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Veterans Day Ceremony November 11

Please join the Gloucester County Board of Freeholders and Veterans from throughout Gloucester County for the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at Rowan College at Gloucester County.



Wreaths of Remembrance December 3

Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Ceremony is at 10:00 a.m.

Wreath laying by attending family members 9:00 a.m. and the remaining wreath laying by volunteers immediately following the ceremony.

The Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 240 South Tuckahoe Road, Monroe Township.



Holiday Candlelight Tours at the Whitall House

What better way to kick off the holiday season than a candlelight tour of the Whitall House! See the house decorated in all natural elements, learn about the tastes and traditions of colonial Christmases, and visit with our hearth cooks working on a holiday feast!

Friday, December 9 from 6 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 10 from 3 - 9:00 p.m.
Last tour begins at 8:30 p.m.

Gloucester County's Red Bank Battlefield Park, 1000 Hessian Dr., National Park

Did you know?

There are 336 employers in our region with over 1,000 active job openings. The job postings can be found at www.careerconnections.nj.gov.

Watch

Showcase Gloucester County

A locally produced television program about what is happening in your community. Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Gloucester County Community PREPAREDNESS APP

Your Family Emergency Plan

Creating a personalized plan has never been easier

Emergency Services and Shelters

Find out about the nearest emergency shelters and special services in your area

Evacuation Maps and Routes

Get instant access to evacuation maps and know which routes are safe



The app is free and is available on App Store or Google Play today!

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2. Select "App Store" if you're using an iPhone or "Google Play" if you're using an Android smartphone
3. Click on "GET"
4. Launch the app

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Emergency Preparedness (continued)

Download the County App for alerts and to help prepare for emergencies

Gloucester County has developed a mobile app that helps its citizens properly prepare and stay informed during and after a disaster. The Gloucester County OEM Ready is a free mobile application that residents can download to their iPhone or android device.

Freeholder Director Robert Damminger said, "The creation of this new app is the result of a tremendous amount of work this county has done over the past year to better prepare for a disaster. We have learned so much from the June 2015 storm that quickly damaged so much of our county, and we wanted to create a way for people to get information and stay informed during and after a disaster."

"Gloucester County Ready OEM is a natural progression of providing our residents another tool on how to be prepared and stay informed in today's world," said Damminger.

Deputy Director Joe Chila, Liaison to the Office of Emergency Response, said that the free app helps users to create their family's emergency plan and get a list of necessary kit supplies in just under a minute. They will receive the latest updates and necessary information on evacuation routes, shelters, available emergency services and more should a disaster strike.

Chila said, "When it comes to emergency preparedness failing to plan is planning to fail. We want our residents to download this useful app, make their plans and get familiar with it and see all it has to offer."

Topics in the app may change seasonally and, even if a user is not within the boundaries of Gloucester County during an event (storm, emergency), they will still be notified so they know what is going on at home.

OEM Ready App is easy-to-use and can provide instant access to evacuation maps so users know which routes are safe, shows the nearest emergency shelters and special services, sends out the latest alerts and emergency notifications from Gloucester County, and helps users create personalized family emergency plans and can broadcast a persons status ("I am safe" or "I need help") with one single tap.

The app is not able to track a mobile device.

The app was created through the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Response with the vendor Quick Series who specializes in government, military, EMS, Fire and other first responder apps and services.

An Important Message from Medicare

Medicare Open Enrollment | Oct 15 - Dec 7

It's time to compare plans, and make sure you have the right health and prescription drug coverage for you. Stay with your current plan if you're happy with it. Or look for a new one with better coverage, higher quality, and lower cost.

With the health care law, Medicare offers:

- FREE* annual wellness visit
- Some FREE* cancer screenings
- 50% discount on covered brand name prescription drugs when you're in the "donut hole"
- Better fraud protection

**when using qualified and participating physicians or providers*

Visit www.medicare.gov or call **1 (800)-MEDICARE** (TTY 1-877-486-2048) to review and compare plans, answer your questions, and learn where to get further help near you.

For more information and to make an appointment, please call the Senior Health Insurance Program at (856) 468-1742.



Free Eye Screening to All Residents

The Gloucester County Board of Freeholders through the Division of Disability Services and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind are offering free eye screenings that are open to the public and held once a month. There is no income or age requirement. The screenings are held at Shady Lane Offices, 256 County House Road in Clarksboro from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and at the Gloucester County Health Department, 204 East Holly Avenue in Sewell from 5 to 7:30 pm. Glaucoma tests are also offered.

For more information and to make an appointment please contact the Division of Disability Services at (856) 384-6842.



New Faces Around the County



Twenty-nine incoming freshman at Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) have begun their career experience in county government. The students have all qualified for a full tuition and fee free year at RCGC and is the inaugural class participating in the Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program.

Freeholder Director Damminger said, "We are excited to welcome these students into our working world where they will get hands on experience in their career fields and where they will not have to worry about the cost of college for at least one year, and hopefully two."

The Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program could allow for these students to receive 2 full years of schooling for free and move into a four-year program at half the cost of a traditional four-year degree.

Freeholder Barnes said that the students have been through a rigorous application process, have participated in a professional development workshop and will get right down to business in the fields of accounting, chemistry, business, healthcare, and engineering to name a few.

Barnes said, "This intern scholarship program accomplishes many objectives, but first and foremost it will give our bright students an understanding of the qualifications and duties involved in a specific profession or field, enabling them to make career decisions. It will also support these students as they apply and test knowledge learned in the classroom to a professional work environment. College is expensive and offering this free tuition and fees program will help take some financial burden off our students and their families." "We have designed this Internship Scholarship Program so it is meaningful for the students," said Barnes. "This will not be paper pushing," Barnes said, "We are expecting them to fully participate in their placements with support and guidance from their site-supervisors and from RCGC. Provided these interns meet all their requirements including maintaining their GPA, the Internship Scholarship is renewable for a second year."



For more information about The Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program, visit rcgc.edu. All phone inquiries may be directed to Rowan College at Gloucester County (856) 681-6225.