

Winter Report 2025

Community News, Programs and Events

Gloucester Township Honors Hundreds of Veterans at Meritorious Service Medal Ceremony



Mayor David R. Mayer and the Township Council hosted a ceremony on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Gloucester Township Community Park aimed at recognizing veterans for their service to our Nation and Gloucester Township. The ceremony brought together almost 500 local veterans from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, elected and appointed officials from around the South Jersey region and members of the public.



The Gloucester Township Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to all veterans residing in the Township who have demonstrated exceptional service to the United States. Among those honored was 103-year-old veteran Technical Sergeant Chester H. Clark, USA (Ret.) who served in World War II and was deployed to Okinawa, Japan. Before proceeding to the medal presentation Mayor Mayer specifically acknowledged Technical Sergeant Clark for his heroic service and noted how fortunate the Township is to have such heroes as our neighbors to serve as role models for our youth.

Local leaders and community groups also contributed to the ceremony, including the presentation of colors by the Gloucester Township Police Department Honor Guard; patriotic performances by Mainstage Center for the Arts and local resident, Michelle Botsford; and cadets from Highland High School's Air Force Junior ROTC. An estimated 2,000 family members, friends and neighbors of the veterans honored on Saturday were also in attendance to show their pride and appreciation for the recognition of their loved one's service to our Nation.

Mayor Mayer spoke at the event, highlighting the township's ongoing commitment to supporting its veterans. "This ceremony is a small but meaningful way for Gloucester Township to show our appreciation for the service of our veterans. They have given so much to protect our freedoms, and it is our responsibility to ensure they receive the respect and support they have earned. As Mayor of Gloucester Township, it is important to me that the Township continues to not only renew its commitment to our local veterans, but strive to find new ways to expand our efforts to support our hometown heroes," said Mayer.

Congressman Donald Norcross joined the Mayor and Township Council to present the veterans their Meritorious Service Medals and expressed his appreciation for the vital role our servicemembers play in preserving our freedom. "It's an honor to be able to present medals to the veterans of Gloucester Township. These brave men and women sacrificed so much to defend their fellow Americans and our fundamental freedoms," said Congressman Donald Norcross. "We will forever be indebted to our nation's veterans, and I'm proud to work in Congress to ensure that this country repays them for all they've done."

Gloucester Township is dedicated to honoring and supporting its veteran community through a variety of programs, events, and resources. The Township remains committed to ensuring that our local veterans receive the care and respect they have earned. For more information on Gloucester Township's veteran services, visit Gloucester Township's Website at https://glotwp.com/department/veterans/

GTPD Expands Hybrid Fleet with 7 New Vehicles

The Gloucester Township Police Department (GTPD) is continuing its commitment to sustainability by adding seven more hybrid vehicles to its fleet, as part of a long-term goal to transition from traditional gas-powered cars to more energy-efficient options. This follows last year's successful introduction of two hybrid Police Interceptors.

One of the major benefits of these hybrid vehicles is their efficiency during idle time—a significant factor for police cars, which typically idle 60% to 70% of the time. Unlike gas-powered vehicles, the hybrid models use their gasoline engine only 20% of the time when idling. The vehicle's equipment is powered by a lithium-ion hybrid battery, which is maintained at an optimal charge range (30%-70%) to ensure smooth operation. The new hybrids boast a projected EPA-estimated rating of 24 mpg combined, a 41% improvement over the previous 3.7-liter gas-powered Police Interceptor Utility model. In addition to reducing environmental impact, these hybrids also bring other benefits, including lower maintenance costs, increased horsepower, greater torgue, and improved top speeds.



The GTPD's transition to hybrids reflects its dedication to both fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship, as the department leads the way toward a more sustainable future for Gloucester Township

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Message from Mayor David Mayer



The new year is upon us, and we're excited about all it has in store! First, I want to extend my thanks to our Public Works Department for keeping our neighborhoods clean and staffing our events throughout the year; our Police Department for their excellent work in keeping our community safe; the Recreation Department for providing

programs for all ages; and the Community Services Department for their dedicated service to our senior citizens.

I'd also like to personally thank the veterans who joined us for the Gloucester Township Medal Ceremony a couple of months ago. Your presence made the event truly special as we honored the bravery, sacrifice, and commitment of our veterans. If you were not able to attend, please stop by my office to receive the Gloucester Township Meritorious Service Medal and take a commemorative photo in front of our official banner.

Our third annual Christmas Village event was a great success, showcasing many vendors with unique crafts and a delicious variety of food trucks. Residents enjoyed live, festive music by the Voices Carry barbershop quartet and the talented performers from Mainstage. We served complimentary hot chocolate and cookies, lit Gloucester Township's official Christmas tree, and welcomed Santa for pictures with the little ones!

We're excited to kick off 2025 with the Gloucester Township annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, where volunteers from across South Jersey will come together to give back to our community in ways that reflect Dr. King's values. With over 30 projects to choose from, be sure to sign up for a project that interests you on our website.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our spring events, including the Easter Bunny Brunch, the free community shred day, Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee's 5K Run, the Colonial Re-enactment by the Gloucester Township Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee, the Arts Market on the Black Horse Pike, and the annual Business Breakfast hosted by the Gloucester Township Economic Development Partnership Corporation.

