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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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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID MAYER

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 - alltimes 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.

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID MAYER

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 trunkor-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,

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David Mayer



2024 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Honorees

Nominations are still being accepted for the Gloucester Township Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration for the exemplary citizens who have demonstrated significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that have impacted favorably on our citizens.

For more information and the nomination form, please <u>CLICK</u><u>HERE.</u>

CHEWS LANDING FIRE CO. TO HOST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



Chews Landing Fire Company 43 Somerdale Road, Gloucester Township, NJ 08012

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Gloucester Township invites everyone to attend the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Chews Landing Fire Company at 7:00 am. We will never forget.

FARMERS' MARKET SPOTLIGHT: ANCHORED ROASTING HOUSE

Last week's Gloucester Township Farmers' Market spotlight vendors are Brian and Tara Boggs, owners and operators of the ever-popular Anchored Roasting House booth.

Since the market began, Anchored Roasting House has created quite a buzz and not just with the caffeine they supply. There was always a line by their tent where residents stocked up on freshly roasted coffees from far off exotic places. The smell alone was amazing. This couple's interest in coffee bean roasting came about when they adopted their two children from Ethiopia, Africa. The coffee industry was such a big part of their children's culture that they became passionate to learn all they could about it. From this labor of love, Anchored Roasting House went from an idea to a reality with its name inspired by Brian's navy career.

We, at the GT Farmers' Market, have truly enjoyed • having Brian and Tara as faithful market participants and look forward to working with them at future events. Be sure to check out their artisan coffees! For more information about Anchored Roasting House, <u>CLICK HERE.</u>



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE ADVISORY: BUS SAFETY



School bus safety is very important for the protection of Gloucester Township students and it requires all drivers to follow the rules of the road.

When a school bus flashes yellow lights, slow down and prepare to stop. Flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children.

- Never pass a stopped school bus when the stop sign is out and flashing.
- State Law requires that you stop at least 25 feet in front of a stopped school bus on either side of the road with its stop sign arm extended.
- Students should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, with the stop sign arm extended and the door open prior to entering the roadway.
- Buckle safety belts and remain seated throughout the entire ride.
- Students crossing to get on and off the bus should look both ways before crossing the roadway and walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus to be clearly visible to the bus driver.
- Drivers that improperly pass a school bus are subject to: up to a \$250 fine, 5-points on their driver's license, and up to 15 days in jail, so pay attention!





Gloucester Township Police are hiring Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I.

Special Police Officers assist with traffic control, court security, security details, park patrol, and transportation of prisoners. Special Police Officers work part time hours ranging up to 29 hours per week.

There is no test administered by the New Jersey Department of Personnel. Candidates are hired based on their completion of an application with the Township of Gloucester.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the official Gloucester Township, New Jersey job listing and details on how to apply.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to download the fillable job application.

If you have questions about applying for any Gloucester Township Police position, you can <u>CLICK HERE</u> or email CommunityRelations@GTPolice.com

For more about careers at Gloucester Township Police <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE.</u>

Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

David R. Mayer







NEXT SATURDAY! Come out to Camden County College for the annual Gloucester Township Drive-In Movie Night to watch the new Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire! There will be plenty of fun for the entire family. Enjoy the hayride, face painting, crafts, food trucks, and more! Doors open at 5:30 pm at 200 College Dr.

