

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

KINGSWAY STUDENT GIVES BACK TO GCEMS

Kingsway student Cole Dopke donated 115 stuffed animals to Gloucester County EMS pediatric patients as part of his National Honor Society service project. Inspired by a childhood ambulance ride, Cole's gift, "Cole's Critters," will provide comfort to children in emergencies. Commissioner **Director Frank DiMarco** and EMS leadership expressed heartfelt appreciation for Cole's generosity and community spirit.



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE: GCEMS' JOSH MYERS NAMED EMT OF THE YEAR



GCEMS EMT Josh Myers was named "Outstanding EMT of the Year" by VFW Post 7679 in Mantua. Known for his skill and compassion, Josh has been serving Gloucester County residents for over a decade. **Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco, Veterans Affairs Liaison Denice DiCarlo, Mantua Mayor Bob Zimmerman, and other local officials** joined in honoring Josh at the annual awards ceremony, celebrating his dedication to public service.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW AMBULANCE BAYS IN DEPTFORD

Work is underway on new ambulance bays at GCEMS Station 83-7 in Deptford, part of a long-term infrastructure upgrade. The project is being managed by **Gloucester County's Department of Buildings and Grounds**, and aims to improve vehicle protection, staff access, and site aesthetics. Completion is expected by fall.



FREE SIMPLE WILLS FOR VETERANS NOW AVAILABLE

Gloucester County veterans can access free simple wills through the Office of Veterans Affairs, **under the oversight of liaison Commissioner Denice DiCarlo**. This program is available to honorably discharged residents and includes basic estate planning services.

To learn more about the free simple wills workshop, please email vets@co.gloucester.nj.us, call (856) 401-7660, or stop by the Office, which is located at 211 County House Road in Sewell.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS



YOGA IN THE PARK



Tuesdays: July 8, 15, 22, & 29

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Scotland Run Park,
980 E Academy St, Clayton, NJ 08312

More Info:

Gloucester County

Department of Health

Email: cchillelli@co.gloucester.nj.us

Phone: 856-218-4112

DRUMMING, FITNESS, AND SUPPORT AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Join Gloucester County Library System (GCLS) for free summer programs!



Drum2BFit

July 10 & Aug. 7 at 1:30 PM, Mullica Hill Branch

A fun cardio drumming class open to all.

Please call 856-467-0050 for additional information or email:

Abrenza@gcls.org

Fighting Men Fighting Cancer

July 8 at 7 PM

A confidential support group for prostate cancer patients and survivors. Registration is encouraged but not required. Please call 856-223-6050 for more information.

PHOTO CONTEST: SHOW US YOUR GLOUCESTER COUNTY PRIDE!

We've been thrilled by the overwhelming response to our photo contest. We've received so many stunning submissions it is truly difficult to choose just one winner each month! Thank you to everyone who shared their favorite local shots. Your photos reflect a genuine love for our community and we appreciate your participation.

Submit your best photos of Gloucester County to gciaphotocontest@gmail.com for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Be sure to include the photographer's name with your entry.



Congratulations to last month's winner, *Kim Dunda*, for her stunning photo of *Scotland Run Park*! Keep those submissions coming. We love seeing Gloucester County through your lens!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: OVERDOSE AWARENESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

The annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil honoring lives lost to addiction will take place Tuesday, August 26 at Atkinson Park. Join us in remembrance and healing. Resources begin at 7 PM; the vigil starts at dusk. Rain date: August 27. For more information, please call 856-384-6929 or email addictionservices@co.gloucester.nj.us



If you have a loved one that you would like included in the memorial, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov/168/addiction-services or scan the code.