Last year, Gloucester Township hosted our first annual Juneteenth Celebration at Veterans Park, and this year's event on Saturday, June 21st promises another day of culture and community. Join us for family-friendly fun, local businesses, a cultural marketplace, delicious food, live music, and entertainment for everyone!

To stay updated, be sure to follow the Gloucester Township pages on social media so you won't miss out on any exciting news or upcoming events.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Wishing everyone a safe and happy new year!

Sincerely, David R. Mayer

Salt Shed at Public Works



The Department of Public Works is preparing for the upcoming winter season. They've replaced the old cover on the salt shed with a new one designed to last over 15 years. The salt shed can store 800 tons of salt, which is sufficient for handling three winter storms. If additional salt is needed during the season,

Public Works will reorder it. They also produce brine, a mixture of salt and water, and apply it to the streets whenever the weather forecast predicts icy conditions.

Exciting Updates on the Gloucester Township Community Arts Center on Black Horse Pike!

The Township is fast approaching the completion of its first phase renovations of the old bank building in downtown Blackwood. Currently, the building's mortar has been analyzed and stone repointing is underway. While most of the existing crown molding around the top of the building is in good condition, damaged sections are being replaced with matching materials. Half of the crown molding has been repainted, revit



the crown molding has been repainted, revitalizing the look of this historic landmark.

Recently, contractors removed the metal siding on the building's pediment revealing the original clock manufactured by the Self Winding Clock Company. The Township believes the clock has remained hidden for decades given that plywood beneath the metal siding dated to 1964, suggesting that the clock had not been seen for over 60 years. The Township is currently exploring options for restoring this remarkable six-decade-old timepiece.



Inside the building, significant progress is also being made. A handicap lift is scheduled for installation and the first floor the restrooms are nearly complete, with final accessories set to be added soon.

The next phase of the project will focus on the interior fit-out of the main hall. New walls will be installed to meet current building codes, and elegant new moldings, including baseboards, crown molding, and wainscoting, will enhance the interior. Fresh finishes will be applied to bring this historic space back to life.

The old bank vault will remain a centerpiece of the building and is being repurposed as a small concession stand for events. The 500pound vault door, with its weathered appearance and rust, will be restored as much as possible to retain its authentic charm. This will blend functionality with a touch of history, offering a unique feature for the community.

Phase Two will also include the installation of theater lighting and sound system, ensuring high-quality events for all to enjoy. This restoration project aims to celebrate the building's rich history while transforming it into a vibrant creative hub for Gloucester Township residents and visitors alike.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 Youth Coaches Honorees



In October, Gloucester Township celebrated Coach Appreciation Month. Warmest congratulations to the following coaches: Daniele Heady -GT Lions Youth Football & Cheer

Mackenzie Connelly- Gloucester Township Field Hockey

Matthew Belinsky- Erial Little League

Tom Ford- Gloucester Township Baseball

Dave Burke- Glendora Softball

Mark Spino- Blackwood Kiwanis Baseball

Citizen Appreciation Park

Gloucester Township Mayor Mayer and the Township Council held an annual Citizen Appreciation Ceremony in October. Congratulations to Andy Mosiondz, Janet Ferrara, Jen Scuderi, Carrie Evans, Carol Yarris, Robert Irvine, Robin Spina, Jessy Baxley, Ingrid Kelly, Michael Mignone, Tony Bonanato, Renee Fidler, Jon Zarnosky, Jacob Hunt, Andrea Hering, John Branch, Dorothy Morley, Ryan C. Comisky, Robert T. Jenkinson, Kimmi Champion, Christopher Murphy, Keen Hamilton, Theresa Saravia-Osorto, Andy J. Bartell, Meghan Marquis Bruce Harrison, Chip Roach, Frank Dintino, Cherie Mc Nellis, Gregory Diaz.

Hispanic Heritage Month Appreciation Ceremony



Mayor David Mayer would like to extend his heartfelt gratitude to the outstanding residents of Gloucester Township for their invaluable contributions to our community. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact, fostering a spirit of unity and progress. Congratulations on being honored at the Gloucester Township Hispanic Month Celebration. Your achievements and commitment to excellence truly inspire us all! Congratulations to: Angelina Rodrigues, Veronica Cruz, Sandra Mercado-Rosa, Erica Rios, Renata Jimenez, Jose Garcia!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2024 RETIREES

Best Wishes and Thanks to the Municipal retirees after many years of public service: Jim Clark, Brendan Barton, Donald Gansky, Kenneth Porter, Michael Trabosh, Mark Benton, Patrick O'Hanlon and Christina Goss.

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GT Welcomes New Businesses

Akihabara Bazaar Congratulations to Akihabara Bazaar on their official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony in September. Mayor David Mayer was honored to cut the ribbon for the new Japanese inspired store front in the Clementon section of Gloucester Township. What started as a dream for Connor and Larry Hackett, fueled by a love for anime and Japanese pop culture, is now a reality in Gloucester Township. After a postponed trip due to the pandemic and a successful second journey to Japan, they've brought the magic of Akihabara back home. From securing partnerships to importing rare collectibles from Japan, every step was a labor of love. Akihabara Bazaar invites you to immerse yourself in the vibrant world of anime, video games, and more. Located at 1216b Chews Landing Road.

