

# Gloucester County Today

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## Director DiMarco Announces Spending Freeze

At the August 3, 2022, Commissioner meeting, Frank J. DiMarco, Director of the Board of Gloucester County Commissioners, urged his commissioner colleagues to adopt a resolution that would freeze spending for the next three years. Director DiMarco stated, "I know we cannot control inflation and gas prices at the county level but taking this step will help our tax-paying residents get through this bumpy period."

Director DiMarco authorized the County Administrator and his team to take the necessary

measures to accomplish this spending freeze while protecting services for seniors, veterans, emergency responders, and special needs residents.

Director DiMarco continued, "One of our primary goals has been to lead this county with fiscal responsibility. Since 2007 our administration has looked to cut costs, merge departments, and share services at a rate no other can match in New Jersey. Under this approach, we have attritioned over 463 positions, saving more than \$31.9 million in salary and benefit

expenses from the county budget. Even more significant was this board's decision to close the county jail system and regionalize it with other county jails in 2013. This decision has brought over \$223 million savings in nine years, without laying off one employee."

"I am proud we could CUT the county tax rate two years in a row but felt we need to do more. And because we have taken those steps, we are in a position where we can do that for our residents," commented DiMarco.

### Attrition 2008 to Present

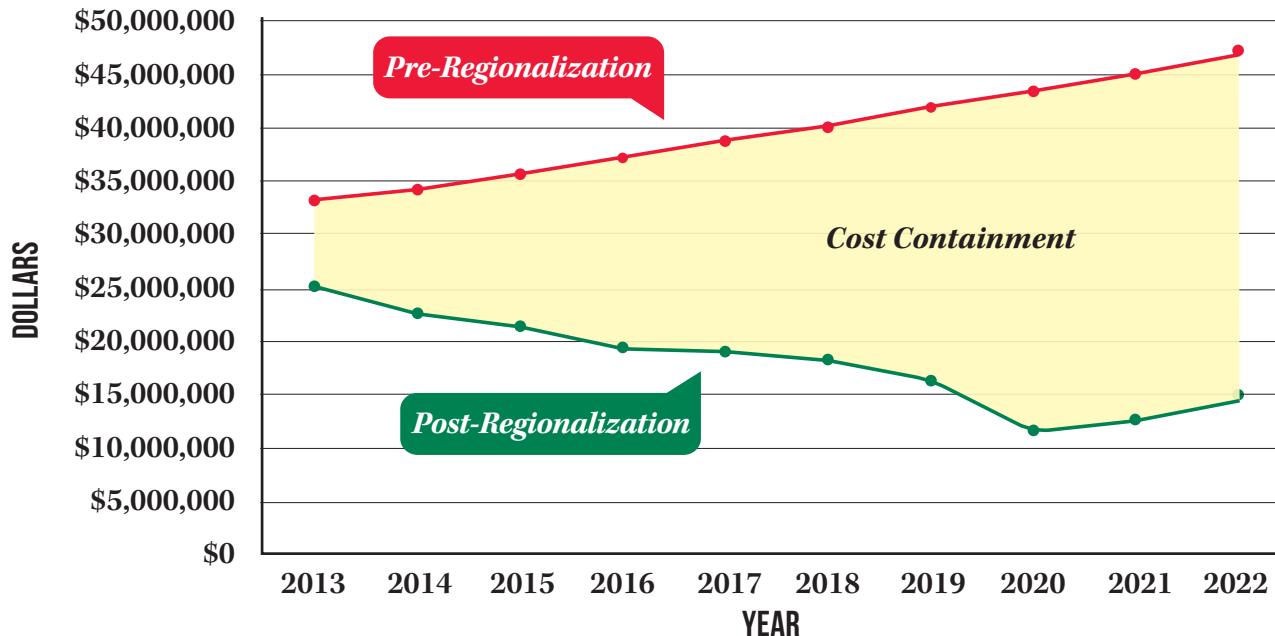
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YEAR	POSITIONS ELIMINATED	SALARY	HEALTH	FRINGE	TOTALS
2022	7	\$519,319	\$96,841	\$145,002	\$761,162
2021	13	\$1,197,914	\$44,792	\$432,939	\$1,675,645
2020	58	\$3,510,507	\$826,681	\$769,646	\$5,106,834
2019	21	\$1,753,811	\$7,471	\$450,689	\$2,211,971
2018	17	\$1,104,567	\$71,671	\$289,202	\$1,465,440
2017	3	\$335,484	\$35,883	\$71,071	\$442,438
2016	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2015	7	\$456,979	\$44,993	\$128,190	\$630,162
2014	12	\$889,256	\$33,413	\$227,813	\$1,150,482
2013	103	\$6,463,793	\$999,069	\$1,805,862	\$9,268,724
2012	14	\$896,082	\$57,284	\$213,062	\$1,166,428
2011	46	\$2,469,701	\$290,991	\$565,810	\$3,326,502
2010	61	\$3,235,604	\$326,793	\$630,769	\$4,193,166
2009	72	\$2,961,739	\$620,533	\$343,015	\$3,925,287
2008	29	\$1,178,503	\$405,841	\$136,015	\$1,720,360
<b>15 Year Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>\$23,462,752</b>	<b>\$3,035,575</b>	<b>\$5,439,439</b>	<b>\$31,937,766</b>

