

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL RETURNS!



The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners proudly announces the second annual **International Food & Craft Beer Festival**, which will take place on **Saturday, August 3**, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm, at Red Bank Battlefield, located at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park. (The rain date for this event is **Sunday, August 4**.)

Director Frank J. DiMarco expressed his excitement about the upcoming Festival. "Last year's inaugural event was a phenomenal success, with over 7,000 people in attendance. Our employees did an incredible job organizing and executing the event, and are working hard to make this year's edition even bigger and better!", noted DiMarco.

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy live music, games, kid's activities, international foods, and, of course, beer.

The event also highlights the many services available through Gloucester County as well as many of our local businesses.

Entry to the Festival is \$5 per person. There are additional charges for beer and food.

For more information about the International Food & Craft Beer Festival, please, visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1408>, scan the QR code, email gcparksandrec@co.gloucester.nj.us, or call (856) 251-6710.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 3
12-6 PM**

**RAIN DATE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

**RED BANK
BATTLEFIELD**

\$5.00

ADMISSION



SUMMER FUN IN FULL SWING

Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, Liaison to the Gloucester County Department of Parks and Recreation, encourages residents to take advantage of the free, family-friendly entertainment offered throughout the county each summer. Among other programs, our Movies in the Park, Summer Concerts, and Family Fun Shows are in full swing. Check out the listings below for details!

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday, July 12 - Woodbury
Elemental

YMCA, 235 East Red Bank Avenue, Woodbury

Wednesday, July 17- Swedesboro

Super Mario Bros. Movie
Swedesboro Auction Block, 400 Anderson Avenue, Swedesboro
Rain date Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19 - Red Bank Battlefield

The Lorax
Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Avenue, National Park
Rain date Saturday, July 20

Wednesday, July 24 - South Harrison

Trolls: Band Together
Stewart Park, 67 Ferrell Road, Mullica Hill
Rain date Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26 - Newfield
Trolls: Band Together

Edgerton Christian Academy, 212 Catawba Avenue, Newfield
Rain date Saturday, July 27

Monday, August 5 -Franklinville
Super Mario Bros. Movie

Franklin Twp Sports Complex, 500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Franklinville
Rain date Tuesday August 6

Friday, August 9 - Washington Township

Under the Boardwalk
Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Road, Sewell
Rain date Saturday, August 10

Monday, August 12 - Paulsboro
Super Mario Bros. Movie

Fort Billings Park, Clonmell Road & Delaware Street, Paulsboro
Rain date Tuesday, August 13

Friday, August 16 - Monroe Township

Super Mario Bros. Movie
Pfeiffer Community Center, 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown
Rain date Saturday, August 17

Wednesday, August 21 - West Deptford

Super Mario Bros. Movie
River Winds Community Center, 1000 Riverwinds Drive, West Deptford
Rain date Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23 - Pitman
Migration

Sunset Auditorium, Laurel Avenue, Pitman
Rain date Saturday, August 24

Wednesday, August 28 - National Park

Super Mario Bros. Movie
National Park Ballfields, 700 St. Johns Walk, National Park
Rain date Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30 - Harrison Township

Trolls: Band Together
Ella Harris Park, 155 Commissioners Road, Mullica Hill
Rain date Saturday, August 31

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



SUMMER CONCERTS

Strictly 60's

Saturday, July 13 - 7:00pm Rain Date: Sunday, July 14 - 7:00pm
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!

Peabody's Wayback Machine

Saturday, July 27 - 7:00pm Rain date: Sunday, July 28 - 7:00pm
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.

Texas Leggs

Saturday, August 10- 7:00pm Rain date: Sunday, August 11 - 7:00pm
James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

The Texas Leggs blend eclectic elements of psych rock, blues, and jazz to create a unique aesthetic and original sound that is infectious and raw.

