

**Gloucester Township**  
**Fall Report 2008**  
**Community Programs, Events and News**  
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**Second Half Tax Bills Distributed**  
**Overall Tax Rate Lower;**  
**Township 08/09 Budget in Progress**

Tax bills for the Aug. and Nov. payments (3rd & 4th qtrs.) were sent out in July and owners saw the overall tax rate reduced for the first time in over 20 years.

The main rate reduction of nearly .08 came from the two school districts who both saw a significant increase in State Aid. Plus, the County tax rate dropped .03 for GT's share of the County Budget.

With more expenses pushed onto the local government, the Township fiscal billing rate in July was up .07. This amount was billed in the first half of 2008 after Council passed the 07/08 Budget in January.

The average overall tax rate reduction was about .03, but some parts of the Township saw less of a reduction due to increases in their Fire tax rate.

The tax rate reduction was retroactive to January for the non-municipal portion so the dollar reduction is based on 12 months, shown in the two payments. The February and May 2009 payments will be higher.

The Township's 08/09 Budget is in progress with the Mayor/Administration to submit preliminary numbers to Council in September. Council set a preliminary billing rate with no increase, however there are big items creating a deficit.

The State has cut Aid to municipalities, which means a probable loss of nearly \$1.1 million to GT. Also, the sale of the Nike Site had not been made by June and the \$1.2 million anticipated by council in the last Budget will have to be made up this year. Energy, insurance, and other contractual costs are up.

Mayor and Council will be working hard through the end of the year to find ways to save money without cutting vital programs and services in order to keep any increase minimal.

## **New Municipal Hours**

In an effort to save on energy costs and consolidate the work force, the Municipal Building and Public Works Dept. are closed on Fridays. The Police Dept. is open as usual. The Senior Drop In Center and Rec Center are open on Fridays with limited hours and staffing.

Municipal Staff have been working a 4-day week for many years, with the buildings open 5 days and split-staffs during the week. With a 15% reduction in staff and a hiring freeze, Mayor Rau-Hatton placed staff on a Mon-Thurs schedule (8 AM-5:45 PM - PW 7 AM-5:30 PM) and closed the Mun. Building and Public Works on Fridays. Trash collected by Republic and recycling by the GTMUA is not affected.

## **TAX FREEZE FOR SENIORS and HOMESTEAD REBATES**

The State Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) or "Freeze" applications come out each March. Checks from the State were issued in June. Most Seniors/Disabled also received their Homestead Rebate checks in early August, for those who applied in April/May.

The deadline for these programs was extended to October 31. Any eligible Seniors/Disabled who did not apply should contact the State at 1-800-323-4400 or our local Senate/Assembly Office (Madden/Moriarity/Love) at (856) 401-3074.

Non-Senior/Disabled Residents should have received their Rebate Applications in July and "dialed in" their filing. Checks are expected in October.

## **MAYOR'S CORNER**

It was nice to see so many residents participating in National Night Out on Aug. 5. The Police Dept., Council, and I visited many neighborhoods and it was great to see so many people involved in a positive way for the Community. Special thanks to those families who hosted festivities. The Neighborhood Watch is an important part of the Twp. network and the effort and concern of each resident helps make things better.

I also participated in a neighborhood clean-up project in Brittany Woods. Many residents and children came out to help, along with Councilmembers Shelley Lovett and Crystal Evans. This is another example of GT residents taking pride in their neighborhood.

Property owners need to be courteous to their neighbors and their development/area. Presenting a nice appearance enhances a neighborhood's value as well as clean areas are safe areas. Our Code Enforcement Staff, now under the direction of the Police Department, have been circulating in neighborhoods and responding to complaints. Negligent property owners are being cited.

The Township is making improvements to Park areas using Grants and dedicated Open Space funds. Our Recreation Advisory Committee is again sponsoring the annual "Make a Difference Day" in October to help work on needed areas. Contact Bill at Recreation if you would like to help.

Positive changes continue at our southern end on Cross Keys Road. The Shoppes at Cross Keys and the Twin Oaks Shopping Center are well under construction. I was advised the financing for the bridge expansion is in place and the widening should take place in September 2009.

On the economic front, we will have a tough road ahead to keep our tax rate stable. Costs are going up and our State Aid was cut drastically. We also need to account for the Nike Site sale which was anticipated in the budget last year and was not received. The Administration and I will be submitting the preliminary budget in late September which will reflect these problems. I hope Council will work with me and the Administration to finalize a reasonable Budget by the end of the year that will minimize any tax increase and still provide essential services.

I will continue to make myself accessible to all residents and visit many neighborhoods in the coming months. If anyone would like to schedule a neighborhood "Walk & Talk," please contact my office at (856) 374-3514.

With Pride in Gloucester Township,  
Cindy Rau-Hatton

**SECOND ANNUAL TASTE OF GLOUCESTER  
TOWNSHIP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20 AT  
THE PALACE**

20 + Restaurants and caterers will delight 'tasters' with their best dishes at The Palace by Paris Caterers on the Black Horse Pike in Blackwood. Last year, over 500 people enjoyed excellent food and exceptional entertainment by Mainstage Center for the Arts. This annual event is provided by Gloucester Township Chamber of Commerce and presented in cooperation with the Township of Gloucester.

Tickets (\$15) will go on sale in August and will be available on line at [www.cherryhillregional.com](http://www.cherryhillregional.com). They will also be sold locally and at the Annual Pumpkin Fest held in October in Blackwood. \$4 of each ticket sold will be dedicated to the Blackwood West Re-Development project.

