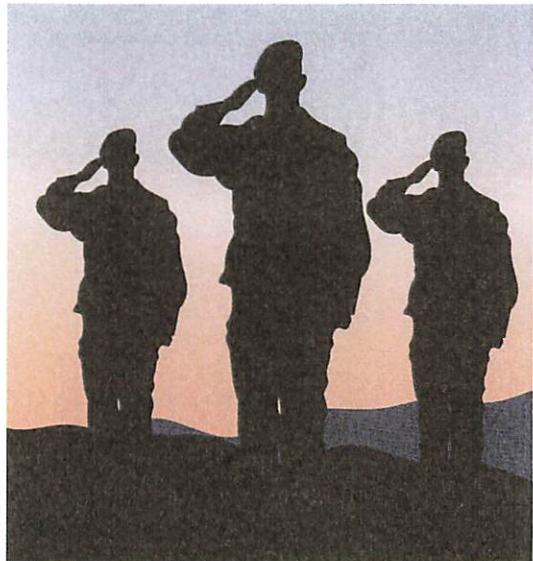


Gloucester County Today

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HONORING OUR GLOUCESTER VETERANS

The Gloucester County Commissioners invite all of our Military Veterans to apply to receive their Gloucester County Military Service Medal at our next medal ceremony. The honors are reserved for veterans who are Gloucester County residents, or those who entered the service from Gloucester County. A deceased veteran at the request of their family member, may also be honored.

Applications are available online at bit.ly/GCmedal or can be picked up at the Office of Veterans Affairs, 211 County House Rd, Sewell, NJ. Please fill out the application, including signature, and attach a copy of your Honorable Discharge paperwork (WD AGO FORM 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NGB 22, or DD214).

For deceased veterans, family members can apply for the medal by filling out the application and enclosing discharge papers and death certificate.

Mail paperwork to the Office of Veterans Affairs, County of Gloucester, P.O. Box 337, Woodbury NJ 08096 or drop it off at the Office of Veterans Affairs Office. For more information, please contact Veterans Affairs at 856-401-7660 or email bjonas@co.goucester.nj.us.

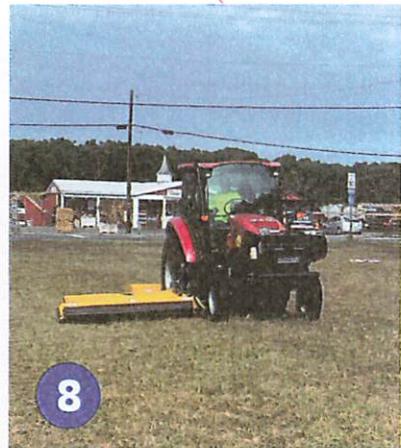
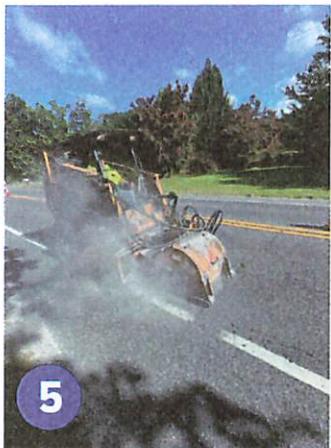
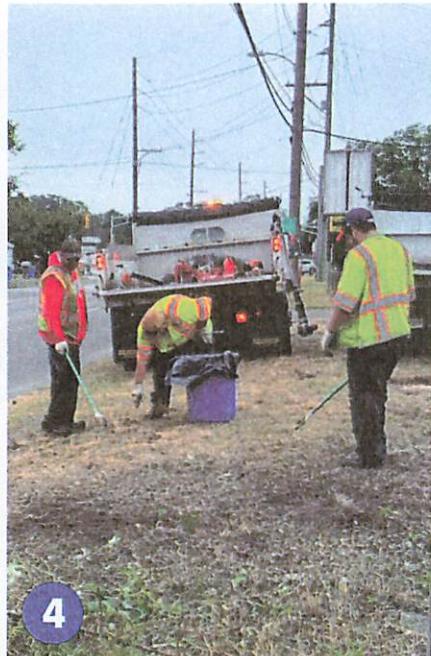


TRAINING OUR FUTURE NURSES

In September, Gloucester County Director Frank J. DiMarco, Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, and Commissioner Liaison Joann Gattinelli joined the Rowan College of South Jersey team to unveil the new training expansion at the RCSJ Gloucester Campus in Sewell, NJ. The new expansion brings eight new nursing classrooms and labs to the campus, enriching the opportunities for the Nursing & Health Professions and Career and Technical Education students. The new facilities will expand enrollment opportunities for our future and current students, providing them with cutting edge training as they train to become healthcare professionals in our communities. With scholarships available and direct hiring opportunities at local hospitals, the college offers affordable ways for our young people to gain much needed expertise.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY ROAD WORK IN ACTION



1, 2, 3: Drainage swale cleaning on CR 653 Billingsport Road in Paulsboro. Crews weed whacked and mowed, and the excavator was clearing some debris so the ditch will flow better.

4: Roadside cleaning being performed on CR 678 Berkley Road in East Greenwich.

5: County roads crew milling some asphalt joints that have heaved up in the roadway on N. Main Street near the intersection of Tuckahoe Road in Monroe.

6: Roadside mowing on CR 655 Fries Mill Road in Clayton.

7: Boom mowing on CR 639 Chapel Heights Road in Washington.

8: Roadside mowing at the intersection of CR 553 Buck Road and CR 538 Elk Road in Elk.

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MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Free with your GCLS Library Card!

Independence Seaport Museum, The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY, AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA, BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY & MUSEUM OF ART, MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, ROCKWOOD PARK & MUSEUM, THE ALEXANDER SPENCER & BAYMONS MUSEUM, PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM, Friends of GCLS

Check your local branch for availability!

Passes are provided by the Friends of GCLS

MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

If you're considering making a museum visit this season, you may be able to take advantage of the Museum Pass Program offered by the Gloucester County Library System. The Museum Pass Program is available to all GCLS adult cardholders and works by picking up museum passes just like library books. The passes grant free access for a number of visitors to a certain museum, and are due back to the library after one week. The passes are available on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved or renewed. Explore places like the Gloucester County Historical Society Library or the Museum of the American Revolution! For full details, visit bit.ly/GCLSmuseum.



PROTECT YOUR PETS

Director Frank J. DiMarco invites pet owners to the Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, December 14. Organized in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and Gloucester County Animal Shelter, the Free Rabies Vaccination Clinics are free for all Gloucester County residents and their pets. Please note: (1) all cats must be in carriers and (2) all dogs must be on a leash, not a retractable leash or harness. Contact us for more information by phone at (856) 881-2828, or by email at gcas@co.goucester.nj.us.

Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

1200 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10am to 12 pm

For more updates, follow the Gloucester County Animal Shelter on Instagram: [@goucestercountyanimalshelter](https://www.instagram.com/goucestercountyanimalshelter).



PURRR-FECT TIME FOR A DONATION!

The furry animals under the care of the Gloucester County Animal Shelter staff need supplies for the season. We're working to restock our pet food pantry and need wet and dry adult cat food; dry adult dog food for medium and large breeds; wet kitten food; and any and all treats! Other supplies like kitty litter are also needed. Your future pets rely on donations to stay happy and healthy, so if you can donate this holiday season, please visit our wishlist at bit.ly/GCASwishlist. To see our full list of adoption pets visit bit.ly/GCASpets.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

If you have a calling for volunteerism and are looking for ways to give back to your community, there are several opportunities currently available to assist with Gloucester County Senior Services. We are in need of volunteer drivers for the Serv-A-Tray Program, bringing home-delivered meals to seniors who have no one to assist them. We are also looking for volunteers to greet people and answer phones at our offices at 115 Budd Blvd. in West Deptford. If you are interested or would like more information about these volunteer opportunities, please call (856) 686-8330.



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WALK THE PATHS OF HISTORY AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD



Red Bank Battlefield Park
100 Hessian Avenue National Park, NJ 08063
856-853-5120

Heading into the winter of 1777, General George Washington told an outnumbered regiment along the Delaware River, one that included a bunch of Rhode Islanders, many Black soldiers, and one French engineer, to defend Fort Mercer "at any cost." They did, and the Battle of Red Bank is now regarded as one of the greatest military upsets in American history. This winter, you can walk along those same historical grounds at Red Bank Battlefield Park. Programs include History Family Days exploring the clothes, meals, and everyday life of the American Revolution and special tours for elementary and secondary schools, home schoolers, summer camps, scouts, and senior community centers and homes. And if you have a passion for this sort of thing, you can join our dedicated volunteers who help make this National Historic landmark come alive. The park is open year round, from sunrise to sunset, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Gloucester County was happy to celebrate our senior citizens this year at our Annual Senior Picnic. Director Frank DiMarco, Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, Commissioner Matthew Weng, Surrogate Joe Chila, County Clerk Jim Hogan, and other officials joined in the celebration, sharing stories and a laugh with picnickers. Seniors serve as vital parts of our communities, by enriching our social fabric with their lived experience, by continuing to assist families with things like child care, by taking the time to volunteer and give back in retirement, and by passing down critical information about our communities to our next generations. Silver-haired comedian Phyllis Diller once said, "I'm at an age where my back goes out more than I do." But not so for our Gloucester County seniors! They enjoyed their picnic fare, music and mingling, as well as the beautiful September weather as we celebrated our senior community.



