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The News

Gloucester City News



IN THE NEWS

By Derek Timm

Gloucester City Police Department was recently awarded Accredited status by The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This is a law enforcement program that is thorough, complete, and based on standards that reflect professional best practices and acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. This is an amazing accomplishment and everyone should be proud of our police force for everything they do on a daily basis to protect and serve.

Architectural designs and proposed project scope was presented for our Meridia on the Pier project at the Business Association meeting at Elizabeth's Ballroom and then with the public at GHS. Turnout was great, and comments were positive. The City will proceed to due diligence with redevelopment and pilot agreements.

The Urban Enterprise Zone has awarded it's zone allocation funds to the City in the amount of \$311,000. These funds will be issued in the form of grants with a match for the 33 participating certified UEZ businesses in the City.

The City has been awarded a grant from the Community Development Block Grants (COVID-CV) in the amount of \$370,684 to be used as grants/loans to local business for COVID relief. These funds will also be used to install video equipment at the courtroom to allow for live streaming of our public meetings. This project is a result of a recommendation as part of a Public Information and Engagement assessment grant the City received from Sustainable Jersey in 2021. Among other recommendations, the study suggested that the City provide better communication with its residents via new technologies. This COVID money will allow us to cover the cost for this system, and also to install remotely controlled screens at the senior locations for better communications to the City's more vulnerable population.

Irishtown Neighborhood Preservation Program implementation plan has been approved and some of the initiatives will begin in March. Projects are in direct response to survey of close to 300 participants in and around the Irishtown neighborhood.

FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dayl Baile



I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a chance to see the lights at Proprietor's Park in the Winter Wonderland. The park looked truly amazing and it will only get better each year. A big thank you to Council Chair Nancy Baus, Patrick Hagan, Lori Ryan and everyone else who volunteered their time. We look forward to more exciting events from our Celebrations Committee as the year goes on.

We are still working with the Capodagli Properties as they continue to work thru their due diligence period. We are excited about this project and the opportunities this will bring to our City.

As we approach our city wide clean up day on April 9th, I would ask everyone to please pick up trash as they see it and dispose of it in the proper receptacles.

Lets all do our part to make Gloucester City a great place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Dayl Baile
Mayor, Gloucester City





GREENER GLOUCESTER

Green Team Coordinator: Lori Ryan



The 2022 Green Team met for it's first meeting in March to discuss it's projects to work toward our Bronze Certification with the Sustainable Jersey program. Application is due September 2022, and many projects are being considered. If you care about our environment and want to help, contact Lori Ryan at lryan@cityofgloucester.org

Projects this year may include a NJBagUP campaign, a summer Green Fair, tree plantings, an anti-idling resolution, our Mayors Wellness Campaign, improving our municipal communications and public engagement, and our prescription drug return box at the Police Station.



GLOUCESTER-TOWN CORNER

Gloucester City Historical Society- Patrick Ward

In 2023, Gloucester City - New Jersey will be commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the first European contact with the Lenni Lenape and the first European settlement on the Delaware River.

Gabriel Thomas wrote about Gloucester Town in 1698.
"1698 - Gloucester Town is sweetly situated."

Thomas continues with more information about Gloucester Town and Gloucester River. "This River runs down by Gloucester-town, which is the Shire-Town" [The Gloucester River is the Timber Creek and a shire-town is a county seat.] This was: [An historical and geographical account of the province and country of Pensilvania; and of West-New-Jersey in America.] Thomas resided in the area for about fifteen years.

To see the actual artifacts about this article click below:

<https://www.smores.com/v71gx-gloucester-city-400>
Gloucester City Historical Society
34 N. King Street - Gloucester City, NJ 08030
www.gloucestercityhistoricalsociety.org

WE ARE INVITING THE COMMUNITY TO KICK OFF OUR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK!

JOIN US FOR A 1K FAMILY FUN WALK/RUN!

**VENDORS
FOOD
ACTIVITIES
FAMILY FUN**

LETS RUN AS ONE

**SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday April 2nd 2022
9-11AM
Gloucester High School**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)




Upcoming Events

- April 2 - 9 am Walk for Autism, GHS
- April 9 - Cleanup Day and Shred at the Library
- April 9 - Opening Day Softball-Baseball
- April 16 - 9 am Easter Egg Hunt at Softball Fields
- April 23 - 1 pm Head to Cleats Festival at Proprietor's Park
- April 23 - Fishing Derby

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renew your pet
license today at the
Clerk's Office

MARCH 2022

May is BagUP NJ Month



GET TO KNOW US

Councilman George Berglund, 1st Ward

1. How long have you lived in Gloucester City? 60 years
2. How long have you been a Councilman? 4 years
3. Your favorite place in Gloucester City? Cold Springs School
4. Fondest memory of Gloucester City? The memories of working with the Gloucester City Police Department
5. Favorite Ice Cream Flavor? All
6. Favorite hobby? Spending time with my family
7. Favorite musical artist or group? Bruce Springsteen
8. Favorite Restaurant? Max's Seafood Cafe
9. Favorite Sport? Football
10. Favorite Politician of all time? The ones who help Gloucester City.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Bill Ackley, Chief Housing Inspector & Zoning Official

Bill Ackley has worked for Gloucester City's Code Enforcement/ Housing Department for nine years and oversees seven full time employees and two part time employees. Bill is a true professional and extremely knowledgeable in this field. Gloucester City may be a small town, but this department is one of the busiest Code Enforcement/Housing Departments around the immediate area. The efficiency and dedication of this department to the residents of Gloucester City is due to Bill's wavering leadership abilities and the support of his staff.

Speaking with Mr. Ackley he wanted to share this advice to Gloucester City: With spring and summer approaching, basic quality of life standards should be followed by all residents. These small tasks will definitely improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, enhance the safety and appearance of properties and increase overall property values as well. In other words, property owners and occupants should pay extra attention to Gloucester City Code Chapters 25, 50, 51 and 66 'https://ecode360.com/GL0338'. Residents should attend to the height of their lawns and trim grass/weeds along fences, sides of structures and in sidewalk cracks and gutters. Attention should also be paid to the proper placement of trash receptacles, both the location and timing matter, along with the storage of these receptacles in the rear of your property and not in public view.

To read more about the responsibilities of the Building and Housing Department as well review the codes in full click below:
<https://www.cityofgloucester.org/code-enforcement-housing-department>



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