For additional information and for restaurants and caterers that want to participate, contact Heather Riley at 856-667-1600 or email to [heather@cherryhillregional.com](mailto:heather@cherryhillregional.com).

**REVALUATION ORDERED FOR 2010**

The Camden County Board of Taxation has Ordered that the entire Township be reassessed to bring values to the current market (as of October 1, 2009). A State-certified company will be hired to perform the Revaluation, or Equalization Program. Inspections will start this Fall. Notification of values should go out in Dec. 2009.

A Revaluation does not necessarily mean an increase in taxes. Approx. two-thirds of the properties will show same taxes or a reduction. No new taxes or additional funds are created; the same Budget amounts get applied to the new assessments (ratables) thus a lower tax rate is established.

Notices will be sent out in the Fall by the Revaluation Firm explaining the process. The Firm's project manager and the Township Assessor will be meeting with Community groups or neighborhoods in the Fall, as requested. Group leaders can contact the Assessor's Office (856-374-3532) to be placed on the list, or email [cpalumbo@glotwp.com](mailto:cpalumbo@glotwp.com).

#### **ATTENTION DOG AND CAT OWNERS**

On, Saturday, October 18, 2008, Gloucester Township will be having our Annual Rabies Clinic. The Clinic will be held at the Gloucester Township Public Works Building between the hours of 9:00am and 10:30 am for dogs and 10:30 am and 11:00 am for cats. The rabies shots for dogs and cats are free.

The Township Clerk's Office will be setting appointments for the clinic October 13th through October 16th, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Please call 228-4000, Ext. 241 between those dates for an appointment.

#### **CHAPTER 47~PETS**

Dogs are strictly prohibiting from: running loose (at large), defecating on any portion of public or private property (owners must dispose of feces in a suitable and sanitary manner) and habitual/excessive barking is prohibited.

#### **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

Get Involved! Speak Out for Military Kids and the VFW are asking for donations of school supplies for children of deployed soldiers. They are collecting notebooks, pencils, paper, folders and other school supplies. The items can be dropped off at the Recreation Center and the Municipal Building. Please contact the Mayor's Office for more information.

#### **COUNCIL TOWN MEETINGS**

The Gloucester Township Council will be having local town meetings throughout the Township in 2008. This will be in addition to their regularly scheduled meetings. These meetings will be informal and will let the residents know about local government happenings. Below is a schedule of the dates and locations.

September 17, 2008	Chews Fire Company
November 12, 2008	Point Ariel Park

Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm. For further information, contact the Township Clerk's Office.

**“PAY IT FORWARD”**

**MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Drop boxes are located at the Recreation Center & Municipal Building. Groups may call 856-783-1737 to pick up and deliver items to the monthly recipient.

August- School Supplies

Pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, backpacks, etc.

September- Pasta Dinner Drive

Boxes of pasta, sauce, paste, clams, & tuna

October

Gloves, scarves and hats. New items only.

November

Canned /non perishable items

December

Toy Drive for Township Residents

**GLOUCESTER TWP. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

9TH ANNUAL GHOST TOUR

AT THE TAVERN

South Jersey Ghost Researchers Tour

Gabriel Daveis Tavern

Floodgate Road - Glendora

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Raindate Sunday, October 26, 2008

Tours from 6:00pm - 10:30pm

Campfire/Ghost Stories

Video of Research - Tour of Tavern Refreshments Available

Adults - \$8.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00

Please call 856-784-5243 for more info

The Gloucester Township Historical Society is giving tours of Gabriel Daveis Tavern on Sundays from 1-4pm, weather permitting. A Christmas Open House will be held in December. History of Gloucester Twp. Books are on sale at the Library and the Mayor's office. The Committee will be doing a Camden County Clean-Up on September 13 from 9am - 12noon on Plaza Dr. in Clementon. Anyone needing a community service project is welcome to join us. The Committee is also looking for old pictures of people and places in Gloucester Township. For more information on any of these items, please check the township web site or call 856-784-5243.

## **GLOUCESTER TWP. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee provides scholarship money to High School seniors who live in Gloucester Township and are continuing their education. If you would like to volunteer or participate in any of our events, please call the GTDSC Hotline at 856-374-5729.

22nd Annual GTDSC  
Golf Tournament  
October 10, 2008

Held at Valleybrook GC. Shotgun start at Noon, putting contest at 11am, registration opens at 10am. Cost is \$100. and includes golf, lunch, dinner, prizes and a donation to the Scholarship Fund.  
Hotline: 856-374-5729

### **TEEN DANCES**

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to attend our Teen Dances. Refreshments are available and this event is fully staffed and chaperoned. Doors open at 7:00 PM, and the dances end at 9:30 PM.

October 17, 2008	Mullen Middle School
January 30, 2009	Lewis Middle School
March 13, 2009	Glen Landing Middle School

## **PUBLIC WORKS NEWS**

The Public Works facility is located at 1729 Erial Rd in Blackwood. Please contact Public Works with any questions at 856-228-3144.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Township of Gloucester Public Works department is hiring temporary laborers for the Fall Leaf Program. The postions are available for Gloucester Twp. residents only. It is a 4-day (40 hour) work week from 7am - 5:30pm. The position will last from approximately October 29, 2008 to December 28, 2008. The position pays \$10.00 per hour. Under the direction of a supervisor, the person will perform varied types of manual and unskilled laboring work and may drive in connection with laboring work on occasion; does other related duties as required. Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in NJ. Background investigation and drug testing will be conducted. Contact the Personnel Office at 856-228-4000x235. Applications are available at the Municipal Building or at [www.GLOTWP.com](http://www.GLOTWP.com). Filing Deadline is Sept. 20, 2008.

