

**Civic Affairs Minutes**  
**January 20, 2025**

Meeting was opened at 7:45PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.

Members present: Pat Degnan-chairperson, Lauren Bianchi-Officer in Charge, Barry Mendelsohn.

**Old Business:**

Pat stated that she had made contact with JCP&L and they do require 25 members present to do the speaking engagement. She also contacted the Florham Park Police Department regarding a self-defense program, and the Mental Health program. Lauren suggested that Pat contact Dr. Glen Katz about this type of program. We will continue to do Earth Day in April, August will be our School Supplies drive, October will be a Political Candidates night, November will be our Food drive. If needed, we will sponsor a WMLPOA Candidates night before the September Board meeting.

**New Business:**

Lauren will check with the scouts to help with Earth Day. Barry suggested we contact Tai at the Township about a possible program. Pat will contact the Chief of Police. Pat will ask Steve about the CPR program that the Lifeguards will take.

Lauren suggested we put a note in the Newsletter to let residents who are unaware of the Unclaimed Money and Missing Money websites.

We will not have a February meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Degnan-Chair

Approved by: Lauren Bianchi-OIC

**Civic Affairs Minutes**  
**March 24, 2025**

The meeting was opened at 7:35pm by chairperson Pat Degnan.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jane Hobson, Barry Mendelsohn.

**Old Business:**

Pat checked with JCP&L and they do require a minimum of 25 people to send out a speaker. We cannot make this guarantee so we will not be able to do such a program. We will try to have a clean up program on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will rely on the website and the Facebook page because the Newsletter has already gone to print for April. We will meet at the Clubhouse lawn between 12 noon and 2pm. Volunteers will need to bring work gloves. Garbage bags will be supplied. Pat will ask Alyssa to put this information on the Facebook page and website.

**New Business:**

May is Mental Health month. We hope to have a speaker on this topic on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Jane will try to get the speaker, and Pat will contact the office and let Alyssa know.

Some programs for the rest of the year consist of:

Backpack/School Supplies Drive for August.

POA Candidates Night before the September Board meeting at 7pm.

Political Candidates Night, Monday, October 20, 2025; instead of our October meeting.

Food Drive for November.

Battered Women's Shelter supplies collection for December. Pat will contact Jody for a list of items needed.

Motions to adjourn at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Degnan-Chair

Approved by: Lauren Bianchi-OIC

Civic Affairs Minutes  
June 16, 2025

The meeting was opened at 7:30PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.

Members present: Pat Degnan, chairperson; Barry Mendelsohn.

Old Business:

May 19<sup>th</sup> was our Mental Health Seminar. Unfortunately, this was not well attended but those who were there were enlightened and received many resources. Pat left the remaining informational material in the office for the community members to take. Pat thanked Jane for taking the lead for this program.

New Business:

Barry brought the information from the speaker who was at his office regarding Medicare choices. Pat will contact him to see when he is available to review this information with our members.

Motion to adjourn at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson

Approved by: Roger Crook-President

Civic Affairs Minutes  
July 21, 2025

The meeting was opened at 7:30PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.

Members present:

Pat Degnan, chairperson; Jerry Applebaum and Ghalib Choudhury.

Since Ghalib was new to our meeting, Pat tried to bring him up to date as to who we are and what we do.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Pat stated she has let Alyssa know for the newsletter what we will be doing in future months. August we will have our New School Supplies drive. The supplies will be brought to the Township Health Department for distribution to those in need. September before the Board meeting, we will sponsor a Meet the POA Candidates night.

October will be the Meet the Political Candidates Night.

Jerry stated that the AARP Fraud Presentation is scheduled for September 16, 2025. This is an all-day event, and you do not have to be an AARP member to participate.

Pat will contact emergency services department in the Township to see if they have a program.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson

Approved by: Roger Crook-President

**Civic Affairs Minutes**  
**August 18, 2025**

**Meeting was opened at 7:35PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.**

**Members present: Pat Degnan, Barry Mendelsohn, Gerry Applebaum, and Stu Kipilman.**

**Old Business: We have not received many items for the school supplies drive so Pat will ask Alyssa to put it on the website and Facebook pages again. Pat did contact Louis Tumolo again about a presentation on Medicare options. We also spoke about the Fraud program which is on September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**New Business:**

**Pat told the members that she had been contacted by a person interested in collecting items for the Battered Women's Shelter. Members suggested that maybe Civic Affairs was not the right committee and that maybe Women's Club would be a better committee. Pat will ask the Women's Club at their next meeting.**

**Gerry suggested we contact NJ Natural Gas to see if they have a speaker's program we might present to our residents.**

**Pat will contact the Emergency Management Office to see if they have any programs.**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:05PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson**

**Approved by: Michael Ilardi, Past President**

**Civic Affairs Minutes  
September 15, 2025**

**Meeting was opened at 7:35PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.**

**Members present: Pat Degnan, Barry Mendelson, Gerry Applebaum, and Stu Kipilman and Jane Hobson.**

**Old Business: We had a very successful School Supplies Drive. Pat brought the items to the Township to be distributed. Jerry and Pat will be attending the AARP Fraud Seminar tomorrow.**

**New Business:**

**Pat told the members that there is a POA Candidates Night scheduled for 7PM this Wednesday. While all the candidates are running unopposed this will give everyone who attends a chance to ask questions.**

**Meet the Political Candidates Night will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025, beginning at 8PM. If time permits after all the candidates have spoken, we may have a question-and-answer period. Please invite your friends and neighbors. This forum is not just for WML residents all are welcome.**

**November we will do our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food we collect will go to the Rockaway Food Pantry.**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:05PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson**

**Approved by: Stu Kipilman-OIC**

**Civic Affairs Minutes  
November 17, 2025**

**Meeting was opened at 7:05PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.**

**Members present: Pat Degnan, Barry Mendelsohn, Gerry Applebaum, Michelle Cromwell, Mitch Lefkofsky.**

**Old Business: We had a very successful Meet the Candidates Night.**

**The POA Candidates were not well attended since all the candidates were running unopposed.**

**The November Food Drive is receiving a lot of help from Sabrina Trento. She is a high school senior in need of service hours. She has made several trips to the food pantry and made flyers. I will give her a letter about her service.**

**New Business:**

**The Cub Scouts will again be doing a Toys for Tots drive for the month of December.**

**Some other suggestions were a Cereal Drive or gloves, hand warmers, hats and scarves drive in January for the battered women's shelter. Pat will give Michelle Jodie's contact information.**

**It was also suggested that we might do a program on Medicare during September next year.**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:30PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson**

**Approved by: Michelle Cromwell-OIC**

**Civic Affairs Minutes  
December 15, 2025**

**Meeting was opened at 7:05PM by chairperson Pat Degnan.**

**Members present: Pat Degnan, Barry Mendelsohn.**

**Old Business: We had a very successful November Food Drive.**

**New Business:**

**The Cub Scouts will again be doing a Toys for Tots drive for the month of December.**

**Barry suggested that maybe the committee should do a survey to see if there are any topics the community would like to see us do such as taxes, fraud etc.**

**Pat will speak to Tai at the Township to see if she has any suggestions for a program.**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:30PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pat Degnan, Civic Affairs Chairperson**

**Approved by: Michelle Cromwell-OIC**