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SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP 2025 YEAR-IN-REVIEW: A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CHARLIE CARLEY

SOUTH BRUNSWICK, NJ (DECEMBER 31). As 2025 comes to a close, Mayor Charlie Carley is proud to reflect on a year marked by continued investment, meaningful progress, and strong community partnerships throughout South Brunswick Township.

“Working alongside my colleagues on the Township Council—Archana Grover, Jo Hochman, Ken Bierman, and Patty Germain—we have advanced major initiatives that span infrastructure modernization, community health, and environmental stewardship,” said Mayor Carley.

Investing in Our Foundation

Maintaining and modernizing South Brunswick’s infrastructure remained a top priority in 2025. The Township completed neighborhood improvements in Timber Ponds and concluded major roadway work on New Road. Significant progress was also made in Kendall Park, where multiple roadways were repaved, with additional projects scheduled for 2026.

Work continues in the Fresh Impressions neighborhood, and contracts have been awarded for a 2026 start of construction in the Wetherill neighborhood. Numerous additional roadway projects are now positioned for the 2026 construction season.

Roadway safety improvements were also advanced this year. In partnership with Middlesex County, the Township fully installed and activated a new traffic signal at Finnegans Lane and Kory Drive to improve traffic flow and safety. The intersection of Fresh Ponds Road and Route 130 was reconfigured with new signalization, and through the PSE&G Direct Install Program, streetlights along Route 522 were upgraded at no cost to taxpayers.

Fiscal Stewardship and Grant Success

South Brunswick continued its strong focus on fiscal responsibility by securing millions of dollars in grant funding to offset the cost of essential services and capital improvements. In 2025, the Township received more than \$203,000 through the New Jersey Recycling Tonnage Grant and over \$113,000 from the Clean Communities Grant to support litter abatement efforts.

Additional funding was secured for future projects, including \$750,000 for Richard Road Phase 2 and \$430,000 for ADA-accessible playground upgrades at Reichler Park. The Township will continue to pursue grant opportunities to bring taxpayer dollars back to the community.

Safety and Community Strength

The South Brunswick Police Department continued to set a standard of excellence, maintaining accreditation from both CALEA and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The Township also achieved national recognition during National Night Out, ranking first in New Jersey and fifth in the nation.

South Brunswick's commitment to wellness was further recognized with its designation as a "Healthy Town" by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. Community health and connection were evident through initiatives such as the new Senior Pickleball Program and the Diwali Community Food Drive, which collected more than 5,000 pounds of food for the South Brunswick Food Pantry.

Honoring Our Heroes

In 2025, the Township proudly honored veterans who served our nation by dedicating streets in their memory. Those recognized include Murray Tuckman, Robert L. Kelly, Roy E. Menghi, the Errickson Family, Fred M. Benjamin, Alex and Alexander John Kish, Philip Joseph O'Brien, Louis E. Pietrefesa, Charles G. Weber Sr., and Lt. John W. Farnkopf.

Looking Toward the Future

While celebrating these accomplishments, Mayor Carley acknowledged the challenges ahead, including navigating court-mandated development while preserving South Brunswick's suburban character and quality of life.

The Township remains committed to supporting its public schools and recognizing the essential role they play in the community's success. Mayor Carley also expressed deep appreciation for the volunteers who serve in South Brunswick's fire departments and first aid squads, reaffirming the Township's commitment to supporting these agencies whenever possible.

"The accomplishments of 2025 prove that when we work together, we succeed," Mayor Carley said. "With projects like the Library expansion nearing completion, new investments in our infrastructure underway, and strengthening partnerships - I am confident that South Brunswick will remain a place we are all proud to call home."

Mayor Carley concluded by wishing residents health, peace, and happiness in the coming year and extended warm wishes for a Happy New Year.

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