### **SOLUTIONS TO STORM WATER POLLUTION**

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings and other materials end up in our water. Residents can help protect our water by doing some of the following: limit your use of fertilizers and

pesticides, properly use and dispose of hazardous products, clean up after your pet, don't litter, dispose of yard waste properly, and keep pollution out of storm drains. It is helpful if residents, especially after a storm, would help keep the grates at storm drains clear or notify Public Works when they become clogged.

### **COLLECTION DAY CHANGES**

Residents who reside in the Blackwood and Blenheim sections of town have had their brush pick-up days changed from Fridays to Thursdays. Refrigerator disposal pick-ups have been changed to Wednesdays. Please contact Public Works to be placed on the list. Trash and recycling pickups will remain the same.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please note the curfew hours have changed for October 29, 30, 31. The new hours are 7:00 pm to 6:00 am on those dates (L.O. 45-1). No one under 18 years of age not accompanied by a parent or guardian is permitted to be out. This will be strictly enforced. All Halloween activities are to cease as of 7:00 pm on October, 31, 2008.

### **LOCAL ORDINANCE 82-1 OPERATION OF UNLICENSED MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES**

It is unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle within Gloucester Township upon any public or private property without written permission of the property, or within five hundred feet of any property zoned residential. Any person violating this ordinance is subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars.

### **CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKPOINT**

Gloucester Twp Police Dept. in conjunction with Safe-Kids will be holding a child safety seat check point on September 20, 2008 at the Target Store on Berlin- Crosskeys Rd from 12:00 - 4:00 PM. This program is to assist parents in properly installing child safety seats.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008**

Thank you All!!! National Night out was a great success. On Behalf of the Gloucester Township Police Department, we wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated.

### **SWIMMING SAFETY**

Residents should be mindful of where they conduct swimming and water related activities. They should only be done in designated swimming areas, including privately owned pools with proper authorization and adult supervision, or publicly operated areas under the care of certified lifeguards during regular business hours. No one should swim in areas that are unknown, unfamiliar and/or unsafe, without proper supervision, and where posted 'no trespassing', or without written authorization from the property owner. Diligence and attentiveness must always be employed during activities in and around all bodies of water.

## **SPONSOR A BENCH PROGRAM**

Gloucester Township is proud to announce our Park Bench Program. Individuals and/or families now have the opportunity to sponsor park benches in Veterans Memorial Park and at the Hider Lane Senior Drop-In Center. This is a unique way to remember a loved one, or to honor a friend or family member.

Benches will be permanently installed in Veterans Memorial Park and the Hider Lane Senior Drop-In Center. Each sponsored bench will contain a 4" x 6" stainless steel plaque, clearly displaying your message.

The complete cost of each bench including installation is \$1,000. Anyone interested in sponsoring a bench please contact Bill Fagan, at the Recreation Department, Monday through Thursday, at 856 435 5734.

### **BENCH DESCRIPTION**

6ft contemporary park bench  
4" x 6" stainless steel plaque  
Concrete platform with gray paver trim  
10 yr. maintenance guarantee of bench

## **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**

### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

**Gloucester Township**  
**P.O. Box 8**  
**Blackwood, NJ 08012**  
**(856) 435-5734 and (856) 374-3520**  
**Fax: (856) 782-8962**  
**Township website: [www.glotwp.com](http://www.glotwp.com)**  
**Email: [recdept@glotwp.com](mailto:recdept@glotwp.com)**

### **Office Location**

**80 Broadacres Drive, Clementon 08021**

### **Office Business Hours**

**Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-5:45PM**

### **Recreation Department Staff**

**Bill Fagan, Diane Jones~Supervisors**  
**Nellie Harris~Sr. Clerk Typist**  
**Jessica Porter~Clerk Typist**

### **Recreation Leaders**

**Nicole West, Shane McNichol, & Amanda Shull**



# **PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

September 8 Program & Bus Trip Registration

Registration for Preschool, programs and bus trips are held at the Recreation Center beginning at 8am and will continue until the program or trip reaches capacity.

Space is limited for all programs and trips. In-person registration is required for all activities. Registration forms must be filled out by the participant or parent/guardian. All programs require advanced registration. Make checks payable to "Twp. of Gloucester" except where otherwise noted; two separate checks may be necessary.

Programs are for Township residents only. Bring a valid drivers license and second proof of residency to registration. Preschool registration also requires a photocopy of the child's birth certificate & medical records. Non Residents may register for Prek for an additional fee.

Full refunds will be given if the Recreation Department cancels a trip or program due to low enrollment. We reserve the right to cancel a trip or program if enough people have not registered in advance.

Program refunds will be given minus a \$10.00 processing fee. This refund must be requested before 20% of the scheduled classes are completed. Trip refunds will only be given if a replacement can be found. Trip refunds are also subject to a \$10.00 processing fee. Please bring your receipt to the office for processing. All refunds take 30-45 days to process.

## **RECREATION CENTER OPEN GYM INFO**

The Recreation Center is open for basketball when scheduled, however, an application must be filled out for a free membership prior to first use. Membership cards will be issued and must be brought each session. To apply for a free membership, an adult (18+) must come to the Center during business hours and present a valid drivers license with a Gloucester Twp address and a utility bill as proof of residency. Check calendar for dates.

Sundays 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Open gym basketball for adults 30+ will begin 11/1. Call if you are interested in participating in the 30+ Mens' Basketball League.

