

May 2025 Newsletter



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Hello,

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about Gateway Community Action Partnership and our impact in our communities.

Agency Mission And CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

CAP Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



This Has Been An AMAYzing Month!

Celebrating Community Action Month

The **Promise** of Community Action

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May is designated as Community Action Month, and Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) takes pride in its role as a member of a national partnership that has been actively engaged for the past 60 years.

The 11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic Is June 16, 2025



Gateway Community Action Partnership

2025 GATEWAY GOLF CLASSIC



PREMIER SPONSOR ... \$15,000

- . Three foursomes,
- . Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift,
- Banner prominently displayed.
 Four hole signs.
- Package also includes (at a future date) round of golf for four and lunch at Little Mill Country Club, a private facility.

EAGLE SPONSOR ... \$7,500

- · Two foursames.
- Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- Two hole signs. · Banner prominently displayed,

BREAKFAST SPONSOR ... \$5,000

- One foursome.
- · Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.

Benner prominently displayed at breakfast.

LUNCH SPONSOR ... \$5,000

· One four some

· Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift. Banner prominently displayed at lunch.

GOLF BALL SPONSOR ... \$5,000

- · Company loge with Gateway logo on golf hold
- Each golfer will receive a sleeve of golf balls.
 Includes foursome with breakfast, Junch and
- golfer gift.

GOLF CART SPONSOR ... \$4,000

- Company togo with Gateway logo displayed on golf carts.
- .* Includes foursome with breakfast, lunch and golfer gift. • One hole sign.

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR ... \$4,000

- Company logo with Gateway logo displayed on beverage cart.
- * Includes foursome with breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- · One hole sign,

BIRDIE SPONSOR ... \$3,500

• One foursome.

- · Breakfast, Junch and golfer gift.
- One hole sign.

SNACK STAND SPONSOR ... \$2,500 * Company/Family name on signage at Snack Stand.

DRIVING RANGE /

PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR ... \$2,000

- · Company/Family name on driving range or putting green.
- MULLIGAN SPONSOR ... \$1,000 · Company/Family name on ticket to be redeemed for Mulbgans.
- HOLE SPONSOR ... \$500

Company name on hole on course.

GATEWAY PARTNER ... \$250

· Recognition in event program,

GOLF ... \$300 per person Includes breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.

LUNCH ONLY ... \$100 per person For more information, contact us: 856.497.6652 · ehilt@gatewaycap.org



Three weeks before the BIG DAY! Gateway Community Action Partnership Golf Classic Registration and sponsorships—sign up <u>today</u>, if you haven't done so yet! Don't be left out. The 11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic is June 16, 2025, at Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.

Visit: https://www.gatewaycap.org/golf

Act Now To Save Head Start!



It has been reported that Head Start funding is at risk. Eliminating funding for Head Start would be catastrophic to children, families, and communities. If you haven't already, can you join us in taking action? Follow the link Take Action for Head Start.

Albert B. Kelly Attends Listening Session With HUD Secretary And Community Leaders



Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway Community Action Partnership, and HUD Secretary Scott Turner (on the left) attended a Listening Session with Atlantic City public housing residents and community leaders on Friday, May 2. Congressman Jeff Van Drew hosted the event.

Gateway Community Action Partnership: 2025 Community Needs Assessment



Gateway Community Action Partnership is conducting this survey. And time is running out!

Time is Running Out to Complete Our 2025 Community Needs Assessment! Please help us determine the types of services your community needs. Complete our 2025 Community Needs Assessment Survey today if you live in one of our service areas! Our service area includes Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Mercer Counties, and Philadelphia, PA. The 16-question survey takes only a few minutes to complete. If you haven't taken the

survey yet, please follow this link to <u>complete the survey on</u> the Gateway Community Action Partnership website. You will click on the "Click here" button in the green shaded area on the website to access the survey.

Your participation is very important to us.

Partner Of The Month Spotlight



Our Partner of the Month for May 2025 is CompleteCare Health Network We thank CompleteCare Health Network for all its generous contributions to Gateway CAP.