Rally House Congratulations to Rally House on their grand opening and ribbon cutting! Mayor David Mayer was honored to cut the ribbon to the ultimate destination for one of the largest selections of officially licensed College, NFL, MLB, NHL, NBA, and MLS apparel, gear, and gifts. Represent your favorite teams with pride—from jerseys and caps to accessories for your home, car, and garden. Rally House also features local, exclusive products that celebrate your hometown's spirit with unique items inspired by regional landmarks, iconic foods, and city backdrops. Located at the Gloucester Premium Outlets.

First Watch The popular daytime café known for its fresh, delicious breakfast, brunch, and lunch offerings, has officially opened its doors—and this location comes with a twist. Unlike most First Watch locations, Gloucester Township's First Watch has a liquor license, allowing guests to enjoy a unique selection of brunch cocktails, craft beers, and other beverages along with their meals. Located at 625 Berlin – Cross Keys Rd.

Mission BBQ The famous restaurant chain that focuses on serving traditional American barbecue dishes, Mission BBQ is known for their dedication to honoring and supporting military and first responders. The interior often features a patriotic theme and is filled with tributes of local heroes. The restaurant opened in December. Located at 603 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd.

Boswood Bagels Gloucester Township is thrilled to welcome Boswood Bagels to the Clementon Section. This new gem promises to bring the freshest and delicious bagels to bagel enthusiasts who appreciate the art of made-from-scratch baking! Located at 1160 Chews Landing Rd.

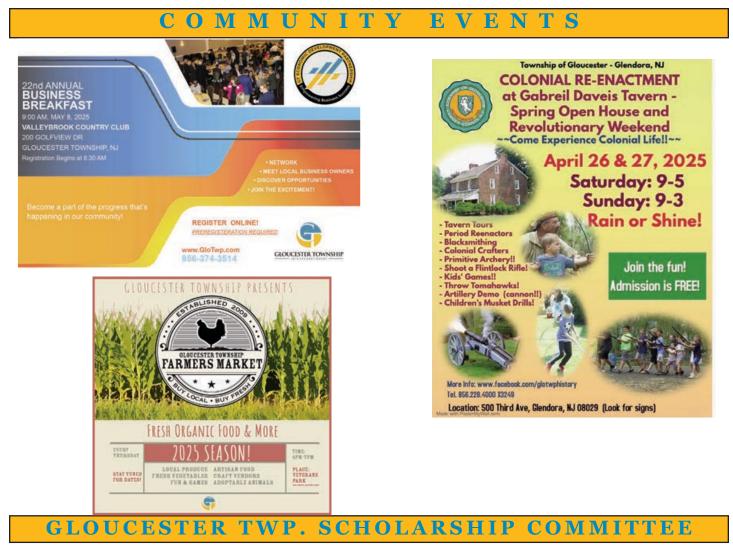
COMING SOON: Chick-Fil-A The popular fast-food restaurant known for its chicken sandwiches, Chick-Fil-A, is coming to Gloucester Premium Outlets! The proposed location is the undeveloped site by the Rt 42 Roundabout.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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The Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee provides scholarship money to high school seniors who live in Gloucester Township and are continuing their education. If you would like to volunteer or participate in any of our events, visit our website at www.gtdsc.org or email gtdsc86@gmail.com.



Join us for a a night of mystery and murder in "Lei'd to Rest" held at the Valleybrook Country Club 200 Golfview Dr, Blackwood. Hawaiian Attire is encouraged. Dress to impress!

January 31, 2025 7-11pm \$65.00 pp or \$120.00 a couple

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Hider Lane Drop-In Center or scan the QR Code.



Looking Ahead

Join us on Saturday, June 7, 2025 when we recognize our Scholarship recipients while enjoying the activities provided at Gloucester Township Day 2025 Vendor packets and additional information will be available in February 2025. Rain date is Sunday, June 8, 2025.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Camden County Special Needs Registry

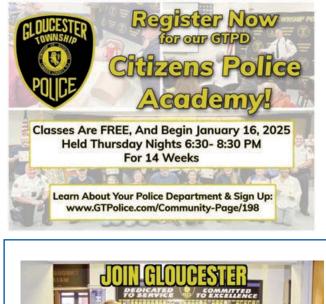
The Gloucester Township Police Department and the Camden County Prosecutors Office have a registry for individuals with Special Needs and disabilities in an effort to give police quick access in an emergency to critical information about a person who is registered. The registry can provide police with 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.







Now is your chance to start the process to become a Gloucester Township Police Officer – Join Our Team! Gloucester Township Recruitment Plan

Any questions on employment opportunities with the Gloucester Township Police Department may be sent to police@gtpolice.com or you may call 856-228-4011 and someone from our Community Relations Bureau will respond at their first opportunity.

Interested in becoming a Gloucester Township Police Officer? You must first take the examination administered by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission in order to be considered for employment. Police Officer examinations are held periodically by the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission and further information regarding testing dates and filing procedures can be found at their website, http://www.nj.gov/csc/

Learn more about GTPD Team! Check out our "Who We Are, What We Do, We Are Here For You!" VIDEO here! https://youtu.be/b_mWrK9gdsY

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch – whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly way 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 reduces 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 local police or sheriff's department, or local crime prevention organization, for help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.

• Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.

Select a coordinator.

• Ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members.

• 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 starting a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DO?

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.

GTPD Camera Program



Help GTPD Solve Crime In Your Neighborhood! Registration is voluntary and there is no cost associated with registration. Sign up h e r e ! : https://gtpolice.com/gloucestertownship-police-camera-program/

The Gloucester Township Police Department is requesting Gloucester Township, New Jersey residents, businesses, and organizations that have security cameras in place on their property to complete a short registration form.

The registration DOES NOT give the Gloucester Township Police Department access to your camera system, and only allows our agency to maintain a data base reference of active cameras in the event a crime occurs in the area. For example if a burglary occurs down the street from your property, we would know your camera may have captured an image of a vehicle or suspect that could connect us to the suspects involved in the burglary. A detective would be able to contact you and ask to review the footage in hopes of identifying a suspect description or any information that can help the case.

Gloucester Township Police Safe Exchange Zone



The GTPD has a Safe Exchange Zone inside and outside our department. The inside location is located between the watch desk area and court room and the outside location is located by the front steps of the Police Department.

This Safe Exchange Zone should be used for such things as custody exchanges and online purchase exchanges. This is a safe, well lit area that is recorded and open 24 hours a day to help improve your safety during these transactions.

Additional safety precautions:

- We want to encourage you to meet at our police station.
- Our police station is open 24 hours a day, but we want to encourage you to not do transactions at night.
- Never meet in a secluded area.
- Never invite strangers to your home, or go to a stranger's house.
- Use your instincts. If a deal is too good to be true, it probably is.
- Always be cautious when purchasing/ selling a high priced item.



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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



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

HELP US DURING SNOW & ICE Park cars in driveway or off the street

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets and highways, and an emergency exists, no vehicle shall be parked on the streets or highways or portions thereof indicated. The above parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic and any police officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

BRUSH PICKUP

Per Twp. ordinance, branches, hedge trimmings, brush clippings, etc. must be securely tied into **four foot bundles** that can be easily handled and the diameter of any branch may not exceed six inches. The bundles shall not exceed **forty pounds**. 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 please call Public Works at 856-228-3144.

Open Shred Day Event

WHEN:

Saturday, April 12, 2025 8am - 12 noon Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 8am - 12 noon or until trucks are full Camden County College 200 College Dr, Blackwood, NJ 08012



Bring your paper to be shredded. An operator will move the bins to a mobile shredding unit where your material will be destroyed before your eyes. 100% of the shredded paper is recycled! Only paper is accepted. No plastic bags or metal, includ-

ing binders, bound books and binder clips. Paper clips/staples are OK. **MUST BE A GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT.**

SPRING LEAF PICKUP

This year we will have a Spring Leaf Cleanup from April 7 through April 17. To have your leaves picked up call Public Works 856-228-3144, Monday - Thursday, between 8am and 5pm to put your name on a list for pickup. Please remember leaves only, do not mix debris, brush, soil, etc. After April 1 7, all leaves must be in paper bags and placed by your curb. They will be picked up weekly on your recycling day. Contact the Gloucester Twp Recycling Department, 856-227-8666 with any questions.



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

Check out Page 13 with all the Recycling Information!

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 information, contact Debi Carr at 228-9015 or 374-3522.

<u>MONDAYS</u>

Cards (Pinochle) 10am - 3:30pm Cards (Poker) 11am - 3pm 500 Rummy 1st & 3rd Mondays 12- 3 :30pm 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.) Senior Community Center <u>FRIDAYS</u> 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.

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SENIOR & COMMUNITY 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 This schedule and the monthly updates can be found on Glotwp.com.

Schedule

Monday Deptford Wal-Mart, Deptford Mall & surrounding strip stores Tuesday

*Look for Monthly updates

<u>Wednesday</u>

Chews Landing ShopRite

Thursday *Look for Monthly updates

Friday

Cross Keys Rd Strip Malls including: Target & Acme

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 Diane Jones

bfagan@glotwp.com es dianejones@glotwp.com

Recreation Office Location 80 Broadacres Drive, Clementon 08021

Recreation Office Business Hours Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-5:45PM



PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All registrations are done through CommunityPass, an online registration system with convenient 24/7 access to registration for all of the programs through the Recreation Department. Scan the QR Code, sign up, and enjoy the convenience of online registration. CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa and Mastercard



(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 are 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.

RENTALS

The Recreation Department is currently offering the following locations for rental. Scan the QR code to visit our Community Pass site to register



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 only. Must be a GT Resident. FEE: \$ 150.00 for 2 hours

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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 **Thursdays Rec Center** \$110 - Ages 2-3 January 30 - March 6 5:30-6:30pm



Soccer Shots Classic Thursdays Rec Center \$110 - Ages 3-4 January 30 - March 6 6:10-6:50pm



Soccer Shots Classic+ **Thursdays Rec Center** \$110 - Ages 4-6 January 30 - March 6 6:10-6:50pm



Preschool Playtime 8 Weeks 1/24 - 3/21 at Point Ariel Park Fridays 9am-11am \$135 ages 3-5



Yoga for Youth 6 Weeks 1/17 - 2/21 Fridays 5 5:45-6:45pm at Still Point Yo 5:45 ages 8-12 5:45-6:45pm at Still Point Yoga