Tuesdays - Thursdays 3:00PM - 5:00 PM

Drop-in basketball begins 9/23. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **DISCOUNTED TICKETS**

The Gloucester Twp. Recreation Dept. offers discounted tickets for the following locations. We accept cash or Money Order only and are only sold during business office hours - Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:45 pm.

Adventure Aquarium

Adults: \$13.00

Child (2-12): \$10.00

Philadelphia Zoo

All Admissions: \$15.00

Ski Tickets

Lift tickets for various ski mountains will be available for purchase beginning in December at the Recreation Center.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **IMAGINATION TO ACTION**

Fridays: Sept. 19, Last class Dec. 12

9:30am - 12:30pm 10 Weeks

\$115 to Katie Ahern/\$10. to Glo Twp

Held at Point Ariel Park

Designed for children 3 1/2 - 5 years old. This class will focus on both academic & social skills. In this stimulating and fun environment, your child will be engaged in creative movement, music, circle & storytime, block-building, dress-up/role-play, arts & crafts, & a variety of hands-on games and activities. To top it off, the children will be able to eat lunch together each week! The class will be led each week by a certified & experienced kindergarten teacher who believes in a positive approach to learning & is committed to bringing out the best in each child. Children must be potty trained and have turned 3 by March 1, 2008.

### **KARATE FUNDAMENTALS**

Wednesdays: Sept. 24; Last class Nov. 12

5:45 - 6:45 PM 8 Weeks

Cost: \$40. to Dave Smith/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at the Recreation Center

Come and learn the art of Karate with internationally certified black belt instructor, Dave Smith, of MacKenzies Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. The goals of this 8 week program are to develop physical fitness, self-discipline and self-confidence. Open to children in grades K-5. Loose-fitting clothing is suggested.

## YOUTH CHESS LESSONS

Tuesdays: September 23, Last Class November 25

5:30pm - 6:30pm                      8 Weeks

Cost: \$70 to Silver Knights Chess Company

\$10 to Glo. Twp.            Held at Point Ariel Park

This 10-week class will help your child learn the art of Chess. Class time is evenly split between lessons & play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies. Play time is structured to pair each student against an opponent of similar skill. Students will also have the opportunity to play in tournaments. Open to children ages 4-14.

## DRAMA CLASS

Thursdays: September 25, Last class November 20

4:40pm - 5:40pm                      8 Weeks

Cost: \$60 to Chris Ahern/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

This class is for children ages 8 - 12 with an interest in drama. Children will be introduced to acting techniques, the stage, improvisation, interactive group dynamics, and monologues. The class is designed to increase confidence and improve public speaking skills in a fun way. It is led by Chris Ahern, a certified teacher with experience in theater.

## READER'S THEATER I

Mondays: September 22, Last class November 3

4:30pm - 5:30pm                      6 Weeks

Cost: \$90 to REAL Center/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Bring your ideas to life! Use a variety of materials to create your own puppet then work with a team to write, direct, and perform your very own puppet show. Open to children grades 1st - 2nd. The REAL Center is pleased to announce "Tutoring with a Twist" - reading class that reinforces the basics while children have fun! Sign your child up for 2 classes and receive 10% off the second class.

## READER'S THEATER II

Mondays: September 22, Last class November 3

5:30pm - 6:30pm                      6 Weeks

Cost: \$90 to REAL Center/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Bring on the Drama! This is a program for readers who love to act and actors who love to read. Students will read scripts and use their creativity, ingenuity and acting abilities to perform short one-act plays - to standing ovations of course! Open to children in grades 3rd - 5th. The REAL Center is pleased to announce "Tutoring with a Twist" - reading class that reinforces the basics while children have fun! Sign your child up for 2 classes and receive 10% off the second class.

### LET'S PLAY MATH I

Mondays: November 10, Last class December 15

4:30pm - 5:30pm                      6 Weeks

Cost: \$90 to REAL Center/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

If you love to play games, this is the class for you! Children will create math games and have a chance to play them. The children will keep the games that they make at the end of the program. Open to children in grades 1st - 2nd. The REAL Center is pleased to announce "Tutoring with a Twist" - math class that reinforces the basics while children have fun! Sign your child up for 2 classes and receive 10% off the second class.

### LET'S PLAY MATH II

Mondays: November 10, Last class December 15

5:30pm - 6:30pm                      6 Weeks

Cost: \$90 to REAL Center/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Did you know that math games are played throughout the world? Children will discover international games and will create games themselves. They get to keep the games they make at the end of the program. Open to children in grades 3rd - 5th. The REAL Center is pleased to announce "Tutoring with a Twist" - math class that reinforces the basics while children have fun! Sign your child up for 2 classes and receive 10% off the second class.

### YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Saturdays: September 20; Last class November 1

Cost: \$50 to Ron Miller/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Gloucester Twp. Comm. Park                      6 Weeks

The Intro course provides fun activities for young children that emphasize basic skills with strokes, terms, movement and scoring through the use of instructional games and specialized equipment. The Beginners I class provides a fun environment where students learn fundamental skills of tennis (forehand, backhand, volley, serve, court movement, etiquette, and proper scoring). A child-sized racket is recommended for each class.

Intro to Tennis 9:00-9:55am                      Grades 1-3

Intro to Tennis 10:00-10:55am                      Grades 1-3

Beginners I 11:00-11:55am                      Grades 4-6

Beginners I&2 12:00-12:55am                      Grades 4-6

## JUMPBUNCH SPORTS & FITNESS FOR KIDS

Mondays: September 22; Last class November 17

3:00 - 3:45pm                      8 Weeks

Cost: \$60 to JumpBunch/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at the Recreation Center

JumpBunch is a fun, structured program that introduces children to a wide range of sports, helps build coordination, self-esteem and a life-long love of sports and fitness. JumpBunch introduces children to sports and fitness in a non-competitive, hands-on setting. All activities are designed to improve gross motor skills, hand/eye coordination and body balance. Please wear appropriate sports attire/sneakers and provide a water bottle for each child. Open to children ages 3 - 5.

