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Town Hero Banner Program

Get to know our town hero, Steven C. Heim.



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!



## **GTPERKS: NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS!**

Gloucester Township is inviting local businesses and residents to join our GTPERKS Program, offering exclusive discounts to our valued Seniors and Veterans.

As a participating business, you choose the discount or offer that works best for you — it's a great way to give back while connecting with our local community!

For residents, we're proud to introduce this exciting new initiative just for you. Gloucester Township residents age 55 and over and all Veterans are eligible to participate.

GTPERKS connects you with exclusive discounts and special offers from local businesses right here in Gloucester Township. Enjoy a variety of perks designed to thank you for your service, your contributions, and your continued role in making our community vibrant and strong.

## 2025 Food & Craft Beer Festival

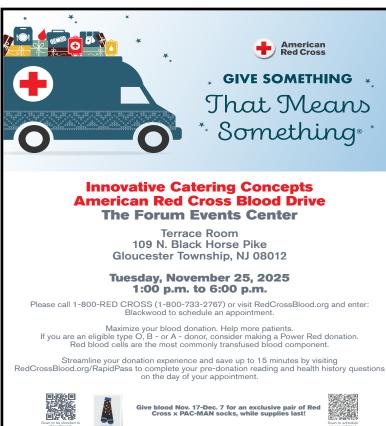






The 6th Annual Food & Craft Beer Festival was a huge success once again! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy an afternoon filled with great food, local brews, and incredible live music. From the variety of craft beers and wines to the delicious offerings from our amazing food trucks, the event was a true celebration of community. We're so grateful to our vendors, food trucks, volunteers, and attendees who helped make this year's festival one of the best yet. Gloucester Township appreciates your continued support and can't wait to see everyone again next year!

# American Red Cross



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

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### **Gloucester Township Park Improvements & Celebrations**





# **Exciting Improvements Coming to Al Raws Playground!**

Mayor David R. Mayer, EDP President, Dennis Paris and members of Township Council joined together to celebrate the start of improvements at Al Raws Playground. The existing playground equipment, which has served the community for many years, will soon be replaced with modern, inclusive, and safe recreational features for children and families to enjoy. The upgrades will include new play structures, safety surfacing, and accessibility enhancements to ensure that every child can participate and play together.

Gloucester Township is proud to continue investing in parks and play spaces that bring our community together and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation for all ages. These improvements reflect the Township's ongoing commitment to enhancing quality of life, promoting wellness, and creating welcoming spaces for residents to gather, play, and grow.





# Upgrades Complete at Taylor Avenue Park

Gloucester Township recently celebrated the completion of improvements at Taylor Avenue Park, made possible through \$948,630 in 100% non-matching grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program. Mayor David R. Mayer, members of Township Council, and representatives from Triad Associates joined to mark the occasion and highlight the Township's ongoing investment in recreational spaces.

Upgrades include new Gametime™ play systems, a swing set, youth obstacle course, adult and senior fitness equipment, picnic tables, benches, and a bicycle rack. The playground's mulch surface was replaced with a safer rubber surface, and a new crosswalk now connects the playground to the baseball field, enhancing accessibility and enjoyment for all residents. In the near future, the Township will host a re-dedication ceremony to once again honor Addie's lasting legacy and impact she's had on the community. The upcoming celebration will recognize both the park's improvements and the enduring spirit that inspired its original dedication.

## Camden County Delivers One-Millionth Home Delivered Meal



The Camden County Board of Commissioners celebrated a major milestone this week — the one-millionth meal delivered through its Home Delivered Meal Program in partnership with the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA). Since 2017, the program has provided daily nutritious meals to seniors using specialized vehicles that ensure food safety and quality.

The milestone meal was delivered to Dolores Hilferty, a Gloucester Township resident. "We're proud that a Gloucester Township resident is part of this incredible milestone and thankful for the County's commitment to our seniors." said Mayor David R. Mayer. For more information, CLICK HERE.





### HIDER LANE SENIORS HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON



The Hider Lane Seniors got into the Halloween spirit today! They enjoyed a festive luncheon featuring Wawa meatball subs, mini Halloween cupcakes, and plenty of costumes and laughs. Members of the Mayor's Office stopped by to chat about GTPERKS and join in on the fun!





Exciting progress continues in the Downtown Blackwood Arts District with Academy Hall, located next to the newly finished Gloucester Township Library. Together, these projects mark another step forward in revitalizing the area into a vibrant destination for art, culture, and community.

Facade improvements and consistent branding throughout the Arts District play a key role in attracting visitors, supporting local businesses, and inspiring economic growth. By investing in these enhancements, Gloucester Township is strengthening the district's identity as a creative hub and fostering a welcoming environment where arts and commerce can thrive.





### Meet Steven C. Heim, a GT Town Hero!

Steven grew up in Gloucester Township's Timberbirch neighborhood. At 25 years old, he's proud to call the community that shaped him home. He attended Chews Elementary, Glen Landing Middle School, and Highland Regional High School. While still in high school, Steven made the decision to serve his country by joining the United States Army. He completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was later stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado. After completing his service, Steven returned home to Gloucester Township. He is the second of five siblings — Billy (27), Jeffrey (22), Matthew (18), and Abigail (16).

To learn more about the Gloucester Township Town Hero Banner Program, CLICK HERE!

# 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!



**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP** 

PRESENTED BY MAYOR DAVID R. MAYER AND COUNCIL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

**7PM-9PM** 

INDATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5PM-7PM







