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Gloucester City Newsletter

In the News

by Derek Timm, Council

Gloucester City Mayor and Council have been very busy in 2024 working hard for the citizens of the town and doing their best to create equity and quality of life improvements for everyone. As a reminder be sure to sign up for news and events and click on all the boxes on all sections of the list to subscribe to everything.

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Councilman At Large Ed Cilurso was sworn in at the first council meeting of 2024. Gloucester City is in good hands with Councilman Cilurso as he has a very diverse professional background that fits perfectly with the needs of the city and is willing to help the community any way he can. The Mayor and Council are excited to have him join them.

Mayor and Council are thrilled to announce that the housing stock of Gloucester City is the strongest it has been in many years. Every corner of the city is almost filled to capacity. This is great for economic activity and interest. Many ordinances have been presented and passed regarding redevelopment and we are making sure the developers have the best interest of the city and our citizens in their plans and are hopeful to see the projects progress.



HAPPY
SPRING

Just a friendly reminder that any residential property that hosts rent on a short term basis is a violation per Gloucester City Housing Code - 69A-2: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the City Code, it shall be unlawful for an owner, lessor, sublessor, any other person(s) or entity(ies) with possessory or use right(s) in a dwelling unit, their principals, partner or shareholders, or their agents, employees, representatives and other person(s) or entity(ies), acting in concert or a combination thereof, to receive or obtain actual or anticipated consideration for soliciting, advertising, offering and/or permitting, allowing or failing to discontinue the use or occupancy of any dwelling unit, as defined herein, for a period of 30 days or less.

Gloucester City was happy to announce the 2023 Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Joyce Calzonetti. Joyce has shown selfless dedication, hard work, and generosity in her contributions to this City and her time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Each spring, the United States House of Representatives sponsors a nation-wide high school art challenge and it allows us to highlight local talent in New Jersey's First Congressional District. The contest is open to all high school students and our South Jersey winner will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year and be invited to a reception in Washington, DC. This year's deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 28, 2024.

<https://norcross.house.gov/art-competition>



Mayor's Message From Mayor Baile



Things are starting to move quickly. We had our new signs installed this week.

Stop by 512 Monmouth and see the new graphics. This makes it much better to communicate with the public. More meetings and general announcements will be posted on this board.

We are finally getting some forward motion on our many grants projects. Follow our Mayor and Council Facebook page for daily updates, or subscribe to our website email list for information and postings.

The biggest and most successful St. Patrick's Day Parade was enjoyed by all on March 3. Always the first Sunday in March, we had the best weather possible this year. We had 65 entrants in the parade with String Bands, School organizations, the Corvette Club, and more. Thank you to the Co-Chairs of this event Dan Spencer and Jennifer Evans for a spectacular day. At least 10,000 visitors walked our streets - making a huge economic impact on our retail businesses.

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Gloucester Town Corner
by Patrick Ward

8 December 1773. (250 years ago) - George the Third grants a Patent for the Town of Gloucester. Although the Town of Gloucester had been in existence for at least 90 years prior, this document further defined the legal boundaries. The "Town of Gloucester" the legal name listed in the document, would have included present day communities of: Brooklawn, Mt. Ephraim, parts of Bellmawr and parts of Gloucester City. The original documents whereabouts is unknown, but the document is said to be signed by William Franklin, who was the last colonial Governor of New Jersey. William Franklin was of course Benjamin Franklin's son. Shortly after this patent was issued, Benjamin Franklin decided that America needed to break from the King. William Franklin would remain loyal to King George the Third and would be arrested in January of 1776.

Gloucester City Historical Society
34 N. King Street - Gloucester City, NJ 08030
<https://www.gloucestercityhistoricalsociety.org/>



COMING TO NJ

The 2026 World Cup Final will be hosted in New Jersey! This will be an incredible opportunity for the Garden State to show the world its promise. This will also have a huge impact on New Jersey's tourism economy.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND SHREDDING EVENT

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Community Cleanup Day
and Shredding Event at Library

Saturday, April 6th, 9 am to 1 pm

If you want to make a meaningful difference
in our community, let's cover all areas in the
City this year.



