

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee**  
**April 2, 2024 Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**Representatives – Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Debra Rodgers,  
Barbara Gilsenan, Judy Minetree, Edward Torres**

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

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate  
Zuma Soto, Senior Services  
Brandi White, Administration**

**Guest – Robert Brice, JCP&L  
Dena Glynn, Caregiver Volunteers**

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**Mayor Crate:**

**Books, Bling, Bags and Bake Sale – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Brick Library from 10am-2pm, sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library, all proceeds benefit the Brick Library. Books-for children and adults, new and gently used. Bling-costume jewelry including bracelets, pins, earrings, chains and necklaces. Bags-purses, pocketbooks, clutches etc. Bake-cookies, pies, cakes, cupcakes & treats.**

**Osborn Baptist Church – Soup Kitchen now open on Tuesdays at 12pm. There is also a food pantry that is open on Tuesdays from 10am-11am. 366 Drum Point Rd. Contact Steve for information, 732-684-1321. Looking for people to come in and eat.**

**Neighborhood Watch Meetings – Lions Head South on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Seaview Village on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and looking to schedule one for Winding River.**

**Annual Beach Sweep – April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at Brick Beach 1, 3 and Windward Beach Park. Mayor will be at Windward Beach.**

**Pick up Brick – Planning on one per month. Next one will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at Riverwalk Refugee. Last one was at Midstreams (trails behind the school), they completed 1/3 of it and pulled out 6 tires and a couch in addition to numerous bags of trash.**

**Senior Prom – “A Night to Remember” on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm-9pm at the Civic Plaza. Theme colors are black & gold. Mayor’s Student Advisory volunteers will help with setup, cleanup, serving food and dancing. Senior shuttle will be available for transportation. Reservations are required as seating is limited, contact the Recreation Department at 732-262-1044.**

**Ribbon Cuttings – Bathroom Pros located at 367 Brick Blvd. (plaza on corner with Drum Point Rd.) April 20 @ 10am. Spider Social Club at 510 Brick Blvd. April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**

**Farmers Market – May 4<sup>th</sup> kicks off the 10<sup>th</sup> year, 8:30am-1:30pm every Saturday through September 28<sup>th</sup>. Senior Shuttle bus will be available twice a month, every other week.**

**Taco Bell – having a facelift, tentatively re-opening in May.**

**MJ’s – on Brick Blvd. is open.**

**Popeye’s – Owner is dragging their feet, not sure of a timeline.**

**Windmill – Moving into old T-Mobile store across from former location.**

**Houlihans – Are they closing? Is Tommy’s coming in place of them?**

**Hobby Lobby – Haven’t heard back from them in response to letters, next step is a phone call.**

**Car Washes – One by Lake Riviera will have to recycle the water but has not be in front of the board yet, the one on 88 has received approval from the planning board.**

**Van Zile Rd. Pot Holes – From Burnt Tavern to Route 70, near Verizon, Mayor will reach out to the county.**

**Winding River – Need 3 more dumpsters with sliding door, some were replaced but not all.**

**Zulma:**

**Transportation – From January-March provided 2,570 rides and the Dialysis busses provided 350 rides for 12 people.**

**Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) – senior services can assist with completing the paperwork, call to schedule an appointment.**

**Tax Preparation by AARP – More seniors wanting this service than AARP can accommodate. They come once a week from February through April and schedule 15-20 people per visit. Must be open to all residents, not just Brick. In order to get an appointment, you need to call in January because spots fill immediately. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day.**

**Utility Assistance – O.C.E.A.N. Inc has a home energy assistance program; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEP), senior services can help complete these forms, call to schedule an appointment.**

**Meals on Wheels – Will conduct a home visit to conduct an assessment, there is a social worker who conducts long-term care assessment and referrals are provided as needed.**

**Classes – have blossomed at the new location and will be adding new ones. Dancing Feet, a new dance class featuring Salsa, Tango, Cha-Cha and Swing will be offered the last Friday of the month.**

**Community Service – Guests come to the Senior Center on Mondays to discuss community resources/services available.**

**Garden Club – Looking for volunteers to help clean, fix and maintain the garden beds at the Senior Center. Student Volunteers can help with this project.**

**Robert Brice, JCP & L:**

**Handles municipal outreach and external affairs, covers 17 municipalities and is the primary representative/liason for Ocean County Government.**

**Smart Meters – Connects you directly to JCP&L, eliminates someone coming out to read your meter, you will automatically know if you're out of power, estimated bills will be eliminated because everything will be an actual reading. Frequency is only sent for a couple of seconds every hour. Letter and brochure sent 2 weeks prior to coming out to replace meters, you have the right to opt-out but will be charged \$15 per month if you do. Contracted with Wellington Company and they do not need access to your home.**

**Energize NJ – Part of the First Energy Program, we are 1 of 5 states participating. There is a new CEO. Rates are 24% lower than Atlantic Electric and PSE&G. This is the first place in program for reliability. Will be modernizing grids, substation monitorization, installing trip savers to help restore power during minor outages, and replacing old poles. 1,000 throughout NJ so far; key locations are at junction points that control large neighborhoods. 5 year incremental with 7 total increases. For an average customer who pays \$116 per months increate at end of year 5 would be approximately \$4.16. They are looking to do this project in 2025, BPU hearings start in May 2024.**

**Scams – People are using every avenue they can to get to you. Imitating the power company, tree contractor, smart meter initiative to gain access; especially when its 2 people. If you need to contact JCP&L never call back a number, call the 1-800 number on your bill/JCP&L website. Scammers spoof their number to look like it is the electric company calling you. JCP&L will never take money or a**

payment over the phone. The new smart meters will have a blue stripe across them, no more spinning dial.

Street Lights – Sodium Vapor or Mercury Vapor Lights are being phased out, transitioning to LED lights without charging the municipalities by replacing lights as they go out. LED lights don't go out as often, but when they do they flicker like a strobe light, may become purple from the lamination. LED lights are too bright for some people and are more cost effective for the municipality. Reporting street lights out-through the website is the preferred way and must have a pole number. 888-544-4877 or [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)

Can host a community meeting for senior communities as an informational session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi White

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 11am**

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