

Gloucester County Today

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HIGHLIGHTING GLOUCESTER COUNTY EMS

The Gloucester County Emergency Medical Service is the first county-based Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in New Jersey, established on September 30, 2007.



Above: Commissioner Denice DiCarlo with Gloucester County EMS Chief Andy Lovell and Rowan EMS Assistant Chief Maribeth Novsak.

GCEMS is a dedicated organization of professionals with the highest standards for quality and excellence. GCEMS is committed to providing dependable, professional emergency medical service to all residents and visitors of Gloucester County.

GCEMS is passionate about monthly continuing education opportunities for staff and the public. GCEMS holds monthly EMT refresher lessons and free CPR training and partners with Rowan University to hold the Clinical Educational Symposium annually.

At the June 2022 Symposium, Commissioner Denice DiCarlo honored Gloucester County EMS Chief Andy Lovell and Rowan EMS Assistant Chief Maribeth Novsak with a proclamation for the tenth anniversary of the Clinical Education Symposium. The Clinical Education Symposium is a collaboration between Gloucester County EMS, and Rowan University EMS which provides free continuing education units to EMTs and Paramedics.

GCEMS also sponsors the "Vial/File of Life Program," which allows individuals to provide medical information in advance that GCEMS crews can use in the case of an emergency. The

program consists of obtaining a red magnet for a "File of Life." The file contains a medical form that has been filled out stating the health status of the individual and current medications.

The File of Life kit can be obtained from any GCEMS crew or station, the Gloucester County administrative offices in Woodbury, or the GCEMS office in Clayton. Please call the GCEMS office at (856) 307-7120 for assistance or any questions.

For more information about GCEMS, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov or call (856) 307-7120.

STATS:

- SERVING 22 MUNICIPALITIES
- 35 AMBULANCES & MULTIPLE SUPPORT VEHICLES
- OVER 250 STAFF MEMBERS ACROSS 16 EMS STATIONS
- AVERAGING 2,000 CALLS FOR SERVICE A MONTH
- AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IS 5 MINUTES AND 52 SECONDS
- OPERATING 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS, 365 DAYS A YEAR

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Gloucester County Improvement Authority awards mini-grants to non-profit organizations through the Clean Communities Program.

Only young adults and adults can participate in the Adopt-a-Road sites and clean the County Highways. Our program also allows grades K-8 to participate in an Adopt-a-Spot, which gives our children a chance to gain "ownership" on their school grounds. To adopt an area, you must commit to two years. The county will provide the necessary safety equipment to clean the chosen locations.

All non-profit organizations are eligible upon submitting your application. You must supply our office with your non-profit organization number and proof of insurance.

For more details, please contact our office at (856) 478-6045, ext. 14 or scan the QR code below:



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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.

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DISABILITY JOB FAIR

On Thursday, July 28, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners will sponsor the annual Disability Employment Job Fair and Resource Event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rowan College of South Jersey's Gymnasium (1400 Tanyard Rd., Sewell).

Preceding the Employment Fair, free workshops are available to assist with your job searching techniques, writing an effective resume, and social media and job fair strategies. Workshops will be held at the Stephen M. Sweeney Center for Special Services Room 112, 530 Salina Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080, on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 21st: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 25th: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL)
- Tuesday, July 26th: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Registration is required to attend the workshops. Register today at www.glocestercountynj.gov or by calling (856) 384-6963.

BEST OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

There's still time to vote for your favorite small business in Gloucester County.

With more than 100 business categories to choose from, Gloucester County residents can vote for their favorite diner, pharmacy, food store, fitness center, and more as part of this year's Best of Gloucester County contest.

Vote today by submitting a ballot online, or check the South Jersey Times on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Sundays to submit your paper ballot!

One ballot per person.

Vote: www.gcbestof.com



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WIC SERVICES AVAILABLE

Gloucester County WIC is a Supplemental Nutrition Program that provides healthy food, nutrition and breastfeeding education, health screening, and referrals to community health and social service programs.

