

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee  
January 6, 2026 Minutes**

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**Attendance:**

**Representatives – Helen Grant, Karen Brown Bob O'Brien, Deborah Krause, Marie Sidoti, Judy Minetree, Larry Clifton, Jerry Spanola**

**Alternates – JoAnn Ringwood, Roseann Brennan, Vincent Tyburczy, Ronald Forbes**

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate  
Heather deJong, Meals on Wheels  
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services**

**Guest: Bob Scott, Caregiver Volunteers**

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**Mayor Crate:**

**Heather will continue to attend our meetings representing Meals-on-Wheels. In the future, Councilman Steve Fineman will also be attending our meetings. He is very senior oriented, is a local business owner who owns two chapters Visiting Angels. He is working on his schedule so he can attend future meetings.**

**New Businesses:**

- **Tim Horton's Donuts located at 1 Lanes Mill Road is now open.**
- **Go Play Arcade located at 515 Brick Blvd is now open**
- **Cousin's Seafood Restaurant will be going in Brick Plaza where Rosalita's and Tre use to be.**
- **Raising Cane's Chicken will be coming in soon with their site plans. There should be movement going on at the site with the demolition of the existing Quaker Steak building.**
- **The Gap Factory will be going next to Barnes & Noble in Brick Plaza.**

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- **7 Brew Coffee will be adding a new pad site in front of Ross and Best Buy.**
- **On the side of Ross there will be a Kid Strong Workout center.**
- **An ethnic restaurant named Taste of India will be located at 506 Brick Blvd.**
- **Gilded Treasures Trading Post will be moving into the plaza located at 921 Cedar Bridge Ave.**
- **Garden State Distillery will be located at 550-580 Brick Blvd., and is currently in front of the Planning Board.**

**I am currently working with our Land Use Department in tackling the empty storefronts. We do have our ordinance in place which waives all local construction permit fees. Working with our Zoning Department, I started driving around town and noting every single spot that is currently empty so we can reach out to the owners. The property needs to be empty for 12 months and the size of the property must be under 5000-square feet. If you happen to see an empty storefront please reach out and send me an email.**

**In 2025 our Public Works Department collected 34,550 tons of garbage. The Township gets charged approximately \$90 a ton for garbage; they also collected 3,760 tons of bulk, 6,918 tons of recycling and 242 tons of cardboard. We would like to see the recycling number go up because we receive reimbursement for recycling not a bill.**

**In 2025 our Police Department received 104,101 calls for service,**

**In 2025 our EMS received 11,677 calls for service. Also, our EMS will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year.**

### **Summerfest 2026:**

**Our lineup for this year is:**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Super Trans Am**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – Brit Pack**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 80's vs 90'**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Suite & Mao Tai**

**Mayor will be meeting with Dr. Thomas Farrell, Superintendent to discuss getting transportation for our seniors to see, at least, the dress rehearsals this Spring.**

**The Mayor has asked the superintendent of Recreation, Matt Fagen to work on bringing back bus trips.**

**In the event of a significant snow storm, the Mayor is asking that you, as soon as possible, email her contact information for your landscaping company and/or the person responsible for your HOA so that our Department of Public Works, (DPW) can coordinate with them. Please email the information to [mayor@twp.brick.nj.us](mailto:mayor@twp.brick.nj.us).**

### **Heather deJong:**

**Last year we had 33,000 meals on wheels home delivery and this year we have 46,000 this year. If anyone would like to see if they qualify for this service, they can fill out the paperwork through our Senior Services.**

### **Amy Schmiedeberg:**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> is our technology workshop from 12pm-3pm, assistance with any electronic devices, computer tablets, phones.**

**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm is our Paint & Dessert provided by Home Watch.**

**Bob Scott:**

**Bob explained in detail common gestures for your phone or tablet.  
Enclosed is a list of some of the most common gestures.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Marilyn Kaczka  
Secretary**

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am**

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

# Common Gestures for Your Phone or Tablet

This is a list of some of the most common gestures you can use to interact with your phone. Not every program uses every type of touch, of course, but if you ever find yourself puzzled with how to proceed, here are a few gestures to try.

**Tip:** All of the gestures below should be equally available no matter which company makes your Android phone, including Samsung, Google, Huawei, Xiaomi, etc.



Tap for primary action

## Tap, Click, or Touch

- A light touch with your finger.
- Use this for pressing buttons, selecting things, and tapping keyboard keys.



DOUBLE TOUCH

## Double Touch or Double Tap

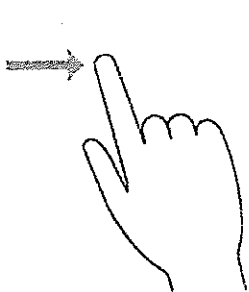
- You could also call it "double click."
- This is similar to the double clicking you do with a computer mouse. Rapidly touch the screen, lift your finger, and touch again.
- Double-taps are often used to zoom in on maps or select items.



Press and hold to learn

## Long Click, Long Press, or Long Touch

- The "long click" is a gesture used often on Android mobile devices, although not as often as the simple (short) tap or click.
- Long pressing is touching an item and pressing for a few seconds without sliding your finger.
- Long presses on application icons in the system tray allow you to move them to the desktop, long presses on widgets allow you to move or adjust the size, and long touches on the old desktop clock allowed you to remove it.
- Generally, the long press is used to launch a contextual menu when the app supports it.
- Variation: Long press *drag*. This is a long press that allows you to move objects that would ordinarily be harder to move, such as to rearrange icons on your Home screen.



Slide to pan



Swipe to select

**Drag & Swipe**• You can slide your fingers along the screen to type or drag items from one screen location to another.

- You can also swipe between Home screens. The difference between a drag and a fling is generally in style.
- Drags are controlled, slow motions, where you're aiming to do something on the screen, while swipes and flings are just general flicking around the screen - such as the motion you'd use to turn a page in a book.

- Scrolls are really just swipes that you do with an up and down motion rather than side-to-side.
- Drag from the top or bottom edge of the screen into the middle of the screen to open menus in a lot of programs.
- Pull downward (drag or fling) from within the top area of the screen to somewhere in the middle of the screen in order to refresh the contents in apps like Mail.



Pinch and stretch  
to zoom

## **Pinch Open and Pinch Closed**

- Using two fingers, you can either move your closer together in a pinching motion or spread them further apart in a spreading motion.
- This is a pretty universal way to adjust the size of something within apps, such as a photograph inside a web page.