

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

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## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE TO BE HELD MAY 26

Each year, families and veterans gather to honor the men and women who have fought for our country. Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, who serves as liaison to the Office of Veterans Affairs, has announced that this year's Gloucester County Memorial Day Service will take place on **Sunday, May 26** at 1:00pm at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, located at 240 South Tuckahoe Road in Monroe Township.

"Our veterans and their families have made tremendous sacrifices for our nation and for our community," noted Commissioner DiCarlo. "It is only right that we recognize them during our annual ceremony as well as provide resources and support throughout the year through the Office of Veterans Affairs."

There will be limited seating under the Committal Shelter, so it is suggested that attendees arrive early and bring a lawn chair. The ceremony is open to everyone and onsite parking is available.

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



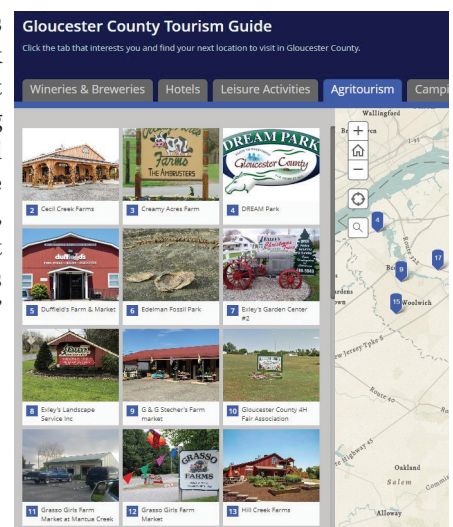
## EXPLORE ALL GLOUCESTER COUNTY HAS TO OFFER

Gloucester County is rich in historical sites and is home to some of the most beautiful parks, an excellent selection of local restaurants, acclaimed wineries, breweries, and agritourism experiences. Whether you are a local resident or just visiting for a long weekend, there is so much to explore and fun to be had in Gloucester County.

Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, liaison to the Department of Economic Development, invites residents to visit our interactive tourism guide to find places to visit throughout Gloucester County. "Our county has so much to offer residents and visitors and this is an excellent tool to explore it all," noted Commissioner Gattinelli. To get started, find a tab that interests you and

begin visiting some of what our county has to offer. "Between visiting the Dream Park to see an equestrian event, seeing a play at one of our performing arts theaters, visiting the Whitall House to see how people lived during the Revolutionary War, booking a tee time at one of our golf courses, skydiving, axe throwing, disc golf, or pickleball at Atkinson Park, the offerings are endless and the experiences are unforgettable," concluded Gattinelli.

Check out the Gloucester County Tourism Guide at [www.visitgcnj.com](http://www.visitgcnj.com) or by scanning the QR code.





## SENIORS SPRING FLING RETURNS

Commissioner Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Division of Senior Services, has announced that the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners is once hosting Spring Fling events for senior residents. This year's events will take place on **Wednesday, June 12, Tuesday June 18, and Wednesday, June 19** from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Auletto Caterers, located at 1849 Cooper Street in Woodbury.

Attendees will be provided with lunch, entertainment, and dancing along to a live band and DJ. There will also be a dance contest, door prizes, and more.

The event is open to residents of Gloucester County aged 60 or above. Tickets for the event are available for purchase beginning on **May 8** for \$2.00 each from the Division of Senior Services office or any of the six Senior Nutrition Sites throughout the County during hours of operation. Please note that a limited number of tickets are available for each event.

For further information, please call the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900, email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us), or visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/303/seniors>, or scan the QR code.



## MEDICAL REUSE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services and Deputy Director/liaison Jim Jefferson are thrilled to announce that the Senior Services Medical Equipment Reuse Program is actively seeking new and gently used medical equipment to support our cherished seniors.

The program accepts a variety of items such as canes, quad canes, shower and bath chairs, wheelchairs, scooters, blood pressure monitors, and more. Unopened/unexpired nutritional supplements and adult briefs/pads/diapers are also welcomed.

If you're 60 years or older (or a caregiver), you're eligible to pick up these essential items free of charge. Simply provide identification with proof of age and address. Our dedicated staff will then check the inventory and provide the requested items if available.

For equipment donations or any program-related questions, please call (856) 384-6900 or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us).

## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners is proud to present the 2024 lineup of free summer concerts. With a variety of genres, the series offers something for everyone! Upcoming concerts are listed below.

