

GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

From the Police Department to Public Works to the Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!

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### Tips to Combat Package Theft

GTPD wishes you a happy start to the holiday season and wants you to consider key tips to combat package theft.



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### Bethel Church Holds Thanksgiving Dinner

Mayor Mayer joined Bethel Church members for Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18th.



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### Local Business Spotlight

Learn more about this week's Local Business Spotlight: Filomena Cucina Italiana.

## GTPD Puts GPS Tracker on Packages to Deter Thieves

As the holiday season and Cyber Monday approach, Gloucester Township Police perform a demonstration of the GPS tracking system that is being implanted in select packages in Gloucester Township.

Twelve months ago, the Gloucester Township Police Department started this new crime-fighting initiative to combat package and bicycle theft. Packages and bikes implanted with a GPS tracking system and left on doorsteps and at convenience stores around town have resulted in a total of 7 arrests so far.

"If you're not an honest, law-abiding citizen, then don't come to Gloucester Township because you never know if the item that you are stealing is equipped with a GPS tracking system," said Mayor David R. Mayer.

"Today we are announcing a strategic approach to theft that entails an emphasis clearly on arrest, but also involves our other strategic focus on prevention and intervention as well," said Chief Harry Earle. *(continued on page 2)*





“I want to be clear that this initiative was not implemented due to a rise in crime as crime has been reduced dramatically since 2010. With that in mind, our actions have been undertaken to help continue this decline.”

**Gloucester Township Police wishes you a happy start to the holiday season. Consider these tips to help combat package theft:**

- Have place you can have your packages delivered. For example, if you work during the day, have items you order online delivered to your place of business instead of your home address. Instruct family and friends to do the same for packages they mail to you throughout the year.
- Keep your car and house doors locked at all times.
- Be neighborly. If you see a package sitting on a neighbor’s doorstep, reach out and ask if they would like you to hold it until they are home.
- If possible, require a signature for all your deliveries. If there’s no one home to sign for the package, it won’t be left at your home.
- If you are having your purchases shipped to your house, sign up for delivery alerts from the shipper. If you aren’t home during delivery, message a neighbor to have them take the package back to their place until you get home.
- Discourage thieves from targeting your residence with a few strategic home security devices. Home surveillance cameras can be effective crime deterrents. Your home security cameras should be prominently displayed where potential criminals can see them, yet high enough to prevent them from being tampered with. Outdoor security lighting and a home alarm system can also be effective crime deterrents.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and subjects in your neighborhood. Putting a stop to package theft and residential burglaries is a team effort. Talk to your neighbors and encourage everyone to keep an eye out for suspicious activity (an individual or vehicle following a delivery truck, a stranger removing a package from outside a residence, etc). Please report suspicious activity to the Gloucester Township Police by calling 856-228-4500 or by calling 9-1-1.

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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM BETHEL CHURCH



On Sunday, November 18th, Mayor David Mayor and members of Town Council joined Bethel Church in the Blackwood section of our Township and shared a meal with thousands of neighbors in our community at their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

The dinner took place at Highland High School and was free to all residents. We would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who made this great community



# PUBLIC WORKS PREPARES FOR TREE LIGHTING



Public Works decorated the tree at Veterans Park this week. Only 19 more days until our annual Gloucester Township Tree Lighting Ceremony which will take place on December 9th at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

## MAINTSTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS COFFEE HOUSE

Showcase your talent and come enjoy the show!

Friday, November 30

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Academy Hall 27 S. Black Horse Pike

Performers can sign up by e-mailing:  
annemarieweaver@mainstage.org



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**TOY DRIVE**

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STARTING NOVEMBER 12  
TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Local Business Spotlight is a section in GTWorks that highlights local businesses throughout Gloucester Township. Its primary purpose is to promote local small businesses by giving the readers opportunity to get to know more about local eateries and services available to them in our beautiful Gloucester Township!

## RUSTIC STYLE CUISINE & HAPPY HOUR, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

Filomena Cucina Italiana is a premier dining establishment located in the Blackwood section of our Township. For almost 30 years, Filomena has been serving delicious, rustic style Abruzzi cuisine. They continue that tradition which offers a sophisticated casual bar and grill atmosphere, traditional Italian fare and fine American cuisine. Family owned and operated, Mama Filomena remains in the kitchen making her signature homemade gnocchi.

In addition to their customary dinner menu, the chef offers lunch specials seven days a week. Every entrée is served with their famous roasted peppers and garlic bread.

Stop by for happy hour or enjoy a memorable dining experience in the dining room. Don't forget to inquire about their banquet packages for your next event. They also offer off premises catering and take-out party trays! For more information, please click below.



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Mayor David R. Mayer wishes all the residents of Gloucester Township a Happy Thanksgiving filled with warmth, happiness, family and friends!

### ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

If your recycling and/or trash day is **Thursday**, please note that nothing will be collected on Thanksgiving Day. Please put your trash/recycling out the next day and it will be collected on Friday or Saturday, at the latest. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at [dmayer@glotwp.com](mailto:dmayer@glotwp.com)

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

*David R. Mayer*



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