

Gloucester County Today

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

DTS MARKS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GLOUCESTER COUNTY

The Gloucester County Division of Transportation Services (DTS), under the oversight of liaison Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, is celebrating a major milestone: 40 years of providing dependable, non-emergency curb-to-curb transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and low-income residents.

Since 1985, DTS has supported mobility and independence across the county, delivering millions of rides and helping residents access essential appointments and services. As part of its continued commitment to safe and reliable transportation, DTS has added a new 2025 Ford van to its fleet, which will be used for non-emergency medical trips.



For more information about DTS services, please call 856-686-8355 or scan the QR code.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: GIVE BACK WITH GLOUCESTER COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES

Gloucester County Senior Services is seeking dedicated volunteers to support our nutrition sites, the Serv-A-Tray home-delivered meal program, and office activities such as greeting visitors and answering phones at 115 Budd Blvd., West Deptford. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one shift per week. Shifts are available from **8:00 AM—12:00 PM** and **12:00 PM—4:00 PM**.

For more information or to get involved:
please call (856) 384-6900, email seniors@co.goucester.nj.us, or
scan the QR code.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW PET!

January is the perfect time for new beginnings, and the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco, has many cats and dogs ready for adoption. All pets are spayed or neutered, microchipped, wormed, and have age-appropriate vaccinations. Dogs receive a heartworm test and bordetella, and cats are FELV/FIV tested.

Adoption fees are \$125 for dogs and \$95 for cats, with reduced fees of \$35 for seniors (62+) and military veterans. Pets 6 years or older have their adoption fee waived.

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.glocester.nj.us,
or scan the QR code.

PHOTO CONTEST: SHOW US YOUR GLOUCESTER COUNTY PRIDE!

We continue to be thrilled by the incredible response to our photo contest and appreciate hearing from so many residents who enjoy participating and seeing the incredible moments their neighbors capture. With hundreds of beautiful submissions coming in, choosing just one winner is never easy!



Congratulations to this month's winner, Lexxi Beatty, for her stunning aerial photo of Sewell!



Scan QR code to 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS FOR 2026

Gloucester County Senior Services is offering caregiver support group meetings throughout 2026 at two convenient locations:

Division of Senior Services Office – 115 Budd Blvd., West Deptford | **9 AM – 12 PM**

Meetings: *Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 24*



Government Services Offices – 1200 N. Delsea Dr., Clayton | 12 – 3 PM

Meetings: Jan. 13, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17



These sessions provide caregivers a safe space to share experiences, connect with others facing similar challenges, and access valuable resources. Light refreshments will be served.



To RSVP or for more information:

contact (856) 686-8338 or sreid@co.glocester.nj.us,
visit gloucestercountynj.gov or scan the QR code

Gloucester County Senior Nutrition Sites

The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services offers nutrition sites throughout the County, providing a well-balanced midday meal Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, for residents aged 60 and older. Midday meals are served at 11:00 a.m. at all sites, except the Mantua Township Community Center, where meals are served at 12:00 p.m.

Locations:

- Second Baptist Church—1540 Swedesboro Ave., Paulsboro
- First Baptist Church of Jericho—981 Mail Ave., Deptford
- Greenfields Volunteer Fire Company—31 Budd Blvd., West Deptford
- Pfeiffer Community Center—301 Blue Bell Rd., Williamstown
- Glassboro Senior Center—152 South Delsea Dr., Glassboro
- Mantua Township Community Center—111 East Mercer Ave., Sewell

A voluntary donation of \$1.25 per meal is accepted to help expand services and supplement funds received under the Older Americans Act.