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates CompleteCare Health Network's generous support. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example for other organizations. Philanthropic efforts like these are essential for improving society, and their support will significantly enhance our initiatives. We sincerely thank them for their exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan Team Participates In The Paulsboro Community Cleanup



On Saturday, May 10, the Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan team participated in the Paulsboro Community Spring Cleanup Event. Thanks to the incredible volunteers, over 40 bags of trash were collected, helping us do our part to keep the community clean. In addition to picking up litter, the volunteers also planted flowers, herbs, and vegetables, and even did some landscaping to beautify our neighborhood. We thank Mr. Leo for generously donating lunch for the volunteers! Our team truly appreciates residents like him and is grateful for his kindness. We also want to thank Ms. Ashley Ivey, the manager at Heritage's Dairy Store, and Mr. Perry Mays from the Safe Communities Coalition for joining us. Additionally, we express

our gratitude to the Mayor of Paulsboro, the Council, the Public Works staff, and the Administrator for their efforts in making this event smooth and organized. We are proud to be part of the

Paulsboro community!

The Great City Of Bridgeton - Combatting Graffiti



Thanks to the collaboration between Holy Cross Parish, the City of Bridgeton, and Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP), the blocklong wall that borders part of Saint Mary's Cemetery and faces Penn Street is getting a makeover with a paint job and mural. The graffiti symbolized death and hopelessness, according to Father Matthew Weber, the parish pastor (pictured top right).



Esaul Martin, coordinator of Gateway **CAP's Southeast Gateway** Neighborhood Revitalization Program (SEG), played a key role in jumpstarting the project. Upon observing the defaced wall marked by graffiti, he contacted Father Weber, who responded with heartfelt enthusiasm: "Wow, an answer to a prayer." Thanks to a Gateway CAP's SEG grant, Brush Masters Painting Contractors of Vineland (involved in the project), and Sherwin-Williams of Vineland (that donated 75 gallons of paint), were instrumental in completing the project. You can read the full article on the Catholic Star Herald webpage.

SEG Hosted Job And Resource Fair



Gateway Community Action Partnership's (CAP)South East Gateway (SEG) Program hosted a Job Fair on May 2, at The Alms Center on 1 MLK Jr. Way, Bridgeton. The event brought reputable vendors offering jobs and resources to the local community.

May Happenings in Twin Rivers – Head Start

Gateway CAP's Twin Rivers Head Start hosted a variety of activities throughout May.



They celebrated Mother's Day with songs, flowers, and snacks. One parent generously allowed the Head Start to use one of her bounce houses and a bowling game, and she provided cotton candy for the children. The kids had a fun-filled day.



Parents were invited to choose a theme for the end-of-year celebration, and they decided on "Cowboy-cowgirl."



The East Windsor Police Department visited the Twin River Head Start. The Department donated and inspected car seats.

Recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month



Gateway CAP's Salem Family Success Center, in collaboration with Gateway's Salem CCYC, the Huddle Men's Group, and Jr. Huddle Boys, hosted our annual Community Family Fun Day on April 24, 2025, to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Families enjoyed a variety of food, drinks, and snacks while playing games with each other and connecting with other families in the community. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Hamilton 1 Head Start Visits The Jenkinson's Aquarium



Students from Hamilton 1 Head Start had a great time visiting Jenkinson's Aquarium with their teachers and parents. The aquarium provided a unique opportunity for them to observe marine life up close. They also enjoyed touch tanks, where they could interact with various marine species, making the learning experience even more engaging. This hands-on experience fostered their curiosity about marine life and helped them develop a deeper appreciation for nature.

Gateway Scholars Program

Gateway Scholars

YEAR-ROUND TRAINING

This program offers you year-round training for your future.