A Few Good Men

Saturday, August 17 - 7:00pm Rain date: Sunday, August 18 - 7:00pm
James G. Atkinson Memorial Park, Sewell

A Few Good Men is a cover band who plays a variety of R&B and soul favorites from the 70's, 80's, 90's hits that most everyone knows and loves. They play the music that makes you want to get up and dance and sing along to every song!

Poor Mouth Henry

Saturday, August 24 - 1:30pm Rain or shine
Deptford Township Memorial Park, Deptford

Poor Mouth Henry is a Southern New Jersey cover band providing a mixture of timeless and enduring covers of classic rock, country rock, country and blues in an energetic, passionate, fun-filled, event that pulls the audience directly into the heart of the performance.

The Bumpuses

Friday, August 30 - 6:00pm Rain or shine
Rowan Boulevard, Glassboro

Josh, Bryan & Jon are all known and respected musicians on the scene. Talent is not lacking here and neither is their eclectic repertoire that has already gained the cover band a lot of notoriety. The band covers a multitude of songs from the 1950's through today including a vast number of genres.

To check out the full 2024 summer concert lineup, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1083/> 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



Sing-a-long, dance-a-long and have fun!

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, July 25 - Magic Cooking Show

Thursday, August 15 - Seussology

Chestnut Branch Park

401 Main Street, Mantua

Tuesday, July 16 - Lee's Circus Extravaganza

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

These free shows last approximately 45 minutes. All shows begin at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

EXPLORE WILSON LAKE FOR FREE

On Saturdays and Sundays 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 served 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/> or scan the QR code. For rainout information, please call (856) 251-6738.



ENJOY YOGA OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER

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.

"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

100 Hessian Avenue, National Park

10:00am - 11:00am

Wednesday, July 10

Wednesday, July 17

Wednesday, July 24

Wednesday, July 31

Yoga in the Park

Scotland Run Park

980 East Academy Street, Clayton

10:00am - 11:00am

Wednesday, August 7

Wednesday, August 14

Wednesday, August 21

Wednesday, August 28

Participants should bring their own mat. Pre-registration is required for these programs. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1394/> or scan the QR code.



MAINTAINING OUR COUNTY'S ROADWAYS

Commissioner Matthew Weng, Liaison to the Gloucester Department of Public Works, reminds residents that maintaining the more than 400 miles of County roadway involves more than just pothole repair. The recent projects shown below illustrate the wide range of work that goes into keeping our roads safe.



Ditch maintenance being performed on CR 694 Monroeville Road in South Harrison.

This machine helps reshape drainage ditches along the edge of roads while also helping cut down on weeds growing in and adjacent to the drainage ditches.



Boom mowing on CR 555 Tuckahoe Road in Monroe.



Roadside mowing being performed on CR 637 Academy Street in Elk.



Debris removal at a bridge on CR 615 Malaga Park Drive in Franklin.



Weed whacking and mowing at the intersection of CR 538 Swedesboro Road and Little Mill Road in Franklin.



Sinkhole repair on CR 581 Commissioners Road in Harrison Township.



Installation of new HDPE storm pipe following collapse of old pipe during storms.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter, located at 1200 North Delsea Drive in Clayton, invites residents to get involved and make a difference in the lives of animals by volunteering, fostering, and/or adopting. **Read the details below and scan the QR codes to get started, or visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/160/>.**

Volunteer

If you love animals and have a few hours to give, you can volunteer at the Shelter! Volunteers can help in a number of different ways:

- Assisting with tasks such as light cleaning or assisting in our laundry room
- Escorting potential pet parents through our adoption areas
- Socializing cats and kittens
- Taking dogs outside for walks

Potential volunteers must be over 18 years of age (we're sorry, no exceptions). To get started, all you need to do is complete a volunteer application then attend a volunteer orientation. You can give as much or as little time as you can afford. There is never a time commitment required.

Foster

We are always looking for responsible, animal-loving people who are willing to open up their hearts and homes to animals. Sometimes the Shelter doesn't have the ability to help these animals and looks for caring individuals to give their time and care. Some of the types of animals that may need a foster home are sick dogs or cats, mommies with litters of kittens or puppies (especially babies that need to be bottle-fed), or animals that need to be socialized or trained.

