

Gloucester County Today

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2025 COUNTY ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNED PROJECTS

Gloucester County will be undertaking various infrastructure improvement projects across the county this year. These projects include bridges, roads, drainage, and more. County engineering projects are developed and executed by the Department of Public Works under the supervision of Commissioners Frank J. DiMarco, Director, and Matthew Weng, Liaison. More information about these projects is available at www.gloucestercountynj.gov/487/Engineering.

Intersection and Re-Design Projects

- Mantua – State Route 45 Intersection with Harrison Ave and Mount Royal Road
- Monroe – Fries Mill intersection with US 322 (tentatively)

Bridge Replacement and Maintenance Repair Projects

- South Harrison – Commissioners Road Bridge Replacement
- Monroe and Franklin – Bridge Repairs

Storm Water and Pipe Replacement Projects

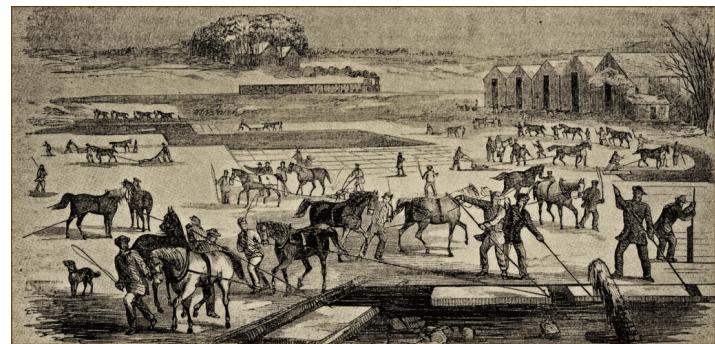
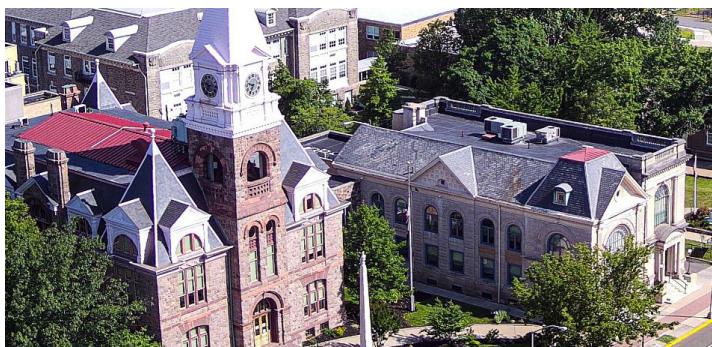
- Monroe – Pipe lining on Sicklerville Road
- South Harrison, Logan, East Greenwich, Woolwich, Swedesboro, National Park, Elk, and Clayton – Pipe replacements



Road Overlay, Milling, and Paving Projects

- Monroe – Berlin Cross Keys Road SR 42 to County Line
- Swedesboro – Kings Highway between Glen Echo Avenue and Roundabout
- Elk – Elk Road between State Route 77 and Hardingville Road
- Monroe – Sicklerville Road between US 322/42 and County Line
- East Greenwich, West Deptford, and Woodbury – Kings Highway between Berkley Road and State Route 45
- Deptford – Almonesson Road and Clements Bridge Road around the Deptford Mall
- Glassboro and Clayton – Academy Street and Fairview Avenue and Grove Street to Whig Lane
- Harrison and Mantua – Thomas Edison Parkway
- Swedesboro and Woolwich – Kings Highway Roundabout to the Salem County Line
- Glassboro and Elk – Union Street between Sewell Street and Whig Lane
- Harrison – Cedar Road US 322 to State Route 45



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BEAUTIFUL GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Join us in celebrating the peaceful beauty and breathtaking vistas of Gloucester County by submitting your best photos from around the county. Selected photos will be used in future newsletters, so please credit the photographer when making your submission. Submissions can be sent to gciaphotocntest@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing your Beautiful Gloucester County!



