayer and Township Council cordially invite Gloucester Township veterans to the medal ceremony to be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Gloucester Township Community Park. "Your service has ensured our freedom and secured our way of life; and this ceremony is a way to express our gratitude and appreciation for protecting our nation," said Mayor David Mayer.

Veterans must RSVP by filling out the form on the municipal website or calling the Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514.





Mayor's Message

As the cool autumn breeze comes in, we start looking forward to cozy sweater-weather and all things pumpkin and spice. Just because summer is behind us does not mean that outdoor activities are through! Gloucester Township has a host of festive fall activities planned - all-times favorites as well as some exciting new events!

Our fall schedule kicks off on September 14th with our 7th annual Drive-In Movie Night at Camden County College. The highly anticipated free family event is a GT crowd pleaser with its hayrides, food trucks, games, and, of course, an action-packed movie. This year's feature is Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire.

In addition to the recent opening of the Gloucester Township Veterans Office, I am cordially inviting our town veterans to a BBQ on September 21st at Veterans Park. This a great opportunity to introduce our VA Coordinators to the town veterans that they will serve and to become acquainted with the challenges they face in hopes of connecting them with beneficial resources. To honor their sacrifices and bravery, we will be hosting a Veteran's Medal Ceremony on October 5th at Community Park. So far over 400 resident veterans have signed up. If you haven't registered yet, you can do so on the municipal website or by calling my office!

Next up on the list is the 31st annual Pumpkin Festival on October 6th. Weaved into the historic Downtown Blackwood section of the town, this popular fall event attracts thousands of visitors and 200+ vendors. The festival features tasty food options, pumpkin decorating contests, and the talents of the Mainstage Center for the Arts by Harwan Park.

Join us on October 12th at our Citizens Appreciation Ceremony as we honor GT's accomplished residents for their volunteerism and dedication to helping others and making a positive impact. If you know someone who you feel deserves this accolade nomination forms are on our website.

Keep your schedule open for October 19th as we host our fifth Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival. Hosted by the Gloucester Township Economic Development Partnership Corporation and the Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee, this event features over 20 food trucks, a beer garden, and musical acts. It has become a popular fall occasion with proceeds going to scholarships benefiting our High School seniors.

Join us for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun at our Trunk-or-Treat on October 25th! Residents are invited to dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy a safe and festive night of trunk-or-treating from creatively decorated car trunks!

Get your Christmas shopping done and fill up on holiday cheer at our 3rd annual Gloucester Township Christmas Village on December 14th at Veterans Park! This open-air holiday market will offer unique Christmas décor and thoughtful gifts along with Christmas carols, hot chocolate and cookies. Even the Grinch himself will have a hard time not feeling the spirit of Christmas on this occasion! Food trucks, free Carousel and Dizzy Dragon rides and even a visit from Santa himself will start your season off right. The ceremonial tree lighting will take place at dusk.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! Please reach out to my office should you have any questions, concerns, or need any assistance.

Sincerely,
David Mayer

**Department of Public Works
Upgrades the Fuel Tank**

The Department of Public Works just upgraded the old in-ground fuel tank with a brand-new above-ground tank.

The new tank is a split unit holding 10,000 gallons of gas and 10,000 gallons of diesel with 2 more filling stations added for a total of 4.

The Gloucester Township Public Works fuel tank serves multiple departments including the Gloucester Township Department of Public Works and Police Department, Gloucester Township Fire Companies, Pine Hill Public Works and Fire Companies, and Clementon Public Works and Fire Companies. Not only will the tank save employees time filling up but is also environmentally compliant with DEP regulations.



**Gloucester Township
Welcomes New Businesses**

Grocery Outlet

Congratulations to the Grocery Outlet Bargain Market team who officially opened their store in June! Stop by and check out this national retailer offering products from name-brand and private-label suppliers. The store is located on the corner of Berlin Cross Keys Rd and Johnson Rd in the Sicklerville Section of Gloucester Township. Located at 677 Berlin - Cross Keys Rd.

