



Fall Report

2025

Community News,
Programs and Events

The Arts Are Alive in Gloucester Township!



Gloucester Township is bursting with color, creativity, and community spirit as our Arts District comes to life! This season has been nothing short of inspiring, with major milestones that are transforming our town into a vibrant hub for arts, culture, and connection.

In late August, we proudly unveiled the mural painted on the side of Mystic Ginger's business, titled *Mystic Metamorphosis* by muralist Larissa Danowitz. This brilliant, larger-than-life piece is a visual journey of transformation and renewal. Vivid colors and layered textures flow together to depict themes of growth, change, and inner strength, drawing inspiration from nature, community, and the creative spirit that thrives here in town. Now a landmark in our Arts District, *Mystic Metamorphosis* is more than just art on a wall; it's a celebration of the power of change and the beauty of possibility.

And the creativity hasn't stopped there. Another mural is in progress on the side of Harmony Hall, Gloucester Township's new community center. The design weaves together our rich history, the thriving community we enjoy today, and the promising future ahead. With an "art in bloom" theme and a theatre twist, it's both a nod to the area's cultural roots and a celebration of the building's exciting next chapter.

Public art has also taken a delightful turn with another showcase of Seward Johnson's beloved statues. "Chance Meeting" captures a charming everyday encounter out front of Ren's Cafe, while "Weekend Painter" offers a playful nod to creativity in action outside of the new mural in Harwan Park. And just recently, "Forever Marilyn" arrived in town in her iconic pose instantly recognizable and sure to bring a smile to everyone who passes by Harmony Hall. These sculptures add a whimsical, human touch to our public spaces, encouraging residents and visitors alike to stop, enjoy, and snap a few photos.

Adding to the excitement, Harmony Hall is officially opening its doors! From the ribbon cutting to the very first performances, the energy is electric. This state-of-the-art venue promises to be a gathering place for music, theatre, and community events, bringing people together in celebration of the arts. The grand opening marks the beginning of countless new memories for our residents and guests.

The transformation continues with the facade redesigns of the Library and Academy Hall. These projects, already underway, will bring fresh, inviting new looks to these important cultural anchors, with completion expected in October. And if you've strolled through the arts district recently, you may have noticed the brand-new banners lining the streets that are full of color, welcoming, and a sign of the revitalization that's well underway.

From murals to sculptures, building improvements to grand openings, the Gloucester Township Arts District is truly in bloom. We are excited to restore and showcase this special part of town to the public, and we're just getting started. Keep your eyes open and your calendars marked; there's so much more to come, and you won't want to miss a moment of it!



New Ordinance Passed!

The Gloucester Township Council has passed a new ordinance that holds parents and guardians accountable for their children's unlawful behavior. Under this law, caretakers may face fines or other consequences if their child is repeatedly convicted of offenses, including loitering, curfew violations, truancy, and other listed crimes. By emphasizing parental accountability, the ordinance encourages guardians to be actively involved in guiding their children and preventing juvenile misconduct. This measure is part of the township's ongoing efforts to keep Gloucester Township safe and ensure it remains a community where residents and visitors can feel secure.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Mayor's Message

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, there's no better time to come together as a community and celebrate the season in Gloucester Township! We have an exciting lineup of fall events that offer something for everyone.

We continue to honor and support our veterans with Coffee with a Veteran, held on the last Tuesday of every month. Veterans are invited to join us for coffee, conversation, and bagels—a small way to thank those who have served. Veterans are also invited to our annual Veterans BBQ on September 27th at 11AM, featuring special performances by The American Bombshells and The Rum Runners.

Fall kicks off with our Drive-In Movie Night at Camden County College on September 13th, featuring Wicked! Enjoy free admission, food trucks, games, and a hayride—fun for the whole family! Then on October 5th, we welcome the return of our beloved Pumpkin Festival, nestled in the heart of historic Downtown Blackwood. With over 200 vendors, live performances from Mainstage Center for the Arts and festive pumpkin decorating, it's a can't-miss celebration. We're also thrilled to host the Food Truck, Craft & Beer Fest on October 18th, presented by the Gloucester Township Economic Development Partnership Corporation and the GT Day Scholarship Committee. This popular event features over 20 food trucks, a beer garden, and musical acts! We invite all residents to join us on October 11th at our Citizens Appreciation Ceremony, where we'll recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in making Gloucester Township a better place to live through their service and volunteerism. And don't forget your costumes for Trunk or Treat on October 24th—a safe, family-friendly night of fun with decorated car trunks and plenty of candy.