EXPLORE GLOUCESTER COUNTY JOB OPENINGS

Gloucester County offers a range of full-time and part-time positions in various departments. To view current government job openings, visit: bit.ly/3XNd7s3

CAREER RESOURCES FROM THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Under the oversight of Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, the Gloucester County Workforce Development Board provides job seekers with valuable services like resume assistance, training programs, virtual workshops, and more. These programs are open to all county residents. For more career support, visit: www.gloucestercountynj.gov/1468/For-Job-Seekers

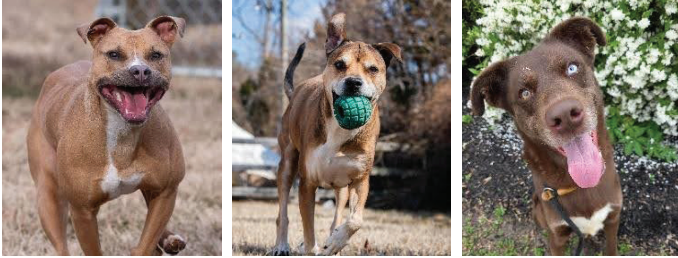


HEALTH SERVICES MOBILE VAN HITS RIVERWINDS MARKET

Stop by Riverwinds Street Market on July 10 between 5–8 PM to get free health resources from the Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Deputy Director Jim Jefferson. Learn about services, prevention programs, and more.

Questions? Please call (856) 218-4106, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov, or scan the QR code.





DIRECTOR DiMARCO HIGHLIGHTS SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP REUNITE LOST PETS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

In recognition of National Lost Pet Prevention Month, Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco is reminding residents about the simple steps that can make all the difference in reuniting with a missing pet. Whether it's securing an ID tag, microchipping, or quickly alerting neighbors and shelters, proactive identification is key.

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter's Animal Control Division is on hand to help with lost and found pet calls, as well as redemptions. They are open Monday–Thursday, 8am–6pm, and Friday–Saturday, 8am–4pm. Residents are encouraged to stop by or call immediately if they've lost or found a pet.

For more information about what to do if you lose a pet, please call (856) 881-2828, email gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us, or scan the QR code.



“Protect your furry family members before they ever go missing because a tag, a chip, and a few minutes of preparation can make all the difference.”

- COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR FRANK J. DiMARCO



SWEET TREATS & COMMUNITY FUN AT GLOUCESTER COUNTY ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Join Gloucester County Senior Services for a series of fun and friendly “Cones & Conversations” Ice Cream Socials. Enjoy creating your own sundae while connecting with neighbors!

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS:

Tuesday, July 8 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Mantua Community Center, 111 East Mercer Ave., Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday, July 15 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Greenfields Volunteer Fire Co., 31 Budd Blvd., West Deptford, NJ 08096

Wednesday, July 16 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Glassboro Senior Center, 152 Delsea Dr., Glassboro, NJ 08028

Tuesday, July 22 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Pfeiffer Community Center, 301 Blue Bell Rd., Williamstown, NJ 08094

Wednesday, July 23 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

First Baptist Church of Jericho, 981 Mail Ave., Deptford, NJ 08096

Tuesday, July 29 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Second Baptist Church, 1450 Swedesboro Ave., Paulsboro, NJ 08066

Note: Ice cream will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until supplies run out. For more information, please contact Gloucester County Senior Services at (856) 384-6900 or email: seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us.



STAY SAFE IN JULY'S HEAT WITH THESE SIMPLE TIPS

July's heat can be tough, especially for seniors. Here are key tips to stay healthy and safe during the hot summer months:

- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink at least 8 glasses of water or hydrating drinks daily.
- **Avoid Heat Exposure:** Stay indoors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., especially in air-conditioned spaces.
- **Dress Appropriately:** Wear loose, light-colored clothing and a wide-brimmed hat for sun protection.
- **Use Sunscreen:** Apply SPF 30 or higher before going outside and reapply often.
- **Be Aware of Medications:** Check with your doctor about any heat-related concerns with your meds.
- **Know the Signs of Heat Illness:** Seek help immediately if you feel confused, tired, or dizzy.

Stay informed and safe—reach out to the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900 for more information.



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