

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

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FOOD & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL ARRIVES AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD

The International Food & Craft Beer Festival arrives at Red Bank Battlefield this summer! In addition to an extensive culinary selection and a unique assortment of beers, the event features live music, games, and much more!

The festival will take place on **Saturday, August 5 (with a rain date of Sunday, August 6) from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park.**



MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL PROGRAM HONORS VETERANS



The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs is accepting applications for the Gloucester County Military Service Medal, which is available to Gloucester County residents who have served on active duty in the military and received an honorable discharge. This year's Military Service Medal recipients will be honored at a special ceremony to be held on **Saturday, September 23 at 11:00am** at RiverWinds Community Center, located at 1000 RiverWinds Drive in West Deptford.

To apply for the Military Service Medal, veterans must complete a simple form and provide documentation of their honorable discharge. For more information, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs>, scan the QR code, or call (856) 401-7660.

ROWAN COLLEGE BASEBALL MAKES HISTORY



The Rowan College Roadrunners baseball team recently made NJCAA Division III baseball history by capturing their record eighth championship, with a 15-7 triumph over Dallas College-Eastfield in the World Series final at Pioneer Park in Greeneville, TN. Commissioner Jim Jefferson joined to the team to celebrate on Tuesday, June 6.

SENIORS ENJOY SUMMER PICNIC

The Gloucester County Summer Senior Picnic, which was held on Wednesday, May 31 at James G. Atkinson Park, was a tremendous success, with over 1,500 seniors attending and enjoying a day filled with fun, entertainment, and community spirit. The picnic was a wonderful opportunity for attendees to socialize and enjoy the beautiful weather while also being treated to a delicious picnic lunch and refreshing ice cream. Commissioner Jim Jefferson, who serves as liaison to Senior Services, was on hand to enjoy the fun and visit with the attendees, along with Director Frank J. DiMarco, Deputy Director Heather Simmons, Surrogate Joe Chila, and County Clerk James Hogan.

The Summer Senior Picnic is just one of the many ways that the Board of County Commissioners seeks to bring the community together to celebrate, honor, and support our seniors. The picnic provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with each other while enjoying a fun and festive atmosphere. Events like the picnic represent Gloucester County's commitment to promoting independence, engagement, and enjoyment for all senior residents.

The next senior picnic will take place on **Tuesday, September 19**. Please see the advertisement on the next page for more information.



For information about future senior events and to learn about all of the programs and resources offered by the Division of Senior Services, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/303/Seniors, scan the QR code, email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us, or call (856) 384-6900.



MICROCHIP YOUR PET

If your dog or cat is ever lost, one of the best ways to help ensure their swift, safe return is to make sure they are microchipped. Director Frank J. DiMarco, who serves as liaison to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, has announced that a County "Microchip Mania!" event will take place on **Saturday, August 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at the Animal Shelter, which is located at 1200 North Delsea Drive in Clayton.

The fee to have your pet microchipped is \$30, which can be paid in cash or with a debit or credit card. The Shelter respectfully asks that dogs not be on retractable leashes and strongly discourages body harnesses for this event.

For more information about this event, please contact Gloucester County Animal Shelter by email at gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us or by phone at (856) 881-2828.

DISABILITY JOB FAIR

Deputy Director Heather Simmons, liaison to the Department of Economic Development, has announced that the County will hold its 8th annual Disability Employment Job Fair on **Thursday, July 27 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and the Gloucester County Workforce Development Board and hosted by Rowan College of South Jersey. The event will take place at Rowan College of South Jersey's Gloucester Campus, located at 1400 Tanyard Road in Sewell.

For more information about this event and all of the resources offered by the Department of Economic Development, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/397/Economic-Development, scan the QR code.