As we move into the holiday season, we look forward to welcoming you to our charming Christmas Village on December 13th. This open-air market will be filled with unique holiday gifts, delicious treats, live Christmas carols, food trucks, a free carousel ride, and even a visit from Santa himself. We'll close the night with our ceremonial tree lighting—a magical tradition that brings our community together in the spirit of the season.

Wishing you and your family a safe, joyful, and festive fall season here in Gloucester Township. We can't wait to see you at these incredible events that make our town so special!

Sincerely,
David Mayer



COMMUNITY SOLAR

In response to recent announcements of rate increases from PSE&G and Atlantic City Electric, Gloucester Township is encouraging residents to take advantage of New Jersey's Community Solar Energy Program — an optional initiative that can help lower household electricity costs without the need to install solar panels on a resident's own home.

Through the state program, residents can subscribe to a share of discounted solar electricity generated by local commercial solar projects developed by Solar Landscape, a New Jersey-headquartered company. Subscribers will receive a guaranteed minimum 15% discount on the value of solar credits applied to their electric bills, helping to offset rising utility rates.

After a resident's assigned project is energized, within one to three billing cycles the savings will begin appearing on their electric bills — estimated to start this winter and continue throughout 2026. The discount rate is guaranteed for 20 years, and residents remain customers of their current utility.

Program highlights include:

- No rooftop panels, no fees to enroll, and no long-term commitments
- Guaranteed at least 15% discount on solar credits for 20 years
- Available in addition to any state or federal energy assistance
- Priority enrollment for low- to moderate-income households
- First-come, first-served availability

Residents can enroll at solarlandscape.com/NJ/GLOTWP or call 732-589-7529. A PSE&G or AC Electric account/service number is required to complete enrollment.



Local Parks Get Upgrades

Batting Cages We're bringing even more recreation to the community. Batting cages with five lanes are coming soon at Gloucester Township Community Park on Hickstown Road. These new additions will provide a fun and active space for baseball and softball players to practice their swing and enjoy time outdoors.



Catalina Hills Playground brings new life and plays to Gloucester Township with the completion of its fully developed recreation complex. Celebrated with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside Mayor David R. Mayer, local families, officials, and staff, the event marked a major milestone in the township's commitment to accessible and inclusive recreational spaces. With existing baseball fields, basketball courts, and batting cages, the addition of the vibrant new playground transforms the Catalina Hills Complex into a true community hub. Now fully complete, the complex offers something for residents of all ages—standing as a testament to Gloucester Township's dedication to parks, play, and active living at Catalina Hills at 701 Beverly Ct.



Jake's Place Gloucester Township marked a meaningful milestone with the official groundbreaking of Jake's Place, the township's first all-inclusive playground. This transformative project reflects a deep commitment to ensuring that every child—regardless of ability—has a safe, welcoming place to play, grow, and connect. Thoughtfully designed with accessibility at its core, Jake's Place will feature adaptive equipment, wide ramps, ground-level play structures, and sensory-friendly elements that allow children of all abilities to enjoy the playground side by side. Jake's Place is more than just a playground—it's a symbol of our shared values, a space for connection, and an investment in a more inclusive future for Gloucester Township. We're proud to bring this project to life and look forward to the joy it will bring to families for generations to come at 247 Little Gloucester Road.



Gloucester Township

Welcomes New Businesses

Pickle Juice Pickleball Club brings energy and excitement to Gloucester Township with its brand-new indoor facility. Following the success of their Ventnor location, this second New Jersey club offers clinics, lessons, and leagues for players of all levels. More than just a place to play, Pickle Juice is a hub for community, connection, and fun—where music, mingling, and paddle action come together at 1001 South Black Horse Pike!

Circle S: Second Chance Ranch Foundation brings heart and healing to Gloucester Township with its mission-driven farm rooted in compassion and renewal. Founded by Hilary, who is over 14 years sober, and her husband Kevin, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, the ranch reflects their shared journey of second chances. What began with the rescue of a horse in 2022 has grown into a powerful movement of purpose, connection, and transformation. Today, Circle S is home to horses and other animals who have been rescued and rehabilitated and now serve a deeper purpose—helping people heal. In 2025, Hilary and Kevin launched the Second Chance Ranch Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hope and support through Equine Assisted Therapy, particularly for veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD—where lives are changed every day at their dream farm on Lower Landing Road.

