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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!

Downtown Blackwood Section of Gloucester Township Enters an Exciting New Phase



Downtown Blackwood section of Gloucester Township continues to thrive as revitalization efforts transform the area into a vibrant arts and cultural district. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will soon begin the Black Horse Pike Re-surfacing Project, featuring new paving, decorative lighting, upgraded traffic signals, and modernized guiderails.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and will align with Gloucester Township's Streetscaping Project, further enhancing safety, accessibility, and curb appeal in the downtown area. These coordinated improvements will help drive economic growth, increase foot traffic, and strengthen community connection.

"Downtown Blackwood's transformation reflects our ongoing commitment to economic revitalization and community development," said Mayor David R. Mayer. "Through strategic partnerships and investment in public infrastructure, we're building a more vibrant and sustainable future for Gloucester Township." For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



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Enjoy photos from our annual Trunk or Treat event.



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GLoucester Township
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT



Mayor David R. Mayer, the Gloucester Township Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee, and Councilman Jim Nash joined together to celebrate the completed restoration work at the historic Gabreil Daveis Tavern.

This project included the restoration of the building's brickwork and the renovation of the bathrooms—important improvements that help preserve this beloved landmark for generations to come.

The Tavern remains a proud reminder of Gloucester Township's rich history, and these enhancements ensure it continues to welcome visitors for years ahead.



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Coaches Appreciation Ceremony 2025



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Gloucester Township's Coaches Appreciation Ceremony was a wonderful success, celebrating the dedication, leadership, and lasting impact of the township's sports coaches. Mayor David R. Mayer and members of Township Council joined together to recognize the individuals who go above and beyond to mentor young athletes. The evening highlighted the coaches' commitment to teaching not only the fundamentals of the game but also teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. Mayor Mayer and Council thanked all of the coaches for their hard work, time, and devotion to shaping the next generation of athletes. Gloucester Township is proud to honor these outstanding individuals who continue to make a positive difference in our community through their passion and leadership.

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When people describe Coach Jon Mazza, one word always comes to mind: selfless. For nearly a decade, Jon has been a dedicated presence at the Erial fields—coaching, maintaining the complex, helping in the snack stand, and serving as a role model for players and fellow coaches alike.

Even when he wasn't on the board, Jon was always involved, supporting his wife (once called "the best secretary we've ever had") and stepping up whenever needed. Having coached baseball, softball, football, and even a season of wrestling, Jon's commitment to the kids has never wavered. His curiosity and willingness to learn have made him not only a respected coach but also a mentor and friend to many.

Jon's leadership helped bring home the 2023 11U District 14 Championship, and his impact continues to be felt across the Erial Little League community. There's truly no one more deserving of this recognition than Coach Jon Mazza.



Dave — along with his brother Scott — has become a cornerstone of Gloucester Township youth sports. Their names are synonymous with dedication, teamwork, and community spirit. Between coaching for the GT Lions/Stallions, GTBBL Basketball, GT Baseball, Blackwood Kiwanis, and GT Flag Football since its inception, Dave has shown unwavering commitment to the young athletes of our township.

Known for balancing competitiveness with fun, Dave inspires his players to grow while never losing sight of the joy in the game. His coaching style builds confidence, character, and a genuine love of sports in every child he mentors. Beyond the sidelines, Dave is always among the first to volunteer—officiating games, helping organize community events like Opening Day and the annual Turkey Bowl, and guiding new coaches and volunteers. His leadership and kindness make him a role model for both players and parents. Dave and his wife, Lisa, live in Glen Oaks with their three children. His passion, consistency, and integrity represent the very best of Gloucester Township sports. This recognition is truly well-deserved.



Gloucester Township is proud to recognize Coach John for his outstanding dedication and leadership on and off the field. John is always the first to arrive at the fields, making sure everything is ready for game day, and he's always willing to lend a hand wherever needed.

Coaching both the Novice Division and the 10U Blue Sox Travel Team, John is one of the most highly requested coaches in the organization. His approach to coaching goes beyond the game—he teaches his players the fundamentals of baseball along with valuable life lessons in teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship.

