

# Gloucester County Today

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## APPLY GLOUCESTER COUNTY MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

The Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco and Liaison Commissioner Tom Bianco, invites local Veterans to apply for the Gloucester County Military Service Medal, which will be presented at the next county ceremony honoring our heroes. Applications are available at the Office of Veterans Affairs (211 County House Rd, Sewell), or online at [gloucestercountynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs](http://gloucestercountynj.gov/267/Veterans-Affairs). Applicants must include a copy of their Honorable Discharge (such as DD214, NGB 22, or equivalent).

Family members may also apply on behalf of a deceased Veteran by submitting the discharge papers and death certificate. Eligible recipients must be Gloucester County residents or have entered service from Gloucester County. Applications can be mailed to the Office of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 337, Woodbury, NJ 08096, or dropped off in person at the Sewell office.



*Louis Ledrich, US Marine Corps Veteran and resident of West Deptford, receiving his Gloucester County Military Service Medal.*



For more information, contact  
Veterans Affairs at (856) 401-7660  
or scan the QR code.

## PUBLIC WORKS KEEPS GLOUCESTER COUNTY MOVING



## SENIOR SERVICES HOLIDAY PARTY



The Gloucester County Department of Senior Services, under the oversight of Director Frank DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, will host its annual Holiday Party at the Sapphire Grand on December 2, 3, 9, 10, and 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. These festive events are open to seniors only, and tickets are just \$3. Tickets are limited and available for purchase at the Senior Services office located at 115 Budd Blvd., West Deptford, NJ 08096, online at [www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov), or at any of the six senior nutrition sites throughout the County during hours of operation.

For more information: call **(856) 384-6900** or email [seniors@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.goucester.nj.us)

## 16TH ANNUAL WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The Gloucester County Commissioners invite residents to join the People for People Foundation of Gloucester County for the 16th Annual Wreaths of Remembrance at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Monroe Township. Hundreds of volunteers, alongside local dignitaries and the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Administration, will place nearly 3,900 wreaths to honor our veterans. Family members are invited for a private wreath-laying before the public ceremony begins. Volunteers and attendees will use shuttle service from Williamstown Middle School. To volunteer to lay wreaths, contact (856) 579-7561.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT: FINDING RELIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season can be especially stressful for family caregivers, but help is available. The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services Caregiver Support Program offers specialized assistance, support groups, and resources to help caregivers manage emotional and physical demands during this busy time of year.

Through programs like the Caregiver Support Group, the “Led by Love” Family Caregiver Group, and the Grief Support Group, caregivers can connect with others who share similar experiences and challenges. The program also provides access to respite care, offering temporary relief and time to recharge. For meeting schedules or to connect with a Caregiver Specialist, contact the Gloucester County Caregiver Support Program at (856) 686-8338, email [seniors@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.goucester.nj.us), or scan the QR code.



# CELEBRATE NATIONAL CAT LOVERS MONTH!

December is the perfect time to show some love to our feline friends. The Gloucester County Animal Shelter, under the oversight of Director Frank DiMarco and with the support of the Gloucester County Commissioners, has many cats and kittens waiting for new homes. Throughout the month of December, adoption fees are reduced to just \$35. Each adoption includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, wormer, a microchip, and an FELV/FIV test.



## ADOPTION HOURS:

- **Monday:** 12 PM – 4 PM
- **Tuesday–Thursday:** 8 AM – 6 PM
- **Friday & Saturday:** 8 AM – 4 PM



## Questions?

Call (856) 881-2828,  
email [gcas@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.goucester.nj.us),  
or scan the QR code.

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE



Director Frank J. DiMarco, Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, and Commissioner Tom Bianco recently attended the Gloucester County Animal Shelter Open House, welcoming residents and giving the community a chance to meet staff, see adoptable pets, and learn more about the shelter's mission.

Local supporters, including Abby's Animal Sitters and Dog Walkers and the Teamster Thunder Group, helped keep visitors refreshed, with all proceeds benefiting the shelter. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the animals!

