



Winter 2021

Gloucester County Newsletter

Senior Services

holiday PARTY

Tickets for the Annual Gloucester County Senior Citizen Holiday Party are now on sale.

The Gloucester County Senior Citizen Holiday Party will take place on **December 7, 8, 14 and 15.** The event will be held at 11 a.m. each of the days at Auletto Caterers.

Tickets are required to attend and can be purchased at the Division of Senior Services, located at 115 Budd Blvd in West Deptford. Tickets are \$3.00 per person.

If you are receiving this newsletter after December 7 & 8 contact the Division of Senior Services for tickets to our later dates.

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Shop Local during the holiday season

Each dollar spent at an independent business returns three times more money to the local economy.

Gloucester County is the home to hundreds of locally owned and operated eateries, breweries, wineries, retail and specialty stores, and we encourage our residents to think of them first when spending their hard-earned dollars.

By shopping local we will:

Promote Local Job Growth.

Feed the Local Economy.

Preserve The Quality of Life and Character of My Community.

Save Time, Money, and The Planet.

Retain or Increase My Property Value.

Preserve the Uniqueness of My Community.

For more information on the 2021 Shop Local Campaign please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov

For more details on any of the information in this newsletter, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov

Looking forward to 2022...

Starting January 2022 you'll get the Gloucester County Newsletter straight to your mailbox every month.

We want to hear from you!

It's our mission to continue to make Gloucester County residents aware of the services we have available, hear more about the services they use and the services they want to see in our area.

Share with us by emailing socialmedia@co.gloucester.nj.us or call (856) 853-3271

Did you know?

Gloucester County has over 21,000 acres of Preserved Farmland. Director Damminger spearheaded the opening of the Gloucester County Office of Farmland Preservation in 1999.

Rowan College of South Jersey is home to the first nursing school on a community college campus.

Gloucester County had significant growth in 2021, our population increased 4.9% to 302,294.

source: <https://bit.ly/3nqHFxX>

Gloucester County is home to the first county-based EMS agency in New Jersey providing services to 23 out of our 24 municipalities. Gloucester County EMS (GCEMS) was started in September 2007.

In 2019, the average tax bill in Gloucester County was \$7,033. This is the eight lowest Average County Tax Bill in the State!

source: <https://bit.ly/3FmYuQE>

Free Flu Clinics

It's not too late to get your free Flu Shot from Gloucester County! Check out our website for information on the influenza vaccine and how you can stay healthy in the colder months!

December 2, 2021

1 PM to 2:30 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 6, 2021

4 PM to 5:30 PM

GC Health Department
Family Clinic
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 9, 2021

2 PM to 3:30 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 13, 2021

1 PM to 2:30 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 16, 2021

3 PM to 5 PM

GC Health Department
Family Clinic
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 20, 2021

1:30 PM to 3 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 27, 2021

5 PM to 6 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December 30, 2021

2:30 PM to 4 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov for more information.

Nutrition Program for Seniors

The Nutrition Program provides a well-balanced mid-day meal Monday through Friday to seniors who are 60 or older or the spouse of a participant. Meals are planned by a nutritionist to ensure the recommended nutrients. Sites are at Mantua Township Community Center, Glassboro Senior Center, Thorofare Fire Hall, Pfeiffer Community Center, First Baptist Church Jericho and Second Baptist Church in Paulsboro. A donation of \$1.25 is accepted for each meal, however, there is no obligation to contribute. **Nutrition Sites will be closed on December 24-25.**

Serv-a-Tray is our home-delivered meal program designed to maintain health through proper nutrition and enable homebound seniors to remain in the community with independence and dignity. To be eligible, persons must be age 60 or older; homebound; unable to shop or prepare their own meals; have no one to assist with meals; and be on a regular diet.

For more information on our Nutrition Programs, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov or call the Division of Senior Services at (856) 686-8327.

Remember to decorate safely this year!

As the holidays near, Gloucester County Board of Commissioners, County Fire Marshal and K-9 Ember would like to advise residents of safety precautions while decorating.

Inside Decor Tips:

- Use holiday decorations made with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in.
- Do not overload extension cords.

Outside Decor Tips:

- Be sure to use only lights rated for outdoor use.
- Consider replacing older outdoor lights with newer LED lights that are 'greener' and cooler in temperature.
- Securely anchor outdoor lights and decorations against the wind and storms with insulated holders or hooks.

Happy Holidays!
For a full list of
holiday safety tips,
visit our website.

Fire K-9 Ember

www.gloucestercountynj.gov

Holiday Tips for Families of Substance Users and Those in Recovery

The holiday season is meant to be a joyous occasion that brings family and friends together. But even in the midst of all the excitement, there are often moments of stress and anxiety. If you are recovering from addiction or a family member of someone in recovery, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioner and the Addictions Task Force has resources for you.

To scan the QR Code:

Open up the camera app on your smartphone and point to the QR Code. Click the notification on your screen to open the website on your phone.



Explore Nature– Even in the colder months!

Scotland Run Park's Nature Center was renovated in 2019 from an artifact/museum type of center with taxidermy animals into a location that houses live animals including snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, and aquatic specimens that would be found at Scotland Run Park and various parts of Gloucester County. The nature center offers a variety of environmental education programs for all ages.

Visit the Nature Center at Scotland Run Park 980 E. Academy St. Clayton, NJ. The center is open Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, please visit:
www.gloucestercountynj.gov



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DREAM Park E-Newsletter

Sign up today to receive the latest events, shows and lessons from Gloucester County's state-of-the-art Equestrian Facility, DREAM Park.



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Gloucester County Animal Shelter

Director Damminger reminds residents that the shelter is discounting adoption fees for the animals at the shelter through the end of 2021.

Animals 6 years old and younger will have their adoption fees reduced to \$35. Dogs and cats 6 years and older will have their adoption fees completely waived.

For more information, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov



Director Robert M. Damminger at our 2019 Gloucester County Animal Shelter Open House.

Get your COVID-19 Vaccine!



Commissioner Jim Jefferson, Director Robert M. Damminger and Deputy Director Frank J. DiMarco at the Gloucester County Mega Site

COVID-19 Vaccines save lives!

Don't hesitate to get yours today at the **Gloucester County Public Works Complex** at 1200 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton 08312.

The Gloucester County Vaccine Site will be CLOSED from December 22-27.

To see our full list of hours of operation or to read more about the COVID-19 Vaccination, please visit: www.gloucestercountynj.gov

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The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, the County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.