Bunker Fitness brings energy and innovation to Gloucester Township with its state-of-the-art facility in the heart of the Arts District. Founded by owner Nick Bennett, the gym reflects a growing commitment to health and wellness in the community. Designed for those with busy schedules, Bunker Fitness features cutting-edge workout machines, free weights, treadmills, cycles, and a full Life Fitness circuit system. Members can also enjoy full-spectrum recovery and self-care through two cold plunge tubs, two saunas, and a red-light therapy room—all coming together to create a premier fitness experience at 2 S. Black Horse Pike.

Nothing Bundt Cakes brings sweet new flavor to Gloucester Township with the grand opening of its latest location. With its signature cakes and charming atmosphere, Nothing Bundt Cakes is set to become a go-to spot for celebrations, everyday sweets, and everything in between—now open at 601 Berlin-Cross Keys Road, Suite 300.

Diamond CPR & Safety brings vital life-saving training to Gloucester Township with the grand opening of its new center. Founded by Mike and Erica Martin, the training center offers a range of certification courses through leading organizations like the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and National Safety Council. With decades of public service experience, the Martin family is dedicated to equipping residents and organizations with essential skills. Diamond CPR & Safety is now open at 1405 Chews Landing Road, Suite 10..



GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**DRIVE-IN
MOVIE NIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 13TH at Camden County College

The event begins at 5:30 pm / Movie begins at dusk
Food trucks and games / Free admission!

WICKED PG-13

PRESENTED BY
Mayor David Mayer, Township Council, and Sponsor:
Davis CPA Group, Certified Public Accountants

RAIN DATE 09/14/25 For more information, please call 856-374-3514 or visit www.Glotwp.com

Citizens Appreciation Ceremony
Saturday, October 11, 2025

CITIZENS APPRECIATION PARK | 10:00 AM

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

TRUNK OR TREAT

PRESENTED BY MAYOR DAVID R. MAYER AND COUNCIL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
7PM-9PM
RAINDATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5PM-7PM

- BEST TRUNK CONTEST
- HAYRIDES
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- MUSIC AND MORE!

TRUNK-OR-TREATERS MUST BE IN LINE BY 7:15PM
VETERANS' PARK, 1261 CHEWS LANDING ROAD, GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT GLOTWP.COM

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PRESENTS

ESTABLISHED 2009

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
FARMERS MARKET**

BUY LOCAL • BUY FRESH

EARLY AUTUMN SESSION

EVERY THURSDAY	Join Gloucester Township for our weekly Farmers' Market at Harwan Park! The early autumn session runs from September 11th to October 2nd. Stop by from 4 PM to 7 PM for fresh produce and more! Enjoy the best of the season with crisp apples, hearty squash, and other fall favorites from local farms.	EARLY AUTUMN SESSION
TIME: 4PM-7PM	PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAGS	SEPT. 11 THRU OCT. 2
PLACE: HARWAN PARK 10.5 BLACK BURR PINE	LOCAL PRODUCE FRESH VEGETABLES FUN & GAMES	ARTISAN FOOD CRAFT VENDORS ADOPTABLE ANIMALS

VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT GLOTWP.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FARMERSMARKET@GLOTWP.COM

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8:00 AM – NOON
CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

GT RESIDENTS ONLY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 18 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 14-16 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.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



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



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.

Saturday Drop-Off Hours at Public Works

The Public Works facility will be open on Saturdays, September 6th through November 22nd, 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.

White Goods and Electronics Recycling Pick-Up



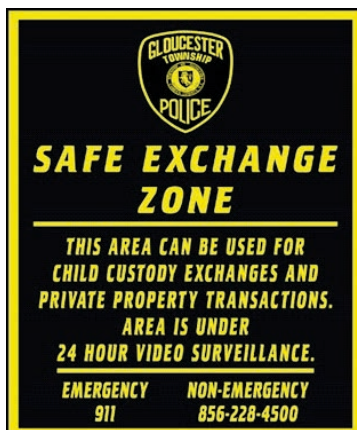
Public Works now picks up white goods: refrigerators, air conditioners, ranges, washers, dryers and hot water heaters. We also recycle electronics including TVs. Please call PW at 856-228-3144 for items to be picked up on Wednesdays.



