



Gloucester County News



Route 322 Improvements Already Making A Big Difference

With the first half of the County's improvements to Route 322 completed in Harrison Township's Richwood section, motorists are quickly learning to reuse a portion of roadway they used to avoid. More than 27,000 motorists drive on the major east-west corridor

through the narrow downtown of Mullica Hill and drove local residents to use the back roads of town.

Because of its size and scope, the Route 322 project was broken into two phases. Phase I included improvements to the Richwood section and Phase II is the construction of the 322 bypass and the realignment of Walters Road.

Today, with the Phase I of the Route 322 improvements completed, traffic on Route 322 in the Richwood section moves so smoothly that if you never used the road before, you would not have known of its troubled past.

The improvements the County made to 322 included installing a Jug Handle Road between Route 322 and Lambs Road (CR 635) and adding a Connector Road between Harrisonville Road (CR618) and Richwood Road (CR609). Route 322 was widened at both intersections with Lambs Road and Barnsboro Road. Harrisonville Road was turned into a one-way to improve traffic flow.

In July 2010 Phase I was completed. Route 322 was widened to a five lane roadway (two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane). The widening runs from the traffic signal at Lambs Road to just west of the traffic signal at Barnsboro Road. The two traffic signals have left hand turn arrows on the County Route approaches and turn lanes on Barnsboro and Lambs Roads to

improve left hand turn movements.

This past May construction began on Phase II. This part of the project includes realigning Route 322 at a new signalized intersection at Clems Run Road (CR 623), and Walters Road is being realigned with the new roadway for safer traffic flow.

The construction of the Route 322 Bypass is scheduled to begin by the end of 2010. Route 322 currently intersects with Route 45 in Mullica Hill, forcing motorists through the downtown area. When the Bypass Project is complete, the new road will realign and separate the US Route 322 traffic from the Route 45 traffic. The new alignment of Route 322 will continue straight at the Route 45 intersection and traverse through an undeveloped area to the east of Mullica Hill. The new intersection will have left turn lanes added and a right turn lane eastbound on Route 322 southbound to Route 45. The bypass road will have one lane in each direction of travel with shoulders. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by the end 2011.



From Left to right: Harrison Committeemen Bob Shearer and Don Heim, Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney, Harrison Committeeman Dennis Clowney, Freeholder Deputy Director Bob Damminger, Freeholder Jean DuBois and Gloucester County Engineer Vincent Voltaggio break ground of the first phase of the 322 bypass.

everyday that has impacted traffic in Mullica Hill, Glassboro, Mantua, and the surrounding region for decades.

Committed to making Route 322 a safer road that would improve the quality of life for residents who use the corridor, the Freeholder Board took on the challenge to fix the troubled road.

In 2008, with a \$16 million commitment from NJDOT and a \$10 million investment from the County, the Gloucester County Freeholders put shovels in the ground and began to remedy the traffic conditions that forced motorists



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Solar panels like these will be saving taxpayers money and the environment.

Locations where solar panels will be installed:

I.D.	LOCATION	MUNICIPALITY
1.	NW Blvd & Catawba Ave	Newfield
2.	Catawba Ave & Madison Ave	Newfield
3.	Main Rd & Weymouth Rd	Franklin
4.	Main Rd & Catawba Ave	Franklin
5.	Tuckahoe Rd & Main Rd	Franklin
6.	Coles Mill Rd & Blue Bell Rd	Franklin
7.	Coles Mill Rd & West Malaga Rd	Franklin
8.	Coles Mill Rd & Tuckahoe Rd	Franklin
9.	Coles Mill Rd & Williamstown Rd	Franklin
10.	Fries Mill Rd & Grant Ave	Franklin
11.	Monroeville Rd & Buck Rd	Franklin
12.	Monroeville Rd & Aura-Willow Grove Rd	Franklin
13.	Academy St & Stanger Ave	Glassboro
14.	Buck Rd & Clayton-Aura Ave	Elk
15.	Elk Rd & Elmer-Barnsboro Rd	Elk
16.	Elk Rd & Whig Lane	Elk
17.	Elk Rd & Ellis Mill Rd	Elk
18.	Swedesboro Rd & Commissioners Rd	South Harrison
19.	Harrisonville-Mullica Hill & Swedesboro-Franklinville	South Harrison
20.	Commissioners Rd & Swedesboro-Monroeville Rd	South Harrison
21.	Franklinville-Richwood Rd.& Tomlin Sta. Rd	South Harrison
22.	Cedar Rd & Breakneck Rd	Harrison
23.	Tomlin Station Rd. & Woodland Ave.	Harrison
24.	Jackson Rd. & Pitman -Jefferson Rd.	Mantua
25.	Barnsboro Rd. & Jefferson Rd.	Mantua
26.	Holly Ave & Lambs Rd	Mantua / Pitman
27.	High Hill Rd & Heron Dr	Logan
28.	Swedesboro Paulsboro Rd. & Repaupo Rd.	Logan
29.	Democrat Rd & Swedesboro-Paulsboro Rd	Greenwich
30.	Berkley Rd & Swedesboro Ave	Paulsboro
31.	Columbia Blvd & Grove Ave	National Park
32.	Wolfert Station & Union Rd	E. Greenwich
33.	Fishpond Rd & Cresthaven Ct-Hazard Beacon	Washington
34.	Swedesboro-Franklinville Rd. & Swedesboro-Monroeville Rd.	Woolwich

The County Saves Money with the Sun

Gloucester County is the first in New Jersey to install solar panels on flashing traffic signals to reduce energy costs to municipalities. A federal grant through the Department of Energy will pay for the County Public Works Department to place solar panels on 34 flashing signals and 10 regular signals throughout the county.

“Municipalities pay for the cost of electric service to run traffic signals and flashing signals and the typical electric cost is between \$600 and \$1,000 per year depending on the type of traffic signal. Through this solar initiative we will be helping to cut that cost in half and we will be doing something positive for our environment,” said Freeholder Director Sweeney.

Regardless of a traffic signals’

location in New Jersey (local road, county route, state highway, interstate) the municipality where the signal or flasher is located is the responsible party for the cost of its electric.

“Safety is always our main concern. During the night and when there is not sufficient sun the flashing signals will work off of electricity, but when the sun shines these energy saving solar panels will be saving taxpayers’ money,” stated Freeholder Deputy Director Bob Damminger, Liaison to the Department of Public Works.

When the 34 flashings signals are fitted with solar panels, the county anticipates beginning to use the remaining grant funding to put solar panels on about 10 full traffic signals in the county.

“..when the sun shines these energy saving solar panels will be saving taxpayers’ money,” stated Freeholder Deputy Director Bob Damminger.



Mantua Committeeman Robert Zimmerman, Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney, County Engineer Vincent Voltaggio, and Mantua Mayor Timothy Chell at the first solar operated flashing signal located at Barnsboro & Jefferson Roads, Mantua.

GCEMS Community Education Program

Gloucester County EMS (GCEMS) offers Community Education to the public and healthcare professionals, teaching 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 gcemstraining@co.gloucester.nj.us Space in each program is limited, so register early.

Saturday, October 9 - Family & Friends CPR and First Aid

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Logan Twp. Municipal Building

Cost: \$25 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, October 23 and October 24 - Safe Sitter

9:00 am-4:00 pm each day



Location To Be Announced

Cost: \$30.00

This 2-day, 12-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.

Saturday, November 13 - Healthcare Provider CPR

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Gloucester County Fire Academy Cost \$25 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, December 11 - Family & Friends CPR and First Aid

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Logan Twp. Municipal Building Cost: \$25 for materials.

See course description above.

Who Is It?



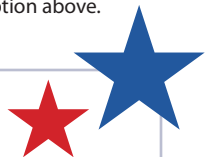
The County May Be Calling You...

