

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
June 2, 2026 Minutes**

Attendance:

Representatives – Deb Rodgers, Marie Sidoti, Annalyne Burke, Judy Minetree, Larry Clifton, Edward Torres

Alternates – Carolyn Rubin, Marilyn Lago, Diane Steensen, Roseann Brennan, Vincent Tyburczy

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services
Councilwoman Lisa Reina**

**Guest – Heather deJong, Meals on Wheels
Bob Scott. Caregiver Volunteers**

Mayor Crate:

Summerfest: Food Court and Beer & Wine Garden opens approximately 5:30pm; Music begins approximately 7pm, fireworks after every concert. The township offers a complimentary shuttle bus service that will bring you to and from Windward Beach. The shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off locations are:

- **Drum Point Elementary School**
- **Veterans Memorial Middle School**
- **Midstreams Elementary School**
- **Lanes Mill School**
- **Brick Township High School**

Trips to Windward Beach begin at 5pm and return trips begin at 8pm. Parking at Windward Beach is very limited and vehicle access to the park is closed once the lot is filled. We encourage everyone to use the shuttles. Coolers and chairs are permitted on shuttles.

The lineup for Summerfest is:

July 2nd Super Trans Am

July 9th Brit Pack

July 16th 80's vs. 90's Show

July 23rd Suit & Mai Tai

Trader's Cove Concert Series – A popular summer tradition offering free live performances that runs 3 Wednesdays in August, each show starting at 7pm. Arrive early to secure a spot as seating is first-come first-served.

The lineup for Traders Cove Concerts is:

- **August 5th Basso Brothers**
- **August 12th Back in Time**
- **August 19th Kickin' Wing**

J. Crew and the GAP Factory moving along and will be opening in Brick Plaza. Raising Cane Chicken has their foundation in. The Sports Dome is hoping to be open by the end of June.

Lanes Mill Road – The Township has invested a lot of money into that road. It has the greatest number of sidewalks leading from end-to-end, almost continuous because we know that is the way most kids get to and from school, we have crosswalk and crosswalk signage at mostly every intersection. We have a meeting June 4th with all of the interested parties to really discuss our concerns, not only for Lanes Mill Road but throughout the Township because a lot of our roads are County roads, and we we don't have jurisdiction over county roads for certain things. The irritating factor is if Brick wants sidewalks on a county road then Brick has to pay for them. There obviously is a financial burden if wanting to and having to have sidewalks. That's why we are looking into obtaining state and federal grants.

Heather deJong:

Meals-on-wheels is feeding 1000 people a day. They deliver meals to older adults who have difficulty preparing food for themselves. The primary purpose is to improve nutrition, ensure safety and reduce social isolation for recipients. Participants are often referred by social services, healthcare providers or family members. Deliveries also serve as a wellness check, an opportunity to monitor the health and safety of participants, identify potential concerns and provide social contact to reduce loneliness. Meals-on-Wheels is not an entitlement program. You just have to be 60 years or older, don't

drive a car, are unable to prepare meals for yourself and do not have anyone to prepare meals for you.

Amy Schmiedeberg:

Friday June 19th – Dinner and Entertainment by Wild Rose, 5pm to 7pm. Call to register.

Wednesday, June 17th & 24th – Men's Coffee Chat 8:30am to 9:30am

Walking club meets Friday's, 9am at Drum Point Sports Complex

Bob Scott:

We soon will be 'Caregiver Volunteers of the YMCA'. We merged with the YMCA because we want to bring as many adult programs as they have for children. One of the main things we will be doing, for those who would want to have a therapist come to your community, is to have one available to come to your location. All volunteers will receive free membership to the YMCA. Currently, Caregiver Volunteers offer assessments, but with the merger we now will be able to offer a lot more programs for the seniors. The YMCA has 36 mental awareness buildings throughout Ocean County they are the #1 childcare program in the country and we want to take that idea to our seniors. Caregiver's program will remain the same, but; we will be able to add the additional items and use their building for senior services. Not only for swimming and classes, but a place to hang out.

I have sad news to pass along. Helen Quinn of Lake Riviera recently passed. Helen was a representative of the Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee from the very beginning, 20+ years ago. She will be missed.

May she Rest in Peace



Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

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

: Kayla Klinzing, Development Manager @ American Cancer Society

***Wishing Everyone a Happy and Safe
Summer!***