### Corner Boys & Company

**Saturday, June 8 - 7:00pm**

**Rain Date: Sunday, June 9 - 7:00pm**

**DJ Bentz Memorial Soccer Field, Clayton**

With over 20 years experience, this 10-piece party/dance band features three lead singers, an exciting horn section, and a top notch rhythm section to keep concertgoers on their feet.

To check out the full 2024 summer concert lineup, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1083/Concerts-2024> or scan the QR code. For rainout information, please call (856) 251-6738 after 4:00pm on the day of the show.

### Shayds of Gray

**Saturday, June 22 - 7:00pm**

**Rain Date: Sunday, June 23 - 7:00pm**

**5th and River Drive, Westville**

A cover band with both male and female lead singers based in Williamstown, Shayds of Gray plays a large variety of music including classic rock, hard rock, some 80's rock and some lighter metal, along with some southern rock/Americana.



## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 3

Mark your calendars! On **Monday, June 3**, at 9:00am, online program registration opens for Gloucester County Department of Parks and Recreation's popular summer youth programs, including Nature Detectives Camp and History Camp.

**Nature Detectives** campers are immersed in a fun and active nature camp experience, with both structured activities and time for unstructured, self-led downtime and exploration. The theme of each week is explored through various art, activities, games, experiments, and observation each day, with opportunities to further delve into subjects and activities that campers are drawn to. Each week includes a tour of our Nature Center, featuring live animals

**History Camp** offers a one-of-a-kind experience for youngsters entering 2nd through 6th grades. Watch history come alive! Come join us for a week of hands-on Colonial history. See what it was like to be a child during the 1700's. Enjoy days full of games and activities.

For more program and registration information, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1225/Summer-Programs> or scan the QR code.



## EXPLORE HISTORY AS A FAMILY

Come get your hands dirty with history during Family History Day - Archeology Day, which will take place on **Sunday, June 23**, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Red Bank Battlefield Park, located at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park. This free, rain or shine event includes hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Meet the archeology team and see what they've discovered!

For more information, please call (856) 853-5120.

## WATERFEST RETURNS JUNE 2

Catch all the fun and adventure on **Sunday, June 2**, from 11:00am to 4:00pm, as the popular Waterfest event returns to Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. Now in its 27th year, Waterfest is Gloucester County's largest environmental fair, featuring live animal shows, exhibits, food, canoeing, kayaking, and more! Visit the Nature Center and participate in a lake study. Live music throughout Waterfest will be provided by the Ian Goode Trio. In addition to exhibits, food, and more, the day's schedule will include:

- Animal Shows: 12:00pm, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm
- Balloon Animals: 11:00am to 3:30pm
- Canoeing and Kayaking: 11:00am to 3:30pm

For additional information about Waterfest, please call (856) 251-6710.

## SPRING PADDLES CONTINUE

Explore beautiful Wilson Lake and the many wonders it has to offer as guided canoe and kayak tours continue at Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. Tours will be offered from 9:30am to 11:30am on the following dates (participants MUST arrive by 9:15am)

- **Thursday, June 6**
- **Thursday, June 20**

Both canoes and kayaks are available. In order to participate in the event you must be able to operate a canoe or a kayak. This program is free to the public. Due to the limited number of boats available, pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1089/Spring-Paddles> or scan the QR code.



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

The always popular Movies in the Park series resumes this June. Gather the family and bring your blankets and chairs to catch a free movie throughout the county all summer long!

- **Friday, June 7 - Deptford (Rain Date: Saturday, June 8)**

*Trolls: Band Together*

Deptford Memorial Park, 12 Sycamore Lane, Deptford

- **Wednesday, June 12 - Westville (Rain Date: Thursday, June 13)**

*Migration*

Galbraith Park, River Drive, Westville

- **Friday, June 14 - Clayton (Rain Date: Saturday, June 15)**

*Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory*

Scotland Run Park, 980 East Academy Street, Clayton

- **Monday, June 24 - Wenonah (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 25)**

*Trolls: Band Together*

Wenonah Lake, Maple Street & Ogden Road, Wenonah

- **Friday, June 28 - Woolwich Township (Rain Date: Saturday, June 29)**

*Migration*

Woolwich Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich

To view the full 2024 Movies in the Park schedule, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1109/Movies-in-the-Park> or scan the QR code.





## FAMILY FUN SHOWS

The Gloucester County Board of County Commissioners announces its 2024 Family Fun Shows lineup.

