



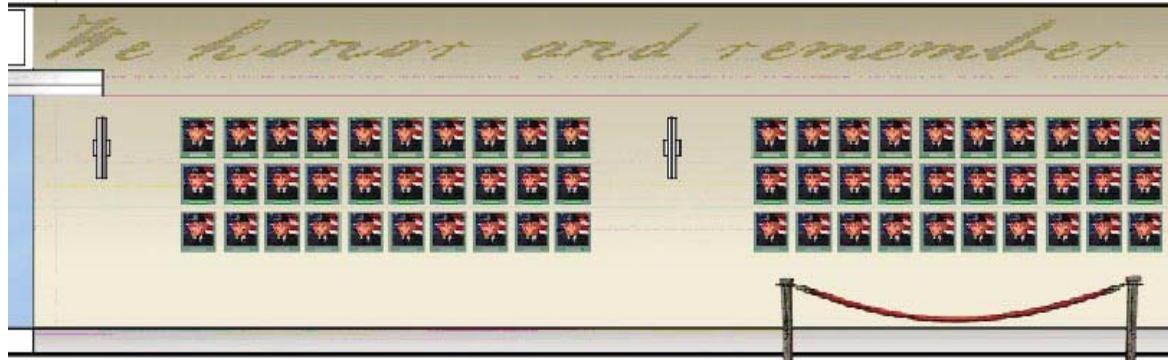
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A Place for Heroes



The Wall of Heroes has been commissioned by the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders to honor the men and women who were killed in action or missing in action while serving in the US Military protecting our freedoms and rights. The Wall of Heroes will be located in the newly expanded Justice Complex on Hunter Street in Woodbury and is anticipated to be unveiled in the Fall 2010.

The Wall will represent all branches of the military and they will be arranged by era (i.e. American Revolution, Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, etc.). By using photographs, an artist will recreate the likeness of those who did not make it home. A working group of Veterans and community members have been screening records and newspapers from throughout the county's history to make sure everyone is accounted for and photos are found, but more help is needed.

How you can get involved

There are at least 350 Gloucester County residents who never made it home. The Wall of Heroes will feature an artistic rendering of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so photographs are of particular importance. With your help you can bring to life those who surrendered theirs by providing photographs of eligible men and women. For eligibility guidelines, application and photo examples visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov and click on Wall of Heroes or call the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs at 401-7660.



Crafting a budget during tough economic times: County will continue to reduce the size of government and not ask taxpayers for more.

As the county continues to craft its 2010 budget, one thing remains clear – the Board of Freeholders has pledged to maintain the county tax rate and focus on shared services and regionalized programs to save money. 2010 will mark the tenth year the county will maintain a stable tax rate, with two tax rate cuts in 2006 and 2007. The current county tax rate, 51.09 cents, is less than it was in 1968.

“We cannot ask more from our taxpayers, they are at their limit. The Freeholders will continue to shrink the size of government,” stated Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney. Since the county began reducing the size of government, 100 positions from throughout the workforce have been eliminated saving \$5.7 million in salaries and benefits.

The county plans to eliminate another 27 positions, saving an additional \$1.3 million, through attrition this year. When a worker retires or leaves a position, it has not been filled, unless in an area critical to public safety.

Community Courses in Safety & CPR



Clayton Councilman Tom Bianco, Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney, Freeholder Jean DuBois (center) and Surrogate Helene M. Reed at the new GCEMS Building in Clayton.

Gloucester County EMS (GCEMS) is offering Community Education to healthcare professionals and the public and will teach CPR, first aid and how to handle an emergency situation until help arrives.

To register for any of the classes or to discuss customized courses for county businesses, groups and organizations, call GCEMS Community Education office at (856) 307-7120 or email jheller@co.gloucester.nj.us. Space in each program is limited, so register early.

Saturday, March 13 – BLS for the Healthcare Provider – 9:00AM-1:00PM, Gloucester County Fire Academy – Cost \$10 for materials. This course is designed to teach healthcare providers the skills of CPR for all ages, as well as use of an AED and relief of choking. This course is a certification course, that includes written and skills testing.