- · Paid self-development classes (up to 4 hours per week)
- · Six- Eight weeks of paid summer internship

Focus Areas

- Job Training
- Career Development
- College Readiness Training
- · Summer Employment & Other Employment Opportunities
- · SAT/ACT Preparation, along with one Paid Test Fee
- Paid College Tour
- Life Skills
- Mentoring

Requirements:

- · Must meet income guidelines
- Must be in 10th and 11th Grade during school year
- Parental Involvement Mandatory
- MUST COMPLETE SELF DEVELOPMENT
- CLASSES FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

For more information, please contact >>>

To be considered for our limited number of slots:

- Submit application and a 50 word essay about future plans after graduation, including community and school activities
- Letter of Recommendation from Guidance Counselor
- · Participate in interview with parent(s) or guardian



Submit information to:

Gateway Community Action Partnership c/o Carole Green cgreen@gatewaycap.org 110 Cohansey Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 856,451,6330

Parents, do you have a child who might be eligible for the Gateway Scholars Program? We at Gateway are dedicated to mentoring your child on the Pathway to Success. We provide year-round training and six to eight-week summer internships. Please check the details in the brochure and give us a call at 856-451-6330

Men You Are Invited!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Dads, stepdads, granddads, and all male role models—join us for a beginner-friendly chess evening where you'll sharpen your mind, build strategic thinking, and strengthen the patience that makes us better fathers. Bring your curiosity and camaraderie; we'll supply the boards, expert guidance, and community. See you there—one move at a time!

THE MAN CAVE | BEGINNERS CLASS



FATHERHOOD & CHESS Special Guest Speaker

1433 Bacharach Blvd. Atlantic City NJ



For more information contact: Michael Cupeles mcupeles@gatewaycap.org phone: 609-487-4540, ext. 4551 Early Head Start

https://www.gatewaycap.org/maleinitiative

The Gateway CAP Fatherhood Council invites dads, stepdads, granddads, and all male role models to join our Fatherhood & Chess event for a beginner-friendly evening of chess. Chess is a game that sharpens the mind, enhances strategic thinking, and builds patience. It also teaches valuable techniques that can help fathers become better dads. For more information, contact: Michael Cupeles

mcupeles@gatewaycap.org OR Call: 609-487-4540, Ext. 4551

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Alexia Sandoval - Sub Teacher Assistant Amuzu Serena - EHS Teacher Brenda Thomas - Sub Teacher Assistant Carmen Ramos - EHS Teacher Elaine López Mendoza Henríquez - Sub Teacher Assistant Gissell Sanchez Tineo - Wic Clerk Johanna Rodriguez - EHS Teacher Joselina Almonte - Sub Teacher Assistant Kamal Samar - EHS, Education Coordinator

Welcome June New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes. May this month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self love and peace. May everyday of June fill your days with joy, fun and laughter.

Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library

June 2025

Cumberland County Library 800 E. Commerce Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 (856) 453-2210 x26100

FREE Computer Classes Available to County & Non County Residents

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	2 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am	3 One-on one training Call to schedule an appointment	4 Excel Basics Part 1 6:00pm-7:30pm	5 Computer Basics Part 1 2:005pm-3:30pm	6 Computer Basics Part 2 2:00pm-3:30pm	7
8	9 C-mail 10:00am-11:30am	10 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	11 Excel Basics Part II 6:00pm-7:30pm	12	13	14 One on one Trainin, call to schedule an appointment
15	16 Word Basies Part 1 10:00am-11:30am	17 Word Basics Part II 10:00am-11:30am	18 Google Docs 2:00pm-3:30pm	19	20 Juneteenth Library closed	21
22	23 Google Drive 2:00pm-3:30pm	24 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	25 Smart Computer habits to keep you safe online 2:00pm-3:30pm	26	27 Understanding Alzheimer's: Warning Signs & Support 10:00am	28
29	30 Computer Basics 10:09am-11:30am Internet Basics 2:00pm-3:30pm		Lab & Class hours are subject to change without notice Registration required due to limited seating Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred			

