

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY



VOTE FOR THE BEST OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY!

It's that time of year again! The Gloucester County Commissioners and liaison Joann Gattinelli invite you to vote for the Best of Gloucester County, taking the time to recognize your favorite local businesses, restaurants, services, and more! Whether it's the best pizza in town, your go-to salon, or that amazing boutique—now is the time to show your love and support for the local gems that make Gloucester County shine.

HOW TO VOTE:

Mark your calendars: Voting begins **April 4th!**

Head to the voting page to cast your votes in all your favorite categories. Share with your friends and family to get everyone involved! Don't miss out on celebrating the **BEST** of what Gloucester County has to offer!

Voting Period: April 4th – July 25th

Where: <https://www.gcbestof.com/>

Let's make Gloucester County proud!



GLOUCESTER COUNTY SEEKS "VETERAN-OWNED" BUSINESSES

The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs, under the oversight of liaison Denice DiCarlo, is looking to identify veteran-owned businesses to include in our new database, and if you offer a veterans discount, we would like to add you to our Veterans Discount Book, which is updated yearly. The booklets are available at the Gloucester County Veterans Affairs Office in Sewell, and at veterans organizations throughout Gloucester County. If you are a veteran business owner in Gloucester County, and would like to be added, please contact the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs at: 856-401-7660, or email us at vets@co.gloucester.nj.us.



APRIL FITNESS

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesday: April 1, 8, 15

2:30 - 3:30 PM

**Cross Keys United Methodist Church
1648 N Main St.**

Williamstown, NJ 08094

Please call for more information or to register 856-218-4106 or email ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

Join Our Team! 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. The overarching goal of the GCMRC is to enhance the community's emergency preparedness by ensuring that a trained group of healthcare professionals and community volunteers are ready to respond to public health emergencies. 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
- Administrative or secretarial duties
- Translation or reception duties
- Assisting in community events, donation drives, and more!

Volunteers need to be aware that they will be required to participate in training and education in order to be adequately prepared should an event occur. Volunteers are asked to perform duties in accordance with 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.

To find out more information, please visit:

<https://njmrc.njlincs.net> or call Chelsea at 856-218-4112 or email cchilelli@co.gloucester.nj.us



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 gciaphotocontest@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing your Beautiful Gloucester County!



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES JOB & VOLUNTEER FAIR



Are you a senior citizen looking for part-time work or volunteer opportunities? Come join us at the Golden Opportunities Job & Volunteer Fair on April 10th from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Gloucester County Mullica Hill Library!

This event is designed specifically for seniors looking to explore new work opportunities or make a difference by volunteering in the community. Whether you're interested in a flexible part-time job or giving back through volunteer work, this fair will connect you with local organizations and businesses seeking your skills and experience.

April 10th, 10 AM – 1 PM

**Gloucester County Mullica Hill Library
(389 Wolfert Station Rd. Mullica Hill, NJ)**

This is a great chance to find new opportunities and keep active in the community! Visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov for more information or scan the QR code to register.

PROTECT YOUR HOME



The Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office, under the oversight of liaison Denice DiCarlo, would like to remind residents the importance of having working smoke detectors throughout the home. Please see the following statistics and safety tips from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. (Source: NFPA Research)

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

The Gloucester County Fire Academy has recently undergone an improvement project funded with a \$3.5 million grant received by the State of New Jersey. With the support of The Gloucester County Commissioners and Rowan College of South Jersey our Fire Academy Staff is extremely excited with implementing the new upgrades to better serve the Fire Service. The new upgrades include a new apparatus and instructional building addition.

NEW 140'X 60' BUILDING WILL INCLUDE:

- Two new classrooms with new training tables and audio/visual equipment.
- New restroom facilities to include shower area.
- Large apparatus room to accommodate training apparatus along with providing an indoor training area.
- New office area for academy administrative staff and instructors.

NEW LIVE-FIRE TRAINING PROPS

The New Car Fire Simulator will provide advanced live fire training. The fires are fueled using environmentally friendly propane (LPG). The system is fully integrated with independently controlled burners to provide optimal control of each individual fire scenario.

The new 4-story Live-Fire Training Building has a modularized approach that contains (5) burn chambers, interior and exterior stairwells on all levels to enhance firefighter training scenarios. The new facility provides firefighters with several new training initiatives that we previously had to perform off-site resulting in reduced training time. In addition to live-fire training, this training prop has additional training capabilities for search and rescue, ladder placement, roof ventilation and confined space rescue.



STATE OF THE ART LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

On February 21, 2025, Gloucester County Director Frank DiMarco, Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, and Commissioner Denice DiCarlo reviewed lifesaving equipment on GCEMS ambulances. Each vehicle is equipped with a LUCAS CPR device for continuous chest compressions, a hydraulic stretcher system to enhance patient and crew safety, and a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) for real-time communication with dispatch. The MDT provides instant updates and tracks crew locations to ensure the nearest team responds to emergencies.



FOOD SAFETY TECHNIQUES



Gloucester County has over sixteen hundred retail food establishments which include restaurants, schools, supermarkets, hospitals, and nursing homes. As the number of Americans with food allergies is increasing, it is imperative to ensure that food service managers have a thorough understanding of ways to protect consumers. It is vital that as a customer you convey your allergies to your server.

