



COALITION MEETING

November 7 , 2024

Minutes

"Information discussed or disseminated today is for use by members of the Senior Coalition of Berkeley Township. That information needs to stay in house and there should be no distribution outside the Coalition without prior approval of the Officers".

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Mike Signorile.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our Veterans, first responders and active military.

Roll Call: Present: President Signorile, Vice President De Chiaro, Secretary/Treasurer Pakay, HC Berkeley, HC Carefree, HC South, HC West, Hol. Hts, SRP East, SRP North, SRP West, SRP Westerly and Sonata Bay. Guest: Bob from Greenbriar Woodlands. All HOAs are represented.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the October 3rd meeting were distributed prior to today's meeting. No additions or corrections were received. Nor were any additions or corrections received from the floor. Motion was made to accept and seconded. No objections voiced. Minutes from the October 3rd meeting stand as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance:	\$3,846.72
Interest Earned:	.03
Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance:	\$3,846.75

Guest Speakers: The Caregivers of Central New Jersey: Dena Glynn, Director of Outreach & Community Relations. Email: caregivervolunteers.org. Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey is an interfaith nonprofit agency dedicated to providing free supportive services to seniors, 60 years or older, who no longer drive, helping them to continue to live independently in their own homes.

Programs Offered by Caregivers of Central NJ:

Handy Andy Program:

- A free repair and maintenance service for seniors aged 60 years and older. Flier attached.

- To register call 732-505-2273 ext. 212

Healthy Hop Transportation:

- A free transport service designed to help seniors aged 60 years and older get to their medical appointments.
- Seniors must register in advance. Call 732-505-2273 or fill out an application online: cvcj.org/healthyhop. Flier attached.

Other Services:

- Food Shopping: A volunteer is assigned to do in person or online shopping every 2 weeks.
- Friendly Visits: Weekly visits offering companionship.
- Veteran to Veteran: Veteran volunteers and home-bound Veterans are matched for services.
- Caregiver Canines Pet Therapy: Weekly visits from a certified therapy dog.
- Caregiver Respite: Support and weekly visits for those living with dementia or other chronic illness to give the family caregiver a break.
- Reassurance Phone Calls; Weekly calls to reduce social isolation
- Connect Thru Music: An enrichment program connecting dementia clients to their former selves through music.
- Uber Health: 15-mile radius. Usually, the driver will arrive 5 to 10 minutes after receiving the call.
- Limited mental health services are available.
- To register for any of these programs call 732-505-2273.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering (especially drivers) call 732-505-2273. CCNJ will work around your schedule.

Q&A:

1. Does the volunteer driver stay with you? A: Most of the time the driver will stay with you. If the volunteer cannot stay, another volunteer will be assigned for pick up. Also, if your appointment is further than 15 miles we will make arrangements for a driver.
2. Is there an income eligibility? No. Services are available to everyone over the age of 60. We are non-judgmental.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike congratulated Silver Ridge Park West on their 50th anniversary celebration. He also wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and a Happy Thanksgiving.

BT Robo Cans:

- Robo cans will be distributed within the first quarter of 2025.
- Each household will receive 1-garbage and 1-recycle can. Additional cans can be purchased.
- When the house is sold the cans remain with the house.
- Buyer pays seller for them.
- Physical disabilities will require an annual doctor's note for garage door pick up.
- This information should be included in HOAs new homeowner's packet

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Distributions:

- Turkeys will be available, for those in need of a turkey for Thanksgiving. Pick up at Holiday City Carefree, Holiday City South, and BT Recreation Center on 11/26 12:00 2:00.

Burglary Law will Protect Senior Citizens:

- Senator Amato signed bipartisan legislation that will protect senior citizens by upgrading penalties for residential home burglaries.
- S-3600 was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, October 22nd.

Neighborhood Watch:

- It is recommended that residents keep their doors and cars are locked.

Corporate Transparency Act:

- CAI worked hard to exempt HOAs from the need to file their Board of Trustees with FinCEN. However, they lost.
- As of now all HOAs must file by January 1st on [fincen.org](https://www.fincen.org).
- CAI is continuing their fight to exempt HOAs.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vince wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Holiday Breakfast:

- \$22.00 a person.
- Full hot breakfast catered by Casertano's Cucina.
- \$10 grab bag gift.
- This year trivia game is New Years' Eve Traditions and HOAs.

2025 Annual Dues:

- \$130.00 per HOA. Provides 1 CAI membership.

CAI Expo:

- 3 excellent classes were offered.
- More than 200 vendors providing information on their services.
- Hopefully in 2025 each HOA will take advantage of the Expo.

Veterans Day:

- On behalf of the Executive Board Judi wished all of our Veterans a happy and blessed Veterans Day and thanked them for their service to keep our Nation free and safe.

ADR – Barbara Egner:

- Nothing to report. It appears that since the pools are closed ADRs have diminished.
- Will hold another training class in the new year.
- Reminder: ADR Liaison should contact Barbara to set up the ADR NOT the resident.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

HC Berkeley: No report

HC Carefree: Marie mentioned that they used a DJ for an event at Carefree. He was excellent and plays all types of music. If interested in obtaining his contact information call Marie directly.

HC South: No Report

HC West: No Report

Holiday Heights: Larry from HC South found that all of our HOAs now offer bingo. HH is requesting that HOAs try and schedule their Bingo event on dates/times that does not conflict with another HOAs date/time.

SRP East: Asked why the flyer regarding the deer problem was sent only to the President of the associations and not the full membership? Mike explained that the mayor invited key people, which included the President from each of our associations, to a meeting he was having with the Animal Protection League of NJ to discuss a non-lethal wildlife humane solutions to control the herds. Space was very limited

- Their recommendation was to sterilize the female doe. However, it is extremely costly at \$9,000 per doe.

- Bucks live 4 to 5 years. Females live longer. Females birth one fawn when they eat only nature's provided food. It has been proven that feeding the deer the food available in the store produces multiple births. Sometimes 3 fawns.
STOP FEEDING THE DEER
- The Township is planning to institute fines of \$500 - \$1000. No documentation needed. Details will be sent after plan has been finalized.
- The Staten Island Program implemented a trial program of feeding the deer birth control. If that works that may be our solution as well.
- Game and Wildlife – do not want to kill the deer.

SRP North: No Report

SRP West: In 2025 the clubhouse doors will be added to the bar code system now in place.

SRP Westerly: Has the Anchor Program enrollment been extended to December 31, 2024. A: Yes.

Sonata Bay: No Report

501(c)7: We will obtain information on requirements for a 501(c)7 and report on this in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Pakay

Secretary/Treasurer

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Attachments



HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE