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The News

Gloucester City News



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**Over \$120,000 in
grants awarded**

IN THE NEWS

by Derek Timm

Gloucester City Mayor and Council were very busy in 2022, and 2023 is shaping up to be another good year with even bigger and better things on the horizon. It is also the 400th Anniversary of the first European contact with the Lenni Lenape and the first European settlement on the Delaware River in 2023 and a few events are planned throughout the year. 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. www.cityofgloucester.org/subscribe

Did you know on Gloucester City's website we provide all residents the information and ability to self-report a street light outage with PSE&G or any issue on a County or State of New Jersey Road in our town? These issues are normally outside the jurisdiction of our municipality and are handled by their respective governing bodies to fix or correct. It's easy to do and you are given a tracking and confirmation number for each report. <https://www.cityofgloucester.org/public-works>

The Gloucester City Celebrations Committee is thrilled to team up with the Gloucester City School District to present the 2nd Annual Fun Run For Autism Acceptance and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st from 9-11am at Gloucester City High School. There will be food, activities, face painting, basket raffles, car show, much more, and of course an Egg Hunt. It will be something fun for the entire community.

Can't wait for the warm days and cool nights of summer? Well great news, the GCBBA (Gloucester City Brooklawn Business Association) and the Gloucester City Summer Concert Series event organizer have teamed up. They plan on providing an enhanced and more pleasurable concert experience on the waterfront while still being completely free for everyone to attend. This along with the new free public wifi recently installed and able to be accessed around the park is sure to make every concert fantastic.

The City of Gloucester City is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at Johnson Park, located at the intersection of S. Johnson Boulevard and Klemm Avenue. A public hearing was held showing the preliminary concept plan and the proposed changes of new facilities at Johnson Park: and/or to include a dog park; and/or to renovate the following facilities: the Johnson Park Jogging Trail, the Johnson Park Gazebo and the Johnson Park Playground.

The Gloucester City NPP (Neighborhood Preservation Program) project will be implementing and executing on its Year 2 goals. Security Cameras program and additional upgrades to Proprietors Park plans are to install and upgrade the electrical system.

Gloucester City's Community Development office has gone above and beyond helping current and prospective businesses know that Gloucester City is here to support them. Six \$5000 grants from the 2023 UEZ Business Revitalization Investment Program Awards to eligible recipients and eight \$7500 COVID business grants from the CBDG-CV1 Covid Relief Business Grant.

FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dayl Baile



I would like to thank the parade committee for a great job on a wonderful parade and a special thanks to Danny Spencer parade committee chair.

We still continue to work with the developer on the pier to help them work through their permit process. We are also working with other developers interested in coming to the City.

Please help us keep the city clean by not putting your trash out until 6 PM the night before your collection and please put it in a container. This will help to keep the animals from getting in it.

We look forward to a lot of upcoming events down at Proprietors Park, and throughout the City.

Dayl Baile
Mayor, Gloucester City



Attention all owners of rental dwellings.

Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2021, c. 182 (the "Act"). The Act requires periodic inspections for certain rental dwellings that were constructed prior to 1978 for the purpose of identifying lead-based paint hazards, one of the biggest sources of lead exposure for children. All owners of rental dwellings are urged to review the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs link relating to lead-based paint in rental dwellings.

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/resources/leadpaint.html>



WE ARE LISTENING!

Parents are an important part of the learning community. As a parent of a child in our school district, we are asking for your feedback regarding the Gloucester City School District learning community. Thank you!

Cold Springs School -
<https://forms.gle/WWbRrWZDFBZwCZPi8>

Gloucester City Middle School -
<https://forms.gle/2A6nMP9HJoFDSbgNA>

Gloucester City High School -
<https://forms.gle/L5cXd4j4Fdy7x579A>

GLOUCESTER-TOWN CORNER

Gloucester City Historical Society- Patrick Ward

Gloucester City - New Jersey is commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the first European contact with the Lenni Lenape and the first European settlement on the Delaware River this year.