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6 Weeks 2/18-3/25 Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm at Dance Class Studio \$80 ages 7-10



■法科·III Intro to Guitar ages 12+ 6 Weeks 2/27-4/3 Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm at Rec Center \$150 - use of guitar included



Youth Tennis ages 7-10 6 Weeks 1/27-3/10 Mondays 4:45-5:45pm at Rec Center \$85



Middle School Tennis ages 11-13 6 Weeks 1/27-3/10 Mondays 3:45-4:45pm at Rec Center



Kidding Around Yoga 6 Weeks 1/17-2/21 Fridays 4:45-5:45pm at Still Point Yoga \$65 ages 4-8



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Sundays 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1 @ 10:30 am (6/15 Rain Date)

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

DIVISION DISTANCE Pre-K 2/3yr 50 Yard Dash 75 Yard Dash Pre-K 4/5yr 75 Yard Dash Challenger K & 1st 1/4 Mile and & 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 or at gloucestertwpnj@healthykidsrs.org

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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.



SPONSORS



HEALTHYKIDSRUNNINGSERIES.ORG



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. Join our email list to be notified of meetings or check out our Facebook page: GT Special Parents & Kids Network (SPKN) **Upcoming Events:**



Tween/Teen Dance at GT Rec Center, January 25, 2025 from 6:30-9pm.

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

RECREATION DEPT. PRESCHOOL



SAVE THE DATE: Preschool Fall 2025-2026 registration will begin April 23, 2025 for current students. New student registration will begin May 5, 2025!

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. Spring 2024 Registration for new students will begin February 26th. Classes are limited to 10 children per teacher.



Contact us at (856) 435-5734 or dianejones@glotwp.com with any questions.

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

PRESCHOOL SESSIONS

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

LOCATIONS Recreation Center

80 Broadacres Dr. Clementon, NJ

Point Ariel Park 2900 Erial-New Brooklyn Rd. Erial, NJ

Parks and Playgrounds

Gloucester Township Receives Green Acres Grant for Taylor Avenue Playground

Gloucester Township is excited to announce that it has successfully applied for and received \$948,631 in Green Acres grant funding to cover the full cost of transforming the Taylor Avenue Community Playground into a Multigenerational Recreational Area, creating an environment that caters to various age groups.

The plan involves the removal of the aged playground equipment currently on the premises and the introduction of a new playground designed for children age 5-12, a youth obstacle course suitable for teenagers 13 and older, and establishing a fitness area for seniors and adults.

This initiative, scheduled to be complete by summer of 2025, ensures alignment with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and current safety standards, guaranteeing a safe, fair, and accessible space that meets both active and passive recreational needs of our community.

Additionally, Taylor Avenue's recreational offerings include a ballfield, which is not in need of Green Acres funding for improvements. However, Green Acres Funding will greatly improve the crosswalk, linking the baseball field to the play area, including sidewalk, curb, gate, and crosswalk enhancements as part of the project. These enhancements will allow users to safely navigate between the playground and the ball field, enriching the overall recreational experience at Taylor Avenue Park.



New Fencing at Community Park

The Department of Public Works has recently completed the installation of a new chain-link fence around the soccer field at Gloucester Township Community Park on Peter Cheeseman Road. This new fence is a great addition as it is cost-effective, durable, and requires minimal maintenance. Its primary function is to keep the ball within the playing area, enhancing the safety and enjoyment of the game for everyone involved. The new fence ensures that the field remains secure and well-maintained, providing a better experience for both players and spectators.





YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

Youth Sports Leagues

Blackwood Kiwanis Little League baseball@bkll.com www.bkll.com

Erial Little League Baseball & Softball www.eriallittleleague.com

Glendora Girls Athletic League www.ggal.org 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.gtlax.org gtyouthlacrosse@gmail.com

Gloucester Twp. Lions Youth Football & Cheerleading www.gtlions.com

Gloucester Twp. Stallions Midget Football & Cheerleading www.gtstallions.com gtstallionshelp@gmail.com

Highland Jr. Wrestling www.highlandwrestling.com

Highland Youth Soccer Club www.hysc.org

TBAA - Timber Birch Athletic Association - Soccerwww.tbaa.nettbaanet@hotmail.com

Timber Creek Jr. Wrestling tshq.bluesombrero.com/timbercreekwrestling

GT BASEBALL & FLAG FOOTBALL

(Spring and Fall Seasons for both sports)

We are a recreational sports league that is open to all residents of Gloucester Township. We offer in-town recreational baseball, travel baseball and recreational Flag Football for children ages 3 -16.

Our focus is to be an all inclusive league where children of ALL skill levels are treated equally.

FREE T-BALL! (3 and 4 year olds Play for Free!!)

Follow us on Facebook @GTBall for all league updates. Or go to our website at www.GTBall.com and register today!!

Our goal as an organization is to provide a fun, educational and competitive environment that all children will enjoy.

For information please email Admin@GTBall.com





Spring Soccer 2025

Serving the Youth of Gloucester Township Since 1964 T.B.A.A. is a volunteer organization that has been providing youth sports opportunities to the

children of Gloucester Township for over 50 years and is one of the largest youth soccer clubs in South Jersey.

INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BORN

BETWEEN 2018 AND 2021

PRACTICES STARTING WEEK OF MARCH 10

INTRAMURAL SOCCER PROGRAM FEATURES:

Intramural Junior Development Program for all players

Free Professional Licensed Instruction

Fun, pressure-free playing environment

Modern "small-sided" coaching program

TO REGISTER: Visit our website at: www.TBAA.net and follow

the directions to register using our online system.

For additional information, email us at: TBAAintra@gmail.com

**Travel age players birth year 2017 and older please contact <u>www.tbaasoccer@gmail.com</u> to check availability before registering

GLENDORA GIRLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE

All players in Gloucester Township and surrounding areas (ages 4 to 18) are welcome to register @ ggal.org.

Registration will close 2/1/2025 or when teams fill up. Don't delay! Our teams are affiliated with SJGSA We offer split payment plans!

Fee includes a \$20.00 bond payment that is fully refundable Tball - \$100.00 / 8u - \$130.00

10u / 12u / 14u / HS - \$170.00

Players get a full uniform which includes a jersey, belt, socks, and pants.

Winter training for all players begins in Jan 2025. Group pitching lessons (\$20.00 per session) are offered on Mondays (JAN - 3/16/25). Check website for more info. For more information, please email us at ggalsoftball@gmail.com



All Gloucester Twp. Sports leagues are independent organizations. Please contact each league directly for any information.

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING GUIDELINES 2025 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP GLOBAL SERVICES 856-227-5665 or 856-227-8666

HOW TO RECYCLE

Recycling carts are collected every other week at curb side. Use your cart space wisely. Compress and flatten recyclables to maximize cart space. Cardboard must be broken down and placed vertically in cart so that the cart will empty properly. The recycling carts' lid must be closed in order to be picked up. **NO PLASTICS BAGS**. All containers should be empty and rinsed and all recyclables must be kept as dry as possible. If you received a recycling cart, it must be used. Additional recycling material left outside recycling cart will be collected by a different truck. Any oversized cardboard that cannot be broken down (remove bubble wrap, plastic bags & Styrofoam) may be put out for overflow truck.

WHAT TO RECYCLE

Only recycling items listed below go into the recycling cart/container or the material will not be collected.

Glass: containers that were previously used for food or beverages. These containers may be clear, brown or green glass. **Metal:** refers to aluminum, tin or bi-metal food and beverage containers.

Plastic: that only display the plastic class types #1 & #2 recycling triangle. These containers could have been used for beverages: juice, milk, soda and water; no loose lids.

Paper: newspaper & all inserts, catalogs, chipboard (beer & soda cartons), cereal boxes, computer paper, envelopes, gift boxes, greeting cards, junk mail, magazines, office paper, paper toilet/towel rolls, phone books, text books (without hard covers) and workbooks.

Cardboard: must be flattened and folded in half then placed vertically in the cart, so it will not jam. Additional cardboard may be flattened and taped together in small batches and put off to the side, on the ground and away from the cart. Make sure all the inserts are out of the boxes. Oversize boxes leave empty off to the side and away from the cart as well. A different truck will collect the overflow cardboard.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS



RECYCLING CONTAINERS: Multi-family properties- duplexes that need an additional 96-gallon recycling cart should call GTGS at 856-227-5665. Carts are only available through the Township. All carts are the property of Gloucester Township and must be left at your house if you move. Recycling carts used for any other purpose other than recycling will be confiscated. Please, do not put any markings on your cart as it is Township property; each cart has an identification number and an RFID tag which will correspond with your address.

BAGGED/CAN GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES

GTGS collects leaves & grass clippings WEEKLY on the same day as your regular recycling day. Example: Your recycling day is every other Friday – your leaves will be picked up every Friday. Leaves/grass can be placed into your old yellow recycling bucket, a two handled container, a compostable brown lawn bag or an open trash bag left at the curb. The maximum weight for each bag or 2 handle containers is 40 pounds. A maximum of 20 bags of leaves per week is allowed. LOOSE LEAVES November 1 to December 31 – GTPW 856-228-3144 collects according to the fall leaf vacuum schedule Please do not park your vehicles in front of leaves during your collection week. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves to the curbside only during the fall leaf schedule. Please keep brush, weeds, mulch in separate container, this collection by GTPW is WEEKLY on the regular recycling day except for Friday, which will be picked up on Thursday.

Frequently Asked Questions:	QUESTIONS
How should I set my cart out for collection?	Interstate Waste Services 732-727-0247
Carts placed on the curb must be no more than 2 feet from the street and placed in street; wheels touching the curb except for homes in cul- de-sacs and on main roads. Residents in cul-de-sacs should place their cart far enough away from the curb so the trucks' 12-foot automated collection arm can reach. Handle must be facing towards the house or	Weekly Trash Collection GT Global Services 856-227-5665 Grass clippings Leaves in open bags or 2 handled cans Recycling every other week
the cart cannot be collected. Cart must be at least 5 feet away from & not behind any obstacles such as mailboxes, trash, utility poles, vehicles, yard waste and other carts. Automated collection requires a 15-foot overhead clearance, keep cart away from low hanging trees and wires. Carts must always be on level ground (not on snow or leaf piles).	GT Public Works Department856-228-3144No collections on FridayWhite goods and electronics-dropped off or call for pick upBrush, Garden/Lawn Debris (weekly)Leaves during Fall/Spring scheduled curbside pickup onlySPECIAL WASTE856-858-5241
Can the recycling cart be returned? No, it is the law to recycle so residents may not return the cart.	Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs
Can I paint my cart or change my cart lid? No, the carts are Township property. The lid may not be removed.	😥 🍯 🍐 🏷 🏠
Can I use a different cart or bucket? No, only recycling carts issued by the Township may be used.	

