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The News

Gloucester City News

FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dayl Baile



April 23rd was a great day in Gloucester City!

It started off with a Children's Fishing Derby at Martin's Lake. The kids had a wonderful time and all participants received a prize as well as a hot dog and soda. A special thank you to the Gloucester City Lakes Association, as well as their sponsors, for making this event a great success.

Later in the day, the Head to Cleats Festival was held at Proprietor's Park. The main purpose of this event was to increase awareness of mental health issues that today's young adults may be facing. There were vendors that provided information to those individuals and their families who were seeking help and support. Sponsored and organized by Michelle Kidd and the Gloucester City Youth Soccer League, there were plenty of vendors as well as a beer garden for everyone to enjoy. I am sure this event will continue to grow each year and Gloucester City will look forward to it.

The City is continuing to move forward with the Freedom Pier Development Project. We are all hopeful that an Agreement will be finalized soon and are looking forward to breaking ground.

As a new Mayor, I am learning that changes cannot occur overnight. However, as long as we continue to move ahead, I very much look forward to what the future holds for the City of Gloucester City.

Dayl Baile

Mayor, Gloucester City



IN THE NEWS

By Derek Timm

2022 Gloucester City Boys' Basketball
South Jersey Group 1 Sectional Champions
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Fact Checking: The Water in Gloucester City

Gloucester City has one of the newest water processing and treatment plants in South Jersey. With a state-of-the-art filtration system in place and on-site laboratory testing done regularly, the water produced here shows no trace of readily readable toxins or chemicals leaving the facility after treatment. Many factors including the age of supply lines, pipes, and conditions in your home or business regarding purity level coming out of your faucet can vary, but rest assured drinking tap water is possibly safer than sticking your tongue out during a rainstorm. Rainwater can carry bacteria, parasites, viruses, and chemicals that could make you sick, and it has been linked to disease outbreaks.

As much as 40% of bottled water sold in stores actually comes directly from municipal tap water. And while tap water is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, bottled water isn't, and is subject to less strict testing. The manufacturing, distribution, and disposal of bottled water is also harmful to the environment and bottled water contributes to litter in our neighborhoods. Charles Fishman states that bottled water from the Food and Drug Administration standard does not necessarily have to be safer than tap water. A study from Olson (1999) also concluded that bottled water is not safer or cleaner than tap water.

Bottled water costs about \$0.89 to \$8.26 per gallon, while in Philadelphia, tap water costs less than 1 cent per gallon. Average bottled water drinkers spend between \$200 and \$2,000 per person, per year on water, while tap drinkers spend less than \$2.00 – so bottled water costs hundreds to thousands of times as much as tap.

Compared to local governments, private utilities charge the typical household 33 percent more for water and 63 percent more for sewer service. For several states, the difference is even more stark. In Delaware, investor-owned utilities charge 75 percent more than municipalities do for water. In Texas, American Water charges two and a half times as much as the typical municipality for sewer service. Private water systems can be for-profit systems managed by investors or shareholders. Though rates are monitored by a state's public commission, private systems are not necessarily subject to this regulating board.

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GREENER GLOUCESTER

Green Team Coordinator:

Lori Ryan



Spring Clean-Up Day was a success. Many organizations worked with pride to clean up the neighborhoods in the City. The GC Irish Society turned out in full force as shown here and can enjoy their new reusable bags provided by the Green Team in conjunction with the NJ Clean Communities. Greener Gloucester projects this year 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.

'Irishtown and the Jesse James Gang'

Irishtown resident Dick Liddil was a member of the James Gang. Liddil would live in Gloucester for the last eleven years of his life. Gloucester had two racetracks and Liddil was active at both. In 1890, a horse trainer by the name of Purcell shot Liddil. Liddil would be OK and would continue to live in Gloucester until his death in 1901. Liddil lived on the 400 block of Ridgeway Street at the time of his death.

[James Andrew "Dick" Liddil surname is often misspelled as Liddel, Liddell, or Liddle]

To see the actual artifacts about this article click below:

<https://www.smores.com/x6t8y-irishtown>

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www.gloucestercityhistoricalsociety.org



May 10 will be dedicated to a Day of Kindness
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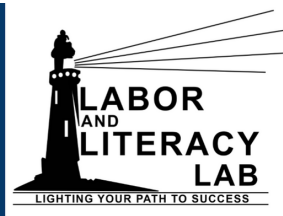
Upcoming Events

- May 15 - Lions Barbeque
- Gloucester City Swim Club opens Memorial Day weekend - <https://www.gcswhimclub.com/>
- May 30 - Memorial Day
- June 14 - Jem and the Vibe Summer Concert Kickoff
- June 25 - Music, Food and Fireworks Celebration

Gloucester City received \$225,000.00 from New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund that provides funding to communities throughout the state through grant programs that help local governments advance transportation projects without burdening local property taxpayers.

Gloucester City Historical Society received a \$5300 grant from the Camden County College Cultural and Heritage Commission for technology upgrades.

The Labor and Literacy Lab at Gloucester City Library



- Gain computer skills
- Earn your GED
- Find a new job
- Get tech certifications
- Write your resume
- Practice interviews
- Use your phone
- And much more!

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This project is supported with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library. Find more information at www.njstatelib.org.

"The Labor and Literacy Lab at the Gloucester City Library now offers FREE classes and one-on-one support for patrons who want to improve their computer skills, find a new job, or further their education. For appointment, please email laborandliteracy@gcpl.us or call us at 856-456-4181. Walk-in service is available too. For more information, please go to the website <https://www.gcpl.us/lab.html>. This initiative is a part of the Hub & Spoke Libraries pilot project, a statewide effort providing uniform digital literacy training for NJ workforce. It is supported with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library. Learn more at www.njstatelib.org."

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Donna Domico - Superintendent of Department of Utilities

Even though Donna has only worked for Gloucester City for 1 ½ years she has brought with her 43 years of unparalleled knowledge and expertise in the field of water and sewer to this city. She has been a tremendous asset and beacon of professionalism to the 11 full time employees that report to her. Under her tutelage Gloucester City's Water Treatment Plant is a T4 plant which means it is one of the most highly advanced in the region with top-craft expert personnel providing safe drinking water to the residents of Gloucester City. The staff is dedicated to their profession and several individuals have obtained accredited water and sewer licenses. This level of service is critical especially due to the department being on-call 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Gloucester City is lucky to have such a skilled and qualified workforce out of this department. After speaking with Donna, she would like to share some advice to the residents of Gloucester City. Please try to conserve water to help maintain our natural resources. If you have any water leaks or a running toilet, be sure to try and repair the issue as quickly as possible to avoid a high water bill. If you have any issues or questions, please call the office at (856) 456-0169.

Also, as a reminder for your convenience, water and sewer payments are accepted at the Tax Collector's Office or online at: <https://www.cityofgloucester.org/tax-collector/pages/water-sewer-payment> and for more information on the Department of Utilities: <https://www.cityofgloucester.org/department-utilities>



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GET TO KNOW US

Councilman James "Bowie" Johnson, 2nd Ward

1. How long have you lived in Gloucester City? 60 years
2. How long have you been a Councilman? 10 years
3. Your favorite place in Gloucester City? Proprietor's Park
4. Fondest memory of Gloucester City? When the City pulled a whale out of the Delaware River that was over 35 foot long.
5. Favorite Ice Cream Flavor? Strawberry
6. Favorite hobby? Golfing
7. Favorite musical artist or group? The Beatles
8. Favorite Restaurant? Kunkel's Seafood & Steakhouse
9. Favorite Sport? Football
10. Favorite Politician of all time? Mayor Gartland.

