



September 25, 2025

2025 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



On Monday night, we proudly celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month during the Township Council Meeting. The evening began with an inspiring invocation that set the tone for honoring the rich culture, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities.

The program also featured a vibrant musical performance, highlighting the depth and beauty of Hispanic heritage. A heartfelt congratulations to our eight award winners, who were recognized for their dedication, leadership, and contributions to our community. Their hard work and commitment continue to strengthen Gloucester Township and create a brighter future for all.

We are grateful to everyone who joined us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Events like these remind us of the importance of honoring diversity, embracing unity, and recognizing the invaluable impact of Hispanic and Latino communities—both here in Gloucester Township and beyond. (continued on page 2).



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Hispanic Heritage Month Recipients

Learn more about the GT Hispanic Heritage Month Award Recipients.



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GT Farmers Market Dates Extended

The September 25th Farmers Market has been rescheduled to October 9th.



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Calling all GT Grandparents

Enjoy a movie night in Veterans Park with your grandchildren!



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32nd Annual Pumpkin Festival

Check out more information on the Annual Pumpkin Festival.



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GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township. From Police Department to Public Works to Department of Recreation, we want you to stay in the know about the latest news in our community!

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Gloucester Township proudly recognizes Alondra Barreras during this year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Alondra is a township resident, employee of the Gloucester Township School District, and a true role model in our community.

Born in Puerto Rico, Alondra has always been a caretaker, and her compassion shows in her work. At Blackwood Elementary, she became a vital bridge between teachers and Spanish-speaking families, helping parents stay connected to their children's education. Families across the district soon came to rely on her kindness, patience, and ability to make everyone feel welcome.

Today, in her role with Central Registration, Alondra continues to support students and families, especially those new to the district and unfamiliar with English. Her dedication ensures that every family feels supported, valued, and included. Beyond her professional role, Alondra is a wife, mother of three, and proud grandmother who embodies strength, leadership, and community spirit.



Emmaly Viera, an 8th grade student at Glen Landing Middle School, is a bright role model who makes a lasting impact on her school community. She works hard in her classes, supports her peers, and enters every room with positivity and kindness.

Emmaly is actively involved in Hearts for Humanity, where she helps create cards for people in shelters, toys for animals, and placemats for homeless shelters. She is also a member of the Cross Country team, a Leo Award recipient—the highest honor given at Glen Landing—and is recognized by both peers and staff for the light and encouragement she brings to others.

Beyond school, Emmaly is a cadet in the Air Force Cadet Program, where she plans to continue her passion for service by joining Highland High School's ROTC program next year. She also studies ju-jitsu, where she has earned a white belt with two stripes.

With her dedication, leadership, and drive to achieve her future goal of serving in the Air Force, Emmaly inspires those around her. Glen Landing is proud to celebrate her accomplishments and the positive impact she makes each day.



Audrianna Esquilin, a senior at Timber Creek High School, is an outstanding student whose leadership, service, and pride in her heritage shine through everything she does. With an impressive 4.55 GPA, she is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Science, English, and Spanish Honor Societies. Her commitment to cultural pride is evident through her advanced Spanish studies and her success on the State Seal of Bilingual exam, demonstrating her dedication to preserving and celebrating her heritage.

Audrianna's impact goes far beyond academics. As Senior Class President, she advocates for her peers and builds school spirit. She also serves as a No Place for Hate Peer Leader, promoting inclusivity and kindness throughout the school community. In addition, she is a talented athlete who competes in both soccer and softball. Her positivity, warmth, and determination make her a role model to all who know her.

Audrianna embodies the values we celebrate during Hispanic Heritage Month—excellence, resilience, and cultural contribution. We are proud to recognize her as a leader and an inspiration, both at Timber Creek and throughout our community.



Mr. Castro is a dedicated community leader whose life reflects perseverance, faith, and service. Born in Honduras, he built a life in Gloucester Township grounded in love, family, and devotion.

At St. Jude Church in Blackwood, he serves in the Ministry of Hospitality, greeting all with warmth and kindness. For the past four years, he has led the St. Jude Soccer Tournament, turning it into the ministry's largest fundraiser and a joyful event that unites families. He also volunteers each year at the Our Lady of Hope Carnival, extending his mission of service beyond the church.

Through his generosity and leadership, Mr. Castro inspires others and reminds us of the strength and unity within the Hispanic community.

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Mr. Angel Santiago is a dedicated interventionist teacher at Loring Flemming Elementary School whose leadership and commitment leave a lasting impact on students, staff, and families. In addition to supporting student success, he is pursuing his administrative internship, showing his drive for growth and leadership.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Santiago has led programs like SOS (Supporting Our Staff) to mentor new teachers, organized family events such as Battle of the Teachers, Muffins with My Lady, and Donuts with Dudes, and often assists Spanish-speaking families, helping them feel welcomed and supported.