RECYCLING DAYS FOR 2025

Check the schedule to determine your designated recycling dates. Recyclables will be collected every other week. Your recyclables must be put out no earlier than 4pm the day prior to collection, but no later than 6am on the collection day. There will be no recycling collection on the following Holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Recyclables will be collected on the following workday for those holidays only. All other recycling collection days in the holiday week stay the same (Do not wait an extra day). The Holidays above are in parentheses and the alternate collection date follows the arrow; (holiday)>collection date.

MONDAY 1: Black Horse Pike (Front St. to Evesham Rd.), Evesham Rd. (Rt. 41 to Randy Rd.), Fernwood, Glendora, Whitebirch. Jan. 6, 20; Feb. 3, 17; Mar. 3, 17, 31; Apr. 14, 28; May 12, (26)>27; Jun.9, 23; Jul. 7, 21; Aug. 4, 18; Sep. (1)>2, 15, 29; Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 10, 24; Dec. 8, 22

MONDAY 2: Broadmoor West, Black Horse Pike (from Rt. 42 overpass to Front St.), Chews Landing Rd., Echo Park, Glen Oaks, Heathrow Court, Hider Lane, Hilltop, Kingswood Estates, Laurel Springs Gardens, Little Gloucester Rd. (from Chews Landing Rd. to Hider Lane), Lower Landing Rd. (from Rt. 42 overpass to Black Horse Pike), Old Black Horse Pike, Oxen Hill, Pine Run, Pristine Farms, St. James Court, Village of Chews Landing. Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; Mar. 10, 24; Apr. 7, 21; May 5, 19; Jun. 2, 16, 30; Jul. 14, 28; Aug. 11, 25; Sep. 8, 22; Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 29.

TUESDAY 1: Asten Ridge, Asten Woods, Brittany Woods, Cobblestone, Country Aire, Cross Keys Rd. (Johnson Rd. to Williamstown Rd.), Debbie Court, Erik Court, Estates at Lakeside, Felicia Court, Gloucester Farms, Jarvis Rd. (from Sicklerville Rd. to Williamstown Rd.), Johnson Rd., Kingsgate, Lake Renee, Mayfair Meadows, Mayfair Woods, Meadowbrook, Mill Ct., Mulberry Station, Pine Glen, Reserve at Cobblestone, Revere Run I, Sicklerville Rd. (from Cross Keys Rd. to Jarvis Rd.), Spring Hollow, Spring Valley, Twin Streams, Valley Stream, Village of Cross Keys, Williamstown Rd. (from Cross Keys Rd. to Jarvis), Woodhill, Woods Edge. Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4, 18; Mar. 4, 18; Apr. 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; Jun. 10, 24; Jul. 8, 22; Aug. 5, 19; Sep. 2, 16, 30; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 11, 25; Dec. 9, 23.

TUESDAY 2: Breckenridge Village, Brookwood, Cottage Gate, Country Oaks, Cross Keys Rd. (from Williamstown Rd. to Kearsley Rd.), Danbury Park, Dresden Downs, Erial Clementon Rd., Forest Ridge, Gable Court, Hickstown Rd. (from Little Mill Rd. to Jarvis Rd.), Independence Square, Iron Gate, Jarvis Rd. (from Williamstown Rd. to Kearsley Rd.), Kearsley Rd., New Brooklyn Rd., Persia Court, Point Pleasant Farms, Sawood, Sturbridge Oaks, Senators Walk (Sweet Briar Woods), Union Square, Wye Oak Village. Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; Mar. 11, 25; Apr. 8, 22; May 6, 20; Jun. 3, 17; Jul. 1, 15, 29; Aug.12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16, 30.

WEDNESDAY 1: Ballantree, Catalina Hills, Evesham Rd. (from Randy Rd. to Englewood Dr.,) Trace Dr., Timberline, Wilson Tract, Somerdale Rd. (from McKinley Ave. to Warwick Rd.) Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 19; Mar. 5, 19; Apr. 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28; Jun. 11, 25; July 9, 23; Aug. 6, 20; Sept. 3, 17; Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 26; Dec. 10, 24.