There are three basic steps toward preventing allergic reactions in the food service industry:

- The server is to take the customer's requests seriously. Listen to customers and communicate information to the chef.
- The chef and waitstaff are to prevent cross contamination. Start fresh with clean hands, gloves, pans and utensils.
- Ask again when served if the requested meal was not prepared with the allergen.

Food allergies have the potential to be life threatening. Retail food establishments are encouraged to ensure that appropriate and effective methods of prevention are in effect. For additional information on preventing food allergens in the food service industry contact the Gloucester County Department of Health at (856) 218-4170 or email wcairey@co.gloucester.nj.us.



APRIL IS HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH

April is Heartworm Awareness Month, a reminder from the American Heartworm Society and Gloucester County Animal Shelter to keep pets on heartworm prevention.

Heartworm disease, spread by infected mosquitoes, affects the heart and lungs and can be fatal if untreated. Fortunately, it's easily prevented with annual vet visits and monthly prevention.

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter includes heartworm testing in all adoptions. Visit us Monday-Saturday to adopt:

**Monday's 12-4pm,
Tuesday - Thursday 8-6pm,
Friday & Saturday 8-4pm.**



Questions? Contact us!

☎ (856) 881-2828

✉ gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us

SPRING SENIOR PICNIC

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners invites residents aged 60+ to the 2024 Spring Senior Picnic on May 21, 2025 (Rain date: May 22) from 11 AM – 3 PM at Rowan College of South Jersey, Sewell.

Enjoy a picnic lunch, ice cream, live entertainment, and a photo booth! Community agencies will also be on-site with helpful resources.

Tickets: \$2 each, available April 23 at the Senior Services office, Senior Nutrition Sites, or online at www.gloucestercountynj.gov. Limited availability—first come, first served!

For details, call (856) 384-6900 or email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us. See you there!

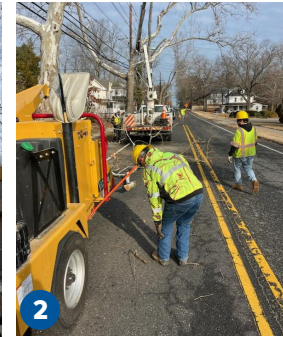


ON THE SCENE FROM SHOWERS TO FLOWERS

The Gloucester County Department of Public Works has been working hard to prepare county roads, walkways, and public spaces for the warm weather months ahead. See some of the areas they have been working in recently below. The crew has also been performing maintenance on county trucks, cleaning inlets, and patching potholes as the weather allows. We thank them for their hard work!



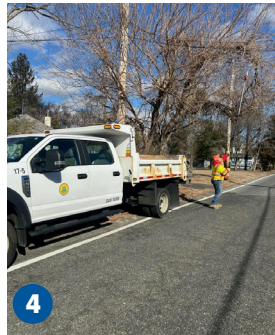
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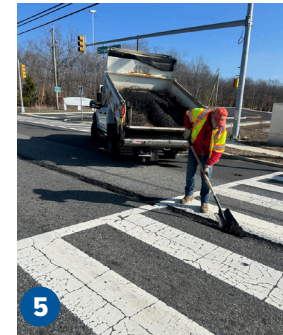
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1, 2: Tree trimming being completed on CR 621 Almonesson Road in Deptford.

3: Roadside cleanup being performed on Cr 601 Pedricktown Road in Logan.

4: Clearing low hanging vines being cut down on CR 639 Chapel Heights Road in Washington.

5: Potholes being filled on CR 555 Tuckahoe Road in Monroe.

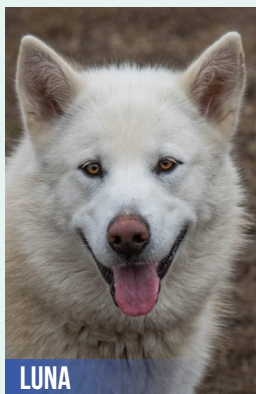
6: Brine being sprayed on CR 654 Hurffville Cross Keys Road in Washington.



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ADOPT TODAY!

If you have any questions about adopting a pet from the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, please contact us by dialing (856) 881-2828 ext. 1 for Adoptions. The Adoption Office is open Monday 12PM - 4PM, Friday & Saturday 8AM - 4PM and Tuesday through Thursday 8 AM - 6 PM. The Adoption Office is closed on Sundays and all national holidays.



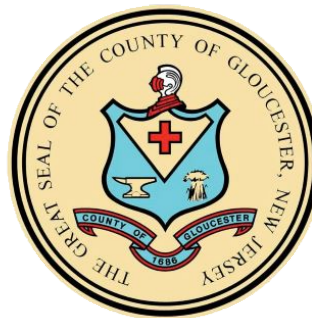
The Gloucester County Animal Shelter, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco (pictured), is working to find great homes for all animals under their care. For more info visit bit.ly/GCSshelter.



GOVERNMENT GLOSSARY

Fiscal Audit

Governments conduct periodic fiscal audits. These are reviews administered by independent professional agencies to ensure taxpayer funding is being spent appropriately in support of community services and programs. Audits are performed to ensure that public funds are used lawfully and responsibly. They also help to ensure that government programs are achieving their goals. Auditors have the responsibility of inspecting financial records and other government documents to ensure regulatory and legal compliance.



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