KIND WORDS FROM CONSTITUENTS

Frank Wexler, a proud United States Marine Corps Reserve veteran, recently shared his experience at the Gloucester County Veterans Affairs Office. "I just want to say how good the office is here,"

he said during a recent visit. "Everyone here has been very congenial and really helps you out." Frank expressed his gratitude for the exceptional support provided by the office, which he said, "is incredibly helpful, answering all my questions and offering valuable guidance for veterans." We thank Mr. Wexler for his service and are so proud of the dedication shown by our Veterans Affairs staff in serving those who have served us. Thank you for your kind words and dedication to our nation!



A BIT OF FROZEN HISTORY

By Barbara Price

Although today's refrigerators and freezers are taken for granted, in the past keeping food cold or storing ice for use during the summer months took a lot of hard work and planning. Ice was harvested from creeks, rivers, lakes and privately owned ponds. Families with means had ice houses built with a brick or Jersey sandstone foundation approximately ten feet below ground and about the same height above ground. Sawdust from a local sawmill or straw would be put on top of the ice for insulation. Capacity would vary depending on how much ice would be needed for the coming year. The goal was to have enough ice to last from about January until late autumn. The stored ice was unpalatable due to whatever was in the water source. This ice was not meant for human consumption but for keeping things cold.

Everyone needed ice. Some needed large quantities such as butchers, hotel and tavern keepers and entertainment venues. Billy Thompson at the Washington Park Amusement Park in West Deptford often employed as many as fifty men at a time to fill his large ice house with tons of ice for the coming season.

Gloucester County's Ice Houses

Besides small ice houses for individual use, commercial ice houses abounded in Gloucester County. To name just a few were C.D. Bozorth, Almonesson, Freschcoln & Kircher, Mantua, William Poinsett, Mullica Hill, Pitman Ice Company, R.B. Whitaker's Ice House, Silver Lake (Clayton), Rodes, Swedesboro, Brooks Ice House, Westville, Lang's Ice House, Westville, Tice & Son, Williamstown and Rachor's, Woodbury. Many of these businesses also sold coal, feed, hardware, paint, farm implements and seed to stay busy year round.

To read more, scan here:



HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Brought to you by the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners, Director Frank J. DiMarco, the Gloucester County Improvement Authority, and the Office of Recycling. Special collection days are limited to Gloucester County residents and collections are made between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, rain or shine. Please note the 2025 Household Special Waste Collection Days below. Commercial businesses are prohibited from participating in these events. For more information, call (856) 478-6045 or visit <https://www.gcianj.com/county-recycling/household-special-waste>.

MARCH 29 AND SEPTEMBER 13

Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex
493 Monroeville Road (Rt. 694)
Monroeville, NJ 08343

MAY 10 AND OCTOBER 25

Gloucester County Road Department
1200 N. Delsea Dr.
Clayton, NJ 08312

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Oil based paints, stains, motor oil, antifreeze, CFL bulbs, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, lead acid, Ni-cad, lithium, & all rechargeable batteries, fire extinguishers, solvents, pesticides, cleaners, kerosene, herbicides, gasoline, turpentine, varnish, fertilizers, rat poison, auto & floor care products, weed killers, lighter fluid, propane tanks, photographic & pool chemicals (55 gallon containers require prior approval).

NOT ACCEPTED MATERIALS

No latex paint or alkaline batteries accepted. Latex is water-based & non-hazardous when dry. Please dry out cans with kitty litter and dispose of cans in regular trash. Alkaline non-rechargeable batteries may also be placed in the regular trash.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS 101 FOR HOMEOWNERS



The Gloucester County Department of Health's Environmental Division will be hosting a one-hour training for homeowners on a septic system to broaden their knowledge of septic systems, maintenance of septic systems, and the real estate inspection protocol and process.

Brought to you by the Health Department, Frank J. DiMarco, Director, and Jim Jefferson, Deputy Director and Liaison, the class offers free training to those residents served by a septic system. There is no fee for attending this course, but registration is required to reserve your seat as space is limited. You may register by calling the Environmental Health Unit at (856) 218-4170. The training will be held at the Gloucester County Department of Health located at 204 East Holly Avenue Sewell, NJ 08080.

