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SENATOR MENENDEZ ANNOUNCES THE PASSAGE OF THE PACT ACT WITH COMMISSIONER DICARLO

Alongside Senator Bob Menendez, Gloucester County Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, Gloucester County Clerk James Hogan, and Col. Mike Warner, U.S. Army veteran recently celebrated the Senate passage of the PACT Act. This legislation will expand health care and benefits to more than 3.5 million veterans across the United States who were exposed to toxins while serving in the military.

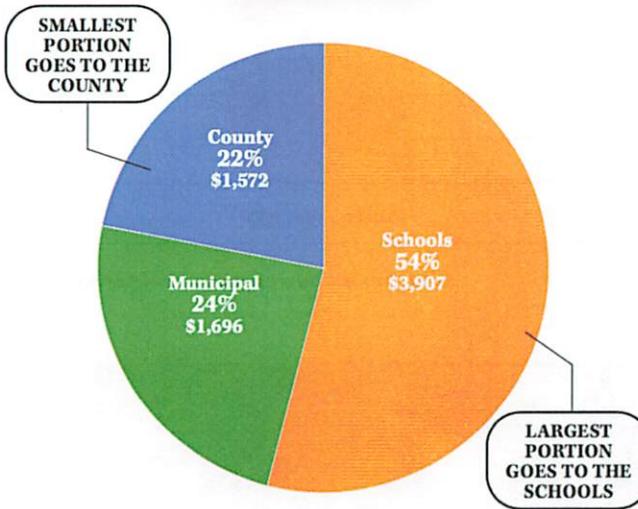
"It's so important that we continue to support our veterans. It's been a priority for us at the county, and thanks to Senator Menendez and the hard work of many others, we are able to expand upon that support for the brave men and women who fought for our country," said County Commissioner and Veterans Liaison, Denice DiCarlo.

The PACT Act - otherwise known as the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act - also includes Senator Menendez's Improving Benefits for Gulf War Veterans Act. This act will expand access to essential benefits for veterans who served in the Gulf War and other wars in the region.

The provision will also extend to veterans who served in wars in the Gulf and who have experienced unexplained chronic symptoms known as the "Gulf War Illness", which can include symptoms of fatigue, joint pain, memory loss, insomnia, and respiratory disorders. The bill was enacted on August 10, 2022.

For more information, call (856) 401-7660 or email vets@co.glocester.nj.us

HOW THE AVERAGE TAX BILL IS BROKEN DOWN



On average, county taxes are the lowest portion of the overall tax bill

Source: State of NJ Department of Community Affairs 2021 Property Tax Information as of February 25, 2022

STEP BACK IN TIME AT FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Join us on Sunday, September 25, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for hands-on crafts, games, and activities at Family History Day at Red Bank Battlefield! Special programs will include a children's muster drill, what it was like to be a Revolutionary War soldier, and hearth cooking demonstrations.

For more information, visit the calendar at www.glocestercountynj.gov or call (856) 251-6710

