

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

SENIORS TO SENIORS PROGRAM OFFERS FELINE COMPANIONSHIP

Are you a senior citizen looking for a furry companion to brighten your days? Look no further!

Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco proudly announces Seniors to Seniors, a heartwarming new initiative by Gloucester County Animal Shelter in collaboration with the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services.

"We understand the incredible bond between seniors and pets, so we're thrilled to offer free adoption for seniors aged 60 and over, specifically pairing them with senior cats (aged 6 and over) who are in need of loving homes," announced Director DiMarco.

What's included? All cats will be spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on vaccines. Plus, the County will provide food as needed. You'll also receive all the essential supplies to kickstart your journey together, including a litter box, bowls, food, and toys.

Ready to welcome a wise and wonderful feline friend into your home? Contact the Gloucester County Animal Shelter at (856) 881-2828 or email gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us for more information and to start the adoption process.



FIRE ACADEMY UPDATES

Commissioner/Liaison Denise DiCarlo has announced recent updates from the Gloucester County Fire Academy as they continue to excel at their mission to equip our firefighters with the skills and resources needed to keep our community safe.

On Sunday, March 17 and Monday, March 18, our dedicated Fire Academy Instructors achieved certification for conducting live fire training in the brand-new burn building.

On Sunday, March 17, firefighters from various municipal fire departments had the opportunity to participate in live fire training exercises, further enhancing their skills and readiness to serve our community. Director DiMarco and Commissioner DiCarlo were on hand to



tour the new facility and commend the Academy Staff for their commitment and dedication to the Fire Service.

On Friday, March 22, 8,400 square feet of concrete was poured in the new Instructional/Engine Room, marking significant progress towards the completion of this building.

MOTH NIGHT AT SCOTLAND RUN PARK

Take part in our annual Moth Night at Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton on **Saturday, July 20** from 8:00pm to 12:00am (rain date **Sunday July 21**), where we showcase the beauty and diversity of our local moths, many of which rival butterflies in attractiveness. Learn how to attract and identify moths near your own home.



This event is free but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1182/Moth-Night---720> or scan the QR code. For more information about Moth Night, please call (856) 881-0845.



THE HONOR FLIGHT



County Commission Deputy Director, Jim Jefferson is joined by Monroe Township Councilman Don Heverly and Veterans Anthony H. Matthis and Frederick L. Burnett at the Annual Honor Flight of Southern NJ. The event, which was held at Williamstown High School in Monroe Township, was coordinated by community volunteers, staff and students of the high school, and the local police department. What a great way to honor our Veterans!

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS



The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners' series of summer concerts is in full swing! With a variety of genres, the series offers something for everyone! Check out these upcoming shows.

Bar None Band

Saturday, June 29 - 7:00pm (rain date Sunday, June 30)
25 North Broad Street, Woodbury

Bar None consists of versatile and seasoned musicians that enjoy playing many genres of cover music. The band's song list is made up of a "No Holds Barred" selection that ranges from pop, rock, country, dance, disco & top 40 hits!

Swing That Cat

Saturday, July 6 - 7:00pm (rain date Sunday, July 7)
James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Front and center is Michele Peraino, a modern-day Rita Hayworth meets Catwoman, with a vocal range and style drawn from another era, blending the sultry Jazz sound of Sarah Vaughan, and Rosemary Clooney, with the bawdy early Rock and Roll roar of Etta James. On stage, her voice combines with a penchant for performing, as Michele creates a hypnotic expression of the rhythm that entrances the audience and engages them in the performance. But hang on for the twist - Swing That Cat also features Hugh Alan Luck on flute as their Lead Guitarist. Backed by Chris Peraino (Rhythm Guitar), Sam Harasink (Bass), Styx Latte (Drums), David Graham (Saxophones), and a rotating cast of crazy cats on horns, who all call Philly / South Jersey their home.

Strictly 60's

Saturday, July 13 - 7:00pm (rain date Sunday, July 14)
James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Strictly 60's is comprised of those kids who were caught up in the explosion of those great 60's sounds! They are committed to keeping the music of this magical decade of music not only alive but explosive!

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Peabody's Wayback Machine

Saturday, July 27 - 7:00pm (rain date Sunday, July 28)

James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Take a ride back in time with Peabody's Wayback Machine. This high energy throwback band specializes in songs from the 1980's. They play all the hit songs you remember and many of those deeper tracks that you forgot about.