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Location: Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Ave, Sewell NJ 08080**

PROPERTY TAX HELP FOR VETERANS

If you are certified by the VA as a 100 percent permanent and total disabled veteran based on active duty service, you may qualify for an annual property tax exemption. Disabled Veteran Exemption requires a 100 percent VA Certificate of Disability, DD-214 or equivalent, proof of ownership and legal residency. The exemption must be permanent and total. The property must be owned and occupied by the claimant and must be their legal residence in this state. An annual Veterans Property Tax Deduction of \$250 requires citizenship, state residency, active service in the U.S. Armed Forces during any of the statutory periods listed on the application form, honorable discharge, property ownership, and the timely completion of an application. If living, the veteran must own the property in whole or in part to qualify for the deduction. Under certain conditions, surviving spouses may also qualify for the exemption or deduction. For more information visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-veterans.shtml>.



COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

Projects included but not limited to pipeline replacements, concrete & inlet improvements, milling, overlaying, reconstruction road projects, bridge repair or replacements, and storm water management

CLAYTON - \$12,363,855

Fries Mill Road; Clayton Williamstown Road; East Academy; West Clayton Avenue

DEPTFORD - \$22,388,105

Almonesson Road; Fox Run Road; Bankbridge Road; Salina Bridge; Delaware / Cooper Street; North Evergreen; Blackwood-Barnsboro Road; McQuisten Court / Bankbridge; Clements Bridge Road

EAST GREENWICH - \$5,912,252

Mantua-Paulsboro Road; Cohawkin Road; East Wolfert Station Road; Democrat Road

ELK - \$5,145,215

Aura Road; Clems Run Road; Monroeville Road; Elk Road; Hardingville Road

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - \$17,512,720

Porchtown Road; Monroeville Road; Fries Mill Road; Malaga Park Drive; Elk Road; Swedesboro Road; Clayton-Williamstown Road

GLASSBORO - \$10,284,500

Ellis Mill Road; Carpenter Street; Fish Pond Road; New Street / Glassboro Cross-Keys Road; Route US 322 Connector

GREENWICH - \$16,614,965

Tomlin Station Road; Paulsboro Road; Flood Gate Road; Repaupo Creek Levee; Swedesboro Road; Route 44 Truck Bypass & Access Road

HARRISON TOWNSHIP - \$22,183,120

Fislerville Road; Clems Run; US 322 / Bypass Road; Mullica Hill Road; Aura Road; Lambs Road; Hardingville Road; Ellis Mill Road; Route US 322 Connector Road

LOGAN TOWNSHIP - \$7,698,163

High Hill Road; Paulsboro Road; Pedricktown Road; Repaupo Creek Levee

MANTUA TOWNSHIP - \$18,618,170

Mantua Boulevard; Fossil Park Extension Road & Bridge;

Breakneck Road; Woodbury-Glassboro Road; Lambs Road; Pitman Road; Main Street

MONROE - \$25,229,375

Clayton Avenue; New Brooklyn Road; Berlin- Cross-Keys Road; Sicklerville Road; East Malaga Road; Glassboro Road / 322 / Fries Mill Road; Cross-Keys Bypass; Clayton-Williamstown Road; New Street / Glassboro Cross-Keys Road

NATIONAL PARK - \$257,140

Columbia Boulevard

PAULSBORO - \$6,281,000

Billingsport Road

PITMAN - \$2,316,535

Woodbury-Glassboro Road; West Holly Avenue; Pitman Avenue

SOUTH HARRISON - \$7,277,440

Eldridges Hill Road; Harrisonville Road; South Main Street / Mullica Hill Road; Monroeville Road; Commissioner's Road

SWEDESBORO - \$1,792,272

Lake Avenue / Franklin Street; Kings Highway; Glen Echo

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - \$21,250,988

Berlin Cross-Keys Road; Tuckahoe Road; Hurfville-Cross-Keys Road; Hurfville-Grenloch Road; Woodbury-Turnersville Road; East Holly Avenue; Salina Bridge; Cross-Keys Bypass; Fries Mill Road; Fish Pond Road; New Street / Glassboro Cross-Keys Road; Blackwood-Barnsboro Road

WENONAH - \$147,000

West Mantua Avenue

WEST DEPTFORD - \$10,553,615

Grove Road; Red Bank Avenue; Parkville Station Road; Delaware Street; Hessian Avenue; Jessup Road