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/departments/public-works/stormwater-compliance/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



The GTPD has a Safe Exchange Zone inside and outside our department. The inside location is located between the watch desk area and the courtroom, 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 recording 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 not to 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Gloucester Township Police Department Chapter of the "Public Safety Alliance For Individuals With Disabilities" A.I.D. program (formerly known as the Special Needs Program) is a voluntary service open to all citizens.

The program was created to help police officers and other emergency service personnel to better assist residents with disabilities or special needs in the event of an emergency by providing those first responders with vital information regarding a participant's disability, emergency contact information, a physical description, and a current photograph of the registrant. The goal of the A.I.D. The program is to ensure all residents who have a disability or special need are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during interaction with Law Enforcement, Fire, or EMS personnel.

If you have questions, contact the Community Relations Bureau at communityrelations@gtppolice.com or call 856-228-4011. For additional information, you can visit our website at <https://gtppolice.com/community-page/373>

GTPD Steering Wheel Locks

Gloucester Township Police offers free steering wheel locks for our Gloucester Township, New Jersey residents who own a Kia or Hyundai that has been affected by the vulnerability in their ignition system, which allows car thieves to start the vehicle using a USB device or cord.

This bright yellow device attaches to your steering wheel, which will hopefully deter a car thief from breaking the window, and is available whether you received the anti-theft update from your dealer or not. Contact Gloucester Township Police Community Relations Bureau at 856-228-4011 or email CommunityRelations@GTPolice.com to order one today!

Gloucester Township Police and police across the country have seen multiple auto theft incidents involving these specific car brands. The car thieves are taking advantage of a vulnerability in the ignition system, allowing them to start the vehicle using a USB device or cord. If the vehicle is locked, they will break a rear window to gain access.

As always: LOCK your vehicle, REMOVE the key or remote key, and valuables from the vehicle.



GTPD Citizens Police Academy 2026 Registration Begins November 2025

Registration announcements will begin in early November, 2025 at GTPolice.com and our Social Media sites!

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 14-week course that begins in January each year. The classes will be on Thursday evenings 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 for the 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 in the Citizens Police Academy program, 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 those who may be interested in becoming a Gloucester Township Police Volunteer.

If you feel you would like to be part of this cooperative effort between the police and the community, and would like to receive a Citizens Police Academy application or have any questions, please call the Gloucester Township Police Department Community Relations Bureau at (856) 228-4011 or email CommunityRelations@gtppolice.com.



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

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

7 Learn more about the GTPD Team on our Career section of our website here! <https://gtppolice.com/recruiting>

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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 856-228-4011 or email communityrelations@gtpolice.com if you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood.

Traffic Safety Around School Buses and Bus Stops

As the school year is upon us, the Gloucester Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) reminds residents to prioritize traffic safety, especially around school buses and bus stops. Ensuring the safety of our children requires vigilance from everyone. School buses are among the safest modes of transportation, but their safety depends on drivers following key rules:

- **Stop for School Buses:** When a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, all traffic in both directions must stop, unless separated by a physical barrier like a median. Passing a stopped school bus is illegal and endangers children.
- **Bus Stop Awareness:** Be cautious near bus stops. Children may cross streets unexpectedly or be less visible during early morning or evening hours. Slow down and stay alert in these areas.
- **Obey School Zone Speed Limits:** Reduced speed limits in school zones are strictly enforced to protect students walking or biking to school.

Enhanced Enforcement by Gloucester Township Police TSU

The Gloucester Township Police Department TSU is intensifying efforts to address unsafe driving behaviors. Officers will target infractions such as speeding and distracted driving in school zones and near bus stops. These violations pose significant risks to students and other pedestrians. Expect increased patrols and strict enforcement to ensure compliance with traffic laws.

To further enhance roadway safety, the Traffic Safety Unit is collaborating with neighboring police departments to conduct targeted enforcement operations along Berlin Cross Keys Road. This initiative will be based on historical crash data and aims to reduce the frequency of motor vehicle crashes in this high-traffic area. Officers will utilize both marked and unmarked patrols to address distracted driving and aggressive driving behaviors, such as tailgating, improper lane changes, and excessive speeding, which are leading contributors to crashes. This cooperative effort underscores our commitment to making our roads safer for all users.

