

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

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## COUNTY ROADWORK PROJECTS CONTINUE

As summer heats up, the dedicated Gloucester County Department of Public Works team has been hard at work ensuring our roads are safe and tidy for everyone to enjoy. From clearing paths to weed whacking, sweeping, mowing (including with specialized boom mowing equipment for efficiency and safety), tree removal, repairs, and more, the snapshots below of recent projects show the wide range of work that is involved in keeping our roadways pristine and maintaining green spaces along our highways. Commissioner Matthew Weng, liaison to the Department of Public Works, encourages residents to extend their gratitude to the hard-working men and women of the department!



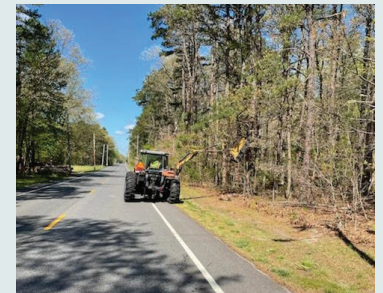
Roadside cleanup on US 322 Mullica Hill Bypass in Harrison.



Roadside mowing on US 322 Mullica Hill Bypass in Harrison.



Weed whacking and roadside mowing on CR 667 Aura Road in Elk Township.



Boom mowing on CR 538 Coles Mill Road in Franklin.



Boom mowing the drainage ditch along CR 538 Elk Road in Elk Township.



Repairs to replace broken inlet frame and casting on CR 662 High Hill Road in Logan.



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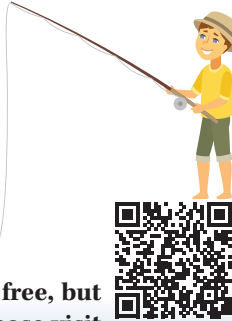


## KIDS FISHING CONTEST

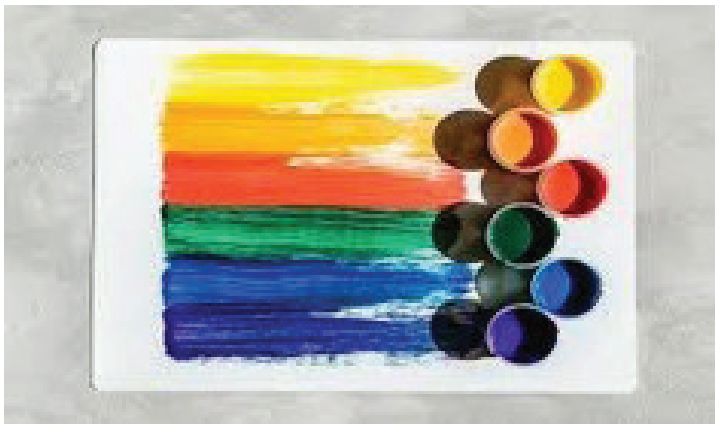
Gloucester County's young residents are invited to grab their fishing rod and join us for the 36th Annual Kids Fishing Contest at Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. The contest will take place on **Saturday, September 7**, from 8:30am - 11:30am (rain or shine).

The contest is open to kids 18 and under. Kids 16 and over must have a fishing license. Participants must bring their own rod and reel and only one rod and reel can be used at a time. There are separate categories for boating and non-boating participants. Fish must be returned uninjured to the lake. Final weigh-in will take place at 11:30am.

Participation in the Fishing Contest is free, but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://secure.rec1.com/NJ/gloucester-county-nj/catalog> or scan the QR code. For more information, call (856) 251-6710.



## ART PROGRAM FOR BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED RESIDENTS



Gloucester County residents who are blind or have a visual impairment can explore art through the special Form in Art program offered by the Division of Human and Special Services.

This four-series workshop led by artist Eiko Fan involves tactile learning using various mediums such as canvas, t-shirts, wood, and more. Projects include painting, sculpture, and t-shirt design.

Sessions will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm on **Fridays September 6, 13, 20, and 27** in the Hessian Pavilion at Red Bank Battlefield, located at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park.