To register or for questions, contact the Senior Services Nutrition Program at (856) 384-6900 or seniors@co.gloster.nj.us, or scan the QR code



WINTER WELLNESS CHECK-IN: A SEASONAL PRESENTATION SERIES FOR OLDER ADULTS



The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services is offering a free, one-hour presentation series at all six county Senior Nutrition Sites titled Winter Wellness Check-In. Designed to support older adults during the colder months, attendees will learn practical stress-management techniques, coping strategies, and information about

programs and services available to residents aged 60 and above. Presentation Dates and Locations (all at 10:00 a.m.):

Jan 14 – First Baptist Church of Jericho, Deptford
Jan 16 – Second Baptist Church, Paulsboro
Jan 21 – Pfeiffer Community Center, Williamstown
Jan 23 – Mantua Community Center, Mantua
Jan 28 – Glassboro Senior Center, Glassboro
Jan 30 – Greenfields Volunteer Fire Company, West Deptford

 **For more information**, call (856) 384-6900, email seniors@co.glocester.nj.us, or scan the QR code.

LEARN THE JOY OF HULA THIS JANUARY

Join the Gloucester County Department of Health for Hula Class at Cross Keys United Methodist Church, Faith Hall, 1648 N. Main Street, Williamstown. Classes are held January 6th, 13th, and 20th from 2:30 PM— 3:30 PM.



For more information:
 call 856-218-4112, email cchilelli@co.glocester.nj.us, or scan the QR code.



HONORING EXCELLENCE IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Gloucester County Commissioners, including Director Frank J. DiMarco, Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, and Commissioners Tom Bianco and Joann Gattinelli, were proud to attend the Gloucester County Police Chiefs Association's 45th Annual Police Awards, a longstanding tradition recognizing the dedication, professionalism, and courage of the officers, dispatchers, and K9 units who protect and serve our communities.

THIS YEAR'S HONOREES INCLUDE:

Dispatcher of the Year: Edward White, Gloucester County Emergency Management

K9 Officer of the Year: Gregory Germscheid, Harrison Township Police Department

Officer of the Year: Cpl. Steven Wolfsgruber, Mantua Police Department



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NATURE TOTS: INTERACTIVE LEARNING AND CRAFTS FOR YOUNG ADVENTURERS

Join the Gloucester County Department of Parks and Recreation at the Nature Center for free, hands-on lessons covering a variety of nature topics, from snakes to plant life, each paired with a related craft. Sessions take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from January through March, offered at **9:30–10:30 AM** and **11:00 AM–12:00 PM**. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required.

Location: Scotland Run Park, 908 East Academy Street, Clayton, NJ 08312



 To register, please scan the QR code. For more information, call 856-881-0845.



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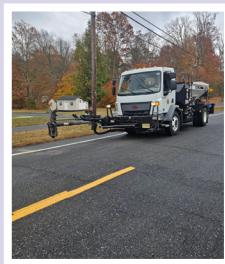
NATURE AT NIGHT

Nature at Night is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning **Jan. 15 — April** from **7pm-8pm**. Nature at Night is a special nature presentation open to the public. Presentations are full of beautiful images and real animals are on display. This program is free but, due to limited space, registration is required.

Dr. Alicia Shenko, an associate professor at Delaware Valley University's Department of Animal Biotechnology and Conservation, explores the fascinating world of hidden (and not so hidden) mammals that live in your backyard, and common ways you can easily observe their secret movements!

Location: Scotland Run Park, 908 East Academy Street, Clayton, NJ 08312

PUBLIC WORKS KEEPS GLOUCESTER COUNTY MOVING



This winter, the Gloucester County Department of Public Works, under the oversight of Commissioner Matthew Weng, is hard at work keeping our roads and public spaces safe and reliable.



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR RESIDENTS

The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Commissioner Jim Jefferson, offers free health screenings on the first Friday of every month from 10 AM to 12 PM in front of the Gloucester County Store at the Deptford Mall. Screenings include blood pressure checks, glucose, and cholesterol testing. Residents are encouraged to consult their healthcare provider to determine which screenings are appropriate.

The next screenings will take place **January 2nd** and **February 6th**.



For more information, visit gloucestercountynj.gov, call 856-218-4106, or scan QR code.



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The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, the County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842 / New Jersey Relay Service 711.