Saturday, April 10 – Family & Friends CPR – 9:00AM-1:00PM, RiverWinds, West Deptford – Cost \$10 for materials. This course is designed specifically for family members, friends and members of the general public who want to learn basic CPR, but do not require a certification card. The course includes instruction in adult, child and infant CPR and choking skills, and includes an overview of an AED (automated external defibrillator). For those interested, 'Family & Friends First Aid For Children' will be offered for no additional charge immediately following the CPR portion of the class. This module teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child for the first few minutes until professional help arrives.

Saturday & Sunday, May 22 and 23 – Safe Sitter – 9:00AM-4:00PM each day, RiverWinds, West Deptford – Cost \$30.00. This 2-day 12 ½ hour course is a medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. Thousands of young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter to handle life threatening emergencies. This class teaches safe and nurturing child care techniques, behavior management skills, and appropriate responses to medical emergencies, including infant and child CPR and relief of choking. To successfully complete the Safe Sitter program, students must pass a rigorous practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills necessary to handle an emergency. Scholarships to cover the cost of tuition are available through Safe Sitter, Inc. based on financial need, call for more information.

March is Tire Amnesty Month

March 2010 has been named 'Tire Amnesty Month' by the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders. During the entire month of March residents can dispose of up to 25 passenger car and pickup truck tires at **no cost**.



Mosquitos can carry West Nile Virus. By removing tires and other sources of standing water from ones property can greatly reduce the mosquito population.

Drop off tires at the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex, 493 Monroeville Rd. (Route 694) in South Harrison Township. Tires will be accepted Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, and on Saturday, March 20 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

This program is for Gloucester County residents and farmers only. NO commercial businesses please.

2010 E-Waste Recycling Program



The Gloucester County Office of Recycling operates a drop-off program for computers and other similar electronic equipment (E-Waste) generated from residents.

County residents can deposit their outdated computers and other E-Waste for free (\$10 fee for TV disposal) at the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex, where they are ultimately brought to a permitted electronic recycling facility. Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. This program is for residents only, NO Commercial businesses permitted.

For more information on these recycling programs or more ways to keep the planet green, call the GCIA/Office of Recycling at 478-6045 (ext. 14) or visit www.gcianj.com and click on Recycling.

Be the First to know about FREE events, concerts and more

Sign up for the Gloucester County "VIP" List and receive emails about free concerts, movies, family activities and other county news and events. Your email address will not be shared with any other entity other than the County of Gloucester. Sign up at www.gloucestercountynj.gov today.



The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. In addition, Gloucester County encourages the participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all County residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the Office of Educational and Disability Services at 856-681-6128/New Jersey Relay Service 711 or the EEO office at 856-384-6903.

Federal Stimulus Funding for Gloucester County

Gloucester County received \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to rehabilitate 20 foreclosed or abandoned homes in Woodbury and Paulsboro. The homes will be sold to eligible families at an affordable price.



Freeholder Brigandi and Freeholder Director Sweeney review plans for a home that is being rehabilitated in Paulsboro

Families who earned between 50% and 120% of the area's median income were encouraged to apply and are currently working on receiving private financial loans to purchase the homes.



"Taking abandoned or foreclosed homes and rehabilitating them for families to purchase keeps our neighborhoods occupied and viable," said Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney.

Freeholder Joseph A. Brigandi Jr. said that the federal money for the program will help neighborhoods hit hard by the recent rise in foreclosures and creates jobs for local contractors.

"The economy is tough and has taken a toll on some neighborhoods," Brigandi said. "Reinvesting in these neighborhoods will strengthen them."

Over \$13 Million for Road Improvements

Over \$13 million in federal stimulus funding has been awarded to Gloucester County for road improvements. The investment of these funds in our local economy allows the county to fix roads without impacting the local tax levy.