## Be a Secret Santa for a Shelter Pet

This holiday season, be a Secret Santa for the animals at the Gloucester County Animal Shelter. Donations of toys, treats, and other pet supplies are greatly appreciated and help make the season brighter for every cat and dog in need of a loving home. Stop by anytime the shelter is open, or contact them at (856) 881-2828 or [gcas@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.goucester.nj.us) for more information on how to donate.



# WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND AN INJURED ANIMAL



If you come across an animal that has been hit by a car, the Gloucester County Animal Shelter reminds residents to stay calm and put safety first. For domestic pets, approach cautiously, check for ID tags, and, if necessary, move the animal gently using a blanket or towel. Take the pet to the nearest veterinary hospital and notify local animal control or the shelter.

For wild animals, never attempt to handle them directly. Call Animal Control, a local wildlife rehabilitation center, or police if the animal is in the roadway. Keep a safe distance and mark the location so rescuers can respond quickly.

For assistance, contact Gloucester County Animal Control at **(856) 881-2828 x2** or email [gcas@co.goucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.goucester.nj.us)

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY'S DITTYMAE JANKAUSKAS NAMED PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE OF THE YEAR

The Gloucester County Department of Health's Director of Nursing, Dittymae Jankauskas, has been honored as the 2025 NJ Local Boards of Health Association Public Health Nurse of the Year. With 19 years of dedicated service to the county, Ditty has exemplified excellence in public health nursing across all 24 municipalities she serves. Congratulations to Ditty on this well-deserved recognition!



## PHOTO CONTEST: SHOW US YOUR COUNTY PRIDE!



We continue to be thrilled by the incredible response to our photo contest! We receive hundreds of beautiful submissions, making it a real challenge to select just one winner. Your photos capture the heart of our community, and we truly appreciate your participation.

**Congratulations to this month's winner, Colleen A. Moran, for her incredible photo entitled Monarch Migration taken at**

### Mount Royal in East Greenwich Township!

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

Scan QR code to email your photo submission



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# FREE FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR GLOUCESTER COUNTY RESIDENTS



For more information, contact **856-218-4106**, visit [gloucestercountynj.gov](http://gloucestercountynj.gov), or scan the QR code to register.

The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, is offering free flu vaccines to all County residents ages 6 months and older, while supplies last. To help reduce wait times, residents are encouraged to pre-register through the Medical electronic system using their legal name. A QR code is

available for easy access. Flu clinics will be held at the Gloucester County Department of Health (204 East Holly Ave, Sewell, NJ) on the following dates:

**Monday, Dec 1 | 4–5 PM**

**Thursday, Dec 11 | 4–5 PM**

**Monday, Dec 22 | 3–5 PM**

**Monday, Dec 29 | 1–4:30 PM**

## TAI CHI FOR SENIORS

Find your balance and unwind before the holidays with gentle Tai Chi sessions hosted by the Gloucester County Department of Health. Classes will be held **Tuesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 2:30–3:30 PM** at the **Deptford Community Center, 1219 Delsea Dr., Westville**.



Pre-registration is required. Call **(856) 218-4106**, email [ckephart@co.glooucester.nj.us](mailto:ckephart@co.glooucester.nj.us), or scan the QR code.



## FREE MONTHLY HEALTH SCREENINGS AT DEPTFORD MALL

The Gloucester County Department of Health also offers free health screenings and wellness information on the **first Friday of every month from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM** in front of the Gloucester County Store at the Deptford Mall.

### SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- Blood Pressure:** Regular monitoring helps with early detection of heart disease.
- Glucose & Cholesterol Testing:** Adults over 50 should be screened every 1–2 years, depending on risk factors.

The next screening will take place **December 5**. Be sure to consult your healthcare provider to determine which screenings are right for you.



### Questions?

Please visit [gloucestercountynj.gov](http://gloucestercountynj.gov), call **(856) 218-4106**, or scan QR code.

# SEPTIC SYSTEM 101 FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Gloucester County Department of Health's Environmental Division, which provides technical assistance and enforces public health and environmental laws to protect residents and the environment, is offering a free training for homeowners on septic systems. The session will be held December 11th from 3-4pm at Rowan College-South Jersey in Sewell.

Pre-registration is required by calling 856-218-4170.



For more information, visit [gloucestercountynj.gov](http://gloucestercountynj.gov) or scan the QR code.



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