

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
October 3, 2023 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives – Virginia Carlson, Bob O'Brien, Jr., Barbara Mortensen, Barbara Gilseman, Annalyne Burke, Larry Clifton, Aubrey Cohn, Edward Torres

Alternates –Helen Grant, Vickie Aufiero, Barbara Kochie, Angelo Saverino

Guests – Kristine Novakowski & Amy Schratz, Habitat for Humanity

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

Mayor Crate:

Longest Table Event – The event was on Saturday, September 23rd and due to the inclement weather, it was held at Civic Plaza. Approximately 100 people attended.

Scooter Park – A ceremonial ribbon cutting was held on Monday, October 2nd, at our newly renovated scooter park located behind Emma Havens Young School. Thank you to American Ramp for constructing the park and creating a great facility for residents to gather and meet new friends.

Crate Conversation – My latest show was with our Police Chief, David Forrester. The show was a bit longer than usual, as we talked about crime prevention, how to keep ourselves safe at home and away, and the importance of our Community Policing Department to ensure our residents safety. There is a big concern about safety in the community, as there has been a group of people who are moving throughout the state causing chaos in almost every town. We have

been dealing with a couple of break-ins and car thefts, which we are obviously very concerned about. We continue to work with the Police Department to make sure they have everything they need to do their job. One of the biggest things that came out of our conversation was, obviously the police cannot be in every neighborhood at once, so if you see something in your neighborhood that doesn't seem right, you should report it, even if you think you might be wrong. Better safe than sorry. If you feel it is a real emergency, you can call 911. If you just want to report something that you think is suspicious call the non-emergency number, 732.262.1100 or the Detective Bureau, 732.262.1120.

Annual Craft & Vendor Fair – Will be held on Saturday, October 7th (rain date October 8th) at Windward Park from 9am-2pm.

Annual Fall Fest – Will be held on Saturday, October 14th, (rain date October 15th), 1pm – 7pm at Windward Beach Park. The event features food trucks, vendors, games, inflatables, fire pits, cornhole tournaments, ax throwing. The fall fest will conclude with a firework display. Shuttle buses are available from Lanes Mill Elementary School and Drum Point Elementary School from 12:30pm and will run continuously throughout the day,

Laurel Square - Livoti's Old World Market will be opening in March of 2024.

Christmas Tree Shops - We have reached out to Hobby Lobby to consider opening a Hobby Lobby store at that location.

Dialysis bus will be delivered imminently.

Kristine Novakowski & Amy Schratz:

Kristine - Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps people in your community, i.e. build new homes, full home repairs, yard work, volunteer labor. The services provided are at no cost but, the homeowner must meet eligibility requirements.

Amy - Home repair program focuses on health and safety. An applicant will fill out an application and once we verify that they fit our guidelines, they are placed on a waiting list to have their project looked at, then we present it to a committee for approval. To qualify you must meet the income limit, be current on your mortgage, homeowner's insurance and taxes, and you need to have owned your home for a minimum of 2-years.

To apply or for further information call 732.818.9500, X102 or email programservices@nohfh.com (Amy, Program Services Manager)

Zulma:

Senior Center –The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is set for Thursday October 19th at 2pm, 500 Aurora Drive. Once the new center is fully opened, and all services are transferred, Adamston Road location will be closed.

Ocean County Health Department – October 12th giving out flu, pneumonia and Covid shots 10am – 2pm

Medicare open enrollment - We will meet with you and go over your options starting the end of October through December 7th. We will start accepting appointments at the beginning of October. You must call to make an appointment.

Halloween Party – October 27th Must register

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

“Monday” November 6, 2023 at 2 pm

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