

SEPTEMBER 2022



The News

Gloucester City News

THANKYOU

Thank you for your patience. The City's road construction and utility projects are necessary to support our infrastructure.



IN THE NEWS

by Derek Timm

The Summer Concerts finished on a beautiful evening in the Park.

New stop signs installed on Cold Spring Drive to enhance public safety especially during school hours.

Road construction everywhere! The City has requested that NJ DOT allow for access with one lane at Nicholson Road. These projects will last awhile. These are NJDOT projects and they dictate the schedule.



Community Development Block Grant COVID-CV1 grant information

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 a ceiling award of \$7,500. These funds will assist businesses who were severely impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The City will also install new technology to be able to view public meetings so those community residents who cannot be at the meeting will be better provided with information on what is happening in the City. And the program may with permission of the two senior buildings, also install monitor screens for seniors to watch the public meetings in real time. These screens will be controlled at the municipal building and can provide seniors with important information quickly and accurately who would otherwise not have this information available.



For tax and utility payment due reminders

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Taxes Due!



FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dayl Baile



Welcome Back to School – please drive cautiously through the neighborhoods. The school administration and faculty at our school district look forward to a new year. Stop signs have been added, so be sure you are careful not to roll through.

There is a lot going on in the City. We do have some road construction ongoing, and we appreciate your patience. With time, the roads will be smooth and the infrastructure will last for years to come. Things will be happening quickly with Freedom Pier development once the developer's designs are final and through the planning board.

All Businesses in the City: Be sure to register your Mercantile License. This is a new requirement this year, and will assist us in the future to communicate with our businesses in the City.

And the COVID-CV1 funding grant has been issued. The grant total of \$370,684 will provide business grants, technology equipment at the courtroom so we can better serve the community, and assistance in engaging the seniors in the City.

With back to school comes the youth sporting events. Our music and drama programs are also on the rise and the marching band and color guard, as well as our awesome ROTC program participants. We wish every student health and success in extra-curricular activities as we move into the fall season.

The Celebrations Committee is working hard to plan our next event on October 8 at Proprietor's Park. Pack The Park will feature over 70 vendors, including food trucks, car show, music, arts festival, and the Riverfront Car Show! I'm looking forward to the return of this event. The car show starts at 12 pm, and the rest of the event will begin at 2 pm. Please keep a look out for the parking and traffic information on our website, and sign up for alerts and notifications.

Dayl Baile
Mayor, Gloucester City



**FALL FESTIVAL
SIDEWALK
CHALK
CONTEST**

PROPRIETORS PARK

SIDEWALK DESIGN CONTEST

AGES 2-18
PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

10/8/2022, AT 2 pm
Pull your block from the basket and you will have one hour to complete a design of your choice. Chalk will be provided if needed.

GREENER GLOUCESTER

Green Team Coordinator:
Lori Ryan



Fall tree plantings are scheduled with the NJ Tree Foundation.

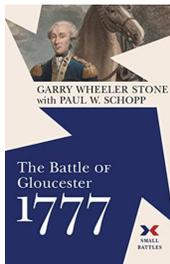
The Greener Gloucester Team meets virtually the first Thursday of each month. We welcome new team members.

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. Keep an eye out for the list of celebrations in 2023.

A new book about the "Battle of Gloucester 1777" has been published and is available on Amazon. Great stocking stuffer!
<https://www.amazon.com/Battle-Gloucester-1777-Small-Battles/dp/1594163847>



1615 - Dutch Explorer Cornelius Hendrickson Sails to the Schuylkill River. Cornelius Hendrickson (Cornelis Hendricksz) sailed on board the IJSEREN VERCKEN (Iron Hog .) Hendrickson was exploring the river on behalf of the "New Netherland Company" which had the three-year contract for the exclusive trading rights to the Delaware River. The contract with the "New Netherland Company" was not renewed in 1618 as the formation of the "Dutch West India Company" was underway.