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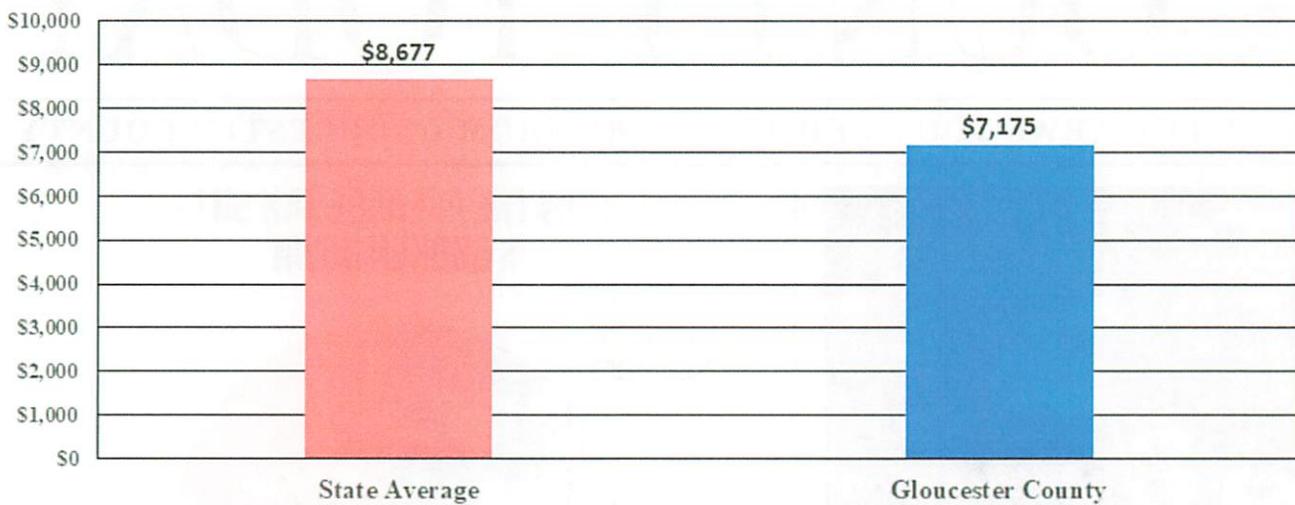
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Gloucester County is one of the lowest in total taxes in the state

Average State of New Jersey Taxes versus Gloucester County Taxes
(Gloucester County residents pay \$1,502 less per year than the state average)



Source: State of NJ Department of Community Affairs 2021 Property Tax Information as of February 25, 2022



Clean Communities Summer Youth Program beautifies cemetery

The Gloucester County Clean Communities Program summer youth spent time beautifying the Mount Vernon Cemetery in Gibbstown, NJ. This cemetery is the final resting place of many World War II veterans. In 2021, crews found the cemetery and were adamant about taking the time to clean the headstones, cut the overgrown grass, pull weeds, and even install a new sign at the cemetery.

In 2022, the crews revisited the site and continued to work to beautify the area and provide a suitable resting place for the veterans.

Every summer, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and the Gloucester County Improvement Authority offer the Clean Communities Summer Program, which provides Gloucester County's young adults the opportunity to keep our community clean and do a great service for our county.

To read more about the Clean Communities Program, visit www.gcianj.com or call (856) 478-6045, ext. 14.



Listening to our veteran communities

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo met with the Marine Corps League Semper Fidelis Detachment 204. The Marine Corps Leagues Honor Guard participates in many details throughout Gloucester County, including presentation of colors, funerals, firing squad, and flag fold with TAPS. Additionally, as liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Commissioner DiCarlo advised the attendees of all the services and benefits offered by the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Meeting with leaders in the veterans community is key to learning the resources they need to connect with to best help them. Taking the time to speak with members of the veterans community is extremely important to me so I can continue to advocate for better resources and better solutions to the struggles they may be faced with," said Commissioner Denice DiCarlo.

If you are a veteran in Gloucester County in need of resources, please visit www.goucestercountynj.gov, email veterans@co.goucester.nj.us or call our offices at (856) 401-7660.

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HISTORICAL REMAINS FOUND AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD



The skeletal remains of as many as 14 individuals have been discovered in a mass grave at Red Bank Battlefield in Gloucester County.

On June 26, 2022, human remains of Hessian soldiers were uncovered after resting for nearly two and a half centuries. The Hessians suffered their worst Revolutionary War defeat at the hands of outnumbered but-emboldened American defenders during the Battle of Red Bank on October 22, 1777.

"Red Bank Battlefield has always been an important part of Gloucester County and American history. We are excited to work with our great partners at Rowan University to continue to uncover more details about Gloucester County's part of the American Revolution," said Director Frank J. DiMarco, Gloucester County Board of Commissioners.