Date	Class	Description			
June 2 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to type with our Mavis Beacon program, or just improve your skills.			
Jame 3	Ine-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment.			
June 4 6:00pm-7:30pm	Excel Basics Part 1	Learn the basic features of excel, reviewing the main screen. How to enter data and create a simple spreadsheet, how to save a workbook, the different types of cursors and what each cursor does. Learn how to copy, cut & paste, insert a row/column. Hoe delete a row/column, how to shift data when deleting cells, how to modify the column width & row height, how to rename a w scheet, how to insert a worksheet, how to move / copy a worksheet, color code worksheets and how to change global settings to open multiple sheets in a workbook and more			
June 5 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics I	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 10 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with us account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways find them and more.			
June 6 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics II	This is a continuation of computer basics part l			
June 9 10:00am-11:30am	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & mail an appointment to create one before class.			
June 11 6:00pm-7:30pm	Excel Basics Part 2	This is a continuation of Excel Basics Part 1			
June I4	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment			
June 16 10:00am-11:30am	Word Basies Part 1	Learn basic features of the main screen, create and format documents, open, save, & delete documents, save files as 97-2003 ver sions or a PDF. Copy, cut, paste, learn different ways to select text, drag text, undo, redo, find and replace, change margins, and spell check and more.			
June 17 10:00am-11:30am	Word Basies Part 2	This is a continuation of Word Basics Part l			
Fune 18 2:00pm-3:30pm	Google Docs	Learn how to use google docs, to create, save and share documents using a blank document or template.			
June 23 2:00pm-3:30pm	Google Drive	Learn easy ways to keep your Google Drive tidy and manage your storage effectively. Discover tips to organize your files and e sure you always find what you need without cluttering			
June 25 2:00pm-3:30pm	Smart Computer Habits to keep you safe online	Learn basics to help keep you safe online.			
June 30 10:00am-11:30am	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 10 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different way find them and more.			
June 30 2:00pm-3:30pm	Internet Basics	Learn basics of Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, how to use the main screen, learn the difference between the address bar and searching, how to change your home page, how to open and separate tabs, what are hyperlinks and how to navigate websites.			

Are you looking to enhance your computer skills or learn new ones? Cumberland County Library offers free computer classes every month.

These classes are available to residents of the county and non-residents alike. To register, please call (856) 453-2210, extension 26100.

OR

Email: www.cclnj.org

Gateway Summer 2025 Enrichment Program

2025 Gateway Head Start Early Learning Center Summer Enrichment Program

Why Our Summer Enrichment Program? Academic Support STEM Arts & Culture Fitness Meals

- Safe, engaging environment with certified, experienced staff
- Fun, hands-on learning activities that fight the summer slide
- Nutritious meals included daily
- Rutgers Child Care Subsidy Accepted

June 30 – August 22 | Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Before & After Care Available) Eligibility: Must reside in Atlantic County

Youth Volunteer Opportunities Available! For teens ages 15–17 – earn hours, build skills, and make a difference!

> Ready to Apply? Contact Lina Mejia, Tashira Tolbert, or Mary Harmon 609-487-4540

Gateway 1433 Bacharach Blvd. Atlantic City, NJ



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Atlantic City residents, take this opportunity to enroll your children this summer in our Community Action Summer Enrichment Program at 1433 Bacharach Blvd. Atlantic City, NJ. They will be involved in STEM, arts & culture, fitness activities, receive academic support, and meals, from June 30 - August 22, 2025.

Youth volunteer opportunities are also available for teens ages 15 - 17. To apply today while there are still openings: Contact Lina Mejia, Tashira Tolbert, or Mary Harmon @ 609-487-4540

Hidden Tips For Cell Phone Use



Do you feel completely lost without your cell phone? We rely on it to store important numbers and information, navigate our surroundings, and capture precious moments—just to name a few. However, there are even more ways to make the most of your smartphone, such as finding your lost phone or automatically launching a GPS app when you start your

car. These tech tips can make your life much easier.

40 Smartphone tips & tricks

AND

Go to <u>15-smartphone-hacks-you-didnt-know-you-needed | LifeHack Guru</u> to learn more.

Did you know?

The Twitter bird has a name. It's Larry! The well-known bluebird of social media is named after former NBA player Larry Bird, who played for the Boston Celtics, the home team of Twitter co-founder Biz Stone.



The longest day of the year is in June. This year 2025, it is Friday, June 20. Did you know that although GPS is free for the world to use? It costs \$2 million per day to operate. The money comes from American tax revenue.



Fun Summer Happenings

Atlantic County's Jenkinson's Aquarium





Some exciting events are happening at the Jenkinson's Aquarium. Located at <u>300 Ocean Ave, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742</u>, the aquarium promises a fun time for the entire family this summer.

