

# Gloucester County Today

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## SENIOR HOLIDAY FUN!

Thank you to all our seniors that came to the 2022 Senior Holiday Parties!

The Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Division of Senior Services, were happy to celebrate another amazing year with our Gloucester County Seniors!

The 2023 Senior Events listings will be released soon. Check [www.glocestercountynj.gov](http://www.glocestercountynj.gov) or keep an eye out for our Senior Newsletter in early February.



Commissioner Jim Jefferson and senior, Betty Small.



Commissioner Jim Jefferson, Health and Human Services Director Michelle Baylor, Stacey Reid of Senior Services and Surrogate Joe Chila at a 2022 Senior Holiday Party.

## DREAM PARK

The Gloucester County DREAM Park was created to provide opportunities for those who own horses to have a place to participate in shows and competitions, and also as a place to allow the public to experience the magnificence and beauty of these animals first hand.

The DREAM Park also offers boarding for horses across the area. The DREAM Park recently had a celebrity boarder- Ranger III, the mascot for the Army Mules! Ranger III boarded with DREAM Park during the 2022 Army Navy game held in Philadelphia, PA.



Commissioner Lyman Barnes stopped by the DREAM Park to visit Army mascot Ranger III. For more information regarding DREAM Park, please visit [www.dreamparknj.com](http://www.dreamparknj.com) or call (856) 241-1415

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## 2023 BASIC HORTICULTURE SCHOOL & PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CLASSES

The Gloucester County Certified Gardeners are hosting Pesticide Recertification Classes starting this January announced Deputy Director Heather Simmons, liaison to the Certified Gardeners.

The sessions will provide participants with basic principles and recent advances relevant to the topics. Information is based on research from Land Grant Universities. Attendees will have an opportunity to acquire DEP pesticide credits indicated for selected classes.

Classes include basic entomology, lawn & turf care, indoor plant maintenance, gardening for bees & pollinators and MUCH MORE!

Classes are recommended for professionals involved in: garden center sales and service; landscapers, managers of residential parks, schools and municipal grounds; golf

course superintendents, athletic field managers and other commercial horticulturists.

Each class is \$25 and registration must be completed one week prior to the class you'd like to attend. For more information, contact the Division of Certified Gardeners at (856) 224-8045.

To register, view the brochure online or scan the QR Code: <https://www.glocestercountynj.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9160/2023-Pesticide-Recertification-Classes?bidId=>



## GET YOUR FURRY-FRIENDS THEIR ANNUAL FREE RABIES VACCINE

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners - in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and Gloucester County Animal Shelter (GCAS) - have announced the dates for the 2023 Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic offered to residents' pets.

"Receiving a free rabies vaccine keeps your pet and our community safe," said Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Department of Health.

For more information please call (856) 881-2828 or email Wendy at [wcarey@co.glocester.nj.us](mailto:wcarey@co.glocester.nj.us)

**Check out the dates through the beginning of the year:**

### Woodbury Heights

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 10 AM – 11:30 AM  
Woodbury Heights Community Center 741 Helen Ave.

### East Greenwich

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 10 AM – 12:00 PM  
Public Works 96 East Rattling Run Rd

### Elk

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10 AM – 12:00 PM  
Township Municipal Garage 680 Whig Lane

### Franklin

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Public Works 234 Broad Street, Malaga

### Glassboro

Saturday, February 25, 2023, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Highway Department 125 Grove Street

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## CELEBRATING NEW BUSINESSES IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY



Deputy Director Heather Simmons, Liaison to Economic and Workforce Development, presented a Certificate of Achievement to new business owners Katie Thomson and her husband Aaron at the ribbon cutting of Hugs Ceramics in Westville.

Hugs Ceramics is dedicated to bringing art, whimsy, and creativity to our community. Through creating handmade pottery and facilitating clay exploration, Hugs Ceramics' mission is to provide a positive, supportive, and safe space for all people to express themselves with clay.

