

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED AND MORE FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

## HONORING OUR VETS



Bob Jonas, Director of the Gloucester County Veterans Affairs Office; Surrogate Joe Chila, Director Frank J. DiMarco, Commissioner Denice DiCarlo and honored veteran James T. Ward.

On Wednesday February 9th, Director Frank DiMarco, Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, liaison to the Department of Veteran Affairs, and Surrogate Joe Chila presented Mr. James T. Ward with the Gloucester County Military Service Medal at a private ceremony at his home.

Mr. Ward is a 98 year old World War II veteran who volunteered to serve his country at the tender age of 19. He served as a German prison camp guard and company Bugler in multiple forts in California and Hawaii. He was stationed in Hawaii in 1945 when the United States was preparing the battleship USS Missouri for General Douglas MacArthur to accept the surrender of Japan to end the war.

Mr. Ward resides in the Oak Valley section of Deptford with his wife Patricia and he has six children along with 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Mr. Ward is a member of the Greatest Generation of Americans. On behalf of the citizens of Gloucester County we thank Mr. Ward for his service to our country.

**If you're a veteran in need of services or would like to apply for the Gloucester County Military Service Medal, please call (856) 401-7660, visit our website or email veterans@co.gloucester.nj.us.**

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS APPROVED!

Director Frank J. DiMarco announces the Gloucester County Housing Development Corporation will receive an Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant of \$4,200,000.

This award will provide funds for the project known as Rowan College of South Jersey's Special Needs Rental Housing, which will consist of the new construction of a 24-unit rental project for individuals with special needs.

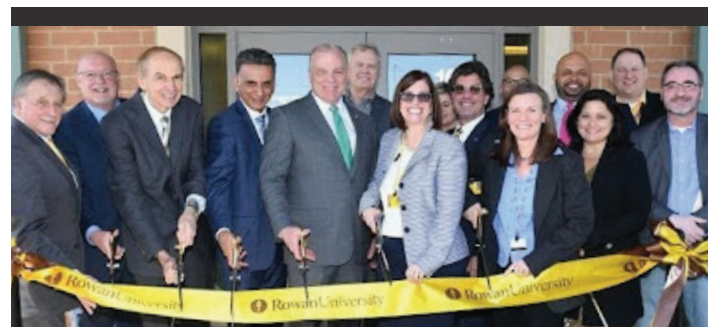
**“ The Rowan College of South Jersey’s Special Needs Rental Housing project will be developed on the campus of our county college. This project will allow our special needs community to reach a level of independence with their own apartment right around the corner from the services they need,”**

*Director Frank J. DiMarco.*

Former Senate President Steve Sweeney has been a strong voice for the needs of our Special Needs Community throughout his career. The funding provided by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant would not have been possible without his advocacy in Trenton.

The Special Needs Rental Housing project will be constructed on the campus of Rowan College of South Jersey, 1400 Tanyard Rd. Sewell, close by the Rowan Integrated Special Needs Center (RISN).

**For more information, please visit [www.rcsj.edu](http://www.rcsj.edu).**



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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, the 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.

# CELEBRATING NEW BUSINESSES IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

## There are new businesses joining Gloucester County!

Director Frank J. DiMarco and Commissioner Jim Jefferson attended the ribbon cutting for the “Special Events for Special Kids” (SE4SK), a NJ nonprofit.



Commissioner Jim Jefferson, Jami Veronica, founder of SE4SK, and Director Frank J. DiMarco

Deputy Director Heather Simmons and Commissioner Jim Jefferson, along with Westville Mayor Fritz Sims and Councilman Travis Lawrence, welcomed new business Executive Cigar Club in Westville at their grand opening and ribbon cutting event.



Westville Councilman Travis Lawrence, Mayor Fritz H. Sims, Jr., Commissioner Jim Jefferson, Damon and Lakesha Youmans, owners of Executive Cigar Club, Deputy Director Heather Simmons and Westville Business Committee Member Donna Moan

# MARCH IS TIRE AMNESTY MONTH!

## The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority, has declared March 2022 as Tire Amnesty Month.

Gloucester County will accept used tires from county residents and municipalities at the Solid Waste Complex in South Harrison, March 1st to March 31st, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special weekend drop-off will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

“Discarded and forgotten tires can fill with standing water, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry viruses such as the West Nile and Zika. By collecting tires from residents, we are able to properly discard them and prevent these diseases from being able to gain traction,” said Director Frank J. DiMarco.

# CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Are you looking for updates on senior benefits, events, and services? Look no further than the Gloucester County Division of Senior Services. The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services’ mission is to enhance the quality of life, improve the level of care, and to protect and preserve the human dignity of elderly persons who reside in Gloucester County. We promote, support, and protect well-being and encourage informed choices that enhance the quality of life for seniors and allow them to live in the community for as long as possible.

The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services can assist with free simple wills, civil legal services, Adult Protective Services, Farmers Market Vouchers, Nutrition Programs, Caregiver Support Programs, and so much more!

**For more information on how seniors can get the most out of living in Gloucester County, reach out to our offices at (856) 384-6900 or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us).**

## Subscribe to our Weekly Email Newsletter!

If you’d like to receive updates on senior events and programs, subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. Scan the QR code, call our office at (856) 384-6900, or email [seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:seniors@co.gloucester.nj.us) to sign up.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1200

Director Frank J. DiMarco and the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution in support of Senate Bill 1200.

This bill permits the Legislature to terminate certain declarations by the Governor for state of emergencies or public health emergencies and limits duration of such declarations unless Legis-

lature approves extension.

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo, liaison to the Department of Emergency Response, said, “We have seen how efficient emergencies can be handled when great leaders step up. This bill will give the people the opportunity to act on behalf of the residents they represent.”