## PRESCHOOL

This State licensed program is for children, who have turned 3 by September 30, 2008 through 5-year olds who have not yet entered kindergarten. Students enrolling in Preschool will be grouped according to the year they will enter Kindergarten. Children must be potty trained.

Our 3-year-old program focuses on readiness & socialization skills, colors, numbers & shapes. Our 4-year-old program focuses on the readiness skills needed to enter kindergarten such as writing skills, following directions, & number & letter recognition. Our program is held at your choice of locations: Recreation Center or Point Ariel Park.

### PRESCHOOL SESSIONS

3-Year-Olds attend Monday & Wednesday

AM: 9:00am-11:00am or PM: 12:00pm-2:00pm

4-Year-Olds attend Tuesday & Thursday

AM: 9:00am-11:00am or PM: 12:00pm-2:00pm

### Cost of the Program:

Fall Session: \$200.    Winter Session: \$200.    Resident Fees:  
Spring Session: \$200.

Non-Resident Fees:  
Fall Session: \$250.    Winter Session: \$250.    Spring Session: \$250.

Fall classes begin September 15th.

Winter Registration will begin December 1st and classes will start January 5th.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 856-435-5734.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### JAZZERCISE

Tues./Thurs. 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Open Registration EVERY month!

Cost: \$30. to Jazzercise/\$5. to Glo. Twp

Discount when you register for 3 months!

When you love your workout, results come easy! Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, Pilates and kickboxing moves into fun dance routines, set to fresh, new music. All fitness levels welcome. Please bring a mat, weights, water, and wear supportive sneakers. Held at the Recreation Center. Open to High School students and adults.

### PILATES BASED TONING

Mondays: Sept. 22, Last class Dec. 1

6:45pm - 7:45pm 10 Weeks

Cost: \$50. to A. Davis/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Come & enjoy a great Mat Pilates that will help strengthen your core & tone your whole body. Light weights will help to improve your toning even more! Good for any fitness level. Please bring a mat, water & a set of light weights. Open to HS students & adults.

### SEWING CLASS

Mondays: Sept. 25; Last class Nov. 13

7:00 - 9:00pm 8 Weeks

Cost: \$70. to Rebekah Pyles/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Dust off your sewing machine and get inspired! Sewing class for beginners through experiences taught by a full time seamstress, will give you the confidence you need to accomplish your projects. The first few weeks will have group projects such as a tote bag and pillow. Then choose from many projects and work at your own pace and level. Each week learn a tip and a tool the professionals use. In this laid back atmosphere bring out your creativity and meet other sewers. Must bring your own machine and know how it works. Open to HS students and adults.

### ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Wednesdays: September 24; Last class October 29

5:30 - 6:30pm 6 Weeks

Cost: \$50 to Ron Miller/\$10 to Glo. Twp.

Held at Gloucester Twp. Community Park

This beginners course introduces basic tennis skills that will provide both fun and exercise for a lifetime. Emphasis will be placed upon essential ground strokes (forehand, backhand), volley, unique terminology, proper movement and tennis scoring. If you have always wanted to learn how to play tennis, this is the course for YOU!

## YOGA BASIC I

Wednesdays: September 17; Last class December 3

6:30pm - 7:30 pm                      10 Weeks

Cost: \$40. to Michele Carlino/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

This class is a workout for the mind, body and soul that brings inner and outer balance through stretching, breath work, and meditation. Yoga promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and calms anxiety. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel and water. Open to HS students and adults.

## YOGA BASIC II

Wednesdays: September 17; Last class December 3

7:45pm - 8:45pm                      10 Weeks

Cost: \$40. to M. Carlino/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Expand your practice with this program for those who are comfortable with a beginner level class. Enjoy a more strengthening & challenging physical practice while still focusing on breath work & meditation. Please wear comfortable clothing & bring a yoga mat & water. Open to HS students & adults.

## YOGA BASIC II

Wednesdays: September 17; Last class December 3

7:45pm - 8:45pm                      10 Weeks

Cost: \$40. to M. Carlino/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

Expand your practice with this program for those who are comfortable with a beginner level class. Enjoy a more strengthening & challenging physical practice while still focusing on breath work & meditation. Please wear comfortable clothing & bring a yoga mat & water. Open to HS students & adults.

## CARDIO KICK & TONE

Tuesdays: Sept. 23, Last class Dec. 3

6:30pm - 7:30pm                      10 Weeks

Cost: \$50. to A. Davis/\$10. to Glo. Twp.

Held at Point Ariel Park

This class is for High School students and adults who would like to add a little Cardio “Kick” to their workout. Geared for all fitness levels. The first half hour will be a low impact cardio kickboxing class with easy to follow but fun moves that will make you sweat. It is followed by a half hour of full body toning; from legs, chest, shoulders and back, to your “bi’s n’ tri’s” which gets rid of those flabby arms. And don’t forget those abs! We will work on those too! Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, good workout sneakers, a mat and 3 to 5 lb. weights.

## **RENTALS**

The Recreation Dept. offers the following locations for rental. Applications can be picked up at the Recreation Center. Please call 856-435-5734 for more info.

### **GAZEBO RENTAL**

The Gazebos at Veterans' Park and Gloucester Twp. Community Park are available for 3 hour rentals.