For Example:

Beach Walk: Explore the beach with the Aquarium staff during this free program and see what treasures you can find! June 7, 7:00 am - 8:00 am.

World Sea Turtle Day: learn about one of the world's most beloved sea creatures – sea turtles! June 13, 12 pm - 4 pm.

Mermaid Meet & Greet: The enchanting mermaid is back and will be out of the water for a magical meet-and-greet with the children on June 25, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Penguins & Pajamas: Put on your favorite pair of pajamas and join the learning the learning session about penguins through storytelling, a craft, and a special Meet & Greet with one of the African penguins!

Check out the <u>Jenkinson's Aquarium website</u> and see what works for you.

Millville Glasstown - WheatonArts



Down in southern New Jersey they make glass. By day and by night, the fires burn on in Millville." ~Carl Sandburg, 1904.

ECO Fair Free on the first Saturday in May

Fantasy Faire Full weekend of family fun in mid-June

Wheaton Wednesday Free & open late on select summer dates

Antique & Summer Market Held on the last full weekend in July Festival of Fine Craft Our largest event of the year held annually on the first full weekend in October

HalloWheaton Free on the last Saturday in October

Holiday Studio Sale 10 full days starting on Black Friday

Wheaton Conversations Free virtual artist talks on select Thursday nights



WheatonArts » Explore, Experience, Create at 1000 Village Drive, Millville, NJ 08332

Cohanzick Zoo, Bridgeton



The Cohanzick Zoo, at 45 Mayor Aitken Dr, Bridgeton, NJ 08302, houses over 100 animals, representing 45 species. Part of the city's Department of Recreation and Public Affairs, it is also supported by the Cumberland County government and donations. The zoo has an "adopt-an-animal" program to sponsor animal welfare. It's not just for animals, it is a resource for local youth and Zoo open 7 days a week! Spring & Summer: 9a-5p Fall & Winter: 9a-4p Closed Christmas Day

The Cohanzick Zoo strives to be a sanctuary for all types of animals, not just the typical exotic ones you'd expect. The current list of residents ranges from Bengal Tigers, a raccoon, to even a common box turtle. Children love going to the zoo. Visit the Cohanzick Zoo <u>website</u> to learn more.

Cowtown Rodeo



Families and friends can enjoy a unique form of entertainment at the Cowtown Rodeo 780 Harding Hwy, Pilesgrove, Salem, for the best show on dirt. Started back in 1929, Cowtown Rodeo has stood the test of time, featuring western ranching which is an integral part of American history.

Find more fun things to do at: Best Things to Do in Salem County, NJ

Camden Adventure Aquarium





Camden offers a variety of fun family activities for everyone! At the <u>Adventure Aquarium</u>, located at 1 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ 08103, you can tour the exhibits and learn about the vast array of aquatic life.

Kaleidoscope Cove is a fully reimagined, 2,000-square-foot exhibit that immerses visitors in a vibrant underwater world filled with color, technology, and rare marine life. Opening this summer, the exhibit will feature a variety of aquatic species that have never before been seen at Adventure Aquarium, along with innovative interactive experiences designed to captivate guests of all ages.

For more information, visit their website at http://www.adventureaquarium.com/ Or call (856) 365-3300.

BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham





Mercer County is home to the BAPS Swaminarayan <u>Akshardham</u> at 112 N Main St, Robbinsville Twp, NJ 08561 is a nexus of Hindu architecture, culture, harmony, and selfless service. Bridging India's ancient heritage and wisdom with modern America, it embodies the visionary guidance of BAPS leaders HH Pramukh Swami Maharaj and HH Mahant Swami Maharaj.



The mandir, a place of Hindu worship, embodies tranquility, allowing the mind to find stillness and the soul to discover inner peace. In this mandir, which is meticulously carved from stone, worshippers gather to seek blessings from the sacred images known as murtis.

For hours and information, and to learn more about this magnificent architectural structure, visit the website at <u>BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham</u>.

Upcoming Notable Dates In June

June 11 – National Children's Day

June 14 – Flag Day

June 15 – Father's Day

June 16 – Gateway Golf Classic

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 20 – Agency Closed (Juneteenth Observed)

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