Ren's Coffee House and Books

Congratulations to Ren's Coffee House and Books on their official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony in July. The coffee house offers locally sourced coffee, assortment of drinks, parties, cookies, and, of course, books. Enjoy a place to read a book with your book club, play a board game, grab a coffee with a friend in a safe and comfortable atmosphere. Located at 26 N Black Horse Pike.

The Haven Detox

In April, 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 use disorders and operates in the states of Florida, Massachusetts, Arizona, Indiana, New York, and New Jersey. Located at 6 Collier Drive.

Two Local Parks Get Brand-New Fitness Equipment

This summer Mayor David Mayer, the Department of Public Works, and local residents cut the ribbon on the brand-new equipment additions to Sturbridge Oaks and Mulberry Station Parks. The outdoor fitness equipment features decline sit-up bench, knee-lift station, step up platforms, variable pull-up station, Swedish ladder, and ball slam station.

The equipment was purchased through the NJDEP Green Acres Park Development Grant awarded in 2023.



MAYOR MAYER, CHIEF HARKINS, AND DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATORS ADDRESS EVENTS AT GT DAY

In June, 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 at GT Day, 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. The proposed amendments to the local curfew by Mayor Mayer and Chief Harkins were approved and adopted by the Township Council.

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 adopted Township Ordinance amending the township's curfew regulations complements 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Work Continues on the Gloucester Township Community Arts Center



If you haven't noticed yet, work is ongoing at the old bank building located at 3 Black Horse Pike in the Blackwood section of Gloucester Township. Construction work is in progress to convert the Old Bank building to a multi-use community center/black box theater in the heart of the Arts District.

The old glass and aluminum storefront entry has been removed and new concrete stairs have been poured. Currently there is a temporary structure holding up the limestone lintel above the front entry, but a new beam and columns will be installed in the next few weeks. The plan is to restore the front entry of the building

to resemble the look of the original historic bank building.

The slate roof has been repaired and new EPDM roofing has been installed on the flat roof portions of the building to make the roof watertight. On the exterior, the old aluminum frame windows have been replaced with new aluminum clad Pella windows.

On the interior, work is also progressing. Mechanical, plumbing and electrical rough-ins are almost completed in the bathroom areas. In the next couple of weeks, installation of drywall and finishes in the bathrooms will begin. Bathroom finishes include ceramic tile on the floors and walls with suspended ceilings. Once the finishes are completed, a new handicapped lift will also be installed.



While construction of this project is broken up into two phases, phase one, which includes exterior work and limited interior construction, is on schedule at this time. Workers are very excited to uncover the front pediment to see if the old clock can be restored, reminiscent of "Back to the Future's" famous scene of "Save the clock tower!"

It is with much anticipation that we wait to see what still remains and what can be recovered under the existing vertical siding. We appreciate your patience while work continues. We look forward to cutting the ribbon on this new community facility in the not-so-distant future and thank 4th Legislative District and Senator Paul Moriarty for allocating an additional \$500,000 for this project!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A poster for a drive-in movie night. The top part features a crescent moon and the text "DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT". Below that, it says "SEPTEMBER 14TH at Camden County College". The main image is a car with its headlights on, with "GHOSTBUSTERS FROZEN EMPIRE" written on the front. The poster also mentions "The event begins at 5:30 pm / Movie begins at dusk" and "Food trucks and games / Free admission!". At the bottom, it says "PRESENTED BY Mayor David Mayer, Township Council, and Sponsors: Meadows Diner, Lamp Post Diner, Damore Dentistry". There are logos for "BEACON" and "GLoucester Township" at the bottom.

A poster for a community shredding event. The top part says "COMMUNITY SHRED DAY" with a shredder icon. Below that, it says "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28" and "8:00 AM - NOON". The location is "CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE". There is a logo for "Camden County College" at the bottom.

A poster for a citizens appreciation ceremony. The top part says "Citizens Appreciation Ceremony" in a cursive font, with "Saturday, October 12, 2024" below it. The main image shows a group of people in uniform standing in front of a building. At the bottom, it says "CITIZENS APPRECIATION PARK | 10:00 AM".