#### **FEES:**

\$ 30.00 - Township Residents

\$ 60.00 - Non-residents

### **RECREATION CENTER**

Rent the Rec. Center for children's birthday parties. Available for children ages 14 years and younger.

FEE: \$ 150.00 for 2 hours

## **BUS TRIPS**

### **CHRISTMAS IN HERSHEY**

Saturday, November 29, 2008

\$37. per person

Christmas in Hershey is a magical time. Come get into the spirit for the holidays and tour the park with all its lights and decorations. On your own, you can ride through Chocolate World, shop, eat and enjoy some rides. Price includes coach bus transportation & a ticket into Hershey Park's Christmas CandyLane. Bus departs at 11AM and will return about 9:30PM.

### **RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

Friday, December 5, 2008 \$83. per person

Come see this Christmas tradition! Price includes coach bus transportation & a ticket to Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular (10AM show). Bus departs at 7AM. See New York City and Rockefeller Center in its Holiday Splendor! Free time available for sightseeing & lunch on your own. Bus will return at 7:30PM.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

Sunday, October 5

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fall fun begins at the Blackwood Pumpkin Festival, sponsored by Mainstage Center for the Arts. The streets surrounding Blackwood will be filled with crafters, food, entertainment, activities, and contests. For more information call 609-405-0306.

Raindate Oct. 12.



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, October 25

Join the Gloucester Twp. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for "Make A Difference Day." The committee will gather at Gabriel Daveis Tavern for a clean-up. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this nation-wide day of giving back to your community. Call the Recreation Dept at 435-5734 for more info.

### ANNUAL TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 25 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us at the Recreation Center in costume for this annual event and enjoy treats, games, cookies and punch. The Recreation Center will be transformed into a haunted Forest. Please bring a canned good or non-perishable food item with you as your admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday November 16, 2008 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to Highland High School Cafeteria for a free Thanksgiving Dinner. Hosted by Bethel Christian Center.

### SANTA LETTERS Deadline is Dec. 15

Does your child want to write to Santa this holiday? Send them to us & we will make sure Santa replies! All letters will be read & answered by Santa, so include your child's name & address. Mail your child's letter to: Santa Claus~North Pole, PO Box 8, Blackwood, NJ 08012.

### BLACKWOOD FIRE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 6 6:00 pm

Join the Blackwood Fire Company at their Annual Christmas Parade. The parade route is on Rt 168 in Blackwood from the IGA Shopping center to the intersection of Church St and the Pike. The theme this year is "Get Your Game On at Christmas." Come back to the Fire Station after the parade and meet Santa! Please call 856-227-7798 for more information.

### SANTA BRUNCH

Saturday, December 13 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come see Santa & enjoy bagels, donuts, refreshments, fun & games. Bring your camera & get your picture taken with Santa. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need. Held at the Recreation Center. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES**

### **HIGHLAND YOUTH SOCCER CLUB**

The Highland Youth Soccer Club ("HYSC") is a nonprofit charitable corporation operating in Gloucester Township, New Jersey. HYSC provides a recreational and travel program environment for over 1,000 players, ages 4 to 16, every year. We are one of the largest clubs in South Jersey. Our Intramural Program begins at age 4 (U-5) and includes players up until age 7 (U-8), and involves games against teams within our own Club. Our

philosophy is to develop players through the use of small sided games to ensure that every player participates in every game and has FUN! Our Travel Program begins at age 7 (U-8) and has boys and girls teams playing through age 16 (U-17). The travel teams play against other clubs throughout South Jersey. Currently we have 18 boys and 18 girls' travel teams playing in the South Jersey Boys and Girls' Soccer League, JAGS and the Mid-Atlantic Premier Soccer League. HYSC provides trainers, at no additional cost to the parents, for both the intramural and travel programs to assist our players and coaches. Please see our website @ [www.hysc.org](http://www.hysc.org) for more information on registration and about our programs.

**BLACKWOOD KIWANIS LITTLE LEAGUE**

Established in 1951, BKLL has been playing and teaching baseball for over 50 years. We pride ourselves in our Family Oriented Atmosphere where every child is an important part of the BKLL team. Be a part of the league where baseball, family and fun are the traditions.

2008 Fall Registration Information

Aug 5	6:00PM – 8:00PM	BKLL Complex
Aug 16	10:00AM – 12:00PM	BKLL Complex
Aug 19	6:00PM – 8:00PM	BKLL Complex
Aug 23	10:00AM – 12:00PM	BKLL Complex

Registration Location

BKLL Complex at Railroad & Marshall Avenues behind the Gloucester Township Elementary School

Registration Fees

4-6 year olds	T-Ball	\$ 40.00
7-8 year olds	T-Shirts	\$ 50.00
9-10 year olds	Minors	\$ 50.00
11-12 year olds	Majors	\$ 50.00
13-14 year olds	Juniors	\$ 60.00
15-16 year olds	Seniors	\$ 60.00

\*All families must participate with \$25.00 refundable work bond in addition to registration.

Player's age based on April 30, 2009.

Tryouts

Saturday, August 23, 2008 at BKLL Complex

T-Shirt Division	10:00 AM
Minor Division	12:00 PM
Major/ JR / SR Division	2:00 PM

For more information or questions

Call (856) 232-9336 or email us at [baseball@bkll.com](mailto:baseball@bkll.com).

<http://www.bkll.com>

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP LIONS  
FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!**

The Gloucester Township Lions, dedicated to the youth of our township. Providing a safe environment for boys & girls to learn the fundamentals of Football and Cheerleading. Serving Camden, Salem and Gloucester Counties for over 50 years.