**Registration is required for this program. For more information or to register, please contact Blind/Visually Impaired Program Coordinator Kimberly Wright at (856) 384-6843 or [kwright@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:kwright@co.gloucester.nj.us).**

## CIACC TO HOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

The Gloucester County Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC) invites parents, caregivers, and their children to a special back-to-school event on **Wednesday, August 7** from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the County Offices, located at 115 Budd Boulevard in West Deptford.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about community services and supports for children, especially those facing life challenges with behavioral or mental health, intellectual or developmental disability, and/or substance use concerns. For each school-aged child, participating families will receive a school backpack stocked with select school supplies. Light refreshments will be served. All registrants are welcome to attend anytime during the two-hour event.

This event is free and open to all Gloucester County residents with school-aged children. Registration is required. To register, please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/FormCenter/Human-Services-12/CIACC-Back-to-School-Event-135> or scan the QR code.

For more information, please call (856) 384-6871 or email [mpandolfo@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:mpandolfo@co.gloucester.nj.us).



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL SENIOR PICNIC

On **Wednesday, September 18** (rain date Thursday, September 19) from 11:00am to 3:00pm, the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners will sponsor its annual Fall Senior Picnic at Red Bank Battlefield, located at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park. The day will be filled with lunch, music, dance contests, entertainment, and more.

**Tickets for the Senior Picnic are \$2 and will be on sale while supplies last beginning Wednesday, August 14 at the Division of Senior Services, located at 115 Budd Boulevard in West Deptford, and at all of the County's senior nutrition sites during operating hours. Attendees must be Gloucester County residents at least 60 years of age.**

**For more information about the Senior Picnic, please call (856) 384-6900 or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us).**



Seniors enjoying the Spring Picnic on May 15 at Rowan College of South Jersey



## SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUES

Summer is in full swing and so are the free Movies in the Park and Summer Concerts presented throughout the county by the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners!

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

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

★★★ **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, and 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.





# CANDLELIGHT VIGIL TO RAISE OVERDOSE AWARENESS

Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Division of Human & Special Services, has announced that the Gloucester County Addictions Task Force will host the County's 9th Annual Candlelight Vigil to raise awareness of overdoses on **Tuesday, August 27** at 7:00pm at Millennium Plaza at James G. Atkinson Park, located at 138 Bethel Mill Road in Sewell. The rain date for the event is Wednesday, August 28.

"Each year, thousands of individuals from all walks of life die from drug-related causes," noted Deputy Director Jefferson. "This event brings us together to acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends, remember those who have died or have been injured as a result of a drug overdose, and to raise awareness and provide resources so we can prevent future overdoses."



Deputy Director Jim Jefferson dedicates a flag during the 2023 Candlelight Vigil

If you have a family member or friend that you would like to commemorate by having their name and photo displayed during the candlelight vigil, please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/FormCenter/Human-Services-12/Candlelight-Vigil-121> or scan the QR code.



## SENIORS, DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

Join the Division of Senior Services for our upcoming Summer Art Classes, where you'll have the opportunity to create a delightful watermelon door decoration. These classes are free and open to all Gloucester County residents aged 60 and above. Participants will receive expert instruction and all necessary materials. Classes will be offered at the following dates and locations:

**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

**Preregistration is required, as class space is limited.**

**To register, please call (856) 384-6900 or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us)**



## NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

National Senior Citizens Day, observed this year on August 21, was established to raise awareness about issues affecting senior citizens and their quality of life, as older adults continue to play active roles in our community and maintain a strong presence in the workforce. National Senior Citizens Day recognizes these contributions to society and seniors who have dedicated their lives to making a positive impact.

Looking into the near future, the U.S. Census Bureau projects a significant demographic shift. By 2035, it is estimated that approximately 78 million people aged 65 and older will be living in America. This will be a historic moment, as it will be the first time in our nation's history that the senior population will outnumber those under 18. This shift underscores the importance of recognizing and supporting our senior citizens.