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## REGIONALIZED CORRECTIONS COST CONTAINMENT



## KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE

Commission Director Frank DiMarco joined representatives from the Borough of Clayton and Inspira Health at the ribbon cutting of the new Inspira Emergency Medical Services location in Clayton, NJ. This new location will serve as the base for basic and advanced life support personnel, including emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and enhance services for Gloucester County residents.



Pictured (left to right): Sue Miller Borough Administrator, Tom Bianco, Mayor of Clayton, Doctor Anthony Cerone, Clayton Councilman Charles Simon, and Commission Director Frank DiMarco.

## COMMISSIONER DICARLO SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY FUNDING

The State of New Jersey recently passed its Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget. Included in this was Gloucester County's request to expand emergency operations infrastructure to better equip our emergency responders.

Through active dialogue with Senator Fred Madden, he was able to secure a funding commitment through the new Senate President Nicholas Scutari.

Commission Director Frank J. DiMarco said, "Thanks to the tireless efforts of Senator Fred Madden and Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, our First Responders will have better training opportunities and facilities better equipped to handle emergency situations."

These funds will expand our 911 center's operations, address our relocation of an EMS building in Harrison Township, and renovate and expand our Fire Training Academy with much-needed training props and apparatus.

"Relationships matter," stated Commissioner Denice DiCarlo. "When I approached Fred Madden, he did not hesitate to lend his expertise and assistance to help Gloucester County and our First Responders."

Commissioner DiCarlo looks forward to working on these infrastructure projects immediately.

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# HONOR THOSE LOST TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and the Gloucester County Addictions Task Force will hold its annual Candlelight Vigil in remembrance of overdose victims on August 30th at James G. Atkinson Park.

The vigil is held to raise awareness of opioid overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death. The vigil will begin at dusk, while resource tables will open at 7 p.m.

**To submit a loved one's name for the memorial, please visit [www.glocestercountynj.gov](http://www.glocestercountynj.gov) or call our offices at (856) 384-6885.**

If you need Recovery Resources, please reach out to the Gloucester County Division of Human and Special Services. Help is available.

# 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 when called upon.

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

# FREE PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE!

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners has free programming through the summer! Enjoy a summer night at one of our Summer Concerts or bring the whole family to a Family Fun Show - we'll see you there!