Radar Feedback Speed Signs

The Traffic Safety Unit has identified and used verifiable data collection methods to confirm various streets that tend to have higher instances of speeding. As a result, radar feedback speed signs have been installed in these areas to alert motorists when they exceed the speed limit. Consider these signs a warning: officers will continue speed enforcement operations on these roadways, and violators will be held accountable. Stay mindful of your speed to avoid citations and keep our community safe.

A Shared Responsibility

Lastly, traffic safety is a collective effort. Whether you're a motorist, pedestrian, or cyclist, we all play a role in creating a safer Gloucester Township. Drivers must obey traffic laws, pedestrians should use crosswalks and stay visible, and cyclists need to follow road rules. By policing ourselves and holding each other accountable, we can reduce accidents and protect our community's most vulnerable members.

Let's work together to ensure our streets are safe for everyone, especially our children. If you have concerns about traffic safety or suggestions for improvement, contact the Gloucester Township Police Department, Traffic Safety Unit. Together, we can make our township a safer place to live.

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 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
Beginner Mah Jongg
10:30am-1pm
2nd & 4th Mondays
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.)
Senior Community Center

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



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

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

SENIOR ZOOM CLASSES

Camden County and the Gloucester Township Recreation Department present free senior chair yoga and meditation via zoom on Thursdays at 11:30am. Sign up through Community pass to register. Call the GT Rec Center at 856-435-5734 with any questions.

Senior Chair Yoga

Thursdays at 11:30am: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6

Scan the QR Code to register



Senior Meditation and Healthy Lifestyles

Thursdays at 11:30am: 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13

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 15, 2025 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 5, 2025
Cost is \$186.00 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 to view schedules, program information, and to complete your registration. For any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at recdept@glotwp.com or 856-435-5734.

Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Mondays Vets Park
\$160 - Ages 2-3
September 8 - November 10 4:40-5:10pm

Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 ages 2 - 3
September 7 - November 9 9:20-9:50am

Soccer Shots Mini Parent and Me
Thursdays GT Community Park
\$155 ages 2 - 3
September 11 - November 6 4:40-5:10pm

Soccer Shots Classic
Mondays Vets Park
\$160 age 3-4
September 8 - November 10 5:20-6:00pm

Soccer Shots Classic
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 ages 3-4
September 7 - November 9 10:00-10:40am

Soccer Shots Classic
Thursdays GT Community Park
\$155 age 3-4
September 11 - November 6 5:20-6:00pm

Soccer Shots Classic+
Mondays Vets Park
\$160 ages 4-6
September 8 - November 10 6:10-6:50pm

Soccer Shots Classic+
Sundays Wye Oak
\$160 age 4-6
September 7 - November 9 10:50-11:30am

Soccer Shots Classic+
Thursdays GT Community Park
\$155 ages 4-6
September 11 - November 6 6:10-6:50pm

Yoga for Youth
6 Weeks 9/26-11/7 Fridays
5:45-6:45pm at Still Point Yoga
\$65 ages 8-12

Kidding Around Yoga
6 Weeks 9/26-11/7 Fridays
4:45-5:45pm at Still Point Yoga
\$65 ages 4-8

Intro to Guitar ages 12+
6 Weeks 9/25-10/30 Thursdays
6:30-8:00pm at Rec Center
\$150 - use of guitar included

Youth Tennis ages 7-10
6 Weeks 10/6-11/24 Mondays
4:45-5:45pm at Rec Center
\$85

Middle School Tennis ages 11-13
6 Weeks 10/6-11/24 Mondays
3:45-4:45pm at Rec Center
\$85

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

Babysitter's Training Course ages 11-18
Choose Your Date: 9/7, 10/13 or 11/15
9am-1pm Held at Diamond CPR
\$110



Gloucester Twp., NJ

Sundays 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2 @ 10:30 am (11/9 Rain Date)

Veterans Memorial Park
1261 Chews Landing Rd.
Gloucester Twp., NJ 08021

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

HKRS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit.

SCORING/DETAILS

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

Scan the code to
Register Today.