Coach John also makes sure his teams never lose sight of the most important part of youth sports: having fun. His positive attitude and commitment to creating an enjoyable experience have made a lasting impact on his players and their families.

We are truly fortunate to have Coach John as part of our community. His dedication and enthusiasm make him an excellent role model and a valued asset to Gloucester Township.



Blackwood Kiwanis Little League proudly nominated Brian Van Seiver for a Coaches Appreciation Award. Over the past three years, Brian has been an integral part of their league, dedicating countless hours to developing young athletes both on and off the field. His passion for the game and commitment to teaching the fundamentals of baseball are matched only by his enthusiasm for creating a positive and encouraging team environment.

Brian is consistently one of the most requested coaches in the program—a testament to the respect and admiration he has earned from players and parents alike. His approach to coaching goes beyond wins and losses; he focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship in every child he mentors. Whether it's staying late after practice to help a player refine their swing or offering words of encouragement during tough moments, Brian's influence leaves a lasting impact.

Beyond baseball, Brian works tirelessly to help players develop important life skills such as discipline, respect, and perseverance. He embodies the values that define BKLL—leadership, community, and character.

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Joe is a Mullen and Timber Creek Alumni. Joe is also an Alumni of the Timber Creek Junior Wrestling program, which his father, Joe, founded. In both schools he was an accomplished wrestler and then went on to wrestle in college. He is now an employee and assistant coach at Timber Creek, coaching football, wrestling, and baseball. Joe began volunteering with our program during the '18-'19 season. He quickly leveled up our entire program. The consistency and dedication he has provided is a true blessing to our program and community. He has not only taught the kids but helped all of the other volunteers level up their game as a coach. He has helped the coaches hone their wrestling knowledge and how to conduct themselves in the highest of emotional situations. Joe spends a tremendous amount of volunteer time to give our wrestlers all of the possible opportunities to learn and get better. He is at TC at 6AM and during wrestling season, doesn't leave until 9PM.



Coach Kirk Cooper of the Glendora Softball program has been a dedicated leader since starting at the 8U level and now coaching 12U. Over the past three years, he's focused on building fundamentals, confidence, and teamwork through positive reinforcement.

Kirk's teams have earned impressive results—1st place in the 2023 SJGSA 8U Tournament and 2nd place in both 2024 and 2025. Beyond game days, he's an active volunteer, helping with uniforms, spirit wear, concessions, and field maintenance, while encouraging families to get involved and support the program.

Known for his patience, positivity, and knowledge of the game, Kirk ensures every player has the opportunity to grow and succeed. His commitment and energy make him an invaluable part of the Glendora Softball community and a deserving recipient of the Coaches Appreciation Award.



Since the onset of Field of Dreams, Frank has been intimately involved with the development of our organization. He has served as a Coach, along with his wife, and has been the Pitcher for our Field of Dream games since the early onset of our organization. Frank is involving many other things within our Township, yet he finds time in his busy schedule to come out on Saturdays in the Spring and Pitch to and Coach our Field of Dreams Players.



Ron's influence is felt well beyond the field. He has built lasting relationships with his players, many of whom he still keeps in touch with and even now coaches alongside as adults. He has helped grow the GT Lions into more than a team; he's built a family that young people can rely on for guidance, support, and encouragement.

A lifelong Gloucester Township resident, Ron has created a lasting impact in our community. Even after briefly taking a year off from coaching, he returned to announce games — and ultimately found himself back on the sidelines. That story perfectly reflects the kind of person he is: passionate, dependable, and fully committed to the growth and success of his players. Ron coaches the 12 U Team. Through his tireless efforts, approachable nature, and unwavering dedication, Ron has steered many youth toward positive paths in education, leadership, and personal growth. He continues to be a driving force for positive change, proving that a true coach doesn't just build players — he shapes futures. And in the words that he still shares with his players to this day: "There is no success without sacrifice."



Bryan has been an exemplary member of the GTHA organization for the better part of 10 years now. He has committed his time and energy to the GTHA without hesitation; through his tenure. He has served on our board multiple times in multiple different capacities. He has coached and won several in house league championships as well as multiple travel team championships.