During one of Gloucester County's Public Archaeology Digs, a human femur was uncovered after resting for 245 years in a trench four-and-a-half feet deep.

Additional excavation at the site, done by professionals with extraordinary detail to preserve the dignity of the war dead, uncovered more remains.

"Usually, our residents find things like pieces of medical equipment or weapons during public archaeology digs. To have discovered human remains may have been more than what our residents bargained for.

Still, we are very excited to share this momentous occasion with them," said Commissioner Jim Jefferson, Gloucester County Board of Commissioners' liaison to Parks and Recreation. Jersey Historical Commission project, alongside an additional \$30,000 in funding from the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners, allowed the archaeological surveying of the trench and public education and outreach program. As a result, over four public dig days this summer, more than 100 private citizens had the opportunity to dig at the site.

To read more about our incredible discovery, visit www.glooucestercountynj.gov.

CELEBRATING GROWTH & COLLABORATIONS

County health care and Rowan University officials gathered on July 21st to celebrate the historic opening of the Sewell campus of the Virtua Health College of Health Medicine and Health Sciences of Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM).

Following remarks to an assembled crowd of students, staff, faculty, and special guests, the officials welcomed the first class of seventy-two medical students to the new campus with a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony. Located on the campus of Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ), the new Sewell campus represents SOM's largest expansion since the medical school opened 45 years ago.

This marks the first time in New Jersey's history that a four-year medical school has been located on a community college campus. This extraordinary collaboration among Rowan, RCSJ, and local, state, and County officials will provide unparalleled educational opportunities for New Jersey residents.

"Partnerships between Rowan University, Rowan College of South Jersey, our local hospital systems, and the County are crucial to growing and evolving Eds and Meds in Gloucester County," said Director Frank J. DiMarco, Gloucester County Board of Commissioners.



Pictured: Dr. Matthew Edison, Founding Dean of Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine; Deputy Director Heather Simmons; Director Frank J. DiMarco; Steve Sweeney, former Senate President and advocate for RowanSOM funding; Chad Bruner, Chair of Rowan University Board of Trustees; Ali Houshmand, President of Rowan University; Fred Keating, President of Rowan College of South Jersey; Commissioner Nicholas DeSilvio.

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE!

The October 2022 Household Special Waste Collection will take place on October 29 at the Department of Public Works at 1200 N. Delsea Drive in Clayton, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a free service for Gloucester County residents. Businesses are not permitted to participate.

Gloucester County residents can drop-off their old oil-based paint, motor oil, antifreeze, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs, fluorescent tubes, fire extinguishers, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, and similar materials for recycling, reuse, and/or proper disposal. Latex paint is NOT accepted and must be dried out with kitty litter and placed in the regular trash.

For more information, call (856) 373-5506 or visit www.gcianj.com

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR FLU VACCINE

Annual vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against the flu. Getting a flu vaccine this fall will be more important than ever, not only to reduce your risk from flu but also to help conserve healthcare resources. Vaccine flu viruses are chosen to maximize the likelihood that the influenza vaccine will protect against the viruses most likely to spread and cause illness among people during the upcoming flu season.

This year we will be offering ONLY quadrivalent seasonal flu vaccine that contains:

- an A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus;
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and
- a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus.

We do not carry every type of flu vaccine formulation such as: high dose, adjuvanted, nasal, intradermal, & egg free. If you need a specific formulation you can speak to your healthcare provider or a pharmacy to check availability. If a specific flu vaccine is not available in your area, don't delay! Vaccination with any available influenza vaccine is recommended and will still provide protection. If you would like more information about this year's flu vaccine please visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

Gloucester County follows The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation and provides influenza vaccine for all persons aged 6 months and over.

Drive-Thru Clinics - scheduled to accommodate those citizens that have difficulty walking or standing in lines, as well as a measure to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.

- PLEASE have paperwork completed prior to your arrival whenever possible – available from our website www.gloucestercountynj.gov
- PLEASE remember to place your car in park when you arrive at the nurse.
- PLEASE DO NOT bring your dog along to a drive thru clinic.