2008 FALL FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING  
Registrations now being accepted Monday - Thursday  
6-8pm at the Lakeland sports complex.  
\*Please remember to bring 2 checks when registering\*

**REGISTRATION PRICES**

\$80.00 - 1st Child

\$70.00 - 2nd Child

\$60.00 - 3rd Child

All Flag Football Players & Flag Cheerleaders \$50.00

GT Lions 1st Annual Yard Sale/Craft Fair  
Marge Martin/Lakeland Sports Complex  
Sat. Sept. 13 9a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Rain Date Sun. Sept. 14th  
10 X 10 area:  
\$10 for GT Lions Members  
\$15 for Non Members

All Crafters welcome!

The sale of food is strictly prohibited

Contact Courtney for information and to register your space @ 856-981-2758

**GLOUCESTER TWP BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
2008/2009 BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS  
For BOYS 7 to 17 years of age**

September 9, 17, 24

To be held at the

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER,  
Chews Landing Road  
6:30PM to 9:00PM

Registration Forms are available at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center or on line at [www.pics.com/gtbb1](http://www.pics.com/gtbb1) Cost of the Camp is \$75.00  
We make their HOOP DREAMS COME TRUE!

### **T.B.A.A. SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Timberbirch-Broadmoor Athletic Association (T.B.A.A.) is a volunteer organization that has been providing youth sports opportunities to the children of Gloucester Township for over 40 years. As one of the largest clubs in the South Jersey Girls (SJGSL) and South Jersey Boys (SJSB) Soccer Leagues with over 30 teams, TBAA offers a very competitive program that can accommodate players with a wide range of skill levels. TBAA offers both free and subsidized licensed, professional training through its partnership with the Youth Soccer Alliance to all of its travel players. TBAA also supports teams that play in the MAPS and Region-1 leagues.

TBAA's Intramural Program is open to boys and girls aged 4 to 8. At TBAA we strive to provide a fun, pressure free learning environment for our recreational players. Our goal is to teach good fundamental soccer, ball skills, sportsmanship and teamwork, all in an enjoyable, non-competitive atmosphere. To maximize player development, we offer small sided games (3 v 3) and (4 v 4) as endorsed by the United States Soccer Federation. There is also free, professional instruction provided by YSA for all participants.

The Intramural season begins on September 6th and registrations will be accepted through that date. For more information or to register on-line, please visit our website at [www.TBAA.net](http://www.TBAA.net).

### **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

Gloucester Township Hockey Association is a youth street hockey organization dedicated and committed to the children of the community; providing boys and girls, ages 4-18, a safe and fun environment to learn and enjoy the game of hockey.

#### 2008-2009 Fall-Winter Season Registration

At The GT Recreation Center  
Wednesday September 10, 6-8pm  
Friday September 12, 6pm-8pm  
Saturday September 13, 10am-2pm  
Monday September 15, 6-8pm  
Wednesday September 17, 6-8pm  
Monday September 22, 6pm-8pm

#### Registration Fee:

(Ages 5-15)

1 Child \$90.00

2 Children \$150.00

3 Children \$170.00

Instructional Division (ages 3-4) \$60.00

Freshman Division (ages 16-18) \$70.00

For more information: [www.eteamz.com/gthahockey](http://www.eteamz.com/gthahockey)

Andy Trapani: 609-509-1559

## **GLOUCESTER TWP GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

The G.T.G.A.A. has year-round athletic programs for the girls of the Township. Wildcats Competition Cheerleading is starting practices in August for the Fall Competition season (some late registrations may be accepted). The Girls Softball Program with five in-town divisions and five traveling teams will end with the September Banquets.

FALL SOFTBALL for experienced girls age 11-17 will begin this September, and run until the end of October. Travel Games will be held on some weekends and during the week under the lights. Registrations held August 25 (6-7 P.M.) at the Municipal Building. Fee is \$40. Contact John Scargill (904-9362) for further information or if you miss registrations.

INDOOR SOCCER Program for girls age 8 to 15 will begin in September, with registrations on Saturday, September 6 (1-2 P.M.) and Wednesday, September 10 (6-7 P.M.) at the Municipal Building. Games are played in local school gyms and Rec Center in the evenings during the week from late September to late November. Four age/experience Divisions are created as long as Division Commissioners are available. Due to confined playing area, not recommended for experienced outdoor players. Fee is \$45.

VOLLEYBALL for girls grades 6-12 will begin the end of September, and run until the beginning of November on Wednesday nights only. Registrations held September 6 (2-3 P.M.) and Sept. 10 (7-8 P.M.) at the Municipal Building. Two Divisions planned (grades 6-8 and 9-12). Tournament at end of season. Fee is \$35.

WINTER BASKETBALL registrations for girls age 8 to 18 will be held on OCTOBER 25 (1-3 P.M.) and OCTOBER 29 (6-7 P.M.) - the season runs from December until mid-March. Six age/experience Divisions are created. Upgraded Junior, Senior and Classic Divisions with expanded rules and paid referees plus possible Travel Teams. AAU Teams in the Spring. Fee is \$50.

Softball Pitchers and Catchers Clinics will also be held in the Fall and Winter. Contact the Hotline to be put on mailing list.

