

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
February 4, 2025 Minutes

Attendance:

**Representatives – Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Bob O'Brien,
Deborah Krause, Annalyne Burke, Judy Minetree**

**Alternates –Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Roseann Brennan, Vincent
Tyburczy, Jerry Spanola**

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services
Brandi White**

Guest: Bob Scott, Caregiver Volunteers

Mayor Crate:

**Ribbon Cuttings: Palms Hair Salon opened at 11 Princeton Avenue,
Victor's Salon and Studio, a barber shop but will also do women's
hair. They opened at 55 Brick Blvd. (Bay Harbor Plaza).**

**Quilting by the Shore opened at 426 Herbertsville Road. It is a
boutique quilt shop and classroom. You can sign up for a class, club,
or just come and sew. Quilting by the Shore features a selection of
quality 100% cotton fabric, ready to be cut-to-order. They also offer a
wide selection of precuts, fat-quarters, layer cakes, charm packs and
ready to grab, go, cut and sew. You can also bring your own fabric.**

**There is a Beginners Quilting Class starting February 11th through
April 1st. Classes are held on Tuesdays, 11am-2pm and the cost is
\$85/for the full 8-week sessions. Other Classes are:**

- Stitchin' Your Stash (Group) Thursdays 10am-4pm Cost \$10.00
and Tuesday evenings 6pm-9pm Cost \$5.00**
- Lori Holt's Crazy Quilt Paper Block (Class) Wednesdays 10am-
1pm Class begins February 5th- February 19th Cost \$10.00**

- **Stitch-in Hand (Group) Fridays 10am-1pm Cost \$5.00**
- **Saturday Sewcial (Group) Saturdays 11am-3pm Cost \$10**

Coffee, tea, water and chocolates are always provided. For more information, you can call 908-451-7763

New Businesses:

Hobby Lobby has officially submitted their permits for tenant fit-up. They will be utilizing both Christmas Tree Shops and Harmon's space.

Sets Hybrid Fitness has submitted their permits for tenant fit-up and will be opening at 1930 Route 88, Laurel Square, in the section where Planet Fitness and Leslie Pools are.

First Watch Restaurant – Might open before Shake Shack. The interior is almost complete.

Raising Cane – They will be going in front of the Board of Adjustment on March 3rd.

Statistics:

EMS – For the month of January we had 1,100 calls

Police – For the month of January police had 9,054 calls for service

Neighborhood Watch Meetings – In January we had two Neighborhood Watch meetings. One with Lions Head North and the other was with residents from the neighborhood of Lakewood Gardens. The police are looking to have more neighborhood watch meetings. If you do not have one scheduled for your community, please reach out to Officer Berkeley, he would be happy to set one up. The police are planning to start a new program this year. Once the weather warms up, they are going to do 'Cops in the Park', because not all neighborhoods have reached out and some neighborhoods do not have a contact person. They will create neighborhood watches within each neighborhood. They will travel to each of the 13 parks

within Brick Township and notify the residents in that area to come join them for a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Besides Crate Conversation, the Mayor has been doing 'Mayor's Minutes. The last one was about how we do not have any interest in merging our township with any other township in the area. This week is about how to get your "No Knock" sticker for your door and the No Knock ordinance. Considering doing one on Route 88 at the No Left Turn sign across from the Wawa.

The barrier at Shop-Rite is there to keep traffic flowing and will remain in place.

Winding River Dumpsters – The dumpsters have been delivered to DPW. We are in the process of installing the lids, side doors and getting them lettered. As soon as all of that is complete, we will get them delivered. As for keeping them clean, you could hose them out with sides down.

Bob O'Brien, Laurelton Gardens - PNC Arts Center will be starting up in May free tickets will be available. March 5th 'Coffee with a Cop' at Manhattan Bagel 10am-11am. Laurelton Gardens have scheduled Neighborhood Watch meetings for April 2nd and November 5th.

Amy Schmiedeberg:

February is heart healthy month. On February 19th we are having a presentation and luncheon at 11:30am. Must call to register.

New Jersey property tax relief for senior homeowners and renters age 65 and over. Applications will be going out in the next couple of weeks. It will be a combined application of your senior freeze, ANCHOR and the new State of New Jersey program. We are going to have a state representative come to our senior center on April 7th to explain and go over everything. The tax office mailed out the \$250 deduction forms to be filled out. They must be mailed back or dropped off by March 1st.

Brandi White:

Brick is turning 175 this year. We will be changing out pictures in the showcases located in the hallway to show the history of Brick Township, Brick then and now. We invite you to take a look. Our birthday party will be held at the Civic Plaza, Saturday February 22nd 3-5pm. The event celebrates the founding of our town with music, games, activities, face painting and, of course, cake. The event is free and children of all ages and their families are welcome. The event is hosted by the Mayor's Student Advisory Committee. For more information contact Brandi at bwhite@twp.brick.nj.us or 732.262.1053. (See attached flyer)

We are seeking nominations for Brick Hero Awards. The ceremony will take place Friday, March 14th in the Brick Memorial High School auditorium. To nominate someone please fill out a nomination form. (See attached flyer)

We are still looking for feedback for the Brick Township's Economic future. A copy of a survey through the New Jersey Department of Community affairs is attached.

Heather deJong:

Meals-on-Wheels – We are all about ending the wait. We had 140 people on the wait list we are now down to 100. Last year Brick served 200+ residents and delivered over 33,000 meals, and that wasn't the most meals served, Manchester served over 55,000 meals. The need is definitely there. If anyone has any questions about Meals-on-Wheels Heather is available to talk to your community about our meals on wheels services.

Bob Scott:

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey supplies free services to seniors in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. We are over 30 years old, and have close to 2,000 volunteers.

We provide free medical transportation, food shopping, friendly visits, respite program, veteran-to-veteran friendly services as well as calls. We also have a canine program, make reassurance phone calls and even do some handyman work.

We are looking for a neighbor helping neighbor program within your community. We have 2 pilot programs going now. One in Toms River and the other in Jackson. Toms River is up and flourishing and they have 40 members. They do everything from checking calls to friendly visits to handyman work to transportation. If you would be interested in such a program, call 732.505.2273 for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary

Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 4th at 11am

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

Guest Speaker
Jim Riccio, Director of EMS