Children and the Flu Vaccine:

Gloucester County has scheduled special preschool/daycare/family clinics to allow the entire family to be vaccinated at one time.

- For everyone's safety, it is NOT recommended to bring children to

the drive thru clinics; if they cannot sit still for their shot we will not vaccinate them in the drive thru.

- Children under the age of 9 yrs receiving flu immunization for the first time need two shots. The second shot should be given one month after the first shot.
- Preschool children attending a licensed day care facility must have received their flu immunization before December 31, 2022 to be eligible to attend daycare in 2023.
- Please DO NOT send your child with a family member who is not their legal guardian. Children ages 6 months thru 17 years must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and the consent must be signed by the parent.

Some people should only receive their flu vaccine from their doctor:

- Those who are allergic to eggs or any vaccine component.
- Those who are on immunosuppressive therapy (cancer treatment or steroid therapy).
- Those with multiple sclerosis, previous attacks of GBS, or other recurring or persistent neurological illness.

Helpful Tips for the Clinics:

- PLEASE wear a face mask; we are a healthcare entity.
- Available to County residents only, proof of residency is required
- Please have your ID (driver's license) ready upon entering a clinic
- Wear clothes which will permit you to easily expose your dominant (shot) arm.
- If you need proof that you received the flu vaccine, please ask your nurse prior to administration
- Keep your belongings with you at all times.
- Clinics will begin and end as scheduled.
- This year's clinic schedule is also on the County's website.

Covering coughs and sneezes - coupled with frequent and thorough hand washing - combats many diseases, especially during flu season.

The Gloucester County Department of Health is located at 204 East Holly Avenue in Sewell.

Visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov for more information or contact us at (856) 218-4101.



ANIMAL SHELTER RECEIVES LARGE DONATION

Lily Cuticchia, a rising 4th grader, has hosted a charity outreach the past three summers. This summer, the Gloucester County Animal Shelter received a huge donation from Lily's charitable outreach.

Lily raised over \$2,000 by baking hundreds of dog treats, creating a dog-friendly cookbook, and selling treats throughout her community. Alongside her mother, Jordan, Lily researched what supplies the shelter needed and started shopping for collars, toys, cleaning supplies, and over 1,200 pounds of dog and cat food.

Director Frank DiMarco & Commissioner Jim Jefferson were able to meet, honor, and thank Lily for all her hard work and generosity. They ended the day by giving Lily and her family a tour of the Gloucester County Animal Shelter so Lily could see where all her donations will be put to good use.

If you want to donate or volunteer at the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov or call (856) 853-3386.

2022 FLU SHOT CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Gloucester County Department of Health is located at 204 East Holly Avenue in Sewell. Visit www.glocestercountynj.gov for more information or contact us at (856) 218-4101.

Monday - October 3, 2022

4 PM to 6 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Saturday - October 8, 2022

9 AM to 11 AM
Drive-Thru
Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Monday - October 10, 2022

4 PM to 6 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Thursday - October 13, 2022

5:30 PM to 7 PM
Drive-Thru
Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Saturday - October 15, 2022

11 AM to 12:30 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
141 Glen Echo Drive
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Monday - October 17, 2022

11 AM to 12:30 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Tuesday - October 18, 2022

4 PM to 6 PM
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Thursday - October 20, 2022

5:30 PM to 7 PM
Drive-Thru
Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Saturday - October 22, 2022

9:30 AM to 11 AM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - October 24, 2022

5 PM to 6:30 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
141 Glen Echo Drive
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Wednesday - October 26, 2022

12 PM to 1 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Thursday - October 27, 2022

5:30 PM to 7 PM
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Wednesday - November 2, 2022

9:30 AM to 11 AM
Drive-Thru
Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Thursday - November 3, 2022

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
141 Glen Echo Drive
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Monday - November 7, 2022

