

Gloucester County Today

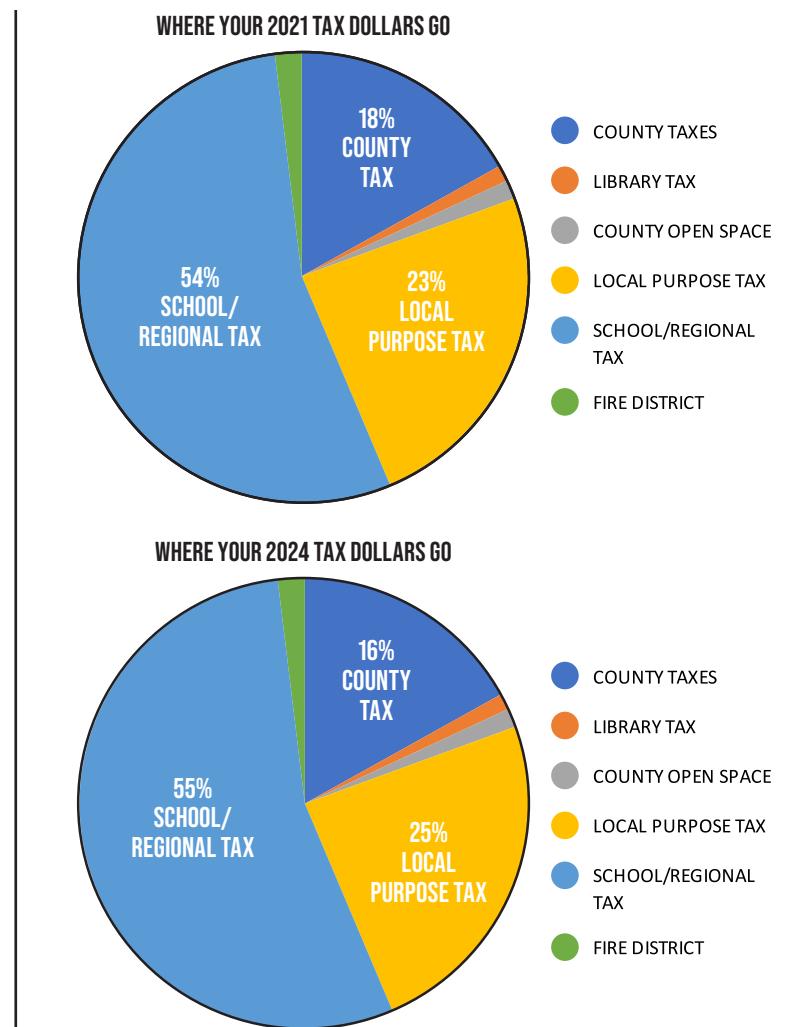
ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

GLOUCESTER COUNTY GETS TOP CREDIT RATING UPGRADE FROM MOODY'S

Moody's has raised Gloucester County's credit rating to the highest level, Aaa, reflecting the county's strong financial health and stability. Gloucester County government has earned this triple A bond rating for the first time ever in its history.

Although the county has had a strong bond rating over the years, a double A positive, achieving the highest rating available is a remarkable milestone. This upgrade, announced on June 23, highlights the County's ongoing efforts to responsibly manage its finances according to the independent financial rating agency.

Why is this important? Just like your own personal credit score when securing a mortgage or car loan, the higher your credit score the better buying power / lower interest rates you can achieve when financing. This is the government's version of a personal credit rating score. With this rating, the County when going out to the financing market has the ability to receive the best interest rates and maximizes our buying/borrowing power. This coupled with



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reducing the overall county tax rate in 2025, for the 5th consecutive year highlights a strong 2025 fiscal year for Gloucester County and its residents.

Moody's points out, despite lowering taxes, the County has maintained appropriate level reserves and kept its debt manageable — key factors that contributed to the Aaa rating upgrade. Moody's also notes that Gloucester County's financial performance is expected to remain strong in the near future, supported by reliable revenues and a growing local economy that continues to attract new businesses. (Moody's full report can be found on our website at gloucestercountynj.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=424)

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This milestone upgrade coupled with cutting the Gloucester County portion of the tax rate 5 years in a row illustrates how Gloucester County is among the best-rated areas in New Jersey!



SEPTIC SYSTEM 101 FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Gloucester County Department of Health's Environmental Division is hosting a free training for homeowners. This training will provide an overview of septic systems. Will be held on September 11, 2025 from 3:00PM-4:00PM at Rowan College-South Jersey, 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080.

To register call 856-218-4170 www.gloucestercountynj.gov



SCOOPS AND SMILES AT SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco and Commissioners Tom Bianco and Joann Gattinelli joined Monroe Township seniors for a fun-filled afternoon at the Gloucester County Senior Services Ice Cream Social. Held at the Pfeiffer Community Center, the Commissioners were honored to serve ice cream and connect with residents during this summertime tradition.



Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco, Commissioner Tom Bianco, and Commissioner Joann Gattinelli

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY CERTIFIED GARDENERS



For 25 years, the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners, under the oversight of Commissioner Matthew Weng, have educated the community on eco-friendly landscaping and conservation. Since 2000, 273 participants have become certified, with 152 still actively volunteering. They've contributed

over 171,000 volunteer hours valued at \$3.4 million, pioneered rain gardens, and operate South Jersey's only Butterfly House, drawing 6,000 visitors each season. Their Pollinator Pit Stop program now includes 352 registered gardens, promoting pollinator-friendly yards.

The gardeners also donate fresh produce to local food banks, host around 40 educational events yearly, and partner with local groups on festivals and historic site projects. They provide free gardening advice through their Garden Helpline, assisting over 1,000 residents annually. This milestone celebrates their ongoing commitment to a greener, healthier Gloucester County.

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.

Scan here to email 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 this month's winner, *Ashleigh Gerard*, for her excellent photo of farm kittens in Mantua!

Keep those submissions coming. We love seeing Gloucester County through your lens!

GLoucester County STAYS READY FOR ANYTHING DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month and the Gloucester County Department of Emergency Response, under the leadership of Commission Director Frank J. DiMarco, is reminding residents to plan ahead, because emergencies can affect every member of your household, including pets.

Residents can do their part by taking three simple steps: know your needs, make a plan, and gather emergency contacts. Use tools like the ASPCA's Disaster Preparedness Checklist to build an emergency kit for your entire family.



"The incredible men and women of our Department of Emergency Response work year-round to protect and enhance the safety of every resident through an integrated system of public safety services, and we're proud to be the first in New Jersey to dispatch emergency services countywide." - COMMISSION DIRECTOR FRANK DiMARCO

REMINDER: GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTIONS



The Gloucester County Animal Shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Saturday. Visit us during these hours: Mondays 12–4 PM, Tuesday–Thursday 8 AM–6 PM, and Friday–Saturday 8 AM–4 PM.

For questions, call (856) 881-2828 or email gcas@co.goucester.nj.us.



STRETCH, BREATHE, AND RELAX WITH YOGA IN THE PARK

The Gloucester County Department of Health, led by Commission Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, invites residents to enjoy a peaceful morning of free yoga at Scotland Run Park in Clayton this September.

Tuesdays, September 9, 16 & 23 | 10–11 AM

Scotland Run Park, 980 E Academy St, Clayton

For more information, contact Chelsea Chilelli at cchilelli@co.goucester.nj.us or call 856-218-4112.



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PUBLIC WORKS KEEPS GLOUCESTER COUNTY MOVING

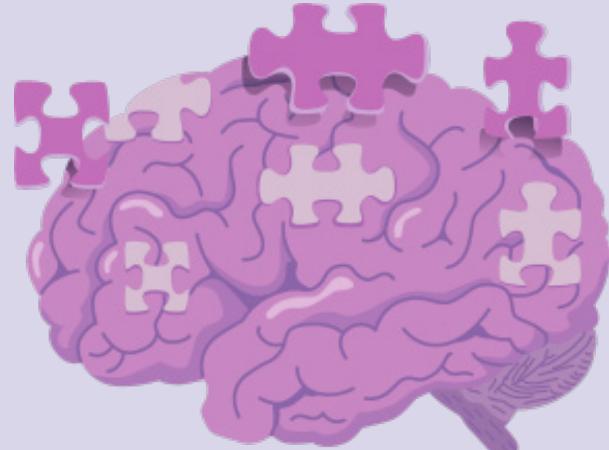


GET SUPPORT AND RESOURCES DURING WORLD ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

Join the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services for a Dementia Resource Fair on Friday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rowan College of South Jersey's Behavioral Science Center. Discover valuable information and support for Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia. Light refreshments will be served.

**Location: 1400 Tanyard Road
Behavioral Science Center, Sewell, NJ 08080**

To RSVP or learn more, contact Stacy Reid at (856) 686-8338 or sreid@co.glocester.nj.us.



POW/MIA CEREMONY; REMEMBERING OUR MISSING



Please join Director Frank J. DiMarco and Commissioner Liaison to Veterans Affairs Thomas Bianco on Saturday September 20, 2025 at 11:00am for the Second Annual County POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.

Held at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery to honor all the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action from all our wars. This Ceremony is held by the Office of Gloucester County Veterans Affairs and the Gloucester County Veterans Advisory Council.

For info contact: GC Veterans Affairs Office at 856-401-7660.



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