Director DiMarco says that in 2021, the county received 6,547 tires. To date, this Tire Program has taken over 260,045 tires out of the waste stream and recycled them.

Participation is completely free and is limited to Gloucester County residents only. Commercial Businesses are not permitted. At this time, nothing over a passenger pick-up truck tire size will be accepted. Tires may

be on or off the rim, but must be separated by type. There is a limit of 10 per residence.

**The Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex is located at 493 Monroeville Rd. (Rte. 694), South Harrison Twp.**

**If you have any questions, or if you have more than 10 tires to drop off please call (856) 478-6045 or visit [www.gcianj.com](http://www.gcianj.com).**

# COMMISSIONER DENICE DICARLO MAKES HISTORY



Commissioner Denice DiCarlo

This Women’s History Month, Gloucester County is honored to celebrate Commissioner Denice DiCarlo.

Commissioner Denice DiCarlo made history when she was appointed to the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners on February 2, 2022, making this the first time two women are serving on the Gloucester Board of Commissioners. Denice joins Deputy Director Simmons on the board, who also made history, by being the first woman to serve in a leadership role.

Commissioner DiCarlo now serves as the liaison to the Gloucester County Departments of Public Safety and Veterans Affairs including: Emergency Management, Emergency Management Council, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Response, County Fire Marshal, Information Technology, Police Academy, Veterans Affairs, Veteran’s Advisory Committee and Veteran’s Cemetery Committee.

Commissioner DiCarlo is passionate about service and giving back to her community and has volunteered on numerous boards. As a resident of West Deptford in New Jersey, Commissioner DiCarlo first engaged with the community as a member of the West Deptford School Board and later the Township Committee. She served as the Mayor of West Deptford from 2015 to 2021, where she focused on stabilizing the tax rate and facilitating economic development.

**Commissioner DiCarlo’s office can be reached at (856) 853-3382 or by email at [ddicarlo@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:ddicarlo@co.gloucester.nj.us)**

# BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners attended the 51st & 52nd Groundbreaking Ceremony for Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity in Woodbury, NJ for new homeowners Ana Toro and Kennetha Dixon.

As part of Habitat for Humanity’s programs, homeowners become vested in their property by completing 350 hours of sweat equity in place of a down payment. The new homeowners are also required to demonstrate a housing need and that they have the financial wellbeing to repay an affordable mortgage. The two new 1,250 sq. ft. houses will feature 3 bedrooms and 1 bath.

**The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to Woodbury and Gloucester County!**



# FIND YOUR FUR-EVER FRIEND AT THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

**The Gloucester County Animal Shelter’s kennel is full of animals looking for their forever homes!**



Director Frank J. DiMarco at previous Animal Shelter Open House.

“We have a lot of dogs at the shelter patiently waiting for homes. There’s a match for everyone,” said Director Frank J. DiMarco. “We are committed to finding each animal their perfect home. We will always prioritize the well-being of the animals when finding their forever families.”

Director Frank J. DiMarco is liaison to the shelter and would like to remind residents that adoption fees remain only \$35.00 for dogs and cats 5 years and younger. Fees for animals 6 years and older is waived.

The Gloucester County Animal Shelter has expanded their adoption hours! Director DiMarco says that increasing adoption hours will lead to more adoptions and more happy families visiting the shelter for their perfect pet.

<b>ADOPTION HOURS:</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
	<b>Closed</b>

An approved application is not required to walk through the kennel, but we do encourage you to fill an application out prior to arrival just in case you would like to meet an animal available for adoption. Fill out the pre-adoption application on our website.

**For more information on the shelter, please visit [www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov), call (856) 881-2828 or email [gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:gcas@co.gloucester.nj.us).**

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Frank J. DiMarco, *Director*

Heather Simmons, *Deputy Director*

Lyman Barnes

Denice DiCarlo

Nicholas DeSilvio

Jim Jefferson

Christopher Konawel Jr.

# JOB SEEKERS... GET READY FOR THE MEGA JOB FAIR ON MARCH 25

Gloucester County will hold the annual Mega Job Fair on Friday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the RCSJ Gymnasium.

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and Workforce Development Board (WDB) encourage attending residents to dress for success, bring copies of their resume, and prepare for on-the-spot interviews.

"The Mega Job Fair is one of the largest job-seeking resources the region has to offer. These events provide opportunity to businesses and job seekers to find the match that's best for them," said Deputy Heather Simmons, liaison to the Department of Economic Development.

The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and the Gloucester County Workforce Development Board will sponsor workshops to help registered individuals prepare for the fair.

Visit our website at [www.gcwdb.org](http://www.gcwdb.org), call (856) 384-6963 or email [ecdev@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:ecdev@co.gloucester.nj.us) for more information on workshops or the Mega Job Fair!

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## 2022 HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTIONS

Since 1989, Gloucester County has conducted a series of collection days where residents can drop-off their "Household Special Waste" (HSW) at a designated location. This was done in an effort to provide a more convenient HSW disposal schedule for the County residents.

**THE 2022 DATES HAVE BEEN RELEASED,  
SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**APRIL 9, 2022**

Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex (GCSWC)  
493 Monroeville Road (Rt. 694),  
South Harrison Township

**MAY 21, 2022**

Gloucester County Clayton Complex  
1200 N. Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Clayton

**SEPTEMBER 17**

Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex (GCSWC)  
493 Monroeville Road (Rt. 694),  
South Harrison Township

**OCTOBER 15**

Gloucester County Clayton Complex  
1200 N. Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Clayton

Collections are open to Gloucester County residents only. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

For a full list of accepted materials and for more information, please visit [www.gcianj.com](http://www.gcianj.com) or call (856) 373-5506.