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 19

9-11am

Rabies Clinic

The Clinic will be held at the Gloucester Township Senior Building on Chews Landing Rd. from 9-10:30am for dogs and 10:30-11am for cats. The rabies shots for dogs and cats are free. Residents can call the clerk's office the week of October 15-17 to schedule an appointment at 856-374-3534.

SANTA LETTERS

Deadline is Dec. 15

Does your child want to write to Santa this holiday? Send their letters to us and we will make sure Santa replies! All letters will be answered by Santa, so include your child's name & address. Mail your child's letter to: Santa Claus~North Pole, PO Box 8, Blackwood, NJ 08012.





The Public Works facility is located at 1729 Erial Road 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, September 7th through November 23rd, from 8am-2pm for residential recycling drop off. This will be for brush, oil, white goods, electronics, metals, concrete, and car batteries. We do not accept paint or trash.



Check out the Fall Leaf Collection schedule on Page 15.

Bagged Grass Clippings and Bagged Leaves

GTPW collects leaves according to the fall leaf schedule. A second pick up will start after the first round is complete, weather permitting. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves curbside, NOT IN THE STREET, only during the fall leaf schedule which ends 12/31. After this time all leaves must be bagged.

BRUSH PICKUP



As per Township Ordinance, branches, hedge trimmings, light brush clippings, etc. must be securely tied into **four foot (4')** bundles that can be easily handled and the diameter of any branch may not exceed six inches (6"). The bundles shall not exceed **fifty (50) pounds** in weight. Public Works will pick up bundles on your designated day only if the ordinance is followed.

During storm damage, we will work with residents to pick up their brush, however the ordinance must be followed. No commercial vehicles can dump at Public Works. For questions on brush pick-up please call Public Works at 856-228-3144.

Please separate your grass from yard debris, sticks, trash, etc or it will not be picked up by the GT Recycling Center To contact them please call 856-227-5665.

White Goods Pick-Up

Public Works now picks up white goods: refrigerators, air conditioners, ranges, washers, dryers and hot water heaters. Please call PW at 856-228-3144 for items to be picked up on Wednesdays.

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 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,
AND APPLIANCES NOT CONTAINING COMPRESSORS

WE NOW RECYCLE TV'S

Call PW to have items picked up on Wednesday.



Stormwater Management

The Township adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. 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. More information on ordinances can be found at: <https://glotwp.com/department/public-works/stormwater-compliance/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CAMDEN COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY



The registry was created to help police officers and other emergency service personnel to better assist residents with special needs in the event of an emergency by providing those first responders with vital information regarding a registrant's disability, emergency contact information, a physical description, and a current photograph of the registrant.



Register Online at:
[Camdencountypros.org/community-page/41](https://camdencountypros.org/community-page/41)

Questions? Need Assistance?
Please Call or Email
Communityrelations@gtpolice.com
(856) 228-4011



Examples of Special Needs include, but are not limited to:

- Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease
- Autism
- Mental Health Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Mobility Issues (Wheelchairs, Power Chairs, walkers)
- Drug/Alcohol Dependency
- Hearing Vision, or Speech Deficits
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Dialysis Dependent
- Paralysis/Stroke
- Developmental/ Intellectual Disabilities
- Life-threatening Allergies

Registration is FREE!!

www.camdencountypros.org/community-page/41

The Gloucester Township Police Department and the Camden County Prosecutors Office have a registry for individuals with Special Needs and disabilities in an effort to give police quick access in an emergency to critical information about a person who is registered. The registry can provide police with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines, favorite attractions, or the needs of an individual with Special Needs and other disabilities such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome, or any other endangered individuals.

This information can greatly assist police officers when time is essential in communicating and dealing with an emergency situation involving a person with Special Needs and disabilities. The online registration asks for valuable information that the police officer may need when helping individuals with Special Needs and disabilities. We ask that all questions be filled out completely and a current photograph be provided, which can be submitted online to Camden County Prosecutors Office Special Needs Registry here: <https://camdencountypros.org/community-page/41>

The information you provide is confidential and will only be used by our police officers. If any of the information on the registration changes you are encouraged to re-register as soon as possible.

