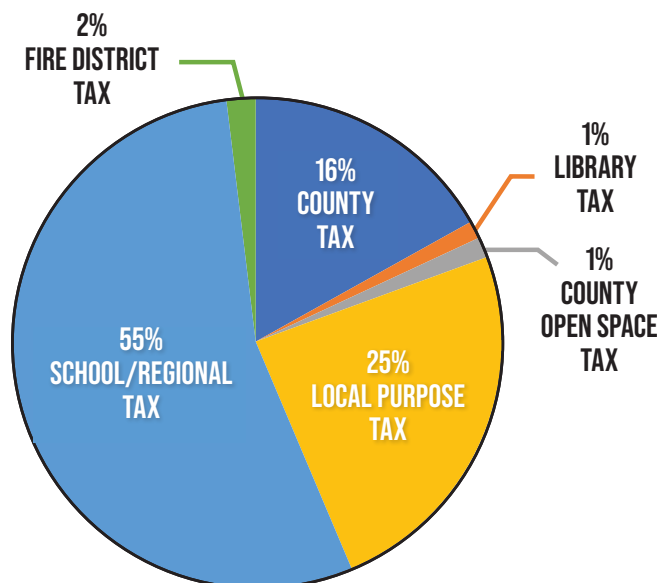


GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

HOW YOUR 2025 TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

The 2025 pie chart illustrates how the average tax bill is broken down. Over the past five years, the County Board of Commissioners has cut the tax rate, which benefited all municipalities in either a tax decrease or no increase (FLAT). County government has been able to reduce its tax rate through the following efforts: (1) since 2007 our administration has looked to cut costs, merge departments, and share services at a rate no other county can match in New Jersey - under this approach, we have attritioned over 515 positions, saving more than \$42.7 million in salary and benefit expenses from the county budget.; (2) even more significant was this board's decision to close the county jail system and regionalize it with other county jails in 2013. This decision has brought over \$347 million savings in 12 years, without laying off one employee; (3) instituted a flat spending in 2022, 2023, and 2024 without impacting seniors, veterans, and emergency responders.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY HONORS VETERAN MARTIN VALDEZ FOR LIFELONG SERVICE

Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco and Commissioner Tom Bianco, liaison to Gloucester County Veterans Affairs, had the honor to present a proclamation to veteran Martin Valdez, recognizing his lifelong dedication to service. From proudly serving over 20 years in the U.S. Navy aboard five submarines, to leading Mantua VFW Post 7679 as Commander, Martin has continually demonstrated leadership, commitment to veterans, and community spirit. His efforts include reviving the Military Ball, launching Pavilion concerts, and forming a joint Honor Guard, ensuring veterans are honored with distinction.



(L-R): Bob Jonas, Director of Veterans Affairs, Commander Charles Thorp of Mantua VFW Post 7679, Gloucester County Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco, Veteran Martin Valdez and Commissioner Tom Bianco, Liaison to Gloucester County Veterans Affairs

UNDERSTANDING OUR ROAD SIGNS

Gloucester County has three main types of roadways with specific road signage. This information is provided to help residents understand the differences as well as which government entity is responsible for their maintenance.



County Route Signs: County route signs are pentagon shaped and are blue with gold numbers and lettering with a gold border trim. The lettering says 'Gloucester' on the top, the route number in the middle, and 'County' on the bottom. These roads are maintained by the Gloucester County Department of Public Works.

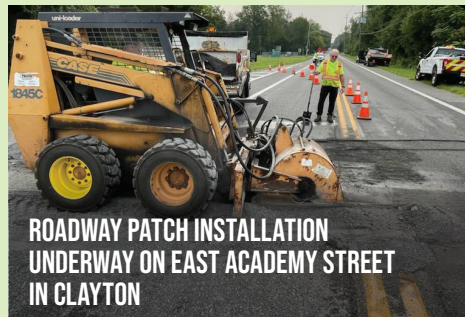
State Highway Signs: There are three different types of state route signs. Typical state route signs are black and white. These signs are in the shape of a white circle, with a black border and black numbers. There are also U.S. route signs that are in the shape of a white shield with a black border and black numbers. Finally, there are interstate highway signs that are in the shape of a shield, with red across the top, a blue body with white numbers, and a white border. These roadways vary in width from two to six lanes of traffic flow. All of these routes are maintained by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.



W Main St

Municipal Signs: Municipal road signs vary in each town, but are generally rectangular in shape and are located on one corner at each intersection. Most municipal roads are residential streets and do not have any roadway striping. These roads are maintained by the Borough or Township where they are located.

PUBLIC WORKS KEEPS GLOUCESTER COUNTY MOVING



OCTOBER IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

Every October, communities nationwide celebrate Adopt a Shelter Dog Month to raise awareness about animals in need of loving homes. The Gloucester County Animal Shelter, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco, is dedicated to matching pets with caring families and invites residents to consider adoption, fostering, or supporting local shelters.

For adoption details or to view available pets, call (856) 881-2828 ext. 1, visit bit.ly/GCPetAdoption, or scan the QR code.



FALL RIVER WALKS AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD



The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, invites residents to enjoy crisp autumn mornings during guided river walks at Red Bank Battlefield. Take in the scenic views while getting active this October!

Tuesdays, October 7, 14 & 21 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM
100 Hessian Ave, National Park
Contact: Carla Kephart at 856-218-4106 or ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us or scan the QR code.



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, *Joe Powell*, for his colorful photo of the *Elephant Swamp Trail*!