**The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services honors all seniors living in our County and works to provide programs and services to ensure that all residents can lead lives of independence and dignity. For more information, please call (856) 384-6900 or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us).**

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#### County Roadwork Projects (continued from page 1)



Tree removal on CR 694 Monroeville Road in South Harrison due to safety concerns.



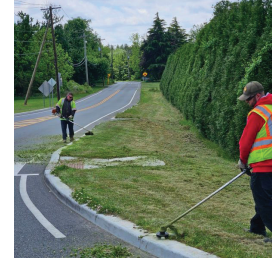
Pothole repair on CR 551 Kings Highway in West Deptford.



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



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



Preparing the CR 715 Salina Road roundabout in Deptford for the senior picnic.



Street sweeping on CR 667 Aura Road in Glassboro and Elk.



Inlet cleaning on CR 682 Carpenter Street in Glassboro.



Roadside Mowing on US 322 and US 322 Bypass in Harrison Township.



## FREE SHINGRIX VACCINE AVAILABLE



Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Gloucester County Department of Health, reminds residents aged 60 years and over that SHINGRIX vaccination is available at no charge from the department.

SHINGRIX is an FDA-approved vaccine for the prevention of shingles (herpes zoster), a painful, blistering rash caused by reactivation of the same virus that causes chickenpox. More than 99% of adults over 50 years old already have the virus that causes shingles inside them. Shingles can reactivate at any time, and cause pain that lasts for weeks and can be disruptive. One in three people will get shingles in their lifetime.

The vaccine is administered at the Gloucester County Health Department, located at 204 East Holly Avenue in Sewell. Appointments are required. **To make an appointment, please call (856) 218-4151.**

## JOIN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORP

In the event of a public health emergency, volunteers are our most valuable resource. The mission of the Gloucester County Medical Reserve Corp (GCMRC) is to improve the health and safety of communities by organizing and utilizing public health, medical, and other volunteers.

Anyone with an interest in health issues can volunteer. We need licensed or certified healthcare professionals, practicing or retired, living or working in Gloucester County, but we also need community volunteers such as interpreters, chaplains, social workers, and support staff. Such duties might include direct patient care and administrative, secretarial, translation, or reception duties.

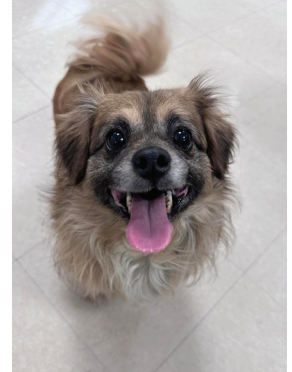
Volunteers are asked to perform duties in accord to their interests, training, and experience. Whether it is a medical emergency, natural disaster, terrorist incident, or even a routine immunization clinic, we provide free training to our volunteers to ensure support for our local health agencies when called upon.

**For more information and to get involved, please visit <https://njlmn.njlincs.net>, scan the QR code, or call Chelsea at (856) 218-4112.**





## DOG NAMING FUNDRAISER



Help us give our furry friends a special name! The Gloucester County Animal Shelter needs your help naming dogs. For a \$25 donation, you can name one of our adorable dogs before they are placed for adoption with hopes of finding their forever home. Donations can be made in cash, by check, or through PayPal. All contributions will go directly towards the care of

our animals, so every name you choose helps us provide love, care, and support to our shelter pets.

**To participate, please call (856) 881-2828, email [gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us), or visit the shelter, located at 1200 North Delsea Drive in Clayton.**

## THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - ADOPT TODAY



August is National Dog Month and Director Frank J. DiMarco has announced that the Gloucester County Animal Shelter has reduced adoption fees for all dogs to \$35. With summer vacations ending, now is the perfect time to introduce a new pet to your home. You can settle them into a new routine and start teaching them schedules before back-to-school activities begin.

**To learn more about adoption, please call (856) 881-2828, email [gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us), visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/177/Adoption-Services>, or scan the QR code.**



## BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH WIC



August is World Breastfeeding Month. This year's theme is "Closing the Gap: Breastfeeding Support for All," highlighting the importance of access to breastfeeding support to vulnerable mothers in an effort to close the gap on health inequalities.