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.



FAMILY SHOWS FOR FAMILY FUN



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

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Gloucester County's popular Movies in the Park series continues all summer long with free movies throughout the county. Gather the family, bring your blankets and chairs, and catch a family-friendly film.

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

Friday, July 5 - Glassboro (rain date Saturday, July 6)

Under the Boardwalk

New Street Park, 410 East New Street, Glassboro

Friday, July 12 - Woodbury (rain date Saturday, July 13)

Elemental

YMCA, 235 East Red Bank Avenue, Woodbury

Wednesday, July 17 - Swedesboro (rain date Thursday, July 18)

Super Mario Bros. Movie

Swedesboro Auction Block, 400 Anderson Avenue, Swedesboro

Friday, July 19 - Red Bank Battlefield (rain date Saturday, July 20)

The Lorax

Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Avenue, National Park

Wednesday, July 24 - South Harrison (rain date Thursday, July 25)

Trolls: Band Together

Stewart Park, 67 Ferrell Road, Mullica Hill

Friday, July 26 - Newfield (rain date Saturday, July 27)

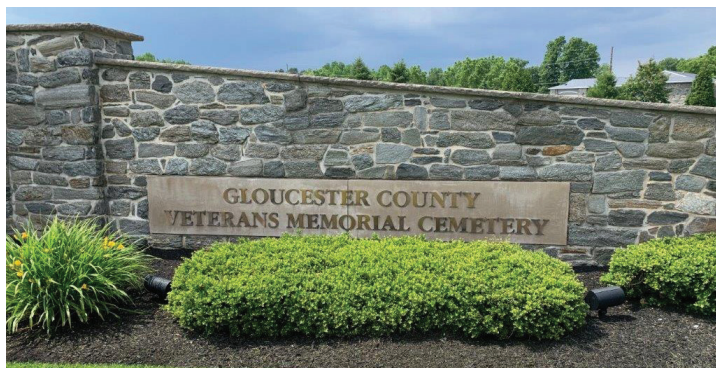
Trolls: Band Together

Edgerton Christian Academy, 212 Catawba Avenue, Newfield

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. Unless otherwise noted, the rain date for all movies will be the next day. All shows begin at dusk. For rainout information please call (856) 251-6738 after 4:00pm.



VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY OFFERS FINAL RESTING PLACE



The Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, located in Williamstown (Monroe Township) provides a final resting place for veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents. The cemetery serves as a place of healing and commemoration for veterans' families, friends, visitors, and service attendees.

Internment at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open to:

- All veterans from Gloucester County who have served Active Duty (except for training purposes) in the Armed Services of the United States during wartime or peacetime, and who were discharged under conditions other than Dishonorable, Undesirable, Other Than Honorable, Bad Conduct, or Uncharacterized.
- Merchant Marine Veterans from Gloucester County who served during World War II.
- Gloucester County veterans who have served in a National Guard or Reserve component of the Armed Services and who have earned full retirement benefits for years of service.
- Members of the regular Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves who are Gloucester County residents and who are disabled or have died from wounds, accident, or illness incurred while performing their military duties.

Once a veteran is approved for internment, their spouse is also eligible for burial in the Cemetery, as is any dependent child under the age of 21 or any child who becomes disabled before the age of 21.

Pre-registration for internment is required. To learn more about the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and how to pre-register for internment, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/286/Veterans-Memorial-Cemetery or scan the QR code. You can also call the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs at (856) 401-7660, email vets@co.gloucester.nj.us, or stop by the Office, which is located at 211 County House Road in Sewell.



GCEMS: ALWAYS AT THE READY

To maximize readiness for timely response to 9-1-1 calls for emergency medical service assistance, each Gloucester County EMS crew conducts a detailed equipment and medical supply check at the start of every shift. Crew members check the operation of the ambulance (or other response vehicle) itself, as well as each individual piece of equipment on the ambulance such as the AED, suction units, chest compression system (LUCAS Device), stretcher, stair chair, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, pulse oximeters, etc. Additionally GCEMS staff members also check each response vehicle for the appropriate quantities of medical supplies utilized to treat prehospital patients. As GCEMS crews work twelve-hour shifts, each ambulance and response vehicle is checked twice per day. This check and re-check work pattern is nearly identical to the readiness function practiced by our partners in patient care at the area Emergency Departments.