SENIOR FARMERS MARKET



The State of New Jersey's "Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program" began on June 1, promoting nutritional health by providing access to locally-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs to seniors. As part of this program, the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services will host "Summer Farmers Markets" at County nutrition centers this summer. Event dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday, July 20, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Glassboro Senior Center, 152 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro

Thursday, July 27, 10:00am - 12:00pm

First Baptist Church of Jericho, 981 Mail Avenue, Deptford

Thursday, August 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Second Baptist Church, 1534 Pine Street, Paulsboro

Thursday, August 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Pfeiffer Community Center, 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown

Seniors can apply onsite for benefits from the program at participating farmer's markets with assistance from our staff. Eligibility for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is limited to those senior citizens who are 60 years and older and whose gross income (i.e., income before deductions for income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, etc.) is equal to or less than the income poverty guidelines increased by 185%. Everyone attending these events will be able to choose from a wide selection of produce at a discounted rate, regardless of whether they qualify for benefits.

As part of each event, there will be a cooking demonstration showcasing healthy meal ideas and cooking techniques using these fresh fruits and vegetables.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY'S ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC

Come dressed as your favorite rock band and join us for Gloucester County's Annual Senior Picnic

Tuesday, September 19 - 11:00am - 3:00pm

Rain Date: Wednesday, September 20

Red Bank Battlefield

100 Hessian Avenue, National Park, NJ

Open to Gloucester County residents
60 years and older

Tickets on sale - \$2 each - while supplies last

**Get your tickets at Division of Senior Services,
115 Budd Boulevard in West Deptford or any of
the Senior Nutrition Sites.**

**For more information, contact the Division of
Senior Services at seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us
or (856) 384-6900.**

In addition, interested seniors may enroll in the Gloucester County Nutrition Program. This program provides a balanced midday meal to Gloucester County seniors age 60 or older. There is a voluntary donation of \$1.25 per meal, however, donations are not required. Besides nutritional services, nutrition sites also provide a variety of recreational and social activities.

For more information about the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program or the Gloucester County Nutrition Program, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/303/Seniors, scan the QR code, email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us, or call (856) 384-6900.



ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL TO RAISE OVERDOSE AWARENESS

Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Division of Human & Special Services, has announced that the Gloucester County Addictions Task Force will host the County's 8th Annual Candlelight Vigil to raise awareness of overdoses on **Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00pm at Millennium Plaza at James G. Atkinson Park, located at 138 Bethel Mill Road in Sewell.** The rain date for the vigil is Wednesday, August 30.

The vigil is scheduled in close proximity to International Overdose Awareness Day, which is on August 31. This global awareness event is held annually to help raise awareness of overdoses and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths. "Thousands of people from all walks of life die each year from drug-related causes," noted Commissioner Jefferson.

"Our vigil acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends and remembers those who have died or been permanently injured as a result of drug overdose"

If you have a family member or friend that you would like to commemorate during the candlelight vigil, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/168/Addiction-Services or scan the QR code to access an online form or to download a printable version that you can return by mail, email, or fax. The deadline to register is Friday, August 25



LOOK FOR THE WOW VAN



The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners brings substance abuse and mental health resources to the community with its mobile Recovery Van/Wellness on Wheels. This van is equipped with naloxone kits, peer specialists, resource and referral information, and more to serve residents who are struggling with addiction and/or mental health issues. By providing a comfortable, stigma-free setting to effectively contact and provide services to individuals who have had difficulty navigating the journey of accessing appropriate services. The van travels to different communities within the county, bringing much needed services and support. Look for the WOW van at a community event near you!

To learn more about the WOW van and all of the resources available through Gloucester County's Division of Addiction Services, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/168/Addiction-Services, scan the QR code, or call (856) 384-6885.



VISIT THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The Gloucester County 4-H Fair, presented by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County, returns to the Gloucester County Fairgrounds, located 275 Bridgeton Pike (Route 77) in Mullica Hill, from **Thursday, July 27 through Sunday, July 30.**

The Fair offers attendees the experience of an old time country celebration and safe, family-friendly entertainment! In addition to 4-H shows and exhibits, attendees can enjoy kids activities and "day at the farm", live entertainment, a car show (Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm), tractor and draft horse pulls (Saturday night), vendors, food trucks, BBQ, fresh produce, and much more.