Contact Alex Tedesco at
tedesco@cityofgloucester.org
856-456-0781

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 21 - Battleship NJ passes around 1:30 -2 pm at Proprietors Park
- March 23 - 9 am - Easter Egg Hunt
- Children 9 and under
- April 6 - 9-1 Shredding Event
- April 6 - 9-1 Community Clean Up
- April 10th - Tree Planting on Johnson Boulevard
- March 18th 6 pm Caucus Meeting
- March 20th 7 pm Planning Board
- March 25th 7 pm Council Meeting
- April 17th 7 pm Planning Board
- April 15th 6 pm Caucus Meeting
- April 22nd 7 pm Council Meeting



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Employee Highlight by Administrator Chief Brian Morrell

James W. Little, Lieutenant
Gloucester City Police Department

Gloucester City is thrilled to shine a spotlight on one of our finest, Lieutenant James W Little, whose unwavering dedication and exceptional service embodies the spirit of resilience, courage, and commitment to our community. Lt. James W Little graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1995. Then he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a Crew Chief and flew on Hueys from 1996 to 2001. His time in the Marines was not just a chapter in his life; it shaped his character and prepared him for the challenges ahead. Following his honorable service in the Marines, James transitioned seamlessly into civilian life, dedicating two years to the Camden County Department of Corrections. However, his heart remained in service, leading him to the Gloucester City Police Department, where he has proudly served for two decades.

As he celebrates his 20th year at the PD, James has become an integral part of Gloucester City's force, embodying the values of integrity, professionalism, and compassion. His role extends beyond the badge, as he has taken on crucial responsibilities such as training numerous officers in the field training officers (FTO) program, serving as a driving instructor at the EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC) in Atlantic City, and he was an integral part of Gloucester City's Police Department being awarded Accredited status by The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission in 2022.

James has earned the esteemed title of Patrol Lieutenant, a testament to his leadership skills and dedication to upholding the law. His commitment to serving the residents of Gloucester City is unparalleled, and his impact on our community is immeasurable.

Outside of his duties, James finds joy in spending time with his beloved family—his two sons, daughter, and wife. Their unwavering support fuels his passion for service and strengthens his resolve to make a positive difference every day.



Lieutenant James W Little, we extend our deepest gratitude for your selfless service, your unwavering dedication, and your profound impact on our community. We are immensely proud to have you as a cornerstone of the Gloucester City Police Department. Thank you for your service.

CONGRATS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

Five members of our Gloucester City Firefighters and Fire Officers were recognized by the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund and received a Unite Citation Award for bravery during a Water Rescue incident that took place on July 11th, 2023.

Congratulations to:
Battalion Chief Sanderson
Captain James O'Connor
Firefighter Gary Pierce
Firefighter Greg Zuccarelli
Firefighter Eric Glassman

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Library News by Wen Gnu

The Gloucester Library now offers their members access to Peterson's Test and Career Prep. This single resource combines Peterson's Test Prep and Peterson's Career Prep into one user experience to make accessing the products more seamless and promoting them even easier. This site accommodates users of all ages with a resource for standardized test preparation, researching and selecting college and graduate schools, finding tuition assistance, exploring career paths and more.

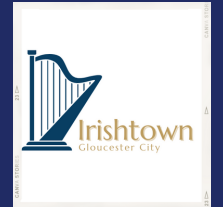
<https://www.gloucestercitylibrary.org/>

Are you a senior in high school and interested in a career in Information Technology?

CSC's It Recruit NJ program has a job for you! This program offers state jobs to high school seniors; they have 23+ positions available across several NJ state departments. To check out open positions and find out more information, visit their webpage: <https://www.nj.gov/csc/jobs/itrecruitnj.shtml>



Upcoming NPP Grant Funded Projects



Year 3 of NPP to include

- Garden and Beautification Amenities at Proprietors Park
- Community Garden upgrades
- Wayfinding signs

Applications Open

- Residential Facade grants
- Commercial Facade grants

Upcoming UEZ Grant Funded Projects



- New signs entering the City
- New sign at 512 Municipal building
- New parking lot on King St.
- New storage building at Proprietors Park.
- More funding to spent on city events.

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Community News
by Lori Ryan

Gloucester City is working for you! We have been working hard and have most recently received several grants:

- \$830,000 Green Acres Grant for repairs to the Park at Johnson Boulevard
- \$40,000 for tree planting from NJ Tree Foundation for trees planted on Chestnut Street, Oriental Avenue, and at the Johnson Boulevard park area. More trees this year on April 10th at Johnson Boulevard.
- \$358,000 for Community Project Funding from Congressman Donald Norcross for additional play area at Proprietors Park.
- \$1,100,000 combined grants for security cameras installed in all public areas. \$100,000 from UEZ allocation funds, \$200,000 from the state budget, and the remaining \$800,000 from the Community Project Funding program through Congressman Donald Norcross.
- \$100,000 from UEZ allocation funds for a public parking lot installed at 106 King Street.
- \$50,000 for a UEZ storage building to store events materials at Proprietors Park.