Children and families are invited to sing-a-long, dance-a-long and have fun! These free shows last approximately 45 minutes. All shows begin at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

### DREAM Park

400 US-130, Logan Township

**Wednesday, July 10** - Street Sorcery

**Wednesday, July 31** - Dino Puppet Show

**Wednesday, August 21** - Western Variety Act

### Deptford Township Memorial Park

12 Sycamore Lane, Deptford

**Thursday, June 27** - Yosi – Pajama Party

**Thursday, July 25** - Magic Cooking Show

**Thursday, August 15** - Seussology

### Chestnut Branch Park

401 Main Street, Mantua

**Tuesday, June 25** - Dr. Rocco Shocko's Madcap Science Show

**Tuesday, July 16** - Lee's Circus Extravaganza

**Tuesday, August 6** - Mr. D's Kid's Fun Magic

## FREE CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS AT SCOTLAND RUN PARK

On Saturdays and Sundays from **June 8** through **September 1**, canoes and kayaks will be available at the beach area of Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. The boats are available beginning at 9:00am and the last boat launch is at 3:00pm.

Boats are on a first come, first serve basis. All children 14 years and younger, must be accompanied by an adult. Life jackets and paddles are provided. You must print out the waiver and have it filled out before your visit. See you on the water!

**For more information and to download a waiver, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/698/Canoeing-Kayaking> or scan the QR code. For rainout information, please call (856) 251-6738.**



## RCSJ BASEBALL TEAM RECEIVES CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS



County Commissioner Deputy Director Jim Jefferson was on hand recently as the Rowan College of South Jersey baseball team received the national championship rings they earned last year. Deputy Director Jefferson praised the athletes' outstanding achievement, a result of their hard work, dedication, and victorious spirit. The team's success has proven to be a proud moment and an inspiration to the aspiring young athletes in our community.

## MAY 24 IS DON'T FRY DAY

To help reduce rising rates of skin cancer from overexposure to the ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to encourage sun safety awareness and to remind everyone to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors.

### Sun Safety Tips:

- Slip on a long-sleeved shirt or other clothing to protect your skin from the sun.
- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Reapply at least every two hours.
- Wear a broad brimmed hat to protect the back of your neck and ears.
- Don't forget your sunglasses, preferably the ones that wrap around the sides of your face are best.

## COMMISSIONERS ASSIST WITH GCIA/GCEMS DEMOLITION PROJECT

During the weekend of March 2-3, Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, who serves as liaison to the Gloucester County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS), along with Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco and Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, lent their assistance to a Gloucester County Improvement Authority (GCIA) crew that demolished a long-standing eyesore on Bridgeton Pike in Harrison Township. The site is the future location of GCEMS station 83-3. Commissioner Director DiMarco remarked,

“While significant work remains to be accomplished, as a bid will need to be solicited and ultimately awarded for the construction of the station, this represents a huge step forward in the project.”

This project demonstrates the Board of Commissioners’ ongoing commitment to GCEMS and the outstanding service it provides daily to the residents of Gloucester County.



## FOOD TRUCK INSPECTIONS

As the weather warms, many towns are hosting outdoor events, and of course everyone loves the food truck festivals!

Did you know that the mobile unit food truck operators, as well as table top food vendors, must be inspected annually by their local health department? We want to make certain the public can attend the food filled fun events knowing the vendors have met the New Jersey Department of Health Requirements!

**If you are a vendor, please take a moment to visit the Gloucester County Health Department Food Vendors/ Special Event website for application and information. Please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/691/Food-Vendors-Special-Events>, scan the QR code, or call (856) 218-4170.**



## SOCIAL EATING PROGRAM INTRODUCED



In a world where social media, societal norms, and fitness trends often intertwine, it's crucial to address the potential impact on our relationship with food. The new “Social Eating” program recently introduced by the Gloucester County Department of Health helps shed light on the connections between social media, societal expectations, and fitness strategies that can contribute to eating disorders.

**This program, which aims to foster awareness and empower communities, is available to agencies and groups throughout Gloucester County. To schedule a presentation, please contact Carla Kephart at (856) 218-4106 or via email at [ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us).**



## PUBLIC WORKS ROADWORK NEVER ENDS

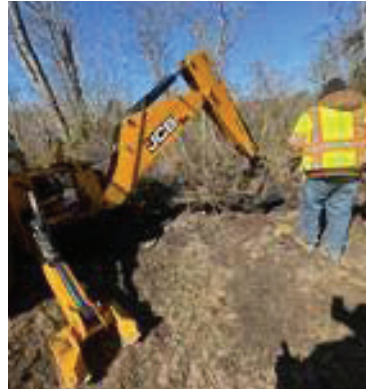
Commissioner and Department of Public Works liaison Matthew Weng reminds residents that the dedicated men and women of the department work tirelessly to keep our County roads safe, clean, and well-maintained. Here are some recent projects:



Patching potholes on CR 637 Fairview Road in Elk Township



Boom mower in action on CR 613 Porchtown Road near Iona Lake in Franklin Township



Vacuum truck and backhoe clearing a clogged storm pipe on CR 639 Ganttown Road in Washington Township



Filling shoulder with millings at the intersection of CR 621 County House Road and SR 41 Hurffville Road in Deptford



Patch truck at work on CR 667 Cedar Road in Harrison Township; pothole patrol on CR 678 Mount Royal Road in Mantua Township



Boom mower at work on CR 610 Clayton Williamstown Road near Fries Mill Road in Clayton; sweeper truck adding a sparkle to CR 632 Wenonah Avenue/ Mantua Avenue in Wenonah and Mantua



Pothole repairs on CR 626 Heritage Road in Mantua

Tree trimming on CR 621 Almonesson Road in Westville



## DOG AGILITY FUN AT DREAM PARK

What a fantastic day at the recent Delaware County Kennel Club's agility trial held at DREAM Park! Some of the event's incredible participants included:

- Joan Millsaps and her sweet Golden Retriever Molly, spreading joy with every jump and twist.
- Holly Gudath with her elegant Bull Mastiff, Saxby, gracefully navigating the agility course.
- Joanne Adamczyk and her handsome Doberman, Samson, showcasing strength and agility.

But agility events aren't just about competition - they also feature friendship and collaboration. These friends not only shine together in the show ring but also train side-by-side, supporting each other every step of the way.

To learn more about upcoming events at DREAM Park, visit <https://dreamparknj.com/> or scan the QR code.



### MAY IS NATIONAL BLOOD PRESSURE AWARENESS MONTH

**Blood pressure** is the pressure of blood pushing against the walls of your arteries. Arteries carry blood from your heart to other parts of your body.

**Hypertension**, also called high blood pressure, is blood pressure that is higher than normal.

#### Hypertension Facts

Having hypertension puts you at risk for heart disease and stroke, which are leading causes of death in the United States.

In 2021, hypertension was a primary or contributing cause of 691,095 deaths in the United States.

Nearly half of adults have hypertension (48.1%, 119.9 million), defined as a systolic blood pressure greater than 130 mmHg or a diastolic blood pressure greater than 80 mmHg or are taking medication for hypertension.

A greater percentage of men (50%) have high blood pressure than women (44%).



#### Hypertension Prevention

Keep yourself at a healthy weight.

Be physically active.

Do not smoke.

Limit how much alcohol you drink.

Get enough sleep.

## THEATRE CAMP RETURNS AT ROWAN UNIVERSITY



Gloucester County's Summer Theatre Camps return for 2024 in partnership with Rowan University's College of Performing Arts. The activities and instruction campers love will have a new home in the College's acting studio and Black Box and Tohill Theaters. Programming will provide a basic understanding and appreciation for performing arts through games, exercises, improvisation, and instructional rehearsals.

**For students entering 3rd through 7th grades:**

**July 8 through August 10**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 12:00pm

**For students entering 8th through 12th grades:**

**July 8 through August 17**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration is \$210 per camper. To register, please visit [go.rowan.edu/GCTheatreCamp2024](http://go.rowan.edu/GCTheatreCamp2024). Or scan the QR code.



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## BIG SHREDDING EVENT ON JUNE 15



Gloucester County's 19th annual "Big Shredding" event will take place on **Saturday, June 15** from 8:00am to 11:00am at the Gloucester County Complex, located at 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton.

Each Gloucester County resident can shred up to 75 pounds of paper, spread over no more than (3) boxes or plastic tote containers (these will be immediately returned to the resident). No items will be accepted in plastic bags and no old newspapers, magazines, binder clips, or three ring binders can be shredded.

**For more information about the "Big Shredding" event, please call (856) 218-4170 or email [wcairey@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:wcairey@co.gloucester.nj.us).**

## DOG ADOPTION FEES REDUCED



Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco, liaison to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter (GCAS), proudly announces that adoption fees for all dogs have been reduced to \$35. If you are thinking about adding a furry friend to your family, please stop by GCAS.

**For more information about pet adoption and all of the services available through GCAS, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/160/Animal-Shelter> or scan the QR code.**



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