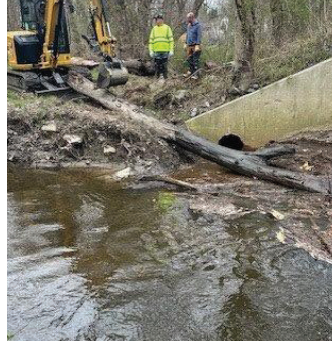
GCEMS staff members Ninah Anderson-Napier and Jamel St. John complete a "readiness" check of their GCEMS ambulance, equipment and medical supplies at the start of a recent shift. GCEMS crews are ready to respond to the residents and visitors of Gloucester County 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

PUBLIC WORKS SPRINGS INTO ACTION

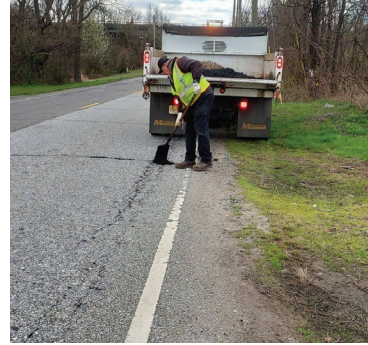
The Gloucester County Department of Public Works works throughout the year to ensure that our County roads, buildings, and facilities are well-maintained, clean and safe. Commissioner and liaison Matthew Weng and the entire Board of County Commissioners extend gratitude for their efforts. The photos below document just some of the wide range of recent projects.



Drainage system being installed in front of the new Fire Academy building in East Greenwich



Debris removal in front of a bridge on Woodbury Glassboro Road in Mantua and Deptford Township



Pothole patching on CR 613 Porchtown Road in Franklin Township



Vacuum truck cleaning inlets and storm pipes on CR 667 Aura Road in Elk Township



Street sweeper working on US 322 in Harrison Township



Roadside cleanup on CR 656 Mantua Grove Road in West Deptford



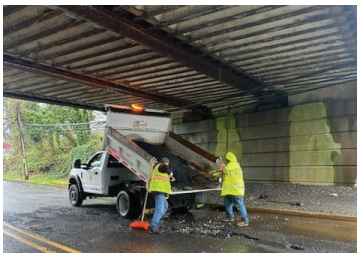
Before, during, and after landscaping bed removal at Red Bank Battlefield



Pothole repair on CR 553 Alternate Broadway in Pitman



Inlet cleaning on CR 553 Woodbury Glassboro Road in Mantua



Pothole patching on CR 650 South Evergreen Avenue in Woodbury



Vacuum truck cleaning inlets and storm pipe on CR 648 Ogden Station Road in West Deptford



21 Boom mowing on CR 612 Williamstown Road in Monroe Township



Tree trimming on CR 553 Woodbury Glassboro Road in Mantua Township

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Repair being performed on the sink hole that opened up on CR 581 Commissioners Road in Harrison Township. The soil under the asphalt roadway had washed out next to an old 60" corrugated metal storm pipe that crosses Commissioners Road. The road was opened up, backfilled next to the pipe, and repaved with only a one-day road closure to get the work done.

Storm pipe being replaced on Tomlin Station Road in Harrison Township. This old 18" corrugated storm pipe collapsed during one of the recent storms. The crew installed a new 18" diameter HDPE (high density polymer pipe) across the road. This work was completed within two days and utilized a daytime road closure to complete the work.

BEST OF GLOUCESTER VOTING UNDERWAY



Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, liaison to the Gloucester County Department of Economic Development, reminds residents that the 2024 Best of Gloucester County contest is underway! With over 100 categories to choose from, Gloucester County residents can vote for their favorite diner, pharmacy, food store, fitness center, and so much more as part of this year's contest.

Voting in the Best of Gloucester County contest runs through **Friday, July 26** and will culminate with an awards ceremony at a location to be determined. This year's contest sponsors are the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce, TD Bank, and the South Jersey Times.

Cast your vote today by visiting <https://gcbestof.com/> or scanning the QR code. You can also find the ballot in the South Jersey Times every Monday, Wednesday and Sunday. Please note that there is a limit of one ballot per resident. For more information, call (856) 384-6930 or email ecdev@co.gloucester.nj.us.