Another step we have taken to better assist our Gloucester Township community members with Autism and Special Needs is by creating a sticker that can be placed on your vehicle or near the main entrance to your home that will alert an approaching officer that someone in the vehicle or the home could have a special need. We also have seatbelt sleeves that will warn a First Responder during an incident such as a motor vehicle crash that the occupant has Autism and may not respond. Pictures of the stickers and seatbelt sleeves are attached below.



GTPD Citizens Police Academy 2025 Registration Begins Nov. 1st, 2024

Would you like to learn more about the Gloucester Township Police Department? The Gloucester Township Police Department, in a continuing effort to foster an even better police-community partnership, would like to invite any Gloucester Township resident 16 years of age or older to attend the Citizens Police Academy.

The Gloucester Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy is a free 10-week course that begins January 20, 2025. The classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30PM. The course will include an overview of the police department and the administration, police communications, special operations, criminal investigations, traffic safety, K9, Special Response Team, Crime Scene Unit, and much more. Also, all attendees of the Citizen Police Academy will be trained in the use of CPR at home.

The objective of the Citizen Police Academy is not to train an individual to be a Police Officer but to produce informed citizens. The Citizens and Police Officers meet each other face to face in a neutral, friendly setting and each becomes a person to the other. In the past, citizens have simply seen a uniform. Now, they have an understanding of the person behind the badge. Through your participation, you are promoting community involvement, which in itself is the most powerful force any law enforcement agency has in the fight against crime. This is also the first step as a community partner and for those who may be interested in becoming a Gloucester Township Police Volunteer.

Applications will be available starting November 1st, 2024 at communityrelations@gtpolice.com or 856-228-4011 or by visiting our website at: <https://gtpolice.com/community-page/198>



The Gloucester Township Police Community Relations Bureau wants to remind residents to lock the doors on their vehicles every night, remove the key FOB and remove valuables. Residents must make it a priority to always lock the doors to your vehicles and residences.

Please report any suspicious activity by calling 856-228-4500 or if its an emergency, 911. Residents are encouraged to become involved the Neighborhood Watch program. If reporting suspicious activity please be as descriptive as possible. The description of the subject, location or direction of travel and tag on a motor vehicle is extremely helpful. Please do not put yourself in any danger.

DO NOT utilize the anonymous tips systems for crimes in progress or suspicious activity in progress, they are NOT monitored 24/7.

Join or Start a Neighborhood Watch

WHAT IS IT?



A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office. Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime

Watch – whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.
- Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities keeping them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary. Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.

HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH START?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the efforts to establish a Watch. Together they can:

- Organize a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, and possible community problems.
- Contact the GTPD Community Relations Bureau for information on setting up an initial meeting.
- Start asking around, by word of mouth, phone or Social Media, to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.
- Select a coordinator.
- Recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.
- Work with local government or law enforcement to put up Neighborhood Watch signs, usually after at least 50 percent of all households are enrolled.

Contact Community Relations at communityrelations@gtpolice.com if you are interested in joining or starting a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood.

School Is In Session- Watch For Stopped School Buses



Nationally, over the past 32 years, 414 students have been killed while in the process of being picked up or dropped off by a school bus. This translates into almost 13 deaths each year over the last three decades.

Those motorists either did not know what flashing red lights meant or disregarded them. These drivers caused hundreds of deaths that could have been prevented. To prevent more deaths like these, learn the law and obey it. This year, Gloucester Township Police Chief David Harkins and Mayor David Mayer assisted with creating a video which illustrates the rules of the road concerning school buses, which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzoum1PStHc>

Marked and Unmarked Police vehicles will be following behind school buses conducting targeted proactive enforcement for passing violations. We are also conducting annual training with bus drivers to help everyone work together to help with the safety of our students during transportation.