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

\$48.70 FULL SERIES
Or less FIVE WEEK SERIES*
UNTIL THREE WEEKS FROM START DATE

\$54
Or Less
FULL SERIES*

\$16.90 SINGLE RACE
Or less WALK-UP*
ONLY OFFERED DAY-OF

Online registration available only. No cash accepted.
*Includes processing fees. Registration is nonrefundable. Single day registration does NOT include t-shirt.



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ADULT PROGRAMS



Scan the QR Code to view schedules, program information, and to complete your registration. For any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at recdept@glotwp.com or 856-435-5734.

Fit Happens with Chrissy
8 Weeks 9/17-11/5 Wednesdays
6:30-7:30pm at Rec Center
\$80 ages 14+

Zumba
8 Weeks 9/18-11/6 Thursdays
6:30-7:30pm at Rec Center
\$80 ages 14+

Pilates Core Plus
8 Weeks 9/15-11/10 Monday
6:15-7:15pm at Point Ariel Park
\$80 ages 14+

Surge Amp Running Program
10 Weeks 10/1-11/26 Mondays & Wednesdays
6:30-7:30pm at GT Community Park
\$90 ages 14+

Total Body Toning
8 Weeks 9/16-11/18 Tuesdays
6:15-7:15pm at Point Ariel Park
\$80 ages 14+

Intro to Guitar ages 12+
6 Weeks 9/25-10/30 Thursdays
6:30-8:00pm at Rec Center
\$150 - use of guitar included

Mah Jongg
5 Weeks 10/7-11/4 Tuesdays
3:15-5:15pm at Rec Center
\$35

Intermediate Pickleball Clinic
5 Weeks 10/6-11/10 Mondays
6:00-8:00pm at Recreation Center
\$150

Beginners Level Yoga
8 Weeks 9/23-11/11 Tuesdays
6:00-7:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Yoga Breathing & Meditation
8 Weeks 9/24-11/12 Wednesdays
10:30-11:30am at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Take Care of You Morning Yoga
8 Weeks 9/23-11/11 Tuesdays
11:00am-12:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Yoga for Us 55+
8 Weeks 9/25-11/13 Thursdays
11:00am-12:15pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Yoga for Weightloss
8 Weeks 9/25-11/13 Thursdays
7:15-8:30pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Chair Yoga
8 Weeks 9/25-11/13 Thursdays
2:00-3:00pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

An Hour to Empower Yoga
8 Weeks 9/25-11/13 Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
8 Weeks 9/24-11/12 Wednesdays
7:30-8:30pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Beyond Beginners Yoga
8 Weeks 9/23-11/11 Tuesdays
7:30-8:45pm at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Beginners Gentle Morning Yoga
8 Weeks 9/25-11/13 Tuesdays
9:30-10:45am at Still Point Yoga
\$80

Qigong/Tai Chi Beginners
8 Weeks 10/4-11/22 Saturdays
1:00-2:00pm at Still Point Yoga
\$90

CPR Friends & family
November 11 6:00-8:00pm
Held at Diamond CPR
\$30

BLS Certification from American Red Cross
Choose Your Date: 9/16, 10/17 or 11/14
12:00-4:00pm Held at Diamond CPR
\$100

1st Aid, CPR & AED Certification from American Red Cross
Choose Your Date: 9/25 or 11/6
5:30-9:30pm Held at Diamond CPR
\$100

Pet 1st Aid & Disaster Response
Choose Your Date: 10/14 or 11/19
6:30-8:30pm Held at Diamond CPR
\$75

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. nm

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:

Open Gym for Special Needs Youth & Adults

Individuals with special needs looking for a fun and supportive environment to enjoy basketball or free play. A guardian 18+ must stay with their children.

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 18+ Basketball
Open to adults ages 18+



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.org ggalsoftball@gmail.com

Gloucester Twp. Baseball

www.gtball.com admin@gtball.com

GTBBL - Gloucester Twp. Boys Basketball League

www.gtbbbl.info gtbbblinfo@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.glotwplax.com gtyouthlacrosse@gmail.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. 2026 memberships will open May 1, 2026.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Public Works will begin Leaf Collection on November 3, 2025. 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, Eysers 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. 3, 4, 5, 6

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. 10, 12, 13,

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. 17, 18, 19, 20

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. 24, 25, 26

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. 1, 2, 3, 4

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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Gloucester Twp. Day Scholarship Committee
Philly Sports! The Musical by Joe Conklin
Tickets coming soon. Check GTDSC.org or
call 856-374-5729 for more info.