"Godyns Bay" was the first European name for the Delaware Bay. Named for Samuel Godyn who would go on to be an investor in the Dutch West India Company. To see the actual artifacts about this article, click below:
<https://www.smore.com/nb843-gloucester-city-400>

Gloucester City Historical Society
34 N. King Street - Gloucester City, NJ 08030
www.gloucestercityhistoricalsociety.org



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

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COMING SOON

Gloucester City New Jersey
Where Great Things Are Happening!

IrishTown Gloucester City

Equipment Ordered

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CITY OF GLOUCESTER.ORG/IRISHTOWN
NPP COORDINATOR, LORI RYAN
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Thanks to the Community Capital Needs Grant of the NJ DCA and Neighborhood Preservation Program

Upcoming Events

- September 6 - Back to School
- September 11 - GC Youth Soccer Opening Day
- October 1 - Community Clean Up Day and Shred Event and Food & Craft Festival @ Softball Fields
- October 8 - PACK THE PARK Fall Festival, Riverfront Car Show, and Music & Cultural Arts Fair at Proprietor's Park
- October 15 - Rabies Shots @ Community Center
- October 31 - Trick or Treat 3:30 - 7:30 pm



2023 Gloucester City Community Calendar is being prepared. Email Iryan@cityofgloucester.org to sponsor a page, advertise, or have an event included in the calendar.

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PACK THE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 8TH PROPRIETORS PARK
2 PM TO 8 PM GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ**

**1 pm - 3pm Riverfront Car Show
2 pm Sidewalk Chalk Contest
Bounce Houses and Children's fun
Fire Prevention Week Activities
Music all Day - Food Trucks
Beer Garden**

Contact Lori Ryan at
lryan@cityofgloucester.org

GLOUCESTER CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL NJ IRISH SOCIETY AND GC IRISH SOCIETY
GLOUCESTER CITY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE GLOUCESTER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
GLOUCESTER CITY MUSIC AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

GET TO KNOW US

Council Nancy Baus, 3rd Ward

1. How long have you lived in Gloucester City? 50+ years
2. How long have you been a Councilman? 8 years
3. Your favorite place in Gloucester City? my home
4. Fondest memory of Gloucester City? Visiting my father at the firehouse.
5. Favorite Ice Cream Flavor? Soft-serve Vanilla
6. Favorite hobby? Hanging out with the family
7. Favorite musical artist or group? Motown
8. Favorite Restaurant? Cotardos, Clementon, NJ
9. Favorite Sport? All
10. Favorite Politician of all time? None



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Michael Hagan, Fire Chief

Gloucester City is extremely fortunate to have a fully staffed 24/7 Fire Department. The Gloucester City Fire Department (GCFD) covers 2.6 square miles, 11,256 residents, and is responsible for responding to emergencies in residential dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities and shipping port facilities not only in Gloucester City but also provides automatic-mutual aid response to surrounding communities.

GCFD is led by Chief Michael Hagan with 23 firefighters reporting to him. GCFD's obvious function is that of fire suppression, but they are also charged with numerous other prevention and protection tasks. These tasks include, but are not limited to emergency medical response, rescue-special operations, code enforcement-fire safety inspections, public education. and apparatus/equipment maintenance.

GCFD is in good hands with Chief Michael Hagan. Chief Hagan is a 25-year career firefighter with the City of Gloucester. Chief Hagan is a third-generation firefighter following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father. Chief Hagan has been instrumental in enhancing the Department since his tenure as Chief. One of the many enhancements and accomplishments with his leadership skills, the GCFD improved its ISO Fire Insurance Rating from a 5 to a 3. An ISO fire rating is a score provided to fire departments that reflects how prepared a community is for fires. He has also been able to enhance the services that the GCFD provides in the areas fire, rescue, and hazmat response through innovative training techniques and new state of the art equipment.

LIBRARY NEWS

The school year has started again. Need help with math homework, writing a paper, studying for a science test? Planning to take the GED and need some tutoring or practice tests? Brainfuse HelpNow offers expert help through live tutoring and online study sessions and exercises. Brainfuse features include Homework Help, Adult Learning Center Access, Skills-Building, Personalized eLearning tools, 24-Hour Writing Lab, Homework Send Question, and Foreign Language Lab, etc. To access, please go to Brainfuse and log in with your library card number. Create an account to launch the programs and online help.

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