His creativity, bilingual skills, and student-centered approach strengthen connections across the school community. We are proud to celebrate Mr. Santiago's dedication and leadership this Hispanic Heritage Month.



Erica is a dedicated leader whose passion for mentorship and cultural pride shines through her work with Queens Academy, a program she founded to support the personal growth of young women. Built on social and emotional learning (SEL) and the pillars of Empower, Evolve, Educate, Envision, Queens Academy provides a safe and empowering space where girls can strengthen self-esteem, build positive relationships, and grow into future leaders.

In addition, Erica plays a key role in shaping school culture. She has organized Career Day, leads efforts to improve school climate and safety, and plans events that foster morale and belonging for students and staff alike. As a cheerleading coach and advisor, she also brought back the annual "Battle of the Schools" cheer event, uniting students in teamwork and spirit.

Through her leadership, creativity, and dedication, Erica exemplifies the values of empowerment, service, and cultural pride we celebrate during Hispanic Heritage Month.



Analiese Cruz-Coppage, an 8th grade student at Ann Mullen Middle School, is an exceptional young leader who represents academic excellence, strong character, and community pride. She challenges herself in advanced classes, consistently earns honor roll status, and is admired by teachers and classmates for her determination, focus, and positive attitude.

As captain of the Ann Mullen Drill Team, Analiese motivates her peers through teamwork and discipline. She has also been part of the cross-country team, plans to join volleyball this spring, and competes as an all-star cheerleader for SJ Storm on two teams—showcasing her strength, skill, and dedication. Beyond her academics and athletics, Analiese is active in her community. She sings in the choir at Gloucester County Community Church, participates in service projects like litter cleanups, and uses her talents to inspire and give back. Known for her kindness, inclusivity, and integrity, she is a role model who has earned the respect of both peers and teachers.

Analiese's ability to balance academics, extracurriculars, and community service makes her a shining example of leadership, service, and excellence. She takes great pride in representing her heritage, her school, and her community.



Anibal Castro is an outstanding ELL teacher at Loring Flemming whose dedication to his students and their families makes him an exceptional nominee for Hispanic Heritage Month. Anibal works tirelessly to support ELL families in our community, helping them learn English while easing their transition to a new home, school, and culture. Recognizing the importance of family involvement, he played a key role in organizing an ELL Family Engagement Night, creating a welcoming environment where families could connect with school staff, learn about available resources, and celebrate their cultural heritage. His commitment extends well beyond the school day as he actively participates in the Family ESL Night School, working alongside parents to strengthen their language skills and foster meaningful connections within the community. Anibal's compassion, cultural understanding, and unwavering support empower students and families alike, ensuring they feel valued and included. Through his leadership and dedication, he embodies the spirit of exclusivity, collaboration, and celebration that Hispanic Heritage Month represents.

Ribbon Cutting Celebrating Timber Cove Park Make Over



Gloucester Township is proud to announce the official ribbon cutting at Timber Cove Park, located at 13 Sycamore Drive. Mayor David R. Mayer, Council President Orlando Mercado, Councilman Jim Nash, and Councilwoman Helen Albright Troxel joined together to celebrate the exciting improvements made to this beloved neighborhood park.

Thanks to the 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant, the Township was able to make significant upgrades to the park's recreation areas. The existing tennis courts were reconditioned and repurposed for dual use, allowing both traditional tennis and the increasingly popular sport of pickleball. The basketball courts were also reconditioned, providing residents with fresh, high-quality space to play and stay active.

In addition to the court renovations, Timber Cove now features brand-new playground equipment, offering children a safe and fun place to play and explore.

These improvements reflect Gloucester Township's continued commitment to investing in recreational opportunities for all residents. Timber Cove Park is now better equipped than ever to serve as a gathering place for families, athletes, and neighbors to enjoy.



Ribbon Cutting: Top Tier Xperience



Gloucester Township is excited to celebrate the grand opening of Top Tier Xperience, a brand-new 1,500 sq. ft. event space located at 2901 Erial Road in the Sicklerville section of Gloucester Township. This versatile venue is designed to host a variety of gatherings—from birthdays and family celebrations to meetings and community events. Every rental includes tables and chairs, and guests can take their celebrations to the next level by choosing from a range of optional party add-ons, making each event truly unique.

