

Gloucester County Today

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Seniors, Let's Celebrate the Holidays!



Due to overwhelming demand, we have added another date to our Annual Gloucester County Senior Citizen Holiday Party – December 28, 2022 and is on sale now.

The Gloucester County Senior Citizen Holiday Party took place on December 6, 7, 13, 14 but we added another date of December 28th so more can take advantage of this great outing. The event will be held at 11a.m. at Auletto Caterers (1849 Cooper St., Deptford).

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 \$2.00 per person, first come, first served!

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Senior Services at 856-384-6900, seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us or visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov.

Shady Lane Nursing Home Named One of the Best by U.S. News

Gloucester County's Shady Lane Nursing Home received top ratings from US News in Short Term Rehabilitation (3/3) and Long-Term Care (3/3), landing them on the list of Best Nursing Homes in 2022-2023

"Shady Lane Home offers its residents quality healthcare, therapeutic recreation, dining and social opportunities. Staff works very hard to make sure that

Honoring 2022 Women of Achievement



On Tuesday, October 18, Director Frank J. DiMarco and Commissioner Jim Jefferson honored 19 women at the 2020-2022 Women of Achievement. Over 200 families and friends were in attendance to celebrate these wonderful women.

"We are very lucky to be amongst so many extraordinary women who have excelled in their professional career while showing commitment to their community and families," said Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the

Commission for Women.

Commissioner Jim Jefferson and Director Frank J. DiMarco are pictured with honorees: Ruby Love, Vanessa James, Theresa Rohlfing, Dr. Patricia Claghorn, Alice Smith, Dr. Jennifer LeComte, Chief Stacey Mangine, Meggan Ciaccia, Dr. Sue Lehrman, Sr. Joann Burzichelli, Nancy Kowalik, Tiffany Walker, Dr. Susan Hall, Helen Ireland, Kyana Evans, Hannah Dumas, Autumn Shingler Nace, Dr. Piera Gravenor, Dr. Jill Del Conte

each resident is comfortable and healthy while in our care," said Director Frank J. DiMarco, liaison to the Gloucester County Improvement Authority.

To be recognized as one of the 2022-2023 U.S. News Best Nursing Homes, a home must have been "High Performing" in short-term rehabilitation, long-term care or both. Shady Lane was one of only 335 nursing homes nationwide to achieve the highest rating in both categories.

To learn more about Shady Lane Nursing Home, visit <https://www.gcianj.com/shady-lane-nursing-home/>

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BLUE AND GOLD STAR MONUMENTS DEDICATED IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY



On October 29, Director Frank J. DiMarco, Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, and County Clerk James Hogan attended the Blue and Gold Star Marker dedication at the Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery.

Blue Stars represented living service members, while a Gold Star represented those who had lost their lives fighting for our country.

This was made possible thanks to the Gloucester County Veterans Advisory Council, Greater Woodbury Garden Club, the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the Garden Club of New Jersey.



REMEMBER RCSJ

Commissioner Lyman Barnes, liaison to Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ), reminds residents that RCSJ offers a high-quality education with an annual tuition rate that's approximately 67% less than the average four-year college. **For more information and to enroll, visit rcsj.edu.**

Also visit RCSJ's Facebook page to view a new video providing an exciting overview of the College's many offerings.

REMEMBER OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THIS 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 Property Value.
- Preserve the Uniqueness of My Community.

On October 24, 2022, Commission Director Frank DiMarco and Commission Deputy Director Heather Simmons kicked off the County's 11th 'Shop, Dine, Go Local' 2022 Campaign at Okinawa Kenpo Karate Academy in West Deptford, NJ.

For more information on the 2022 Shop Local Campaign, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov

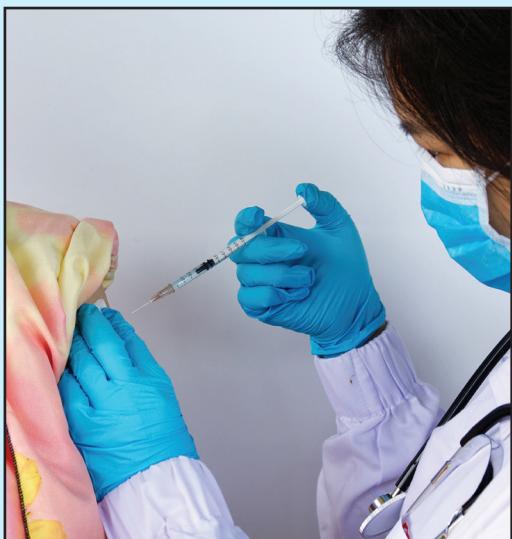
HOLIDAY TIPS FOR FAMILIES OF SUBSTANCE USERS

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 Commissioners and the Addictions Task Force has resources for you.

