

CIVICS AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and ended at 8:15pm.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jerry Applebaum; Barry Mendelsohn, Michelle Cromwell.

Pat contacted aarp.org/NJSpeakersBureau, but they could not accommodate our schedule.

May is mental health awareness month. Jane usually tries to get a program for us, but Pat has not heard from her.

Michelle asked for the contact Pat has for Battered Women as she has a few ideas she would like to run by this contact.

Pat contacted JCP&L about having a speaker for one of our meetings, but we would have to guarantee a minimum of twenty-five people.

**Respectfully submitted,
Pat Degnan, Chairperson**

Approved by: Michelle Cromwell, OIC

Civic Affairs Minutes 6/15/26

Attendance: Michelle Cromwell, Barry Mendelsohn, Jane Hobson

Meeting called to order: 7:05

- 1) From Pat: sent a notice to the Newsletter to let everyone know that September is National Preparedness Month.
- 2) From Pat: September POA Board meeting at 7pm we will have Candidates Night for POA candidates' night.
- 3) From Pat: Our October Civic Affairs meeting will be our Political Candidates' Night beginning at 8pm.
- 4) Social security & medicare: Barry brought it up to host a meeting. We will ask Alyssa to post a poll on FB.

Community Interest Survey

The POA is exploring the possibility of hosting informational seminars on Social Security and Medicare. Before moving forward, we'd love to hear from our residents!

Please take a moment to complete the poll below so we can better understand community interest and schedule events at times that work best for you.

Select all that apply:

- ☒ I would be interested in attending a Social Security seminar
- ☒ I would be interested in attending a Medicare seminar
- ☒ Afternoon programs work best for me
- ☒ Evening programs work best for me
- ☒ Weekend programs work best for me
- ☒ Weekday programs work best for me

Thank you for your feedback! Your responses will help us plan programs that best serve our community.

- 5) Reviewed that future events this year:
 - a) July: Festival Day
 - b) August: School Supplies Collection
 - c) September: POA Meet the Candidates Night
 - d) October: General Election: Meet the Candidates Night

Meeting adjourned: 7:32 PM

Submitted & approved by Michelle Cromwell-OIC

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July 20, 2026

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and ended at 8:00pm.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jerry Applebaum.

Pat contacted Alyssa to have three articles in the Newsletter. August we will have our annual School Supplies Drive. Donations will be brought to the Rockaway Township Municipal Building to be distributed to RT residents.

Jerry suggested Pat contact our EMO in the Township to see if they have a presentation.

Jerry said he attended a presentation regarding an AI Presentation at Seton Hall, he said was very informative. He will get Pat the contact to see if he does such presentations outside of Seton Hall.

**Respectfully submitted,
Pat Degnan, Chairperson**

Approved by: Michelle Cromwell, OIC