The Law – Passing Stopped School Buses (39:4-128.1)

- 1) On a two-lane highway, or other road not divided by some type of physical barrier, stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights whether or not you are traveling in the same direction as the bus.
- 2) Stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights if you are on a divided highway and on the same side of the highway as the school bus. Remain stopped until all students are safely on the bus or on the side of the highway, and until the bus's flashing red lights have been turned off.
- 3) Vehicles approaching a stopped school bus – but from the opposite side of a divided highway – that is picking up or letting off students may pass at 10 mph or less and must remain at that speed until completely past the stopped school bus.
- 4) Travel no faster than 10 mph by a stopped school bus that is picking up or letting off students directly at a school (or day camp or any school-related activity) located on the same side of the highway where the school bus is stopped.

School bus drivers are required to use flashing red lights when their bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students, and until every student is safely on the bus or clear of the bus and highway.

Fines & Points:

A violation of these laws results in a \$100 fine, and up to 15 days in jail or up to 15 days community service for a first offense. For subsequent offenses, violators can receive a \$250 fine or more and up to 15 days in jail. Five points are added to a driver's record for each offense.

S E N I O R P R O G R A M S

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 and 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

Pokeno
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.)

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.

Lending Closet



Our Lending Closet is available for those in need of the following items: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, etc. We are accepting new or slightly used items. For more information, please call 856-228-9015.

Gloucester Twp. Senior & Community Bus



SCHEDULE

Monday

Deptford Walmart, Deptford Mall & surrounding strip stores

Tuesday

*Look for Monthly Updates

Wednesday

Chews Landing Shoprite

Thursday

*Look for Monthly Updates

Friday

Cross Keys Rd Strip Malls including: Target, Acme

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
Check the schedule and monthly updates on Glotwp.com

S E N I O R Z O O M C L A S S E S

Camden County and the Gloucester Township Recreation Department present free senior chair yoga and meditation via zoom on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Sign up through Community pass to register. Call the GT Rec Center at 856-435-5734 with any questions.

Senior Chair Yoga

Wednesday at 11am: 9/18, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20
Scan the QR Code to register



Senior Meditation and Healthy Lifestyles

Wednesday at 11am: 9/25, 10/9, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27
Scan the QR Code to register



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



BUS TRIP

Tickets will go on sale September 9, 2024 at 8am at the Recreation Center and on our CommunityPass site. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must be a Twp. resident to purchase tickets. Refunds for tickets will only be given if a replacement can be found and will be minus a \$10. processing fee. Please contact 856-435-5734 with any questions.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Friday, December 6, 2024

Cost is \$162.00 per person

Come see this Christmas tradition! Price includes coach bus transportation & a ticket to *Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular* (10AM show). We have great Orchestra seating! Bus departs at 6:45 AM. See New York City and Rockefeller Center in its Holiday Splendor! Free time available for sightseeing & lunch on your own. Bus will return at 7:30PM.



PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Register online through CommunityPass, an online registration system with convenient 24/7 access to registration for all of the programs through the Recreation Department. CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards, (please note that a 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). Scan the QR Codes to register today!

Full refunds will be given only if the Recreation Dept. 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 can take 30-45 days to process.

RENTALS

The Recreation Department offers the following locations for rental. Start your request on CommunityPass.

GAZEBO

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

8am-11:30am 12pm-3:30pm 4pm-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. Call the office for availability at 856-435-5734.

FEE: \$ 150.00 for 2 hours Twp. Residents Only

YOUTH PROGRAMS


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


 Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Monday Vets Park
\$160 - Ages 2-3
September 9 - November 11 4:40-5:10pm

 Intro to Guitar ages 12+
6 Weeks 9/19-10/24 Thursdays
6:30-8:30pm at Rec Center
\$150 - use of guitar included


 Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 ages 2 - 3
September 8 - November 10 9:20-9:50am

 Youth Tennis ages 7-10
6 Weeks 10/7-11/18 Mondays
4:45-5:45pm at Rec Center
\$85

 Soccer Shots Classic
Monday Vets Park
\$160 age 3-4
September 9 - November 11 5:20-6:00pm