**August 20th** - 7 p.m.  
Summer Concert Series - Strictly 60's  
James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

**August 21st** - 12 p.m.  
Family History Day - African-American History  
Red Bank Battlefield, National Park

**August 24th** - 10:30 a.m.  
Family Fun Show - Pirate Magic  
DREAM Park, Logan

**August 27th** - 7 p.m.  
Summer Concert Series - Pure Petty  
Fasola Park, Deptford

**September 2nd** - 7 p.m.  
Summer Concert Series - Love Alive  
Rowan Boulevard, Glassboro

**September 10th** - 8:30 a.m.  
Kids Fishing Contest  
Scotland Run Park, Clayton

**September 18th** - 11 a.m.  
Waterfest  
Scotland Run Park, Clayton

# SENIOR PICNIC IS COMING!

Join the Board of Commissioners for music, games, food and more at the Gloucester County Senior Picnic!

You won't want to miss out on the fun. This year's theme is Disco - see you there!

Our Senior Picnic will be held this year on September 20 at Red Bank Battlefield. Tickets are required and go on sale on August 17 at the Division of Senior Services. **Tickets are first come, first served and are \$2 apiece.**

The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services is located at 115 Budd Boulevard, West Deptford, NJ 08096. For more information, visit [www.glocestercountynj.gov](http://www.glocestercountynj.gov) or call (856) 384-6900.

# JOIN US TO HONOR THE FALLEN

In partnership with Mantua Township, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners will hold the Annual Patriot Day Ceremony to honor those lost in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the 9/11 Memorial at the Place of Reflection, inside Chestnut Branch Park on Main St. in Mantua.

The memorial is a tribute to the victims and heroes of the September 11th attack. Gloucester County residents John Rodak, Nicholas W. Brandemarti, and Perry Thompson were those lost that day.



# SAVE THE DATE: HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE!

Our next Household Special Waste Collection will take place on September 17th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 493 Monroeville Rd. Swedesboro, NJ 08085.

Participation is limited to Gloucester County residents ONLY! Commercial businesses are prohibited from participating.

For a full list of accepted materials, visit [www.gcianj.com](http://www.gcianj.com) or call (856) 478-6045.

The Gloucester County Improvement Authority has moved its October Household Special Waste collection day. Join us on Saturday, October 29th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gloucester County Road Department, 1200 N. Delsea Dr. Clayton.

## Gloucester County Board of Commissioners

Frank J. DiMarco, Director

Heather Simmons, Deputy Director

Lyman Barnes

Denice DiCarlo

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# Gloucester County's Small Business Recovery Grant Supports Our Local Businesses

Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Heather Simmons, liaison to the Department of Economic Development, remind small businesses that the **Small Business Recovery Grant** can assist with economic hardships experienced by small businesses due to the pandemic.

Director DiMarco and Deputy Director Simmons say that more than \$1.2 million has been set aside to help local businesses with \$10,000 grants.

All grant applications must meet the CDBG National Objective of Low/Mod Income for the benefitting business. The business must document that it will retain at least one permanent job held by a low- and moderate-income person and that the jobs would be lost without the CDBG assistance. Applicants must be able to prove the funds were used for the approved use.

To apply for the program, the business must be a for-profit enterprise located in Gloucester County and established as of Dec. 31, 2020. In addition, a business cannot be delinquent on any taxes and must provide financial documentation, including information on loss of revenue due to COVID-19.

**Read more about the program by scanning the QR code below or receive more information by emailing [gcmicrogrant@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:gcmicrogrant@co.goucester.nj.us) or calling (856) 384-6900**

Submissions that have all required documentation will receive awards up to \$10,000 for each eligible applicant until the funds are exhausted.



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## VISITING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo recently took a tour through the Vintage Magazine Nostalgia Center located at 1460 Grandview Avenue, Midlantic Industrial Park in Paulsboro, NJ.

The Center has 135,000 Magazines sorted by month, week, and year back to 1900! Fran DiBacco, owner of the Center, best describes the Vintage Magazine Nostalgia Center as a "10,000 square foot stroll down memory lane honoring the Greatest Generation during the Greatest century in the Greatest country."



## 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](http://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](http://www.goucestercountynj.gov).**