By this point Bryan has coached well over 100 kids in our league. He is a beloved coach by kids and parents alike and he does it for the right reasons. He makes an impact in these kids lives that they will remember forever. For Bryan it isn't about winning, its about being a member of the community. And supporting kids within the community and bringing them together to achieve something.

NEW LED LIGHTS ILLUMINATE BLACKWOOD KIWANIS LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD



Mayor David R. Mayer, Council President Orlando Mercado, Councilwoman Tara Walters, and Surrogate Judge Michelle Gentek-Mayer proudly joined together with members of the Blackwood Kiwanis Little League to cut the ribbon at the unveiling of new LED lights at the Blackwood Kiwanis Little League field. This marked another exciting investment in Gloucester Township's youth and recreation spaces.

The newly installed LED lighting system now brightens the T-ball field, allowing children to enjoy games safely into the evening. The project also included a major upgrade to the existing field lights, which were retrofitted from outdated fixtures to high-efficiency LED technology. These modern lights not only improve visibility and safety but also reduce energy use and maintenance costs.

"Investing in our fields means investing in our children and our community," said Mayor Mayer. "These upgrades make it safer for players and spectators, while creating a brighter, more welcoming environment for everyone who visits."

The new lights also enhance visibility for residents walking between fields during evening games and practices, creating a safer, more enjoyable experience for all. This project is a shining example of how Gloucester Township continues to prioritize community growth, sustainability, and the well-being of its youngest residents — ensuring that future generations have safe, high-quality spaces to play, learn, and thrive.

FALL LEAF SCHEDULE

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, Evers 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 Terrace, Raintree, Revere Run II, Stonebridge Run, Amber Ct, Terrestria, Timber Glen, Woodshire, Quail Hollow.
Pick Up Dates: Nov. 24, 25, 26

5th Week: Albion Terrace, 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.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Rotary Club of Gloucester Township – Pine Hill is providing a Thanksgiving meal for 100 local families in need. Your support will help us continue our mission to reduce food anxiety in our community.

*Applesauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potato Mix
Stuffing
Gravy
Pasta*

*Canned Yams
Canned Soup
Jars / Cans of Pasta Sauce
Canned Meat
Pasta / Rice & Sauce Pouches
Brownie Mix
Rice*

In addition, we are also willing to accept *Frozen Turkeys or Hams.*

• **Now thru November 14, 2025** food donations can be delivered to:

Taxes Made EZ
312 S. Black Horse Pike, Blackwood, N.J. 08012
Mon - Thu: 9:00am - 4:00pm

• Unable to deliver your food donation, email us at:
GTRotaryClub@gmail.com to arrange a pickup.

• We are happy to accept financial donations to our 501(c)(3) charity.
Donations can be made online:

PayPal.me/GTRotary
or by check:

The Gloucester Township Rotary Club Foundation (Tax ID #27-2665605).
P.O. Box 244, Blackwood, NJ 08012

We would like to Thank You in advance for your assistance and consideration.

www.GTRotary.org

Accepting Donations now Through November 14th

On The Air w/ MAYOR MAYER

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GT Veterans Affairs Office
Robert DiCesare

Veteran Attendee
Charles Dickerson

Circle of Knitting & Crochet
Toni Stafford



Tune in for the this episode of On the Air with Mayor Mayer, featuring special guests from the Gloucester Township Veterans Affairs Office, Robert DiCesare, veteran attendee Charles Dickerson, and Toni Stafford from the Circle of Knitting & Crochet. We'll be highlighting the incredible work of our veterans, sharing stories from the community, and celebrating the dedication of those who serve. Don't miss this inspiring episode, [CLICK HERE](#) to listen.

SAVE THE DATE



Blackwood Fire Company 40th Annual Charlie Miller Memorial Christmas Parade

Open to all businesses, schools, bands, churches, etc. No Santas as the fire company will have him on a truck.

All emergency apparatus must be out of service!!



Saturday, December 6th at 6 PM

To register or for more information
scan the QR Code or Call
Bill Klingber (856)207-7324

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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