Mayor David R. Mayer, along with EDP President Dennis Paris, attended the ribbon cutting to welcome Top Tier Xperience to our growing business community. Their presence highlighted the Township's continued support of local entrepreneurs and the positive impact small businesses bring to our neighborhoods. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PRESENTS



SEPT. 25TH POSTPONED
RESCHEDULED FOR OCT. 9

EARLY AUTUMN SESSION

EVERY THURSDAY TIME: 4PM-7PM PLACE: HARWAN PARK <small>32 S BLACK HORSE PIKE</small>	Join Gloucester Township for our weekly Farmers' Market at Harwan Park! The early autumn session runs from September 11th to October 9th. 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. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAGS	EARLY AUTUMN SESSION SEPT. 11 THRU OCT. 2 OCT. 9
	LOCAL PRODUCE FRESH VEGETABLES FUN & GAMES	ARTISAN FOOD CRAFT VENDORS ADOPTABLE ANIMALS


VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT GLOTWP.COM
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Grand Opening Celebration Recap

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THIS SATURDAY: VETS BBQ

Gloucester Township Veterans Affairs' B*B*Q RAFFLE

During the BBQ, volunteers will be walking around with raffle tickets. Veterans can register free of charge on the spot for a chance to win.

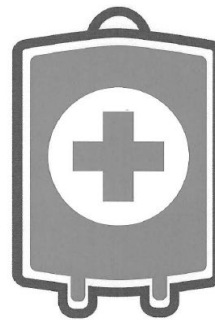
September 27th at 11:00 AM Veterans Park

Local businesses participating: Lamp Post Diner, Tony Morelli's Farmers Market, Coppola's Pizzeria, Mission BBQ, Bethel Church, Larry's Cold Cuts.

Join us this Saturday at 11 AM for the Veterans BBQ at Veterans Park (1261 Chews Landing Road)! Enjoy great food, community, and a special raffle with gift cards from local businesses including Lamp Post Diner, Philly Diner, Tony Morelli's Farmers Market, Larry's Cold Cuts, Coppola's, and more.

During the event, volunteers will be walking around with raffle tickets—veterans can register free of charge on the spot for a chance to win!

Help Save Lives: Donate Blood on October 6th



Give blood.
Help save lives.



**Innovative Catering Concepts
Red Cross Blood Drive
The Forum Events Center**

Terrace Room
109 N. Black Horse Pike
Gloucester Township, NJ 08012

**Monday, October 6, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Blackwood to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come to give blood Sept. 22-Oct. 19 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email! See rcblood.org/fall



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The Camden County Board of Commissioners & Gloucester Twp. Mayor & Council Presents:

A GRANDPARENTS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Sunday, October 5th • 6:45 PM (rain date Sunday, October 12th)

Veterans Memorial Park, 1261 Chews Landing Road, Clementon, NJ 08021

This is a **FREE** event for Camden County/Gloucester Twp. grandparents, & their grandchildren (grandchildren can be from out of county).

Camden County/Gloucester Twp. residents receive the following:

Two Adult entrees | Three Children entrees PER grandparent ages two - twelve.
TOTALING eight entrees per family which includes a hot dog, beverage, hot beverage, chips/pretzels, and ONE 22 oz. reusable popcorn container.



Reservations **MUST BE MADE** in advance & are required to attend the event. Please register by filling out the provided ONLINE link. Dress comfortably, according to the weather, & please bring your own chairs, & blankets for viewing the movie.

Should you need help with registering, please contact Danielle Brocco - Saul by calling **856-374-6012**. Spend a beautiful fall evening with your grandchildren & enjoy the popular Walt Disney classic, Hocus Pocus II.

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Grandparents Movie Night at Veterans Park

Spend a beautiful fall evening with your grandchildren watching the Walt Disney classic Hocus Pocus II! The Camden County Board of Commissioners and Gloucester Township Mayor David R. Mayer & Council present Grandparents Night at the Movies.

When: Sunday, October 5th at 6:45 PM

Where: Veterans Memorial Park, 161 Chews Land Road,

Cost: Free for Camden County and Gloucester Township grandparents and their grandchildren (grandchildren may be from out of county)

Important: Reservations are required to attend. Dress comfortably for the weather, and bring your own chairs or blankets. [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

32nd Annual Pumpkin Festival



THIS FESTIVAL IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE SUPPORT FROM



It's almost time! Join Mainstage Theater for the Arts for the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 5th from 11am to 4pm. Bring the family and enjoy a day filled with vendors, games, food, and entertainment for all ages. You won't want to miss it!

COMMUNITY SOLAR WEBINAR

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SOLAR INFO SESSION

Webinar link in caption
No registration required!



Gloucester Township



Solar Landscape



DATE
OCTOBER 7TH, 2025



TIME
1:00PM EST

www.glotwp.com/solar

Join us on October 7th at 1pm to learn how Gloucester residents can lower their electricity costs through community solar—without panels on their roof, enrollment fees, or long-term commitments. Guaranteed solar credit discounts are applied directly to @PSEG or @AtlanticCityElectricNJ bills, making savings simple. Both renters and homeowners are eligible to join, with priority given to low- and moderate-income households.

Space in the program is limited, so don't miss this chance to learn how it works and how to reserve your spot. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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!

Daniel R. Mayer



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