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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!

Thursday- December 22, 2022

1 PM- 2 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday- December 27, 2022

4 PM- 5 PM

Deptford Municipal Building
1011 Cooper St.
Deptford, NJ 08096

Wednesday- December 28, 2022

2 PM- 5 PM

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

Monday- January 9, 2023

3 PM- 5 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Wednesday- January 18, 2023

11 AM- 12 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday- January 23, 2023

3 PM- 5 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

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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 that diners receive the recommended nutrients. Sites are at Mantua Township Community Center, Glassboro Township Senior Center, Thorofare Fire Hall, Monroe Township Pfeiffer Community Center, Deptford Township First Baptist Church of Jericho, and Paulsboro Township Second Baptist Church. 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.

The Division of Senior Services asks seniors to call ahead of visiting a site to ensure they have enough meals ordered for everyone.

THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER SEEKS ADOPTERS!

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter is at full capacity and in urgent need of residents to adopt and provide homes to the dogs and cats currently in its care.

The Animal Shelter functions as an impoundment and adoption facility for the public. The shelter staffs 36 employees who provide services in two ways: Animal Control services and Animal Shelter services.

"Our Animal Shelter serves over 3,000 domestic animals each year and, as we head into the winter months and holiday season, is currently full. We ask that compassionate County residents with the ability to give these pets a safe and happy home consider adoption," said Director Frank J. DiMarco, liaison to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter.

Not only do animals give you unconditional love, but they are psychologically, emotionally, and physically beneficial to their companions. Caring for a pet can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessen feelings of loneliness. And when you adopt, you can also feel proud about helping an animal in need!

While we are encouraging people to come and adopt these animals, it is also important that you prepare yourself for the responsibilities that come with adoption. These beautiful animals deserve to find a happy and safe home so that they can live life to the fullest. Please evaluate carefully before you adopt to make sure you have the time and ability to give them that.

The Animal Shelter is located at 1200 Delsea Drive in Clayton.

For directions, hours, and additional information, please visit [https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/160/Animal-Shelter](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/160/Animal-Shelter).

You may also call (856) 881-2828.

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GEARING UP FOR SNOW



The Department of Public Works is getting ready for snow and ice season! Deputy Director Heather Simmons noted, "County trucks will be brining emergency routes, overpasses, and major county roadways throughout the winter season during any storms that may impact the Gloucester County region."

The county's trucks will be prepared and loaded with salt. We have 7,000 tons of salt on hand throughout the county and 10,000 gallons of brine. The Public Works Department generally will not plow roads until there is upward of two inches of snow on the ground. They may spread salt on overpasses and icy areas and, when necessary, push slush off the roadways.

Deputy Director Simmons added, "We always are working to keep our roadways safe, and we ask that motorists minimize travel whenever possible during icy and snowing conditions."

Updates on closures and changes to road conditions will always be shared on our social media @GloucesterCountyNJ.

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FREE WILLS PROGRAM

Gloucester County's free wills program is offered to our veteran and senior population at no charge. The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs can provide a free simple will to individuals 59 years of age and younger. The Division of Senior Services will provide a free simple will to veterans and residents 60 years of age and older.

If you are a veteran 59 years of age and younger, please contact our Veteran's Affairs Office at (856) 401-7660 or email at vets@co.goucester.nj.us.

If you are a veteran or senior 60 years of age and older, please contact our Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900 or email at seniors@co.goucester.nj.us. Or visit our website at www.goucestercountynj.gov

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Monday- January 30, 2023

1 PM- 3 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Wednesday- February 1, 2023

1 PM- 2 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday- February 6, 2023

4 PM- 5 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday- February 13, 2023

4 PM- 5 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday- February 14, 2023

1 PM- 2 PM

Gloucester Co. Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080