Adoption

While adopting an animal from the Shelter does involve a few steps, it offers an opportunity to make a forever difference in the life of an animal and a constant source of joy to your family. Steps are in place to protect the best interests of the animals and give them the best possible chance of finding a permanent home. After completing a pre-adoption questionnaire and receiving approval, potential adopters have the opportunity to handle and visit the animal they're interested in. A counseling session with a knowledgeable member of our staff provides information on the history and needs of that animal and the opportunity to ask questions about spaying and neutering, housetraining, veterinary care, how to deal with fleas and ticks, and anything else one can think of. While adoption does involve a fee, Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco recently announced that adoption fees for all dogs have been reduced to \$35.

Join Our Paw-some Mission:
Volunteer, Foster, Adopt!

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION:



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FOSTER APPLICATION:



SCAN ME

PRE-ADOPTION APPLICATION:



SCAN ME

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR TO BE HELD JULY 18

Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, liaison to the Department of Economic Development, has announced that the County will hold its annual Disability Employment Job Fair on **Thursday, July 18** from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The event will take place at Rowan College of South Jersey's Gymnasium, located at 1400 Tanyard Road in Sewell.

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 is hosted by Rowan College of South Jersey.

Numerous resources are available to help prospective employees prepare for the job fair, including resume and interview tips. To access these resources and for more information, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/450/> or scan the QR code.



Staff from the Gloucester County American Job Center on hand to assist and inform job seekers at the 2023 Gloucester County Disability Employment and Resource Job Fair.

SUMMER SAFETY FOR SENIORS

Summer safety is crucial for senior citizens, especially during July's hot and humid days. As we age, our bodies become less efficient at regulating temperature, making older adults more susceptible to heat-related illnesses. Here are some essential tips to keep seniors safe and healthy during the rising temperatures of summer.

Stay Hydrated

Drink at least eight glasses of water or fruit juices daily. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, as they can lead to dehydration. Increase fluid intake if you're physically active or if the weather is particularly hot.

Seek Shade and Stay Indoors

Extreme heat and high humidity can strain the body's ability to maintain a normal temperature. Limit outdoor activity during the most intense sun hours (10 am to 4 pm). If possible, stay indoors during extreme heat. Air-conditioning is essential; visit places with AC if your home doesn't have it.

Dress Appropriately

Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing made of natural, breathable fabrics like cotton. Opt for light colors that reflect the sun's rays rather than darker colors that absorb heat.

Protect Your Skin and Eyes

Wear sunglasses to block harmful UV rays and protect your vision. Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher that guards against both UVA and UVB radiation. Don hats to shield your face and neck from sun exposure.

Know Your Medications

Some medications can increase sensitivity to the sun. Review your prescriptions and discuss any concerns with your doctor.

Recognize Heat-Related Illnesses

Be aware of signs such as disorientation, dry skin, excessive tiredness, headache, nausea, and confusion. Seek medical attention promptly if you experience symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or dehydration.

VETERAN'S SERVICES AVAILABLE

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, Liaison to the Office of Veterans Affairs, reminds veterans of the many resources available through the office. "In Gloucester County, our veterans are our priority. Your commitment to serving our country will never be forgotten," noted DiCarlo. "We are here to assist our veterans, so please make sure that you know about all the programs and services that are offered."



The Office of Veterans Affairs is open five days a week to assist with vocational rehabilitation, free wills, VA disability claims, VA healthcare applications, discharge paperwork, appointments at the Gloucester County VA Clinic, and more.

Please reach out to the office if you are in need of assistance or have any questions about benefits and programs you may be eligible for. You can visit the office at 211 County House Road in Sewell, call (856) 401-7660, visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/267/>, or scan the QR code.



SUMMER SPORTS SKILLS CAMP



The Gloucester County Department of Parks and Recreation offers Summer Sports Skills Camps for boys and girls aged 3 to 10. These special camps allow children the opportunity to play and acquire skills in three sports each day - soccer, basketball, and baseball.