LOOKING FOR WORK?

Do you thrive in active settings and crave social interaction? You might be the next Activities Director for Shady Lane Nursing Home. This full-time employment opportunity requires an individual willing to develop, implement, evaluate, and lead activity programs to meet the spiritual, emotional, recreational, and social needs of each resident. These programs will be designed in accordance with federal, state, and local standards, as well as the facility's established policies and procedures. Work schedule is Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, with occasional night or weekend shifts required for special events. The salary range is \$55,000 to \$60,000, and includes benefits available after 60 days of employment. Candidates are required to have a Current Activity Director Certification through the National Certification for Activity Professionals (NCCAP). Applications can be found by visiting bit.ly/GCJobApplication. Completed applications can be sent to Gloucester County Human Resources, PO Box 337, Woodbury, NJ 08096 or emailed to hrdept@co.goucester.nj.us.



OTHER OPEN POSITIONS (FULL & PART TIME)

We're hiring **Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)** for full-time and part-time roles to provide emergency care and transport patients, requiring current EMT and CPR certifications.

Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee

\$23.25 per hour, \$24.65 night shift. Full time (preferred) and part time positions available

Animal Attendant

\$37,725, 40 hours per week. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, one day per week, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Possible weekend coverage

Animal Health Technician

\$50,458 or \$24.26 per hour, 40 hours per week. Schedule to be discussed. Some nights and weekends

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS OLD LAPTOP?

As many of you know, televisions and computers cannot go out in the regular trash. They must be recycled. The County's E-Waste Program is available to all Gloucester County residents. Bring your old, unwanted computer monitors, towers, laptops, tablets, printers, scanners, and other computer related items such as wires, keyboards and speakers for recycling. If you have any questions, call the office in advance if you are unsure if an item can be recycled. This program is for Gloucester County residents only and no commercial businesses will be accepted.

Accepted: Stereos, videocassette recorders, DVD players, fax machines, electric typewriters, tabletop copiers, and televisions.

Not Accepted: No smashed or shattered items, small appliances such as microwaves, toasters, blenders, mixers, and vacuums.

Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex

493 Monroeville Rd. (Route 694)

South Harrison Township

(856) 478-6045

Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 3 pm



MEALS FOR OUR SENIORS IN NEED



The Gloucester County Department of Health and Human Services operates a Nutrition Program to provide a well-balanced midday meal to Gloucester County seniors (60+). The meal is served Monday through Friday at the Nutrition Sites listed below. In addition to a meal, the sites foster social interaction, offer recreational and leisure activities, and provide access to other supportive services available to Gloucester County senior citizens. Meals are planned by a nutritionist to ensure the recommended nutrients. A suggested 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.

LUNCH SITES (SERVICE TIMES)

Mantua Township Community Center (12:00 pm)
111 East Mercer Avenue, Mantua, NJ 08080
856-468-4773

Glassboro Senior Center (11:00 am)
152 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-881-6610

Pfeiffer Community Center (11:00 am)
301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094
856-728-1140

First Baptist Church of Jericho (11:00 am)
981 Mail Avenue, Deptford, NJ 08096
856-468-1648

Second Baptist Church (11:00 am)
1540 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066
856-423-3387

Greenfields Volunteer Fire Company (11:00 am)
***Starting November 4th**
31 Budd Blvd, West Deptford, NJ 08096
856-853-6496

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JUMPERS HORSE SHOW AT THE DREAM PARK



Join us at the Gloucester County Improvement Authority DREAM Park for the John Mastriano Jumpers Horse Show from December 27 to December 29, 2024. The

show is a wonderful display of showmanship and equestrian training for all ages, run by South Jersey trainer John Mastriano, who has trained tricolor winners at Devon, Harrisburg, Pony Finals, and The National Horse Show.

The GCIA DREAM Park is the County's state-of-the-art equestrian complex, open year round and offering various opportunities to participate, enjoy, and support the local equine community, as well as some of the finest world class equestrians. Built as part of a Gloucester County Board of Commissioners land preservation project on more than 275 acres along the Delaware River and Raccoon Creek, the DREAM Park is a place for children and adults to develop equine dreams. The equestrian park is located at 400 Route 130 South, Logan Township, NJ 08085.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Interagency Coordinating Council

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom (link to be posted).

Health Screenings

Provided by the Health Department

Friday, December 6, 2024, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1750 Deptford Center Rd, Deptford, NJ 08096



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