HUGG'S TAVERN & INN

Starting in the 1720s, Hugg's Tavern & Inn was a public house which served as both an informal and formal gathering place during colonial times. When court sessions were held at the nearby courthouse, those having business with the court would stay at tavern inn as well as other nearby establishments. The building played host to the Gloucester Fox Hunting Club which was the first fox hunt club in America.

A famous American was said to have been married at Hugg's Tavern. Elizabeth Griscom & John Ross, and as folklore states the newly married Betsy Ross would soon after create the American Flag.

The building was torn down when the park was developed in the 1930's. To see the actual artifacts about this article click below:

https://www.smores.com/tzpu8-proprietors-park-on-the-delaware?fbclid=IwAR3SvghbgDY1qJsShJX3uUk_j-nBYBrkTAF_RfvKRTCvNuDga7Lw6bCu6U

Gloucester City Historical Society

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

Saturday
April 1, 2023
9 am - 1 pm

Clean Up Day and Shred Event

Sponsored by Gloucester City Mayor and Council together with support of the Camden County Board of Commissioners

REGISTER AT
PUBLICWORKS@CITYOFGLOUCESTER.ORG

Shredder will be located at the Library 9-1



HAPPY EASTER

Upcoming Events:

- April 1 Easter Egg Hunt - Walk for Autism
Pics with Easter Bunny
- April 1 Clean up and Shred Day
- April 16 Hydrant Flushing Begins
- April 29 Fishing Derby at Martin's Lake

Please Join Us For Our 2nd Annual Fun Run For Autism Acceptance

- FAMILY FUN
- VALUABLE RESOURCES
- FACE PAINT
- FOOD
- SENSORY ACTIVITIES
- THERAPY DOGS
- BASKET RAFFLE
- CAR SHOW



THE LIONS AND THE EASTER BUNNY ARE JOINING FORCES! FOLLOWING THE 1K RACE, PLEASE STAY FOR THE COMMUNITY EGG HUNT AND VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!



SCAN ME

Saturday April 1, 2023
9-11 am
Gloucester City High School



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Lori Ryan, Director of Community Development

Lori Ryan started with the City in 2019. Although hired as Community Development Manager, Lori wears many hats. She is the website manager, the newsletter editor, community projects coordinator, UEZ and NPP Coordinator, and sometimes even the grants administrator. She assists with celebrations events, and manages the home improvement program.

With a background in mechanical construction and business finance, she brings with her the experience to move the Department of Community Development to the next level.

As liaison to the Gloucester City Brooklawn Business Association, her goal is to make the City business friendly again. We need to attract successful businesses to Gloucester, to create and build relationships with developers interested in Gloucester City.

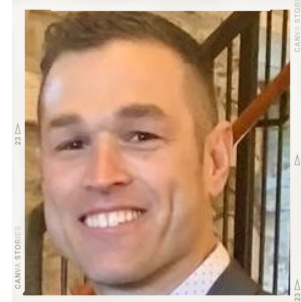
Lori stated "Through events and programs, we can bring the fourth generation family and the new Gloucester City family together as one to improve the quality of life for all residents and businesses."



GET TO KNOW US

Council Sam Budesu, Council At Large

1. How long have you lived in Gloucester City? 23 years
2. How long have you been a Councilman? 3 months
3. Your favorite place in Gloucester City? My yard
4. Fondest memory of Gloucester City? 4th of July Fireworks
5. Favorite Ice Cream Flavor? Chocolate
6. Favorite hobby? Running
7. Favorite musical artist or group? Eddi Vedder/Pearl Jam
8. Favorite Restaurant? Osaka
9. Favorite Sport? Football
10. Favorite Politician of all time? Franklin D. Roosevelt



DID YOUR BUSINESS SUFFER DURING COVID? NEED HELP RECOVERING?

Community Development Block Grant COVID-CV1 grants ARE BEING AWARDED NOW

GET YOURS!!!