 Middle School Tennis ages 11-13
6 Weeks 10/7-11/18 Mondays
3:45-4:45pm at Rec Center
\$85


 Soccer Shots Classic
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 ages 3-4
September 8 - November 10 10:00-10:40am


 Kidding Around Yoga
6 Weeks 9/20-10/25 Fridays
4:45-5:45pm at Still Point Yoga
\$65 ages 4-8

 Soccer Shots Classic+
Mondays Vets Park
\$160 ages 4-6
September 9 - November 11 6:10-6:50pm


 Dom Scafidi's Basketball Clinic
September 6-30, Mondays & Fridays
Grades 6-12 4-5pm Grades K-5 5-6pm
Held at Rec Center
\$250 Monthly; \$80 weekly


 Soccer Shots Classic+
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 age 4-6
September 8 - November 10 10:50-11:30am

 Preschool Playtime
8 Weeks 9/27 - 11/22 at Point Ariel Park
Fridays 9am-11am
\$135 ages 3-5

 Yoga for Youth
6 Weeks 9/20-10/25 Fridays
5:45-6:45pm at Still Point Yoga
\$65 ages 8-12

 Tiny Tots Dance and Move
6 Weeks 9/16-10/21 Mondays
4:15-5:00pm at Rec Center
\$110 ages 2-3

 Dance Mix
6 Weeks 10/1-11/5 Tuesdays
5:00-6:00pm at Dance Class Studio
\$80 ages 7-10

 Kiddos and Karegivers Music Time
8 Weeks 9/13-11/1 Fridays
9:45-10:30pm at Rec Center
\$90 ages 0-3 with Karegiver



Gloucester Twp, NJ

Follow us on Facebook!

Sundays 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 @ 10:30 am (11/3 Rain Date)

Veterans Memorial Park
1261 Chews Landing Road
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

SCORING/DETAILS

- Points awarded based on finish
- T-shirts for ALL runners
- Medals for ALL runners on Week 5
- Scan QR code and check race description on website for trophy details.

DIVISION	DISTANCE
Pre-K 2/3yr	50 Yard Dash
Pre-K 4/5yr	75 Yard Dash
Challenger	75 Yard Dash
K & 1st	1/4 Mile
2nd & 3rd	1/2 Mile
4th & 5th	1 Mile
6th, 7th, 8th	1 Mile

*All races will be the same distances each week.

For more information, please contact
Diane Jones at 856-435-5734
gloucestertwpnj@healthykidsrs.org

Scan the code to Register Today.



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
\$45 FULL SERIES
FIVE WEEK SERIES*
UNTIL THREE WEEKS FROM START DATE

\$50
FULL SERIES*

\$20 SINGLE RACE
WALK-UP*
Only offered day-of

Online registration available only. No cash accepted.
*Registration is nonrefundable

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A D U L T P R O G R A M S

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



Fit Happens with Chrissy
8 Weeks 9/18-11/6 Wednesdays
6:30-7:30pm at Rec Center
\$80 ages 14+



Wellness Workshop
6 Weeks 9/18-10/23 Wednesdays
6:00-7:00pm at Point Ariel Park
\$80



Zumba
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
6:30-7:30pm at Rec Center
\$80 ages 14+



Yoga for Weightloss
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
7:15-8:30pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Pilates Barre
8 Weeks 9/16-11/18 Monday
6:15-7:15pm at Point Ariel Park
\$80 ages 14+



Morning Yoga - Take Care of You
8 Weeks 9/17-11/5 Tuesdays
11:00am-12:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Surge Amp Running Program
10 Weeks 9/25-11/27 Mondays & Wednesdays
6:30-7:30pm at GT Park
\$90 ages 14+



Yoga for Us - 55 Plus
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
11:00am-12:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Total Body Bootcamp
8 Weeks 9/17-11/12 Tuesdays
6:15-7:15pm at Point Ariel Park
\$80 ages 14+