The camps will be held at James G. Atkinson Park, located at 138 Bethel Mill Road in Sewell. Sessions will be held **Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18** and **Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25**. Campers can sign up for one or both weeks.

For children aged 3 and 4, the camp offers a 90 minute parent/child session at 9:00am each day. The fee is \$90 per week. For children aged 5 to 10, the sessions run from 9:00am to 12:00pm each day. The fee is \$180 per week.

To register, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/wsbwk44y> or scan the QR code.



SENIORS, DECORATE YOUR SUMMER

Gloucester County Senior Services invites Gloucester County residents aged 60+ to join us for a delightful art class where you'll receive all the materials and expert instruction to create a charming watermelon-themed door decoration.

Whether you're an experienced artist or just starting out, this class is perfect for anyone who wants to add a touch of summer to their home.

Classes will take place at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, July 30 10:00am

Mantua Community Center - 111 East Mercer Avenue, Sewell

Wednesday, July 31 9:30am

Glassboro Senior Center - 152 Delsea Drive, Glassboro

Tuesday, August 13 9:30am

Pfeiffer Community Center - 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown

Thursday, August 15 9:30am

Thorofare Fire Hall - 100 Firehouse Road, Thorofare

Tuesday, August 20 9:30am

First Baptist Church of Jericho - 981 Mail Avenue, Deptford

Thursday, August 22 9:30am

Second Baptist Church - 1450 Swedesboro Ave, Paulsboro

Classes are limited to 25 participants each. Participation is free of charge but pre-registration is required. To sign up or for more information, please call (856) 384-6900 or email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us.



SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Gloucester County residents aged 60 and over are invited to attend our Ice Cream Socials, hosted in July across the county by Gloucester County Senior Services. Enjoy a sweet time crafting personalized ice cream sundaes and delightful conversations with friends new and old.

Wednesday, July 10, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Glassboro Senior Center - 152 Delsea Drive, Glassboro

Thursday, July 11, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm

Mantua Community Center - 111 East Mercer Avenue, Sewell

Tuesday, July 16, @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Pfeiffer Community Center - 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown

Thursday, July 18, @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Jericho - 981 Mail Avenue, Deptford

Tuesday, July 23, @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Thorofare Fire Hall - 100 Firehouse Road, Thorofare

Thursday July 25, @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Second Baptist Church - 1450 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro

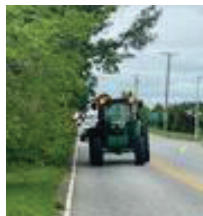
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Pot hole repairs on CR 551 Kings Highway in West Deptford.



Boom mowing being performed on CR 607 Tomlin Station Road in South Harrison.



Mowing and weed whacking at the CR 715 Salina Road roundabout in preparation of the senior picnic in Deptford.



Inlet cleaning being performed on CR 634 Fish Pond Road in Washington Township.



Shoulder maintenance being performed on CR 705 Woodbury Turnersville Road in Washington Township.



Boom mowing being performed on CR 607 Tomlin Station Road in South Harrison.

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JULY IS HEALTHY VISION MONTH

This month is dedicated to prioritizing eye health as one prioritizes eating healthy and physical activity. Healthy Vision Month is dedicated to people of all ages.

Though older adults tend to have more vision problems, even those as young as preschoolers can have vision issues as well. Only 1 out of 7 preschoolers receive an eye exam, and only 1 out of 4 receive vision screenings. It is recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task force to have children between the ages 3 to 5 years to check for irregular problems.

There are some eye conditions which can eventually lead to blindness. These conditions include cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. These conditions can be discovered through regular eye exams.

Ways to protect your vision include knowing your family's eye health history, maintaining a healthy weight, wearing sunglasses, and wearing protective eyewear when needed.

For more information on healthy vision please visit:

www.cdc.gov/visionhealth



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The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, the County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.