This program is free for qualifying pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and infants and children up to age 5.

For questions about program eligibility or to schedule an appointment, call the Gloucester County WIC Office at (856) 218-4116 or apply online at www.wic.nj.gov/participantportal/

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Beginning July 16th, 988 will become the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for mental health crisis and suicide prevention. It will replace the 1-800 number currently used by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

If you are in need of mental health resources in Gloucester County, please scan the QR code below or call (856) 384-6889.

If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, please dial 911.



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JOIN OUR TEAM!

In the event of a public health emergency, volunteers are our most valuable resource.

The mission of the Gloucester County Medical Reserve Corp (GCMRC) is to improve the health and safety of communities by organizing and utilizing public health, medical, and other volunteers. The GCMRC's goal is to enhance the community's emergency preparedness by ensuring that a trained group of healthcare professionals and community volunteers are ready to respond to public health emergencies. Licensed/certified healthcare professionals, practicing/retired, living/working in Gloucester County are needed. Any community members interested in health issues can volunteer (interpreters, chaplains, social workers, etc.). Duties might include direct patient care, administrative/secretarial duties, and translation/reception duties.

Volunteers are required to participate in training and education in order to be adequately prepared should an event occur. They must perform duties in accord to their interests, training, and experience. We provide FREE TRAINING to our volunteers to ensure support for our local health agencies for any public emergency for our local health agencies when called upon.

For more info, please visit: <https://njlmn.njlines.net/> or call Chelsea Chilelli at 856-218-4112

ADOPT AT GCAS

Summer is the perfect time to adopt a new pet to your family!

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter always has animals looking for their forever homes. Whether it's a dog, cat, bunny, guinea pig, or even a bird, GCAS makes adoption easy and affordable.

ADOPTION COSTS:

- Cats & dogs, 5 years and younger: \$35
- Cats & dogs, 6 years and older: FREE

ADOPTION HOURS:

- Monday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

For more information, visit www.glocestercountynj.gov, call (856) 881-2828 or email gcas@co.glocester.nj.us

FIGHT THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY!

The Gloucester County Public Works Department has received a grant for Spotted Lanternfly Control in Gloucester County! Our control program involves spraying during the spring, summer, and fall months. We will be using our truck-mounted Mist Blower to treat infestations of larvae and adults using an NJ-DEP-approved insecticide. We will also be treating county and municipal properties and identifying areas of mass infestations along county roadways. We have coordinated our efforts with state and federal control officials. We have jointly developed a plan to control the Lantern Fly.

For more information, please visit the Department of Public Works at www.glocestercountynj.gov.

PRIORITIZING EDS & MEDS IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

On Friday, April 22, Rowan College of South Jersey and Inspira Health signed an MOU designed to educate and retain future healthcare professionals within the community.

"Gloucester County values our partnerships. Inspira Health and Rowan College of South Jersey have committed to training the next generation of nursing and health professionals while making education more affordable and accessible for everyone," said Commissioner Lyman Barnes, Education Liaison.

This latest EDs & MEDs collaboration provides priority clinical experience to support nursing, behavioral, and allied health students at the college's Cumberland and Gloucester campuses, propelling local talent into healthcare careers.



Pictured: RCSJ 2022 Nursing graduate/Inspira employee Heather Giovannitti; Inspira Health President/CEO Amy Mansue; RCSJ Nursing & Health Professions Dean Susan Hall; Gloucester County Board of Commissioners Director Frank DiMarco; Gloucester County Board of Commissioners Education Liaison Lyman Barnes; Gloucester County Board of Commissioners Deputy Director/Economic Development Liaison Heather Simmons; Gloucester County Board of Commissioners Denice DiCarlo; RCSJ President Frederick Keating

TOWN SPOTLIGHT: GREENWICH

For our town spotlight this month, we are talking about Greenwich Township, often referred to as Gibbstown. Home to the oldest log cabin in America, Nothnagle Cabin, this Swedish-constructed home built in the 1600s is on the National Register of Historic Places and proudly represents a unique history for the town and those passing through.

