

# Gloucester County Today

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## FREEZING SPENDING WILL LEAD TO MORE TAX RATE DECREASES

Over the past two years, the County Board of Commissioners has cut the tax rate, which benefited all municipalities in either a tax decrease or no increase (FLAT); freezing spending will aid in additional decreases.

The impact of shared services across the county is a major key in keeping the tax rate low. Director DiMarco says that our shared service initiatives, combined with the county spending freeze, will have impressive impacts on our 2022 taxes.

"Good government doesn't happen overnight. It's only possible with proactive planning and initiatives. Since 2008, Gloucester County has been acting aggressively and strategically to ensure if a recession comes, we are prepared," said Director DiMarco. "I have no doubt that we will continue to deliver top-notch services, programs, and assistance to those in need."

To read more, visit [www.glooucestercountynj.gov](http://www.glooucestercountynj.gov).

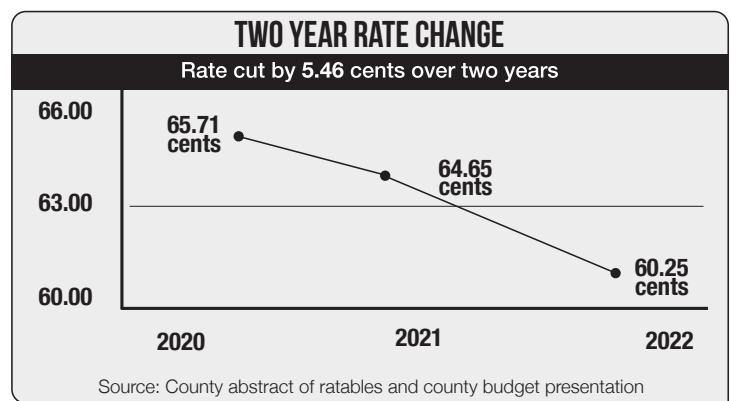


## GRAB YOUR RUNNING SHOES- JONAS CATTELL 10-MILE & FORT MERCER 5K IS BACK!

On Sunday, October 23, Gloucester County will be celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the 10-mile Jonas Cattell Run to warn the soldiers of Fort Mercer at Red Bank that over 1200 Hessian soldiers were approaching to take over the fort.

The 10-mile run is a point-to-point course from Haddonfield to National Park, which Jonas Cattell ran on October 22, 1777. The 5K course will be an out-and-back, starting and finishing at the Red Bank Battlefield.

Register to run here: [runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Haddonfield/JonasCattellMemorialRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Haddonfield/JonasCattellMemorialRun)



## SENIOR CITIZEN PICNIC

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners sponsored their annual Senior Citizen Picnic on September 20, 2022 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Redbank Battlefield in National Park. Seniors enjoyed a BBQ, live music, entertainment, and dance contests throughout the day. The theme of this year's Senior Citizen Picnic was 70's / Disco.

For more information about what is available throughout the year contact the Division of Senior Services at 115 Budd Boulevard in West Deptford by phone at (856)384-6900 or email them at [seniors@co.glooucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.glooucester.nj.us).

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## DON'T MISS YOUR FLU SHOT

Annual vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against the flu. 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 a virus;  
a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and  
a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)- like virus.

Check out our October dates below or scan the QR code to see the full schedule.

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

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

Visit [www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov) for more information, or contact us at (856) 218-4101.

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## THANK YOU, VETERANS

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners honored our veterans at the Gloucester County Service Medal Ceremony on Saturday, September 24, at Riverwinds in West Deptford.

Since the Board of Commissioners commissioned the Military Service medal in 2001, over 5,800 medals have been presented to the men and women who have bravely and selflessly served our nation. This year, over 90 veterans were honored at the ceremony.

“Being able to honor our veterans is a small way to say thank you for the sacrifices they’ve made for our county and each of us,” said Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, liaison to the Office of Veterans Affairs. If you are a veteran interested in receiving the Gloucester County Service Medal, fill out an application at [www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov) or call (856) 401-7660.



