

Borough of Madison  
*Senior Citizens Advisory Committee*

Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2020

The SCAC meeting was called to order by Tom Honohan at 2:00pm at the Madison Community Arts Center, 10 Kings Road, Madison, NJ. The Open Meetings Act statement was read and the attendees saluted the flag.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Tom Honohan	John Hoover
Kaye Shaler	Sara Keffer
Peggy Potter (YMCA representative)	Dan Nazarko
Marlene Dolan	Phyllis Flemming
Danielle Bergen	Shelia Marrow

**Members Absent:**

Grace Papayiannis , Penny Burlingame , Barbara Granato, Joan Finelli, Doris Costello, Woody Kerkeslager

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Meeting Notes:

- A luncheon was held for seniors and Chris Williams of Mikie Sherill's congressional office presented information on how he could help seniors with issues related to Social Security, Medicare / Medicaid, Veteran's Benefits, Income Taxes and Immigration issues. Twenty five seniors attended the luncheon and remained for the SCAC meeting.
- Continued discussion of the *Telephone Reassurance Program* led to an agreed list of actions – see below.
- The importance of the 2020 Census was discussed and ideas were shared to getting the word out to the senior and other hard to reach communities.

**Decision 1:** *Friendship at Heart Program:*

**Action:**

- SCAC will support the *Telephone Reassurance Program* and *Friendly Visitor Program* of the County by:
  - Finding volunteers.
  - Identifying seniors who are in need of such programs. *Telephone Reassurance Program*. Checking with Madison Police and Meals-on-Wheels for possible Madison residents who might benefit from the program.
  - Tom Honohan and Nancy Hess to meet to generate informational brochure to be used to communicate the programs.

**Decision 2:** Support the T-Shirt shopping bag project through enlistment of volunteers and sponsoring programs.

**Action:**

- A successful T-Shirt Shopping bag session was held at the Senior Center.

**Decision 3:** SCAC to support 2020 Census

**Action:**

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- Information was posted at the at the Senior Center and Rexford-Tucker Apartments.
- Marlene Dolan received information on the 2020 Census from the Census Bureau and Wind-of-the-Spirit to distribute to the communities in which the immunization program is involved. She is also providing the information to other health care professionals with whom she works. All this is in support of reaching the hard-to-count populations to make sure they are informed and supported.
- SCAC will include in its meetings repeating the importance of the census and availability of information.

**Decision 4:** As part of the SCAC charter, we will report on issues and progress to the Borough Council .

**Action:**

- Schedule to be agreed with John Hoover for Borough Council agenda.

**Decision 5:** As requested by some residents of Rexford-Tucker Apartments a lunch meeting with a representative from Mikie Sherill's office will be held prior to the February SCAC meeting. See attached announcement that has been posted around Madison.

**Next SCAC meeting date, time and location:**

Thursday March 12, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Madison Senior Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison, NJ

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**Do you have questions about  
Social Security, Income Taxes,  
Medicare or Veteran Benefits?  
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Representatives from Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's case-work team will be available to help you navigate federal agencies such as the IRS, Social Security, Veteran Affairs and Medicare. Bring your paperwork, concerns or issues and join us on

**Thursday, February 13, 2020  
12 noon to 2 pm  
Madison Civic Center  
28 Walnut Street, Madison, NJ**

**If you are unable to attend, you may contact  
Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's office at  
(973) 526-5668.**