Gloucester County now uses 'Global Connect' a voice messaging alert system and we may be calling you! You may receive an automated message from the County on your land-line to notify you of roadway closures, police emergencies, mosquito control applications (spraying), chemical hazards, severe weather notifications, flu clinics or health notifications, amber alerts or any other important information.

A link is currently being developed on the County's website to allow for self registration of residents to include their cell phones. This is a voice system, not a texting system. To also receive text messages and emails regarding emergency alerts visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov and sign up for Gloucester Alert.

...Pick Up for an Important Community Message!

Poll Workers Needed



Gloucester County Office of Elections is looking for Poll Workers. To become a Poll Worker you must fill out an application, be a registered voter in Gloucester County and be 18 years or older. Poll Workers are required to go through training every two years.

Poll Workers are paid \$200 to work a Primary or General Election (6 am to 8 pm), while

school election hours and pay vary according to the school district.

Applications are available online at www.gloucestercountynj.gov (Elections); at the Gloucester County Office of Elections, 550 Grove Road, Thorofare; or the Gloucester County Store at the Deptford Mall.

Call 384-4500 for more information.



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Freeholder Giuseppe (Joe) Chila	853-3382
Freeholder Frank J. DiMarco	853-3384
Freeholder Jean DuBois	853-3383
Freeholder Warren S. Wallace	853-3380

Row Officers

Clerk James N. Hogan	853-3237
Surrogate Helene M. Reed	853-3282
Sheriff Carmel M. Morina	384-4600
Prosecutor Sean Dalton	384-5500

Upcoming Events

Learn more about these upcoming events at gloucestercountynj.gov

Saturday, September 18

1- 4 pm Animal Shelter's Open House – 20th Anniversary

Sunday, September 19

Heritage Day at Whithall House

Saturday, September 25

9 am Gloucester County Military Service Medal

Saturday October 2

Autism Walk at RiverWinds

Saturday, October 16

Veterans Homecoming/ Legislative Seminar

Saturday, October 9

8 am to 2 pm Household Special Waste Collection Day at S. Harrison

Saturday, October 16

8 am to 2 pm Household Special Waste Collection Day at Clayton

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Animal Shelter's 20th Anniversary Open House Celebration

Back in 1990 the Gloucester County Animal Shelter opened with a humbled beginning and a mission: to find loving homes for stray and unwanted pets.

Today their mission is still strong. Having adopted out more than 25,000 animals over the past 20 years – ranging from the norm to the unique – the Gloucester County Animal Shelter is still in the business

of finding loving homes for all kinds of animals.

Come join the celebration at the 20th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, September 18th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Gloucester County Animal Shelter.

There will be free face painting, clowns, balloons, and refreshments. Learn about training, veterinary care, and adoption. Bring your pet

to participate in the Best Trained Pet Contest at 3 pm.

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter is located at 1200 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton – phone 881-2828.



2010 Deadline Dates for the November 2 General Election

October 12, 2010 Last day to register, change address, or name / **October 26, 2010** Last day to apply for a vote by mail ballot to be mailed out / **November 1, 2010 (3pm)** Last day to apply for a vote by mail ballot in person / **In-person early voting** Voters have the option of in-person early voting at the Gloucester County Office of Elections until 3 pm the day before Election Day, or at the Gloucester County Store between October 12 and October 29, 2010.

Register to vote in person:

- Gloucester County Office of Elections 550 Grove Rd., West Deptford, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- The Gloucester County Store at the Deptford Mall, Upper Level next to Boscov's, Monday – Friday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.
- Any Local Municipal Building

Register to vote Online:

Visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov and print the Voter Registration Form from 'online services', fill out, and mail (no postage required).
To find out if you are registered to vote, where you vote, or for any voting emergencies, call the Gloucester County Office of Elections at 384-4500.

Vote by Mail applications:

Any registered voter can vote by mail for any reason using the Vote By Mail Ballot. Applications are available online at www.gloucestercountynj.gov under 'online services' or by calling the County Clerk's Election Office (384-4530).

Polls open Election Day at 6 am and close at 8 pm. To contact the Office of Elections call 384-4500.

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.