Pictured: Kenneth Underwood, US Air Force, Ms. Margie Underwood and Commissioner Denice DiCarlo

## MEGA JOB FAIR IS COMING

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, and no registration is required.

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

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER'S PET FOOD PANTRY

In 2020, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners launched the Pet Food Pantry in response to the pandemic. The Pet Food Pantry was created to alleviate the financial burden of purchasing pet food and supplies so pets can stay with their families.

The Pet Food Pantry is still open for those in need. Contact the Gloucester County Animal Shelter to set up a time to visit the pantry. If you’d like to donate to the shelter, please get in touch with the shelter directly to see what they are accepting.

Visit [www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov) or call (856) 881-2828 for more information.

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## 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.glocester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.glocester.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.

View the application here: [www.glocestercountynj.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1620/Volunteer-Application-PDF?bidId=1](http://www.glocestercountynj.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1620/Volunteer-Application-PDF?bidId=1)

## ADDICTION SERVICES- YOU ARE NOT ALONE

As the holidays are near, the Gloucester County Addictions Task Force wants to remind residents that help is available to make living with or overcoming addiction easier.

**If you are a Gloucester County resident needing intervention, prevention, recovery, or treatment services, please contact the Division of Addiction Services at 856-384-6885 or visit [www.glocestercountynj.gov](http://www.glocestercountynj.gov).**



## TREAT YOURSELF TO A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo and Commissioner Jim Jefferson encourage residents to plan celebrations or participate in Halloween activities to keep public health and safety recommendations in mind.

The Gloucester County Department of Health and the Gloucester County Department of Emergency Response encourages all residents participating in Halloween activities to do so safely.

Practice hand hygiene by handwashing or hand sanitizer. Trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods. Accept treats only at the front door. Never enter the home of a stranger.

Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help kids see and be seen by drivers.

Approach only homes that have their front porch light on. Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating.

Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks. Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run across the street.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, medians, and curbs. Parents should check all candy and treats before children ingest them.

Gloucester County asks residents to check with local sources to find out trick-or-treating times across their towns.



## GLOUCESTER COUNTY VETERANS DAY CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ)'s Student Veterans Association will hold the 2022 Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at Rowan College in Gloucester County.

The event will occur in the Physical Education Center on the Rowan College of South Jersey's Gloucester County Campus, 1400 Tanyard Rd. Sewell, NJ 08080.

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## EXPLORE GLOUCESTER COUNTY

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners has launched the Gloucester County Tourism Guide interactive website as part of the Economic Recovery Plan.

Gloucester County continues to develop strategies for economic recovery and post-pandemic growth, including opportunities to support the tourism industry. The Gloucester County Commissioners recognize South Jersey has a wealth of unforgettable experiences and are committed to helping promote them.

The Gloucester County Tourism Guide is interactive and has categorized the experiences into the following sections: wineries & breweries, hotels, leisure activities, camping and the great outdoors, arts & entertainment, historical sites, and colleges.

Scan the QR code and start exploring!



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.

Are you a small business that wants to be listed? Please contact the Gloucester County Department of Economic Development by calling (856) 384-6930 or emailing [ecodev@co.glooucester.nj.us](mailto:ecodev@co.glooucester.nj.us). This website will be updated regularly.

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## COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Commission Deputy Director Heather Simmons announced that there are lots of upgrades and road work being done around the County. The battery backup system has been replaced with a new unit at the Egg Harbor Road & Greentree Road intersection in Washington Township. This improvement will enable the traffic signal to operate for several hours after a power outage at this location.



The milling and paving of the CR 689 Cross Keys By Pass in Washington Township are in the works. This work is being completed as part of a federally funded Engineering Project 19-14.



The appearance of our County roadways is important to us. That is why throughout the County, you will see our highway crew performing tree trimming and edge of the road trimming and mowing, just like you see here along CR 623 Clems Run Road in Mullica Hill.

With the assistance of Harrison Police with traffic control, the mowing and trimming of the edge of roadway along Rt 322 in Harrison Township was able to be completed.