

Spring 2020

# Senior Happenings



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Each year the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders join in the national tradition of proclaiming May as Older Americans Month.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designates a theme for Older Americans Month every year; the theme for 2020 is **Make Your Mark** which was selected to encourage and celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents benefit family, peers, and neighbors every day. Communities, organizations, and individuals of all ages are also making their marks.



**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**  
MAKE YOUR MARK: MAY 2020

The Gloucester County Freeholders provide services and support systems within the community to help maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older residents as they age. Programs and activities are offered to assist seniors to remain active and engaged in community life. In recognition of "Older Americans Month" a number of events are scheduled in May. Highlighted during the month are the following activities:

- **Senior Services Public Hearing – May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am**
- **Senior Health and Fitness Day – May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am**
- **Spring Fling – May 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

Contact the Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900 for more information about these upcoming activities.



## Division of Senior Services Public Hearing

The Division of Senior Services will conduct their annual Public Hearing on the development of the Area Plan Contract on **May 5, 2020** at 9:30am at the Deptford Senior Center on Tanyard Road in Sewell. This contract provides funding for services designed to assist senior citizens.

This Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to discuss the needs and issues of senior citizens and to provide input on the many programs provided by the Division of Senior Services. Written or oral comments will be accepted. Light refreshments will be available.

For additional information, please call the Division of Senior Services at (856) 686-8342.



Registration is required for the Annual Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Call (856) 384-6900.

## Senior Health & Fitness Day

The Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor Senior Health and Fitness Day on **May 12, 2020** with a free breakfast at Auletto Caterers in Deptford followed by a Health Fair. Breakfast seatings are at 9am and 10am.

Screenings include: diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure, foot, bone density, chiropractic care, eye, glaucoma, stroke, and balance. Hearing Tests and massage therapy will be provided. Information from community and county agencies will also be available.

Registration is required for this event: please contact the Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900.

## Spring Fling

The Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host a Spring Fling on **May 27, 2020** at 11:00am at Auletto Caterers in Deptford. A buffet lunch will be served at Noon followed by Line Dance Instructors at 1:00pm. Music for this affair will be provided by "Nice and Easy."

Tickets for this event are \$2 and will be available after March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Division of Senior Services and the six nutrition sites throughout the County. For additional information, please contact the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900.



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## GC Senior Services Medical Equipment Re-Use Program



Unwanted or unneeded medical equipment, incontinence supplies and nutritional supplements have life changing power when they are passed along.

We accept donations of gently used equipment and unopened nutritional supplements and incontinence supplies - items we receive will then be offered, free of charge, to county seniors in need.

Please call us at 856-686-8330 to arrange a donation or if you are in need of equipment or supplies.

# Looking to make a difference in your community and your life?

**BECOME A FOSTER GRANDPARENT**



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### Benefits Include:

- Stipend
- Travel Reimbursement
- Recognition Events
- Monthly In-Service Meetings
- Giving back to your community

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### Tax Preparation

Free assistance in the preparation of federal and state Income Tax Returns is available at the following locations for low to moderate income seniors. Please call to schedule an appointment

**Deptford** - James H Johnson Library  
670 Ward Dr. (856) 848-9149

**Deptford** Senior Center  
1341 Tanyard Rd. (856) 848-9149

**Glassboro** Senior Center  
152 S Delsea Dr. (856) 881-8504



**Mullica Hill** GC Library  
389 Wolfert Station Rd. (856) 223-6033

**West Deptford** Public Library  
420 Crown Point Rd. (856) 845-5593

**West Deptford** - United Way Bldg.  
454 Crown Point Rd. (856) 845-4303 x13

**Williamstown** - Monroe Twp Library  
713 Marsha Ave. (856) 728-9841



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The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.

## The Importance of the United States Census

Many people may not realize that federal funding, grants, and other financial support to states, counties, and local communities are based on US Census Data. By responding to the census, residents help their community get its fair share of funding which is spent on senior programs, schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and countless other vital support programs!

For decades, the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services has advocated on behalf of the county's seniors to plan and implement important services and programs. Completion of the US Census is directly related to the amount of funding received to maintain programs for seniors.

The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services urges all residents to complete the census. If you need assistance completing the census, our office can assist you. Please contact our office at (856) 384-6900 with any questions or concerns.

## Property Tax Reimbursement

The Property Tax Reimbursement or "Senior Freeze" Program is designed to reimburse qualifying senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. The Homestead Benefit and Property Tax Reimbursement Program are separate programs and separate applications must be filed every year for each program. Check the Division of Taxation's Web site at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr), call 1-800-323-4400 for more information, or contact the Division of Senior Services at (856)384-6900.

## Dates to Remember

**September 15** – Senior Picnic

**October 14** – Volunteer Recognition Luncheon (by invitation)

**October 22** – Caregiver Appreciation Luncheon (registration required)

**December 1, December 2, December 8, & December 9** – Senior Holiday Parties

The Division of Senior Services is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Services are available to all residents of Gloucester County who are 60 years of age and older, regardless of race, color, or national origin in compliance with Title III of the Older Americans' Act as amended in 2016.