4:30 PM to 6 PM
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday - November 15, 2022

5 PM to 6 PM
Drive-Thru
Gloucester County Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)
45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Thursday - November 17, 2022

11 AM to 12 PM
Drive-Thru
Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Monday - November 21, 2022

4 PM to 5:30 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - November 28, 2022

1 PM to 2 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday - November 29, 2022

4 PM to 5:30 PM
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 5, 2022

4 PM to 5 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 12, 2022

3 PM to 5 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 19, 2022

4 PM to 5 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Thursday - December 22, 2022

1 PM to 2 PM
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Wednesday - December 28, 2022

2 PM to 5 PM
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic
Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

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Gloucester County Hosting Re-Entry Job & Resource Fair

Find a new start by attending the Gloucester County Re-entry Job and Resource Fair on September 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rowan College of South Jersey's Gymnasium. Hiring someone with a criminal history can immediately increase your candidate pool and improve your bottom line, thanks to incentive programs. If you're an employer who wants to participate or are someone searching for more information on the fair, scan the QR code, email rdavidson@rcsj.edu or call (856) 468-5000 ext. 6202

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.



SAVE THE DATE: MEGA JOB FAIR

The 2022 Mega Job Fair will take place on Friday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rowan College of South Jersey's Gymnasium. Connect with hundreds of employers looking for talented, desirable employees like you! The Mega Job fair is free to attend and there is no registration required.

The Board of Commissioners are sponsoring free job fair workshops to help you prepare for the fair! Workshops will be held:

Tuesday, September 27
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Rowan College Career & Technical Education Building
1492 Tanyard Rd.
Sewell, NJ 08080
Room 801

Wednesday, September 28
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Rowan College Career & Technical Education Building
1492 Tanyard Rd.
Sewell, NJ 08080
Room 801

For more information, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov
email ecdev@co.gloucester.nj.us or call our offices at (856) 384-6930.

FREE TRAINING FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES!

The Gloucester County Incumbent Worker Training Program has training funds for you and your business. The program helps employers build and maintain a quality workforce and increases employee skills, retention, and effectiveness. The program will help you create a company-specific training program, upskill your current employees, and increase overall employee retention. Each employer will receive a custom training solution for your organization.

Contact us at amagid@rcsj.edu or (856) 468-5000 ext. 5503.

SENIOR SERVICES NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Nutrition Program provides a well-balanced mid-day meal to seniors who are 60 or older or the spouse of a participant. The mid-day meal is served Monday through Friday at the Nutrition Sites listed. In addition to a meal, the sites also foster social interaction, and offer recreational and leisure activities as well as providing access to other supportive services available to Gloucester County senior citizens. Meals are planned by a nutritionist to ensure the recommended nutrients.

Mantua Township Community Center
111 Mercer Avenue Sewell, NJ 08080

Glassboro Senior Center
152 S Delsea Drive Glassboro, NJ 08028

Thorofare Fire Hall
100 Firehouse Road Thorofare, NJ 08086

Pfeiffer Community Center
301 Blue Bell Road Williamstown, NJ 08094

First Baptist Church Jericho
981 Mail Avenue Deptford, NJ 08096

Second Baptist Church
1534 Pine Street Paulsboro, NJ 08066

Do you know a senior in need of meal services but is unable to visit the meal sites? 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. A complete midday meal is delivered to participants Monday through Friday and frozen meals are available for the weekends.

We ask that seniors call the Division of Senior Services prior to attending the meal sites to ensure we reserve enough meals for everyone.

For more information, please call (856) 384-6900
or email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us.

SENIOR NUTRITION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to give back to the community? Volunteer at Gloucester County Senior Services! Volunteers are needed in the kitchens to prepare Serv-A-Tray luncheons and serve at the Nutrition Sites. We also need volunteer drivers for the Serv-A-Tray program.

For more information, please call (856) 384-6900
or email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us.