LOCAL NEWS

The Camden County Division of Programming for Individuals with disABILITIES and Special Needs offers a wide range of activities and programs throughout the year. Most programs are free to attend, but registration is required. For a full list of upcoming events, visit: <https://www.camdencounty.com/events/list/?tribe-bar-search=disabilities>

Home Delivered Meals (formerly Meals on Wheels) is a proud service of the Camden County Board of Commissioner. For more information, please call the Camden County Home Delivered Meals Coordinator Felicia Buzard 856-374-MEAL (6325) or email Felicia Buzard at felicia.buzard@camdencounty.com

The Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund! Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) - Brooklawn American Legion Hall, 11 Railroad Lane, Brooklawn, NJ - \$25 per person, must be 18 years of age or older to attend. Bottled Water, Coffee and Desserts will be served. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and refreshments! To reserve tickets Call Dawn: (856) 768-9656 or email: dawn@camdencountyhero.com - Proceeds benefit the families of Camden County's Police, Fire & EMS Personnel killed in the line of duty.



Hydrant Flushing News



Hydrant Flushing to begin April 8th
New time!
7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Donna Domico, Superintendent of Environmental Utilities has announced that hydrant Flushing will start the week of April 8th.

"In order to maintain and continue to deliver the best quality water, Gloucester City Dept. of Utilities will be doing our semi-annual hydrant/main flushing

April 8th - April 19th
from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

You may experience low water pressure and/or slight discoloration of the water. If this occurs, please let the faucet run for a short time to allow any residual to clear."



If the problem persists, please contact the Utility Department at 856-456-0169 between the hours of 7:30 am - 3:30 pm.

cityofgloucester.org

Are you having a problem with a federal agency? The Office of Congressman Donald Norcross is here to help! Contact his office by calling 856-427-7000 or visiting <https://norcross.house.gov/how-can-i-help-you>

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The New Jersey Assembly Housing Committee advanced Bill A2824, which would modify the down payment assistance program for first-time and first-generation homebuyers, including an increase to the maximum loan amount provided through the program – from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Learn more at: <https://www.assemblydems.com/assembly-housing-committee-clears-bill-to-expand-homeownership-program-for-first-time-first-generation-homebuyers/>

Welcome to our new Fire crew!

Gloucester City Mayor and Council had the pleasure of watching Evan Coxe, Nathan Castagna and Nicholas Stewart swear the oath to become firemen of the Gloucester City Fire Department. We congratulate them, and wish them well as they take to the streets to protect the residents of Gloucester City.

Thinking about a career in law enforcement? The NJ Department of Human Services Police are hiring! NJ HSP are sworn to serve & protect the people of the state with a focus on children, families, individuals with disabilities and special needs. Send resume to: DHS-HSP.Recruiting@dhs.nj.gov

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Trash/recycling not picked up, need bulk trash pickup, a street repair, or other services from Gloucester City's Public Works Department? You can report these issues and more directly on Gloucester City's Public Works Webpage by clicking on the section of the website 'Click here to request service from the Dept of Public Works' or use the QR code on the site to begin a service request at <https://www.cityofgloucester.org/public-works> -

As a reminder that page also provides the information on how to report streetlight outages to PSEG and any issues on any Camden County or State of New Jersey roads.



Mayor and Council are now on Facebook. Follow our page for news and events

<https://www.facebook.com/gloucestercitynjmayorandcouncil>

Gloucester City DPW Service Request



Get To Know Us Councilman At Large - Ed Cilurso

How long have you lived in Gloucester City? I first rented a house in the city in the early 2000's. Bought my house in 2008 and am proud to say Gloucester City is my home.

How long have you been a Councilman? January 4th 2024

Your favorite place in Gloucester City? The amazing Waterfront we have.

Fondest memory of Gloucester City? My most recent fondest memory is the St. Patrick's parade and seeing everyone enjoying themselves.

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor? Plain vanilla

Favorite hobby? Cooking, spending time with my family and traveling.

Favorite musical artist or group? I listen to most genres, it's hard to say just one. The Beatles | Alice in Chains | Dave Matthews Band.

Favorite Restaurant? That's truly a hard one as there are so many great places in our city. But if I must pick one it would be Vitale's.

Favorite Sport? Hockey

Favorite Politician of all time? Our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt



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Municipal Offices Closed on the Following Days

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| 1/1 | New Years Day | 9/2 | Labor Day |
| 1/15 | Martin Luther King Day | 10/14 | Columbus Day |
| 2/19 | Presidents' Day | 11/5 | Election Day |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day | 11/11 | Veteran's Day |
| 6/19 | Juneteenth | 11/28 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 7/4 | Independence Day | 12/25 | Christmas Day |

Trash Pickup Holiday Schedule - No Collection Days

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For DPW Questions Call 856.456.0781 ext1

Dept of Public Works - 615 Brick Street

Pickup to be delayed until the day following regular scheduled pickup day.

Bulk Trash accepted at DPW 1st Saturday of Month

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