WESTVILLE - \$3,120,320

N. Evergreen Avenue; Broadway

WOODBURY - \$8,880,625

Delaware / Cooper Streets; N. Evergreen Avenue; Hessian Avenue; Red Bank Avenue

WOODBURY HEIGHTS - \$30,525

WOOLWICH - \$7,378,538

Auburn Road; Paulsboro-Swedesboro Road; Harrisonville Road; Davidson Road; Oldmans Creek Road

GOLF CHAMP PAYS IT FORWARD

Gloucester County resident Adam Satanoff had quite the 2024 golf season. Adam took first place in the Men's Pitman Golf Course Club

Championship, the Men's Golf Association's Match Play Championship, and the 2024 Top Ten Shootout Tournament! As the year came to an end, based on his good fortunes during the season, he wanted to "pay it forward" and asked our PGA Professional to gift a new pair of Foot Joy Golf Shoes to a deserving junior golfer at Pitman Golf Course just in time for the holidays.

That junior player was Torrin Denton. Torrin is about to begin his high school golf career, and not only does he display a sincere love for the game, but he is also one of the most well-mannered junior golfers on the course. Torrin has a reputation for knowing his golf etiquette and respecting the game, his fellow golfers, and the golf course and staff. Our PGA Professional said, "Torrin comes from a good family and, when given the opportunity in the future, he will surely pay it forward just as Adam has done."

The golf course is owned and operated by the County of Gloucester and the services provided are under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners and Deputy Director and Liaison Jim Jefferson. For more information about the course, visit <https://www.pitmangolfcourse.com>.



TROUT SEASON APPROACHES AT GREENWICH LAKE PARK

A popular fishing spot for years, Greenwich Lake Park also offers a variety of other activities. Amenities at the park include a boat launch, grilling and picnic areas. Nature lovers will marvel at the wide variety of plant and animal life that abound in the wetlands that surround the lake. The 40-acre spring-fed lake is open all year for fishing and stocked with trout twice a season by the New Jersey Department of Fish and Game. Beginning on the opening day of trout season – this year on Saturday, April 5 – the boat launch is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm until October. For more information on Greenwich Lake Park, visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/facilities/facility-details/Greenwich-Lake-Park-1>.



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Commissioner Jim Jefferson, provides the following free health screenings and information in front of the Gloucester County Store, located in the Deptford Mall, on the first Friday of each month from 10 am to noon. Screenings are subject to change. Talk with your healthcare providers about what tests are best for you. Questions regarding screenings? Please call (856) 218-4106.

Blood pressure - Regular monitoring of blood pressure aids in the early detection of heart disease

Glucose and Cholesterol Testing - Healthy individuals over 50 should be screened for diabetes and elevated cholesterol every 1-2 years depending on risk factors.

NEXT SCREENINGS

March 7, 2025 – 10:00 AM - Noon

April 4, 2025 – 10:00 AM - Noon



NATURE CENTER EVENT

Join us on March 18 for our newest offering, "Gardening for Wildlife," at the Scotland Run Park Nature Center. Courses are geared towards kids aged 2-5, so bring your little ones, explore nature, and learn about fascinating topics through fun and interactive sessions! The two sessions are at 9:30 am and 11:00 am, at 980 East Academy St., Clayton, NJ. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/NJ/gloucester-county-nj/catalog/index/1acb4f4b11006805e20ba0f545b6659f> or call (856) 251-6710 for more information. Let's inspire a love for nature in the next generation!



JOB OPENINGS

Join the team at Shady Lane Nursing Home in Gloucester County as a Food Service Worker! Help make a difference in the lives of our residents while enjoying a fulfilling career. Under the guidance of the Food Services Director and Administrator, you'll help prepare and serve nourishing meals tailored to the dietary needs of our residents. Apply now! Applications can be found or submitted at:

hrdept@co.goucester.nj.us
www.goucestercountynj.gov
P.O. Box 337, Woodbury, NJ 08096

Full-Time (40 hours/week)
Pay: \$16.52/hour
Schedule: 4 days/week & every other weekend,
10:45 AM – 7:15 PM



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