Chair Yoga
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
2:00-3:00pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Intro to Guitar ages 12+
6 Weeks 9/19-10/24 Thursdays
6:30-8:30pm at Rec Center
\$150 - use of guitar included



An Hour to Empower Yoga
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm at Still Point Yoga
\$75



Mah Jongg
6 Weeks 10/1-11/5 Tuesdays
3:15-5:15pm at Rec Center
\$25



Wednesday Morning Yoga
8 Weeks 9/18-11/6 Wednesdays
11:00am-12:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Beginners Level Yoga
8 Weeks 9/17-11/5 Tuesdays
6:00-7:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Beginners Gentle Morning Yoga
8 Weeks 9/19-11/7 Thursdays
9:30-10:45am at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
8 Weeks 9/18-11/6 Wednesdays
7:30-8:30pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80



Let's Learn 2 Sew
8 Weeks 9/14-11/2 Saturdays
10:00am-12:00pm at Recreation Center
\$315



Pickleball Open Play with Instruction
5 Weeks 9/16-10/21 Mondays
6:00-8:00pm at Recreation Center
\$125



P R E S C H O O L

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 rates 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. Register online at CommunityPass or in-person at the Recreation Center. Create your CommunityPass account by visiting: <https://register.communitypass.net/TownshipofGloucester>. Contact us at (856) 435-5734 OR dianejones@glotwp.com with any questions. Currently only openings for 4 Year olds are available. Join the waitlist for the 3 Year program.

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



LOCATIONS

Recreation Center

80 Broadacres Dr.
Clementon, NJ

Point Ariel Park

2900 Erial-New Brooklyn Rd.
Erial, NJ

OPEN GYM

OPEN BASKETBALL AT GT REC CENTER

WHAT IS IT:
The Rec Center is open for GT Residents during scheduled times for open play. You must be registered on Community Pass.

TYPES:

- Family Open Basketball**
Designed for families with children under 15. A guardian 18+ must stay with their children.
- Open Teen Basketball**
Designed for youth and young adults age 12+ (MS and HS students). No parent needed but they must have an account.
- Open 30+ Basketball**
Open to adults ages 30+

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER AND VIEW CALENDAR

GT REC CENTER 80 BROADACRES DR, CLEMENTON, NJ

SPKN



Gloucester Township's Special Parents & Kids Network (SPKN) is a township supported, parent-directed, parent-to-parent support, education and information resources 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. We are committed to

building a network of resources, socialization opportunities, continuing education and support to children of all ages with special needs, their families and caregivers. Additionally, this group acts as a means to provide awareness of the importance of social integration of our children into the general population using opportunities to educate others and create overall societal acceptance. For more information or any questions, please contact: Judy Guido at GloTwpSPKN@hotmail.com

What We Do:

As a group we do many amazing things together. Our goal is to provide 5 or 6 group activities each year. We strive to incorporate diversity of activities into our events so as to provide beneficial programming to serve members from each of our age groups. We also work together to share resources and provide support for parents and caregivers. Come join us!

Additionally, we also have professionals speaking at our meetings to help educate families on things like therapeutic techniques & resources, constructive coping methods, legal and educational matters, etc. If you are a professional who would like to offer a parental education session on your area of specialty, please contact us at GloTwpSPKN@hotmail.com.

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.gtbbll.info gtbbllinfo@gmail.com

Gloucester Twp. Field Hockey

www.gtfieldhockey.com

GTHA - Gloucester Twp. Hockey Association

www.gthapanthers.org

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 descriptions.

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, pickleball courts, 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, soccer and ball 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 municipal pool. Our pool has a large shallow end as well as a deep end with diving board and slide. There is a separate baby pool. Snack bar, restrooms, tables, chairs and loungers are also available. Memberships are for GT residents only and fill up quickly each summer. 2025 memberships will open May 1, 2025.



F A L L L E A F C O L L E C T I O N

Public Works will begin Leaf Collection on November 4, 2024. Look for signs on the road. **Don't Worry! If you miss your round, we will continue to collect until all leaves are picked up.**

To make this program a success, please adhere to the following:

Try to keep all leaves unbagged at curbside. If you must use bags, **please use paper bags only.**

Have all leaves out the weekend prior to your week.

