

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
September 10, 2024 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives –Virginia Carlson, Bob O'Brien, Jr., Debra Rodgers, Barbara Gilsenan, Judy Minetree

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

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Theresa Martinelli, Senior Services**

Mayor Crate:

Summerfest was a huge success. Police estimated for our 4th of July concert, from beginning to end, somewhere in the neighborhood of 17,000 people cycling in and out. Traders Cove concerts were also a big success. We introduced a new band, Kickin Wing, which was very popular, brought in a lot of people and we are looking to bring them back next summer. Our goal for next year is to bring back 4 shows for both Summerfest and Traders Cove.

Lovebird Café & Market located at 515 Drum Point Road is a new business that recently opened. The owners/operators are a young couple.

“Ross Dress for Less” is moving into the Bed Bath & Beyond location. Have not submitted application for permits.

First Watch and Shake Shack are moving along, looking to open by Christmas.

The Atlanta Bread location is being divided into 2 businesses, one will be Cava Mediterranean eatery and the second half is unknown at this time. It was going to be a Starbucks, but that fell through.

1759 Route 88 is going to be Arthritis, Rheumatic and Bone Disease Associates.

Laurel Square Shopping Center – Located at 1930 Route 88. There is no update regarding the 2-empty buildings, Provident Bank and Finn's.

Popeye's will not be going on the Wawa-anchored shopping center located at Route 88 and Jack Martin Blvd

Pick Up Brick – Mayor Crate, Township Council and Brick Township Environmental Commission clean up various locations within Brick Township monthly. On September 28th we will be in Breton Woods, Osbornville Elementary School. We meet at 10am and end approximately 2pm. They are looking for volunteers to join them. For more information call Vin Palmieri at 732.262.1000, ext. 1325. (flyer attached).

Visitation Church offers a community lunch the third Thursday of every month. Doors open at 11:30 and food is served at 12 noon.

2nd Annual Longest Table event will be held on Saturday, September 21st at Havens Farm on Herbertsville Road from 1pm until 3pm. The event is free and will be limited to 150 guests. Should the weather not cooperate, it will be moved to Civic Plaza. For more information email longesttable@bricktownship.net or call 732.262.1050.

EZ Ryde4Life is an on-demand transportation in partnership with provider's like Lyft and Uber. They are a non-profit organization who provide transportation for individuals who cannot afford to drive to work, for older adults and people with disabilities who do not drive a car, and for businesses whose employees and customers may not have easy access to public transportation. A representative who works with the program will be invited to attend one of our future meetings.

Strengthening our Community – A discussion with school, community, and law enforcement on bullying, drug trends and

student wellbeing. This event will take place at Brick Township High School auditorium Wednesday, October 9th, at 6pm. Attendees will be Mayor Crate, Dr. Thomas Farrell, Superintendent of Schools, representatives of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and Brick Township Police. A Q & A session will follow the presentation. (see attached flyer)

Our Neighborhood Watch program, under the supervision of Officer Berkeley is doing really well. Officer Berkeley will be happy to visit your community and answer any questions you may have regarding the program. He will bring with him statistics specifically for your community. Officer Berkeley can be reached at 732.262.1104.

If you wish to have Mayor Crate come out to your community, please call and arrange a date for a visit with the Mayor.

Councilwoman Heather deJong:

Meals on Wheels of Ocean County – We need your help! Funding for the Older Americans Act is threatened to be cut, which is where Meals on Wheels gets their funding from. Please reach out to Cory Booker, Chris Smith or George Helmy asking for strengthening of the Older Americans Act and an increase in funding. (flyer attached)

Terri Martinelli:

PNC Bank Arts Center – An Afternoon of Rock & Roll, R&B and Soul Music – Tuesday September 17th

Senior Services Annual Vendor & Resource Fair – Traders Cove Marina & Park, Wednesday, September 18th, 9:30-11:30. Rain date is Wednesday, September 25th. Free prizes, pizza & entertainment.

Call for assistance in completing the application for Property Tax Rebate (PTR1 & PTR2)

PNC Bank Arts Center – Arrival from Sweeden: The music of ABBA – Tuesday September 24th. Call to register beginning 9/16.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 11am
(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)**