

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee**  
**October 1, 2024 Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**Representatives – Helen Grant, Bob O'Brien, Jr., Barbara Gilsenan, Annalyne Burke**

**Alternates – Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Barbara Mortensen, Ronald Forbes**

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Zulma Soto, Senior Services  
Ron Gaskill, Township Safety Officer  
OEM Deputy Coordinator, NJCEM  
Joseph Pawlowicz, Deputy Emergency Management  
Coordinator**

**Guest Speaker - John Kirwin – Deputy OEM Coordinator, Ocean County (Sheriff's Office)**

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**Mayor Crate:**

**Longest Table event was a huge success. Our first year we had about 75 people, this year we had about 150 people. Thanks to the Brick Garden Club for the beautiful centerpieces and to Ocean Medical Center who donated the delicious food from Jersey Kitchen. We had not only residents come out, but members from the Chambers, Rotary, Kiwanis Club, hospital staff, clergy, garden club and the Elks.**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Cordi's Italian Restaurant located at 101 Prosper Way had their official grand opening. Grand re-opening of the Cold Stone Creamery located on 960 Cedar Bridge Avenue. Windward Wealth Advisors, 522 Brick Blvd., Suite 203.**

**Craft and Vendor Show, Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 2pm at Windward Beach.**

**Hackensack Meridian Ocean University Medical Center is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special event for the community on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the hospital, 425 Jack Martin Blvd. the event will feature food trucks, inflatables, face painting, car show, helicopter tours and more.**

**Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and is held at the Drum Point Sports Complex. The rain date is Friday, Oct. 25<sup>rd</sup>. Recreation Department (732.262.1073), is accepting registration for children to participate. The event is for Brick Township children only. There are 3 time slots, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm.**

**Fall Fest is Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at Windward Beach from 1pm to 7pm. there will be corn hole tournament, games for all ages, and a chance to test your skills with hatchet throwing. Guests can enjoy seasonal treats from an array of food trucks offering a variety of delicious options. At 7pm you will be treated to a spectacular firework display. The rain date is October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Also, on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12 noon we have our Fall Beach Sweeps taking place at Brick Beach 1, Brick Beach 3 and Windward Beach.**

**Pioneer Hose Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Craft and Vendor show on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm.**

**Our November Pick-up Brick is November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We will be at the Sawmill Tract, behind Green Briar and Wedgewood.**

**Thanksgiving Market at Windward is November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am to 1:30pm.**

**Green Briar 2 front entrance and Green Briar 1 Central Boulevard are currently being paved. We have 700 miles of roadway in Brick Township and paving of roads is super expensive, and we only have an 8-million-dollar capital budget.**

**Zulma Soto:**

October is Open Enrollment for Medicare. Our office is accepting appointments to consult with one of our SHIP representatives, trained by the State of New Jersey, to help navigate Medicare options and prescription options. We will be offering this service from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Call 732.920.8686 to schedule an appointment.

Halloween Party, October 23rd, 11am to 1pm. Call to register.

St. Francis Community Center, 1258 Route 166, Toms River, NJ offering a senior employment assistance program. Call to register 732.281.8653.

**Ken Kirwin:**

New Jersey Pathways to Preparedness is a new program from the New Jersey Office of Human Services, Ocean County Office of Emergency Management. It's a 2-hour presentation preparing our residents how to prepare for an emergency. It is a guide to personal preparedness for individuals with disabilities, including those with access and functional needs.

John is looking for an invitation to come into your community for a presentation on how to prepare for an emergency. He will discuss different types of disasters, health disasters, man-made disasters; different types of emergencies; should you stay or should you go; create an emergency go-bag; shelter in place; supplies for your go-bag; preparing your pets for emergencies; identify different ways to receive emergency alerts; special needs registry and much more. To schedule a presentation, you can reach John Kirwin at Ocean County OEM at 732.341.3451.

**Joe Pawlowicz & Ron Gaskill:**

The County and Brick Township work closely together. Brick Township will also come out to your community to speak. Joe and

**Ron as well as our First Aide, police officers and Community Services have been to Green Briar 1 and Green Briar 2. Brick has partnered with Nixle to implement a community notification system,**

**Joseph Pawlowicz can be contacted at 732 262.1167 and Ron Gaskill can be contacted at 732.262.1181**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Marilyn Kaczka,  
Secretary**

**Next Meeting:**

***'Wednesday'*, November 6, 2024 at 11am**

**(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)**