Projects that are underway with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding include:

- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Fries Mill Road in Monroe (Phase I & Phase II)
- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Route 322 in Harrison
- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Woodbury - Glassboro Road in Pitman
- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Tuckahoe Road in Franklin and Monroe Townships
- Signalization of South Main Street and Route 45 in Harrison
- Countywide upgrades to pedestrian facilities
- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Grove Road in West Deptford
- Resurfacing and safety improvements to Mt. Royal Road in Mantua
- Replacement of the Winslow Road Bridge in Monroe

FREE at Scotland Run Park

Gloucester County's Department of Parks & Recreation hold events throughout the year that focus on nature, fitness and education. The following events will be held at Scotland Run Park Nature Center, located on Academy Street in Clayton.

Please register for all programs in advance by calling 856-881-0845. There are no fees charged for any of the programs. Due to limited space registration is not accepted for large groups. Dress appropriately for the weather.

March

March 6 - 8am Bird Walk

March 10 - 10am Nature Tots

March 17 - 2:30pm Afternoon

Nature Stroll

March 19 - 9am to 3pm Educator

Workshop - *Aquatic Project Wild*

March 20 - 10am Family Nature Adventure



April

April 10 - 8am Bird Walk

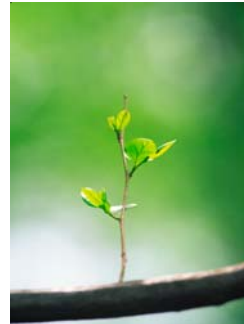
April 14 - 10am Nature Tots

April 17 - 10am Scout Saturday

April 21 - 2:30pm Afternoon Nature Stroll

April 24 - 10am Family Nature Adventure

May



May 8 - 10am Scout Saturday

May 11 - 6pm Bird Walk

May 12 - 10am Nature Tots

May 15 - 11am Family Nature Adventure
Canoeing/Kayaking on Wilson Lake

May 19 - 2:30pm Afternoon Nature Stroll

May 21 - 9am to 3pm Educator Workshop
Wonders of Wetlands

Bird Walk – No experience is necessary, just bring a pair of binoculars and dress for the weather.

Nature Tots – A program for preschoolers and their caregivers that explores nature through crafts and the outdoors, children must be with an adult. Be prepared to go outside. Kids can play on the playground after the program.

Afternoon Nature Strolls – A guided walk on various trails, a fun program for caregivers of young children, home schooled children, and seniors. Enjoy the adventure rain, snow or shine!

Family Nature Adventure – The entire family will enjoy exploring the park. Everyone will make a craft in the Nature Center and then go for a nature walk along the beautiful park trails.

Educator Workshops – Free workshops for teachers. Professional Development Credits available. Participants should bring a bagged lunch and dress for the outdoors.



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Looking
for a job or
new career?

**Gloucester County
Career Resource
Event 2010**

**Wednesday March 17
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
@ Gloucester County
College**

**FREE
Workshops,
Employers,
Counselors & More**

For more information about this
FREE event call 384-6963.
Web registration is required for
Workshops at
<https://conted.gccnj.edu>



Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center
215 Crown Point Road, Thorofare
(856) 251-6800

The One Stop Career Center provides free workforce development programs and services to job seekers and businesses in Gloucester County, including:

Job Seekers

- Locate employment opportunities and post resumes
- Learn job search techniques
- Access career counseling and training programs in demand occupations

Students

- Obtain career descriptions
- Access information regarding free training and financial aid
- Learn more about continuing education and vocational counseling
- Educational and aptitude testing

Community-Based Organizations

- Access the One-Stop to augment service delivery to your customers
- Access to information regarding free training and financial aid
- Adaptive equipment is available for your use

Businesses

- List available job openings
- Pre-screening and interview services available free of charge
- Access worker training programs

Small Business Assistance and Counseling Available

\$5.3 million in loans were awarded to small businesses in Gloucester County last year by the US Business Administration. If you operate your own small business in Gloucester County, call the Department of Economic Development at 384-6930 to learn about counseling and other business assistance available free of charge.