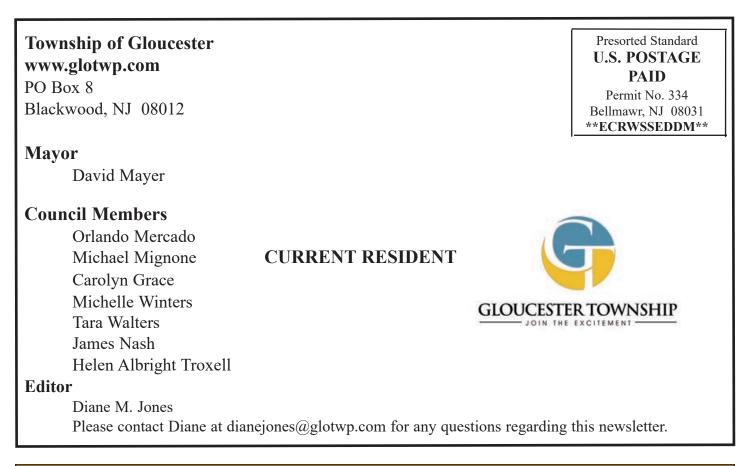
WEDNESDAY 2 :Autumn Court, Broadmoor, Charles Ave., Chewswyck, Eyres Place, Lampost Lane, Morgan Hill Estates, Somerdale Rd. (Chews Landing Rd. to McKinley Ave.), Somer Hill, Spring Ridge Court, Sterling Estates, Stonegate, Woodbridge. Jan. (1)>2, 15, 29; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23; May 7, 21; Jun. 4, 18; Jul. 2, 16, 30; Aug. 13, 27; Sep. 10, 24; Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17, 31.

THURSDAY 1: Ashford Glen, Bellismo Court, Britt Lea Drive, Brantley Way, Chestnut Glen (Highland Village), Clementona, Davistown Rd. (from Rt. 42 underpass to Erial Rd.), Dunleigh, Four Seasons (Reserve at Forest Meadows), Garwood Rd., Grenloch, Grenloch Little Gloucester Rd., (College Dr.), Hickstown Rd. (from Sicklerville Rd. to Erial Rd.), Lambs Terrace, Marcia Ct., Mimosa Ct., Morningstar Ct., On the Green, Peter Cheeseman Rd., Raintree, Revere Run II, Sicklerville Rd. (from Jarvis Rd. to Rt. 42 overpass), Stonebridge, Terrestria, Williamstown Rd. (from Jarvis Rd. to New Brooklyn Rd.), Woodshire. Jan. 9, 23; Feb. 6, 20; Mar. 6, 20; Apr. 3, 17; May 1, 15, 29; Jun. 12, 26; Jul. 10, 24; Aug. 7, 21; Sep. 4, 18; Oct.2, 16, 30; Nov. 13, (27)>28; Dec. 11, (25)>26.

THURSDAY 2: Blackwood Clementon Rd. (from Little Gloucester Rd. to Laurel Rd.), Briar Lake, Broad Acres, Cameron Circle, Cherrywood, Daystar, Deer Park, Downs Ave., Erial Rd. (from Garwood to Little Gloucester), Fox Chase, Greenbriar, Hickstown Rd. (from Erial Rd. to Little Mill Rd.), Hidden Mill, Kelly Driver Rd., Lamotte Court, Laurel Hills, Laurel Wood Court, Little Mill Rd., Millbridge, Murray Hill Estates, Rosegate, Southgate Woods, Quail Hollow, Westgate Woods, Windmill Dr., Winter Hill, York Terrace. Jan. 2, 16, 30; Feb. 13, 27; Mar. 13, 27; Apr. 10, 24; May 8, 22; Jun. 5, 19; Jul. 3, 17, 31; Aug. 14, 28; Sep. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 18.

FRIDAY 1: Amber Ct., Blackwood, Blackwood Estates, Black Horse Pike (from Grenloch Little Gloucester Rd. to Clementon Ave.), Church St. (and all off streets), Davistown Rd. (from Black Horse Pike to Rt. 42 underpass), Fanelli Lane, Grenloch Manor, Lakeland Rd., Liberty Park (Blackwood Manor). Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 7, 21; Mar. 7, 21; Apr. 4, 18; May 2, 16, 30; Jun. 13, 27; Jul. 11, 25; Aug. 8, 22; Sept. 5, 19; Oct. 3, 17, 31; Nov. 14, 28; Dec. 12, 26.

FRIDAY 2: Almonesson Rd., Black Horse Pike (from Clementon Ave. to Rt. 42 overpass), Blenheim, Blenheim Farms, Brooklyn Ct., Coles Hill, Coles Rd., Erial Rd., (from Little Gloucester Rd. to Blackwood Clementon Rd.), Highland Park, Foxboro, Glen Eagles, Good Intent Rd., Little Gloucester Rd. (from Hider Lane to Erial Rd.), Lower Landing Rd. (from Almonesson Rd. to Rt. 42 overpass), Peters Walk, Players Place, Tall Oaks, Timber Cove, Valley Brook, Windy Hill Towns, Woodmill Pond. Jan. 3, 17, 31; Feb. 14, 28; Mar. 14, 28; Apr. 11, 25; May 9, 23; June 6, 20; July (4)> 7, 18; Aug. 1, 15, 29; Sept.12, 26; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19.



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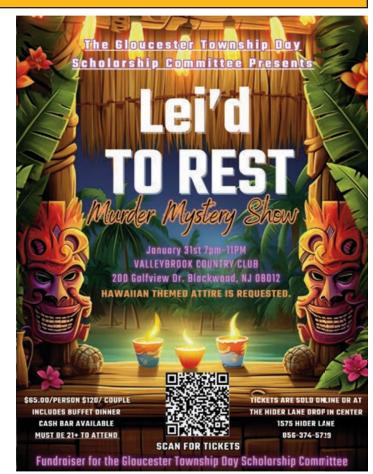
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