

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
April 7, 2026 Minutes**

Attendance:

Representatives – Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Marie Sidoti, Larry Clifton, Jerry Spanola, Ed Torres

Alternates – Carolyn Robino, JoAnn Ringwood, Marilyn Lago, Diane Steensen, Roseann Brennan, Vincent Tyburczy

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services
Brandi White, Mayor's Office**

Guest: Matthew Brazinski, New Jersey Natural Gas, Energy Efficiency Program Liason

Mayor Crate:

Farmers Market- returns May 2, until October 3 from 8:30-1:30. FREE to attend. Approximately 70 vendors this year. Looking for entertainment during markets and to expand art throughout the town, the Farmers Market is a good place to do that. Reusable bag bin will be there, leashed friendly dogs are welcomed, ATM on site, bathrooms available and volunteers on site to help carry items.

Community Threads- obtaining a storage unit to store out of season donations. CLCL is applying for a grant to hire someone and create a delivery service to eliminate the barrier of transportation. Looking to also partner with Meals on Wheels. New hours: Tuesday-Thursday 3:00-6:00pm, Friday 10:00-2:00 for seniors and disabled, senior shuttle will be available and Saturday 10:00-5:00. Fridays will be closed for cleaning and stocking. Donations outside the back of the building, unit 11, it is clearly labeled, will also be given a form to fill out for tax purposes.

Events:

April 18- 5k Jar of Hope at 8:00am starting at Icarus and ending at Windward (until 1:00pm). Vendors will be setup at Windward (approximately 40) setting up at 9:00am, plus a 1-mile fun run/walk at Midstreams. A portion of the proceeds go towards the Community Threads store.

Pick Up Brick- April 25, River Walk Rd. 10:00-12:00, might be changing the times to 9:00-11:00 to accommodate more students.

Town Wide Yard Sale- April 25, Northside of town (08724) from Forge Pond/Rainbow Diner north

Senior Prom- May 1, 6:00-8:00 at Civic Plaza. Jersey Kitchen catering, photobooth available, King & Queen will be crowned and Mayor's Student Advisory Students will be volunteering to greet, serve and dance with attendees.

Community Canvas Group- created to help bring arts to the community, consists of Laurelton Arts Society, Judy Harzer from Brick Memorial High School and Brick Township Arts Council. First project is a mural that will be on display at Windward Beach. Will be advertised through Recreation starting in May, even if you're not artistic you're encouraged to sign up. People can come out (Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 at the Civic Plaza) and paint a section of the board that will be put together. Other ideas are: inviting artists to share their work by having it on display at places like the beach or windward, painting windows on township owned properties and next year looking to host a art in the park.

April 25- Friends of the Library is hosting Books, Bake, Bling & Bags from 10:00-2:00 at the library.

Amy Schmiedeberg:

Shuttle available for senior prom.

Sheriff K9 unit came out to do a demonstration during the Community Café.

April 15- Stress planting & lunch at 11am

April 27- Fraud Demonstration presented by a local bank at 12:15

May 15- Dinner & a Movie, Song Sung Blue, Neil Diamond Movie.

Matthew Brazinski, New Jersey Natural Gas:

Clean energy-solar (largest commercial in country) and innovative technology- getting hydrogen into gas. Storage facility in Missouri, offer home services for HVAC systems along with other programs.

This winter snow storms were the largest 7-day gas outage in history.

Board of public utilities has to approve any changes (especially related to fees) and it's a lengthy process.

Delivery charges are the largest portion of the bill, each line item has a cost. 100,000 BTU's in a therm to increase 1 gallon of water 1 degree.

You can reduce your bill by doing a home energy audit by using thermal camera. Takes 2-3 hours (insulation, crawl, attic, furnace, safety/leak checks, test oven, blower door test). Check windows and recessed lighting to see if air is being let out. Free or \$49 for audit, over the summer it will only cost you \$1. Interest free financing over 7 years on your gas bill with rebate from them. List of vendors is on their website for weatherization, income driven program \$86,000 or less they'll do \$1,400 worth of renovations. They also offer commercial programs for clubhouses.

Will come out and do a presentation for your community if you would like.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi White

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday May 5th at 11am
(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)**