The WIC program works to reduce the gap as it provides individual breastfeeding education and virtual breastfeeding classes to all pregnant women participating in the program. In addition to counseling and classes, clients can sign up to receive breastfeeding messages via text throughout the pregnancy and can text one-on-one with one of our breastfeeding staff.

After delivery, all breastfeeding women receive the opportunity to talk to a WIC lactation consultant if they are experiencing challenges with breastfeeding. Our Breastfeeding Peer Counseling staff provides breastfeeding support, referrals, and answers to questions at appointments or via text to all breastfeeding women.

**To check eligibility and apply for the program, call (856) 218-4116 or email [gcwic@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:gcwic@co.gloucester.nj.us). You can also apply online by visiting <https://wic.nj.gov/participantportal> or scanning the QR code.**





## HELP PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Prescription drug abuse presents serious risks to individuals and to our community. Taking medications not as prescribed, using someone else's prescription, or taking medications just to get high can lead to serious health problems like addiction, overdose, and even death. It also puts a strain on healthcare systems and can lead to illegal drug use. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help prevent prescription drug abuse. Please review the information on the right and below to learn how.

### PHARMACY



#### 1-Monitor:

Count your pills. Know how many you have.

Know how many refills are left.

#### 2-Secure:

Take prescription medications out of the medicine cabinet. Secure them in a safe place.

#### 3-Dispose:

Get rid of expired/unwanted medications. Take them to a drop box or your local police station.

## Medication Dropbox Locations

Expired or unwanted medications can be securely disposed of at medication dropboxes located throughout the county.

Clayton Police, 125 North Delsea Drive, Clayton

Glassboro Police, 1 South Main Street, Glassboro

Pitman Police, 110 South Broadway, Pitman

West Deptford Police, 400 Crown Point Road, West Deptford

Deptford Police, 1011 Cooper St, Deptford

Greenwich Police, 421 West Broad Street, Gibbstown

Woolwich Police, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich

Westville Police, 167 Broadway, Westville

East Greenwich Police, 159 Democrat Road, Mickleton

Logan Township Police, 125 Main Street, Bridgeport

Rowan University, 5 Williamsburg Court, Glassboro

Woodbury Police, 220 South Broad Street, Woodbury

Franklin Township Police, 1571 South Delsea Drive, Franklinville

Mantua Township Police, 405 Main Street, Mantua

Washington Township Police, 1 McClure Drive, Sewell

## GET INVOLVED AT THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



Commissioner Director DiMarco visits the Gloucester County Animal Shelter table at the Gloucester County 2024 Waterfest at Scotland Run Park.

Director Frank J. DiMarco reminds residents that the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, located at 1200 North Delsea Drive in Clayton, offers a number of ways for volunteers to get involved and help support the critically important work of the shelter, which handles over 3,000 domestic animals each year.

Volunteers can assist by taking dogs outside for walks, socializing cats and kittens, performing light cleaning and laundry duties, and assisting at events. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age. To get started, you will just need to complete a volunteer application and attend a volunteer orientation. You can give as much or as little time as you can afford. There is never a fixed time commitment required.

**To complete a volunteer application and learn about more ways to help at the animal shelter, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/233/Volunteers-Fostering> or scan the QR code.**





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## ENJOY YOGA IN THE PARK



The Gloucester County Department of Health's popular "Yoga in the Park" classes continue this August at Scotland Run Park, located at 980 East Academy Street in Clayton. Open to all Gloucester County residents, these beginner-level classes can help you relax and improve your well-being. Classes will be offered from 10:00am to 11:00am on the following dates:

**Wednesday, August 14**

**Wednesday, August 21**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Participants should bring their own mat.**

**Preregistration is required for this program.**

**For more information and to register, please visit [https:// www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1394/](https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1394/) or scan the QR code.**



## FREE SIMPLE WILLS FOR VETERANS

The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs provides simple will workshops 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.

**For more information about the free simple wills workshop, please email [vets@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto: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.gloucester-countynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs](http://www.gloucester-countynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs) or scan the QR code.**



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