Admission to the Fair is only \$10 per carload and is good for all four days.

For more information about the Fair and to stay in the know, visit www.facebook.com/groups/700345711109164/ or scan the QR code.



ENJOY OUTDOOR YOGA THIS SUMMER

Commissioner Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Gloucester County Department of Health, invites residents to participate in free “Yoga on the River” and “Yoga in the Park” classes, which are open to all Gloucester County residents. These beginner-level classes can help you relax and improve your well-being. Participants should bring their own mat.

“Yoga on the River” classes will take place at Red Bank Battlefield, located at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park, while “Yoga in the Park” classes are held at Scotland Run Park, 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. Please see the schedule for each location below.

Yoga on the River Red Bank Battlefield

10:00am - 10:45am

Tuesday, August 8

Tuesday, August 15

Tuesday, August 22

Tuesday, August 29

Tuesday, September 5

Tuesday, September 12

Thursday, September 21

Tuesday, September 26

Yoga in the Park Scotland Run Park

10:00am - 10:45am

Wednesday, August 9

Wednesday, August 23

Wednesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 20



Pre-registration is required for Yoga on The River and Yoga in the Park classes. To register, please email ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us or call (856) 218-4106. For additional information, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1394/Adult-Fitness-Programs or scan the QR code.



EMT TRAINING CLASS 7 GRADUATES



Gloucester County EMS' EMT Training Academy Class 7 recently completed didactic and clinical training. Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, liaison to Gloucester County Emergency Medical Service (GCEMS), was on hand for their graduation ceremony and addressed the graduates and their proud family members. Her remarks drove home the importance of the role that EMS plays. So far, seven of the graduates have successfully passed their National Registry of EMTs certification examination (on their first try!) and now hold National Registry and New Jersey EMT certifications. They will soon be assigned to GCEMS crews to complete their externships and transition into employees of the County of Gloucester and GCEMS.

For more information and to enroll in the tuition-free Gloucester County EMS EMT Training Academy, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1282/EMS-Academy> or scan the QR code.



GCEMS PERSONNEL HONORED

As a part of the recent observation of “EMS Week 2023”, the surgeons at Crozer Regional Trauma Center in Upland, PA honored Gloucester County Emergency Medical Service (GCEMS) EMTs Emily DuBeau and Steve Paoline for the timely and lifesaving care they provided to a motor vehicle accident patient in Logan Township. As a direct result of the prehospital care provided by Emily and Steve along with Inspira Paramedics Sean Chandler and Steve Hubbs (and their collective teamwork), as well as the timely interventions and ongoing care provided at Crozer, the severely injured patient was discharged seven weeks after the accident to continue his recovery at home.



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FREE SIMPLE WILLS OFFERED FOR VETERANS



The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs provides simple wills at no cost to veterans of all military branches. A simple will is an uncomplicated will that does not involve trusts or other complex estate plans. To be eligible for this program, the veteran must be a Gloucester County resident who received an honorable discharge.

To learn more about the free simple wills workshop, please email vets@co.gloucester.nj.us, call (856) 401-7660, or stop by the Office, which is located at 211 County House Road in Sewell.

To learn more about all of the services and resources available from the Office of Veterans Affairs, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs or scan the QR code.



GET YOUR VETERANS' ID CARD TODAY

Veterans who have not yet applied for their Veterans' Photo ID Card, which can be used for Veterans' discounts, can do so by taking their original DD-214, showing an Honorable Discharge, to one of the following locations:

Gloucester County Clerk's Office, 1 North Broad Street, Woodbury - Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm

County Store, located on the second floor of the Deptford Mall, 1750 Deptford Center Road, Deptford - Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 8:00pm

This service is provided free of charge.

In addition to receiving a Veterans' Photo ID Card, by recording their Military Discharge Papers with the County, veterans gain the security of knowing that their discharges are permanently on record with the Clerk's Record Room. All documents are considered confidential and can be accessed only by veterans or their family members.

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