

My Administration is working diligently every day to improve the lives and experiences of Washington Township residents. Our number one priority is always the welfare and safety of our residents, in the largest town in Gloucester County.

Washington Township has an excellent school system with top notch teachers, principals, counselors, and administrators. I believe that a large portion of families move to Washington Township to experience our top rated school system, our sense of community, and our proximity to major highways and cities.

Our school district has received many awards and continue to do so every year. The following information has been pulled directly from our district website (www.wtpps.org):

“Washington Township High School received certification as a New Jersey Future Ready School for its efforts in transforming instructional practices and leveraging technology to personalize learning in the classroom.

The Washington Township Public Schools were also ranked 10th by the New Jersey Department of Education among the top 100 schools with the most effective teachers.

The Washington Township School District was named to the 8th Annual AP Honor Roll, one of 447 school districts in the United States and Canada named to the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll. The honor is the fourth for the District, which also was honored in 2012, 2016 and 2017.”

My Administration is continuing to bring more business and families into Washington Township. One initiative is the creation of the Washington Township O-N-E Application that residents can download on their smartphones for all of the current town information. This application helps the residents and the town communicate conveniently. We continue to update our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) with news, as well as our website (www.TownshipNJ.com). All of that information is shared conveniently on the Washington Township App.

One of our greatest assets in Washington Township is the existence of Washington Lake Park which is the largest park in the state of New Jersey. I am proud to invite not only our residents for our events, but folks that live outside of the town to enjoy our park with us. We have added new events to Washington Lake Park for the summer and autumn months as well. These events can be found on our website. I am excited to announce for the first time ever, we are hosting a Craft Beer Tailgate Festival in the Park where the Philadelphia Eagles vs. Titans game will be streamed LIVE. We also have our Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park that are FREE for residents' enjoyment. In the beginning of the summer, we also host a wine festival weekend for all to come out and enjoy.

We are working tirelessly with the State and County officials on projects for the betterment of the town. We have other projects that are in process as we speak and businesses are investing money into our town for all to enjoy. You can see some of these projects driving through the town. Jefferson Health is also currently investing in a few large projects themselves. The new Rothman Institute building is almost complete, and a few redevelopment projects are in the works. We have our Litter Patrol around the Township to keep our community clean and our Parks and Recreation department has been efficient in keeping Washington Lake Park clean for our residents so they may enjoy their experiences in the park.

My Administration works closely with the Washington Township Police Department to create a united front. Our Police Chief, Patrick Gurcsik, has made large strides in creating an inviting environment for residents as well as keeping them safe. Chief Gurcsik and his officers have been hosting many community events such as: National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Cool Off with a Cop, Bike Rodeo, Cops and Bobbers, Shop with a Cop, and many more. These events help residents get to know the officers and create a sense of trust between the officers and the community. Community outreach is a big part of what we do.

Another priority for my Administration has been to work on Economic Development in our town. We have taken the steps to hire an Economic Development Consultant. One of the many responsibilities for our Economic Development Consultant is to bring business to our Township and to work with the current business owners to help them continue their success. She will continue to reach out to our existing and new businesses regarding our Shop Washington Township program, which was a new initiative introduced by my Administration. The Shop Washington Township program is a tax rebate program which not only helps keep business in town, but it benefits the residents by decreasing the amount they owe on their property taxes. We are committed to promoting our shop local campaign.

As I stated before, my Administration's main priority is the wellbeing of our residents. I am proud to be the Mayor of Washington Township and I will continue to keep the residents wants and needs first. I will continue to keep Washington Township a community where individuals enjoy living, working, and raising a family.