The City received \$370,684 to be used for business assistance grants for affected businesses who qualify under the Gloucester City Small Business Grants Program. A business registered with a Mercantile License in the City can receive up to \$7,500.

Eight grants of \$7,500 have been awarded to date.

**Don't forget:
Dog and cat licenses
due March 31.**

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LIBRARY NEWS

Register Now for Free Digital Literacy Bootcamp

Gloucester City Library has IC3 Digital Literacy Boot Camp in 2023! The bootcamp is free to those who are looking to improve their computer skills. We will cover computer basics, online security, social media, Microsoft Office, and many other topics which can help you succeed at work or communicate with family and friends. This boot camp requires 9 hours per week for 14 weeks.

Bootcamp will run from May 1st to Aug 5. Please register by Apr 28 to secure your spot. To register, you can call 856-456-4181 ext 107

[HTTPS://WWW.GLOUCESTERCITYLIBRARY.ORG](https://www.gloucestercitylibrary.org)

The Labor and Literacy Lab at Gloucester City Library


IC3 Computer Bootcamps

- Earn an IC3 certificate (**Internet Core Competency Certification**), proof of your computer knowledge
- 9 hours a week for **14 weeks**
- **Bootcamp 1** — [January 9-April 15](#)
- **Bootcamp 2** — [May 1-August 5](#)
- Register by calling or at www.bit.ly/ic3registration


Lab Appointments

- Apply for your new job
- Build your **computer skills**
- Learn a language
- **One-on-one** help
- We teach any skill level
- **Available Tuesday-Friday**

Contact us at 856-456-4181x107 or laborandliteracy@gcpl.us.

FREE and OPEN to everyone.

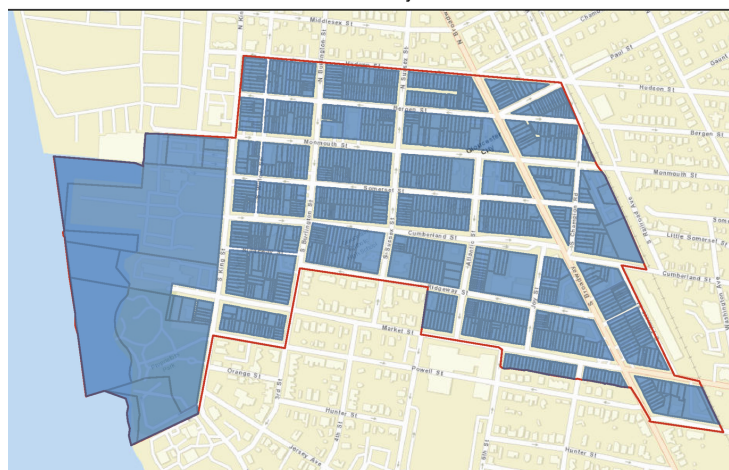
This program is supported in part with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library, award number IS-25241



Year 2 Implementation Plan was submitted to the NJDCA for review. Projects this year will include:

- Continue Proprietors Park Improvements including sign for new playground
- Safety Security Initiative - security cameras provided to residents in Irishtown
- Commercial and Residential Facade Grants

Gloucester City NPP



Gloucester City Irishtown Map

GAME ON

Gloucester Catholic High School Principal Tom Iacovone, Jr, and Athletic Director Ryan Meehan announced the hiring of Mr. John Eddis as their Head Wrestling Coach bringing back and restarting their wrestling program. Coach Eddis has been a longtime youth wrestling coach and has served as a Varsity assistant at Gateway Regional High School and most recently with the Highland/Triton program. He has coached place winners at the district, region, and state levels.

Wifi is now available at the 512 Monmouth Street Municipal Building. Look for "GC-Public" network.



CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Looking for help on the Celebrations Committee. Come out and join us Saturday morning April 1 at GHS.

I can & I will

Check out the episode of Class H on FOX 29 with GMS Teachers VS Students

<https://youtu.be/HFOuEN1hxno>



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

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

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payment due
reminders

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Taxes
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