Rake all leaves curbside. Do not rake leaves into the street if it will block traffic.

Do not mix trash and broken branches with leaves. This clogs the machines and **your leaves will not be picked up.**

Do not park any vehicles in front of leaves during your pick-up week. **They will not be picked up.**

GLoucester TWP IS GOING GREEN

Please use large paper bags.

Help Us Help You:

Please mark your bags: grass, brush, leaves, etc.



1st Week: Autumn Ct, Ballantree, Broadmoor, Catalina Hills, Chews Wyck, Evers Place, Fernwood, Glendora on the East side of the Black Horse Pike, All streets off of Somerdale Rd, Somer Hill Place, Timberline, White Birch, Wilson Tract, Morgan Estates, Sterling Estates.

Pick Up Dates: Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7

2nd Week: Blenheim, Blackwood on West side of Blackhorse Pike & North side of E. & W. Church Street, to Little Gloucester Rd, Chews Village, Coles Hill, Echo Park, Foxboro, Glendora on West side of Black Horse Pike, All of Hilltop, Oxen Hill, Pine Run, Pristine Farms, Peter's Walk, Valleybrook, Players Place, The Links, St. James Place.

Pick Up Dates: Nov. 12, 13, 14

3rd Week: Cameron Circle, Cherrywood, Glen Oaks, Highland Park, Highland Village, Kingwood Estates, Laurel Hill, Millbridge, Rosegate, Tall Oaks Dr., West Gate Woods, Wood Mill Pond, Broadmoor West

Pick Up Dates: Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21

4th Week: Blackwood, South of Church St. and West of Black Horse Pike, Blackwood Estates, Blackwood Manor, Briar Lake, Cherrywood Hills, Deer Park, Dunleigh, Fox Chase, Garwood Rd, and all streets off Garwood Rd and Peter Cheeseman Rd, Grenloch, Hickstown Rd, Lambs Terrance, Raintree, Revere Run II, Stonebridge Run, Amber Ct, Terrestria, Timber Glen, Woodshire, Quail Hollow.

Pick Up Dates: Nov. 25, 26, 27

5th Week: Albion Terrance, Asten Woods, Breckenridge, Brittany Woods, Brookwood, Clementona, Country Aire, Country Oaks, Cobblestone Farms, Dresden Downs, Forest Ridge, Forest Woods, Kearsley Road, Kings Gate, Mayfair Meadows, Mayfair Woods, Mulberry Station, New Brooklyn Rd, Point Pleasant Farms, Quail Pointe, Revere Run I, Senators Walk, Sicklerville Rd, Spring Hollow, Sturbridge Oaks, Sweet Briar Woods, The Fields, Twin Streams, Williamstown Rd, Woods Edge, Woods Hill, Wye Oak, Spring Valley, Meadowbrook, Jarvis Rd., Johnson Rd.

Pick Up Dates: Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5

We will keep to the schedule as much as possible. Please allow for inclement weather, vehicle breakdowns, etc. If we are ahead of schedule, we may go into heavier areas, but will return on your scheduled week. Thank you.



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T O W N S H I P O F G L O U C E S T E R

**Gloucester Township
Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee**



It isn't necessary to take a ride over the bridge to learn about the region's vast amount of history! Spend a Sunday afternoon during the fall at the Tavern learning about the areas fascinating past. Tours of the entire first floor of the building run from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Tours are completely free, kid-friendly, and given by volunteers. Visit www.facebook.com/glotwphistory or email gth-spc@gmail.com for more information.

Special Events:

October 12 - Halloween Paranormal Night Fundraiser
October 13 & 27 - Camden County History Month
December 1 – Holiday Open House

**Gloucester Twp. Day
Scholarship Committee**

**Murder Mystery Dinner on Jan. 31, 2025 at
ValleyBrook CC. Tickets coming soon.
Check GTDSC.org for more info.**

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