With just 4,800 residents, Greenwich is a unique place with a small-town feel. It has plenty of recreation areas and open spaces for residents of all ages to enjoy. Memorial Park is a location for many events, including an upcoming Dinner & Dancing Night with live music in the park on July 22nd from 5-9 pm. The Gibbstown Sports Complex is also undergoing renovations, such as installing new playground equipment compliant with ADA standards to ensure all children can play.

Located thirty minutes from Philadelphia and Wilmington, only two hours from New York City, and conveniently near major highways, this Gloucester County town has easy access to many regional attractions and still provides a family-friendly community. As a result, it has earned its slogan, "We're on your way to everywhere!"

COUNTY CLERK SERVICES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COUNTY

County Clerk Jim Hogan opened a satellite County Clerk office in Monroe Township for the convenience of residents in the southern communities of Gloucester County.

The Monroe Satellite Office is provided in partnership with Monroe Township, located in the Monroe Township Municipal Building (125 Virginia Ave., Williamstown, NJ 08094) and open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 11am to 7pm.

For detailed information on the services offered, please contact the County Clerk's office at (856) 853-3237.

Emergency Rental Assistance

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Gloucester County has received funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury to provide rental relief to landlords and tenants through the Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP). Gloucester County will provide rental households financial assistance for unpaid rent* and/or utility bills due to impact of COVID-19.

An eligible household may receive up to twelve (12) months of assistance (plus an additional three (3) months if necessary to ensure housing stability for the household, subject to the availability of funds, but not to exceed 18 months total assistance).

Visit website for details: www.glocestercountynj.gov/1224/Emergency-Rental-Assistance

*Fair Market Rents will be applied for certain eligible households.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Selected households must meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for assistance:

- Qualify for unemployment or have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due, **directly or indirectly**, to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- Have a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income
- Have a lack of assets and savings to pay rent arrears or current and future rent
- Be a Gloucester County resident
- Obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY:



Residents that need assistance while applying can call our call center at **856-336-3700**.

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APPLY FOR THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs is accepting applications for the Gloucester County Military Service Medal.

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo said, "The men and women who answer the call to serve and defend our nation deserve the utmost respect and recognition. We are privileged to have presented these veterans with their medals."

The county commissioned the Gloucester County Service Medal in 2001 as a way to honor veteran residents. To date, over 5,100 Military Service Medals will have been awarded. The medal is available to Gloucester County Veterans who have served on active duty in the military and received an honorable discharge.

To apply for the Gloucester County Military Service Medal, apply using the QR code below or reach out to our offices at (856) 401-7660 or veterans@co.goucester.nj.us. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3vGFwTs> or scan the QR code:



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FREE VACCINES AVAILABLE WITH GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available through the Health Department. So don't hesitate to get yours today at the Gloucester County Health Department, 204 E. Holly Avenue, Sewell, NJ 08080.

Register at: www.covidvaccine.nj.gov or call our COVID-19 hotline at (856) 218-4142.

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

EMPLOYERS, YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE IS READY WITH A RESUME IN HAND

August 4th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Reserve a table at our Career Accelerator Internship Fair!

Rowan College South Jersey is hosting a first-ever Career Accelerator Internship Fair. Join us by reserving a table to display your company positions and create a fresh new applicant pool by starting with an intern! RCSJ students from all majors with various skill sets will be attending in search of a fall internship. Nationally, students starting as interns are retained with a permanent offer 51.6% of the time. This is your opportunity to connect with the talent of the future!

Space is limited - reserve a table now!

1400 Tanyard Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

College Center Mezzanine

This event is funded by Career Accelerator Internship Grant Program - Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for New Jersey

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code:



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