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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 the Police Department to the Public Works to Department of Recreation, we want you to stay in the know about the latest news in our community!*



## Press Release: Mayor Mayer and Gloucester Township Police Introduce New Community Resource K9 Program

Gloucester Township Police proudly unveiled the Community Resource K9 (CRK9) Program, an innovative and compassionate initiative designed to promote healing, enhance police-community relationships, and support individuals affected by Substance Use Disorders (SUD). During a press conference held on April 22, Chief David Harkins and Mayor David Mayer introduced the program and its stars—three specially trained K9s named Axel, Ivan, and Jolene.

The CRK9 Program brings Animal Assisted Intervention into the heart of the community, focusing on recovery support, anxiety reduction, and emotional wellness—not just for residents, but for our dedicated first responders as well. These four-legged heroes will take part in everything from school visits and community education programs to crisis response situations, offering a calming presence and emotional support during times of stress or trauma.

Chief Harkins stated “We presented this concept to Mayor David Mayer, who approved the initiative with a funding source that would not place any financial burden on our residents. Mayor Mayer authorized the use of funding from the “national opioid settlement fund”, (continued on pg 2.)

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#### Welcome JLerae Photography!

Mayor Mayer and Council Helen Albright-Troxell welcome business owner Jazmin Graves to the Arts District!



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#### Tune into April's Podcast

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#### GT Recognizes the ROTC

The Hider Lane Senior Club shows their appreciation for their dedicated volunteers.





which provides Gloucester Township funding to address opioid use disorder, and any co-occurring substance use disorders or mental health conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed practices or strategies.”



Mayor Mayer authorized the use of funds from the National Opioid Settlement, which allocates resources to municipalities to combat opioid use disorder and co-occurring mental health challenges through evidence-based and evidence-informed strategies. The CRK9 initiative is one of the first of its kind in the region, setting a new standard for how communities can address the ongoing impact of the opioid crisis through creative, people-centered solutions.



Special thanks go to Maj. John Hunt (Ret.), the CRK9s’ handler, whose dedication and expertise help drive the success of this important program. The CRK9 initiative is another powerful step forward in building a resilient, compassionate, and connected Gloucester Township.

Stay tuned for updates as Axel, Ivan, and Jolene begin their new mission—spreading comfort, connection, and hope wherever they go. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Gloucester Township Welcome JLerae Photography to the Arts District

Gloucester Township is thrilled to welcome JLerae Photography to our growing small business community in the Arts District! Mayor Mayer and Councilwoman Helen Albright Troxell joined owner Jazmin Graves to officially cut the ribbon on her stunning new creative content studio.

Specializing in portraits, JLerae Photography is all about capturing meaningful moments and turning them into lasting memories. From headshots and lifestyle sessions to artistic, storytelling portraits, Jazmin focuses on bringing each client’s unique vision to life—with warmth, creativity, and care.

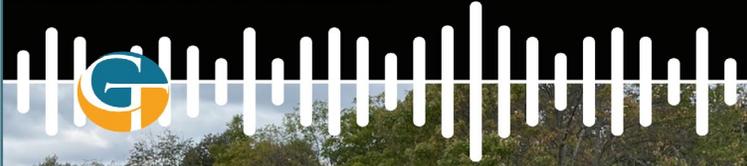
As Jazmin says, “We don’t just take photos—we create memories you can feel.” We’re so excited to have JLerae Photography here in the downtown Blackwood section of Gloucester Township, and we can’t wait to see the beautiful work that comes from this inspiring space. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)



On The Air w/ **S02 E04: April 2025**

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Gloucester Township's  
Community Garden: Mary  
Johnson  
&  
Senator Paul Moriarty



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Tune into Episode 4 of On the Air with Mayor Mayer! This episode is all about public service in action! From growing community roots with Mary Johnson at the GT Community Garden to an insightful conversation with State Senator Paul Moriarty, it's a celebration of the people, passion, and partnerships that help Gloucester Township thrive. Available now wherever you get your podcasts!



The Arts Market returns this Sunday, April 27th, at 15 S. Black Horse Pike, beginning at 10:00 AM—and this month, there's even more to love. Furry Tales Rescue will be on site with a few very special four-legged guests who are looking for their forever homes.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Ryan, a gentle 7-year-old Chihuahua with a calm spirit; Rexy, a lively and affectionate 4-year-old terrier mix who loves attention; and Roxy, a sweet and curly-haired 3-year-old poodle who's eager for a second chance.

It's a wonderful chance to enjoy a day of local art, food, music, and community—all while possibly making a life-changing connection. If you've been thinking about adoption, this is the perfect opportunity to meet and fall in love with your next furry family member. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

## Join Us in Celebrating Emerging Entrepreneurs!

**22nd ANNUAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST**  
9:00 AM, MAY 8, 2025  
VALLEYBROOK COUNTRY CLUB  
200 GOLFFVIEW DR  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ  
Registration Begins at 8:30 AM

• NETWORK  
• MEET LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS  
• DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES  
• JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!

Become a part of the progress that's happening in our community!

**REGISTER ONLINE!**  
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

[www.GloTwp.com](http://www.GloTwp.com)  
856-374-3514

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Join us on Thursday, May 8th at 9:00 AM at Valleybrook Country Club as we honor the next generation of local business leaders at our annual Business Breakfast. This year, we're shining a spotlight on entrepreneurs under 40 who are driving innovation, growth, and community impact across Gloucester Township.

Hosted by the Gloucester Township Economic Development Partnership and Mayor Mayer and Council, this event is a fantastic opportunity to network with business owners, community leaders, and rising stars. We're also excited to welcome keynote speaker Michael Nash II from the Men of Color Association, who will share his insight on leadership, mentorship, and the power of entrepreneurship.

Don't miss this inspiring morning of connection and celebration! For more information and registration, [CLICK HERE.](#)



# Gloucester Township Honors ROTC



Mayor Mayor and State Senator Paul Moriarty attended the monthly meeting of the Hider Lane Senior Club where Helen Alright-Torxell presented a special recognition plaque to the ROTC members. This recognition was given to them for their continued dedication and service to the club. These remarkable young individuals have generously volunteered their time to assist with events, help with setup and cleanup, and offer a friendly hand to senior members whenever needed.

## 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](mailto:dmayer@glotwp.com)

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

*David R. Mayer*



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