FREE NALOXONE TRAINING & KITS AVAILABLE

Commissioner Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Department of Health and Human Services, reminds residents that free naloxone kits and training are offered in collaboration with Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Living Proof Recovery Center at Rowan College of South Jersey. Naloxone reverses an overdose caused by opioids such as heroin and fentanyl. Noted Deputy Director Jefferson, "This easy to use nasal spray can stop an opioid overdose and save a life. Further, the Overdose Prevention Act eliminates all civil and criminal liability to anyone who administers naloxone."

Training sessions will be held on **Monday, June 24, Monday, July 22, and Monday, August 26** from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Rowan College of South Jersey, Gloucester County Campus, 1492 Tanyard Road in Sewell. Kits will be distributed to all training attendees, including family members, friends, professionals, and individuals who are at risk or could potentially be in the presence of someone at risk of overdose.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/168/Addiction-Services or scan the QR code. For additional information, please email ctrifletti2@co.gloucester.nj.us or call (856) 384-6985.



BE AWARE OF ELDER ABUSE

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed annually on June 15 across the globe, including the United States. The primary objective of this day is to raise awareness about the millions of older adults who suffer from elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Shockingly, 1 in 10 older Americans fall victim to abuse or neglect each year, yet only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse ever come to the attention of authorities. Our older citizens are valuable contributors to our society, and we all have a role in focusing attention on elder justice.

Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. Common types of elder mistreatment include physical, sexual, emotional/psychological, or financial abuse, neglect, or self-neglect. Elder abuse impacts people of all ages, identities, and backgrounds.

In Gloucester County, Adult Protective Services (APS) is responsible for receiving and investigating reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults. Anyone can report such incidents, and the reports can be made anonymously if desired. If a report is confirmed and the vulnerable adult is willing to accept assistance, services could be put in place, which may include home care, meal assistance, health care, legal intervention, and case management to enable these vulnerable adults to live safely within the community.

What Are the Signs of Elder Abuse?

Physical Signs



Dehydration or unusual weight loss



Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker, or medication)



Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, or sores



Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing



Unattended medical needs



Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

Emotional & Behavioral Signs



Increased fear or anxiety



Isolation from friends or family



Unusual changes in behavior or sleep



Withdrawal from normal activities

Financial Signs



Fraudulent signatures on financial documents



Unusual or sudden changes in spending patterns



Unpaid bills

If you suspect or are aware of any type of abuse, please call Adult Protective Services at (856) 256-2113 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. For assistance 24/7, you can dial 211.

In cases of physical or sexual abuse or medical and mental health emergencies, please call the police or 9-1-1 immediately for evaluation.

SENIOR NUTRITION SITES

Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director/Liaison Jim Jefferson remind residents that the Gloucester County's Division of Senior Services offers senior nutrition sites located throughout Gloucester County. Each site serves a well-balanced midday meal Monday through Friday each week, excluding holidays. Attendance is open to all Gloucester County residents aged 60+.

Nutrition Site Locations:

Second Baptist Church

1540 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro

First Baptist Church of Jericho

981 Mail Avenue, Deptford

Thorofare Fire Hall

100 Firehouse Road, Thorofare

Pfeiffer Community Center

301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown

Glassboro Senior Center

152 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro

Mantua Township Community Center

111 East Mercer Avenue, Sewell

To sign up for any of the nutrition site locations or for any questions, please contact the Senior Services Nutrition Program at (856) 384-6900 or email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us.

Donation Policy:

A donation of \$1.25 is accepted for each meal, however, this is purely voluntary and there is no obligation to contribute. Privacy and confidentiality with respect to contributions are guaranteed. All collected contributions will be used to expand the services and supplement funds received under the Older Americans Act.

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CELEBRATING NEW BUSINESSES IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY



Commissioner Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, Commissioner Matt Weng, Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, Deptford Mayor Paul Medany, and Councilwoman Brandi Leidy joined the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Umi Premier Sushi & Seafood Buffet in Deptford, which offers the finest sushi and seafood delights.

Gloucester County Animal Shelter Pet Food Pantry!



Do you need help feeding your pet? Help is available for Gloucester County residents! Contact us by phone or e-mail for food availability. Food is available while supplies last.

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