# WGRKS

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 about the latest news in our community!

#### July 17, 2025



PAGE 2 Indoor Pickleball Court in GT! Check out the new indoor pickleball courts, Pickle Juice!



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PAGE 4 July Coffee with a Vet Enjoy photos from this month's event!





#### Gloucester Township Breaks Ground on First All-Inclusive Playground: Jake's Place

A significant and heartfelt moment for Gloucester Township was made with the official groundbreaking of Jake's Place, the township's first all-inclusive playground. This special project represents a powerful step forward in our commitment to building a community where every child—regardless of ability—has a safe, welcoming space to play, grow, and connect with others.

Jake's Place is designed with accessibility at its core, featuring adaptive equipment, wide ramps, ground-level play structures, and sensory-friendly elements that ensure children of all abilities can enjoy the playground side by side. (continued on pg.2)





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The event was attended by several key supporters and community leaders, including Mayor David R. Mayer, Councilwoman Helen Albright Troxell, Senator Paul Moriarty and Assemblyman Dan Hutchison of the NJ General Assembly (LD-4), Michael Epifanio of Triad Associates, Chris Ryan of Pennco Tech, Arthur Aston of Build Jake's Place, and GT Field of Dreams Board Members and Coaches Maryjo and Frank Dintino. Members and families from the GT Field of Dreams community also joined to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Mayor Mayer and community leader guests shared their enthusiasm for the project, emphasizing the importance of creating recreational spaces that reflect the needs of all families. The addition of Jake's Place is a meaningful investment in our children, our values, and the future of a more connected and inclusive community.

We are proud to bring Jake's Place to Gloucester Township and can't wait to see the joy it brings to families for generations to come.

#### **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW INDOOR PICKLEBALL CLUB**

Mayor Mayer attended the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at Pickle Juice Pickleball Club's brand-new indoor facility, located at 1001 South Black Horse Pike. The grand opening celebration kicked off at 11 a.m. with open-play sessions, live music, and refreshments, culminating in the ceremonial ribbon cutting at noon.

This marks Pickle Juice's second New Jersey location, following their successful Ventnor club. The new Gloucester Township venue features four Pro-Cushion® indoor courts, a bright and friendly juice bar, and a pro shop, offering climate-controlled year-round play alongside healthy drinks and socializing opportunities

Residents and pickleball fans alike are invited to join the upcoming clinics, lessons, and leagues. With music, mingling, and paddle action, it was a lively celebration of community spirit and the start of what promises to be a destination for fitness and fun in Gloucester Township. For more information, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.







#### GT FARMERS MARKET



Mark your calendars—summer fun continues at the Gloucester Township Farmers Market on Thursday, July 17th and Thursday, July 24th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Veterans Park!

Join us for an evening filled with fresh produce, delicious local goods, live music, and a vibrant community atmosphere. Whether you're picking up your favorite fruits and veggies, discovering handmade items, or just enjoying the music and sunshine, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out—bring your friends, family, and appetite for fun!

#### SAVE THE DATE



#### Tune in to On the Air with Mayor Mayer!



July is heating up with summer fun and fresh art! Mayor Mayer chats with muralist Larissa Danowitz about her stunning new mural and the creative energy fueling our downtown Blackwood section of Gloucester Township. Don't miss this episode of On the Air with Mayor Mayer! For more information, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

#### **CHAIR YOGA WITH DOROTHY**

REJUVENATE YOUR MIND AND BODY

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA FOR SENJORS



Tuesday, July 22nd at 3:30 PM Location: Gloucester Township Senior Center 1261 Chews Landing Rd, Gloucester Township RSVP: mdintino@glotwp.com or 856-633-8090

### Second Chance Ranch Shares Stories of Healing at July's Coffee with a Vet



This month's Coffee with a Vet was a heartwarming and inspiring morning at the Gloucester Township Senior Center! Veterans and community members gathered to enjoy great conversation, fresh bagels and coffee from Boswood Bagels, and an incredible presentation from Second Chance Ranch.

The team shared powerful stories of healing and hope through Equine Assisted Therapy, highlighting the amazing bond between their rescue animals and the people they serve. Attendees also got an exclusive preview of their upcoming Open House on July 19th—don't miss it!

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event such a meaningful experience. Missed this months event? Join us next month on August 26th at 10am at the GT Senior Center (1261 Chews Landing Road)!

## 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 as your home and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

David R. Mayer