**Learn more at [hugsceramics.com](http://hugsceramics.com)**

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## PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT IN FULL SWING



The Gloucester County Improvement Authority (GCIA) has been the construction manager for the redevelopment of the Paulsboro Marine Terminal. This has been a multi-year process on behalf of the South Jersey Port Corporation with funding of over \$360m coming from the state. The site was targeted to serve the offshore wind industry and provide for living wage job creation and hundreds of millions in private investment. Currently, the wharf is being reconfigured to accommodate the large components going out to sea that will eventually be manufactured onsite. The GCIA has been at the forefront of making this project a reality from its inception. It is a major creator of economic development for not only our county but the state and the region as a whole.

## NEW YEAR, NEW EVENTS AT GCLS

The Gloucester County Library has events for the whole family!

Commissioner Lyman Barnes, liaison to the Gloucester County Library System, encourages residents to take advantage of the programming at the library.

"The Gloucester County Library has resources beyond your imagination. We are always scheduling new events and classes from laser cutting certifications to computer literacy to knitting classes. Whether you are looking for new hobbies or you want to get your children involved in library activities, there's something for everyone," said Commissioner Barnes.

The 2023 calendar is posted to the Library's website at [www.gcls.org](http://www.gcls.org) or call us at 856-223-6000.

The Gloucester County Library System consists of five branches: Glassboro, Greenwich, Logan, Mullica Hill, Swedesboro and Newfield.

## DON'T MISS OUT ON SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH GLOUCESTER COUNTY!

Commissioner Lyman Barnes, in cooperation with the Board of Commissioners and Rowan College South Jersey, will release the 2023-2024 Gloucester County Intern Scholarship Program applications in February 2023.

The Gloucester County Intern Scholarship Program is an initiative created to provide qualified, first-year RCSJ students with a potential two-year tuition and fees award, along with field-specific work experience.

"Keeping education affordable and accessible to everyone is a necessary action in order to open educational opportunities to recent high school graduates. Many students graduate with debt and the price of education deters many from pursuing a degree. Gloucester County and Rowan College are committed to making quality education affordable for everyone," said Commissioner Lyman Barnes, liaison to Education.



For more information including criteria and our application, visit [www.RCSJ.edu/ISP](http://www.RCSJ.edu/ISP) or contact Amy Mulholland, Director of ISP at (856) 853-3380 or via email [amulholland@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:amulholland@co.goucester.nj.us)

## 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.goucestercountynj.gov](http://www.goucestercountynj.gov) or call (856) 881-2828 for more information.

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## UPDATE ON OUR GLOUCESTER COUNTY ROAD WORK

Our Road Crews don't let the cold weather slow them down!

Crews were busy replacing signage at the Swedesboro Roundabout and patching potholes on Clems Run Road in Mullica Hill this winter.

If you see an issue on a County roadway, Deputy Director Heather Simmons, liaison to the Department of Public Works, asks you to report it by emailing [publicworks@co.glooucester.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@co.glooucester.nj.us) or calling 856-307-6400.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MEGA JOB FAIR!

Deputy Director Heather Simmons announced that the Spring 2023 MEGA Job Fair will take place on Friday, March 24, 2023.

Dust off those resumes and get ready for another great day full of recruiters looking for talented applicants like you!

The Department of Economic Development will sponsor workshops to get job seekers ready for the fair.

Visit [www.glooucestercountynj.gov](http://www.glooucestercountynj.gov) to view dates or call (856) 384-6930.

## 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 virus;  
a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus.

Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Department of Health, has extended free flu clinics through 2023!

Check out the dates below, call us at 856-218-4101 or scan the QR code to see the full schedule.

All clinics listed below will be held at the Gloucester County Health Department, located at 204 East Holly Avenue, Sewell, NJ 08080.

### Monday– January 23

3 PM- 5 PM

### Monday– January 30

1 PM- 3 PM

### Wednesday– February 1

1 PM- 2 PM

### Monday– February 6

4 PM- 5 PM

### Monday– February 13

4 PM- 5 PM

### Wednesday– February 22

1 PM- 2 PM

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