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

FAMILY HISTORY DAY & BOAT PARADE

OCTOBER 9 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD, NATIONAL PARK

Celebrate the 250th Navy and Marines Homecoming at Fort Mercer with a special Family History Day. Enjoy free admission, historical activities, and don't miss the boat parade on the Delaware River!

Call 856-224-8045 for more information.

JONAS CATTELL RUN & FORT MERCER 5K



OCTOBER 18 | 8:00 AM AT MECHANIC STREET AND KINGS HIGHWAY IN HADDONFIELD, AND RED BANK BATTLEFIELD, NATIONAL PARK (RAIN OR SHINE)

Take part in history at the 56th annual Jonas Cattell Run, a 10-mile race tracing the route Jonas took in 1777 to warn Fort Mercer of an attack. This scenic 10 mile point to point race that begins at Mechanic Street and Kings Highway in Haddonfield and ends at Red Bank Battlefield in National Park.

For a shorter challenge, join the 6th annual Fort Mercer 5K, starting and finishing at Red Bank Battlefield.

18TH CENTURY FIELD DAY & FALL FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 19 | 10:00AM - 4:00 PM
AT RED BANK BATTLEFIELD, NATIONAL PARK**

Step back in time at Red Bank Battlefield for a day of living history. Experience artillery and cannon drills, meet Revolutionary War soldiers, explore the battlefield, and enjoy vendors, food, and family activities—all with free admission.

Rain Date: October 26, 2025

Call 856-853-5120 for more information.



2025 GLOUCESTER COUNTY FLU CLINICS

The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, is hosting flu clinics throughout October and November. All residents are welcome to get their flu shots at convenient locations across the county.

OCTOBER CLINICS:

Mon, Oct 6 | 4–5:30 PM – Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill

Thu, Oct 9 | 4:30–6 PM – Riverwinds Community Center, West Deptford

Sat, Oct 11 | 9–10:30 AM – Drive-Thru, Clayton County Complex

Mon, Oct 13 | 11:30 AM–12:30 PM – Gibbstown VFW

Mon, Oct 13 | 3–5:30 PM – Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic, Health Dept., Sewell

Tue, Oct 14 | 4:30–5:30 PM – Gloucester County Fire Academy, Clarksboro

Thu, Oct 16 | 4–5:30 PM – Monroe Township Public Library, Williamstown

Mon, Oct 20 | 4–5:30 PM – Woodbury High School

Tue, Oct 21 | 4–5:30 PM – Pitman United Methodist Church

Thu, Oct 23 | 4:30–6 PM – Drive-Thru, Woolwich EMS Station

Sat, Oct 25 | 9–10:30 AM – Drive-Thru, Gloucester County Fleet Management, Mantua

Mon, Oct 27 | 4–5:30 PM – McLean Fitness Center, GCIT, Sewell

Tue, Oct 28 | 4:30–6 PM – Drive-Thru, Clayton County Complex

Thu, Oct 30 | 4–5:30 PM – Drive-Thru, Gloucester County Fleet Management, Mantua

NOVEMBER CLINICS:

Wed, Nov 5 | 11 AM–Noon – Elk Township Municipal Building

Mon, Nov 10 | 4:30–5:30 PM – National Park Fire Hall

Wed, Nov 12 | Noon–1 PM – Franklin Township Community Center

Thu, Nov 13 | 11 AM–Noon – South Harrison Municipal Building

Mon, Nov 17 | Noon–1 PM – Newfield Public Library

Mon, Nov 17 | 4–5:30 PM – Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic, Health Dept., Sewell

For more information, contact Carla Kephart at 856-218-4106 or ckephart@co.gloucester.nj.us or scan the QR code to register.



INAUGURAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AT LIVING PROOF RECOVERY CENTER

Gloucester County Addiction Services invites the community to join the first-ever Cornhole Tournament at the Living Proof Recovery Center of RCSJ on Saturday, October 25th at 12 PM. Open to individuals in recovery, friends, and family, this fun and supportive event offers lively matches, refreshments, and a chance to connect with others on the journey of recovery. Come toss a beanbag or cheer from the sidelines as we celebrate community, connection, and the power of recovery.

Where: Living Proof Recovery Center, 1400 Tanyard Rd, Building J

Contact: Carmen Trifiletti at 856-384-6985, ctrifiletti2@co.gloucester.nj.us or scan the QR code.



FALL CRAFT CLASSES FOR SENIORS: HAND-PAINTED TOTE BAGS

Seniors 60 and older are invited to get creative this fall with free hand-painted tote bag classes, hosted by the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services. All materials and instructions are provided - just bring your imagination! Classes are limited to 25 participants, so preregistration is required.

SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS:

Oct 1 | 9:30–10:30 AM – Glassboro Senior Center,
152 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro

Oct 7 | 10:30–11:30 AM – Mantua Community
Center, 111 E. Mercer Ave., Sewell

Oct 9 | 9:30–10:30 AM – Greenfields Volunteer Fire
Co., 31 Budd Blvd., West Deptford

Oct 14 | 9:30–10:30 AM – Pfeiffer Community
Center, 301 Blue Bell Rd., Williamstown

Oct 21 | 9:30–10:30 AM – First Baptist Church of
Jericho, 981 Mail Ave., Deptford

Oct 23 | 9:30–10:30 AM – Second Baptist Church,
1540 Swedesboro Ave., Paulsboro

REGISTRATION

To sign up or get more information,
please contact Gloucester County
Senior Services at (856) 384-6900,
email seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us
or scan the QR code.



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