**CONTACT THE G.T.G.A.A. HOTLINE AT 227-3083 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
OR TO BE A PART OF THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES!!**

VISIT THE WEBSITE [www.gtga.org](http://www.gtga.org) or e-mail President Chuck Palumbo at [gtgaa@yahoo.com](mailto:gtgaa@yahoo.com)

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON WEBSITE

## **FALL LEAF COLLECTION**

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE STARTING LEAF COLLECTION ON OCT. 27, 2008. A SECOND COLLECTION WILL BEGIN DEC. 1, 2008. THE COLLECTION SCHEDULE IS ORGANIZED BY VOTING DISTRICTS.

TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS, READ INSTRUCTIONS AND ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

\*DO NOT BAG LEAVES.

\*HAVE ALL LEAVES OUT THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED WEEK.

\*RAKE ALL LEAVES CURBSIDE/ DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO STREET IF IT WILL BLOCK TRAFFIC.

\*DO NOT MIX TRASH AND BROKEN BRANCHES WITH LEAVES. THIS WILL CLOG THE MACHINES AND YOUR LEAVES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

\*DO NOT PARK ANY VEHICLES IN FRONT OF LEAVES DURING YOUR WEEK OF PICK UP. THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

WE WILL KEEP TO THE SCHEDULE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALLOW FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER, VEHICLE BREAKDOWNS, HOLIDAYS, ETC. THANK YOU. GLOUCESTER TWP PUBLIC WORKS

1ST WEEK: VOTING DISTRICTS 1,9,11,16,21,26 (AUTUMN COURT, BALLANTREE, BROADMOOR, CATALINA HILLS, CHEWS WYCK, EYERS PLACE, FERNWOOD, GLENDORA ON THE EAST SIDE OF BLACK HORSE PIKE, ALL STREETS OFF SOMERDALE ROAD, SOMER HILL PLACE, TIMBERLINE, WHITE BIRCH, WILSON TRACT, MORGAN ESTATES, STERLING ESTATES)

Dates: 1ST ROUND- OCT. 27, 28, 29, 30

2ND ROUND- DEC. 1, 2, 3, 4

2ND WEEK: VOTING DISTRICTS 2,3,4,5,13,22,24 (BLENHEIM, BLACKWOOD ON THE WEST SIDE OF BLACK HORSE PIKE AND NORTH SIDE E. AND W. CHURCH STREET TO LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD, CHEWS VILLAGE, COLES HILL, ECHO PARK, FOXBORO, GLENDORA ON THE WEST SIDE OF BLACK HORSE PIKE, ALL OF HILLTOP, OXEN HILL, PINE RUN, PRISTINE FARMS, VALLEYBROOK, PLAYERS PLACE, THE LINKS, ST. JAMES PLACE)

Dates: 1ST ROUND- NOV. 3, 5, 6 NO COLLECTION NOVEMBER 4 - ELECTION DAY

2ND ROUND- DEC. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

3RD WEEK: VOTING DISTRICTS 14,5,23,25,27,28,12 (CAMERON CIRCLE, CHERRYWOOD, ALL OF GLEN OAKS, HIGHLAND PARK, HIGHLAND VILLAGE, KINGSWOOD ESTATES, LAUREL GARDENS, LAUREL HILLS, MILLBRIDGE, ROSEGATE, TALL OAKS DRIVE, WEST GATE WOODS, WOOD MILL POND, BROADMOOR WEST)

Dates: 1ST ROUND- NOV 10, 12, 13 NO COLLECTION NOVEMBER 11 -  
VETERANS DAY

2ND ROUND- DEC. 15, 16, 17, 18

4th WEEK: VOTING DISTRICTS 6,7,8,10,17,20 (BLACKWOOD, SO OF CHURCH ST. AND WEST OF BLACK HORSE PIKE, BLACKWOD ESTATES, BLACKWOOD MANOR, BRIAR LAKE, CHERRYWOOD HILLS, DEER PARK, DUNLEIGH, FOX CHASE, GARWOOD ROAD (AND ALL STREETS OFF GARWOOD RD AND PETER CHEESEMAN ROAD), GRENLOCH, HICKSTOWN ROAD, LAMBS TERRACE, RAINTREE, REVERE RUN I AND II, STONEBRIDGE RUN, AMBER CT, TERRESTRIA, TIMBER GLEN, WOODSHIRE, QUAIL HOLLOW)

Dates: 1ST ROUND - NOV. 17, 18, 19, 20

2ND ROUND - DEC. 22, 23 NO COLLECTION DECEMBER 24 & 25 -  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

5TH WEEK: VOTING DISTRICTS 18,19,29,30,31,32,33,34,35 (ALBION TERRACE, ASTEN WOODS, BRECKENRIDGE, BRITTANY WOODS, BROOKWOOD, CLEMENTONA, COUNTRY AIRE, COUNTRY OAKS, COBBLESTONE FARMS, DRESDEN DOWNS, FOREST RIDGE, FOREST WOODS, KEARSLEY ROAD, KINGS GATE, MAYFAIR MEADOWS, MAYFAIR WOODS, MULBERRY STATION, NEW BROOKLYN RD, POINT PLEASANT FARMS, QUAIL POINTE, SENATORS WALK, SICKLERVILLE ROAD, SPRING HOLLOW, STURBRIDGE OAKS, WYE OAKS, SWEET BRIAR WOODS, THE FIELDS, TWIN STREAMS, WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD, WOODS EDGE, WOODS HILL, WYE OAK, SPRING VALLEY, MEADOWBROOK)

Dates: 1ST ROUND- NOV 24, 25, 26 NO COLLECTION NOVEMBER 27 &  
28 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

2ND ROUND- DEC 28, 29, 30, 31 NO COLLECTION JANUARY 1 -  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Gloucester Township is now offering the opportunity for local businesses to  
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856-435-5734

or

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