

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
February 6, 2024 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives – Virginia Carlson, Barbara Gilsenan, Edward Torres

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

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Zulma Soto, Senior Services**

**Guest – Ptl. Victoria Finelli, Community Policing
Dena Glynn & Nicole Steed, Caregiver Volunteers**

Mayor Crate:

Saturday February 10th – Brick's 174th Birthday Party. Join us to celebrate at Civic Plaza, 270 Chambers Bridge Rd., 3pm to 5pm. Games, activities, crafts, cake and more.

Friday, March 8th – Brick Hero Awards. The presentation is at Brick Township High School and starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for seniors. Nominations originate from the public, and it can be anyone who you may think did something special, or went out of their way for our Brick Community. You can go on our website and you will see that this year we have 9-categories and one of the categories is for seniors. The event is hosted by the Mayor's Student Advisory Committee. For more information, or to submit a nominee's name, you can either go on our website or contact Brandi White, 732.262.1050, X1053. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, February 16th.

New Businesses:

1930 Route 88 – Bagel Pit

447 Brick Blvd. - MJ's Bar & Grill

150 Chambers Bridge Rd – Premier Choice Cardiology

1872 Route 88 Walmart – Charley's Cheesesteak opening inside of Walmart.

2518 Hooper Ave. - Mr. Softee – Red Lion Plaza.

990 Cedar Bridge Ave. - California Cold Brew (coffee)

990 Cedar Bridge Ave. - Unscathed Cuts

No date for the opening of Popeye's on the Wawa-anchored shopping center located at Route 88 and Jack Martin Blvd. Township officials have been in contact with NJDOT and the owner of the plaza pursuing a "no left turn" rule to be established by the state, and at the NJDOT's request, submitted a formal letter of support for the ban. More than 5-years after Wawa's approval and 2-years after the Wawa opened, the state has yet to act. The owner of the plaza agreed it would happen when Popeye's opened, but; we are pushing for it to happen now.

Aldi's signage – Traffic Safety reached out to see if a sign could be placed on Route 70 before you get to the entrance of Aldi's. Have not heard back.

561 Herbertsville, LLC – Subdivision in front of the Board of Adjustment.

Lake Riviera Carwash – In front of the Board and has not been approved yet. The applicant has to demonstrate how and where the water will be disposed of or recycled.

Zulma Soto:

We ended last year with our transportation program providing about 8,000 rides. We started our dialysis transportation mid-January and

so far, we provided 60 rides for patients who are registered with us. In order for patients to utilize this service, we are conducting home visits to determine the extent of their needs to make sure we can assist them.

Property Tax Reimbursements, (PTR) increased their maximum income to \$150,000.

Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (PAAD) guidelines have also increased for individuals to \$52,142 and for a couple to \$59,209. An individual who has an income above this limit, the state has a Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program. An individual's income would be \$62,142 and a couple would be \$69,209.

Cooking with Kristen – Wednesday February 14th at 1:30pm registration required.

Musical Connections – Intergenerational program with Brick High School students. Stimulates the brain and body, promotes both social interaction and music engagement, strengthens sense of community in a safe environment. First and third Tuesday of each month at 1:45pm. Call to register 732.920.8688

Ptl. Victoria Finelli:

Ptl. Finelli, Community Policing Division, has visited our senior communities to discuss current crimes that are happening. Unfortunately, our seniors are the biggest targets right now for fraud scams. Other topics that are discussed are identity theft, IRS scams, Amazon scams, postal scams, internet and telephone-based scams.

We also offer a program for safety known as Project Safe Lock where we would install a lock box on the home. It requires an application to be filled out, which then needs to be notarized. It's been a great asset for the police department because instead of breaking a window or breaking down a door we are able to gain access to the home quickly, safely and without damage.

Contact Patrolman Finelli, 732.262.1158, to schedule a presentation at your clubhouse.

Dena Glynn:

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey has a new program in Ocean County called "Healthy Hop". It's a transportation service on demand. You do not need to schedule an appointment two weeks in advance. Just register with our office and once you are in our system, we will send you a card with a phone number to call. When you have a doctor's appointment, call within 3 minutes from the time you want to be picked up, and we will dispatch a car and when you are ready to return home, call us again and we will send a car. You can bring someone with you if you choose to. The program is open to anyone over the age of 60 years old. Call Dena at 732.505.2273, Ext.203 to schedule a visit to your clubhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11am

**Scheduled guest speaker:
Sgt. Joseph Rossi, Traffic Safety**

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