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New Jersey Senior Olympic Games Return to Woodbridge on Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 2017

New Jersey Senior Athletes "Get Ready... Get Set... Go" Olympic Competition Set for 24 Challenging Sporting Events



Woodbridge - Flanked by Senior Olympic Medal winners and Olympic volunteers, Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac and the New Jersey Senior Olympic Committee today announced that Woodbridge Township will again serve as host to the 2017 New Jersey Senior Olympic games and competition on Sept. 8, 9 & 10.

In announcing details of the 2017 New Jersey Senior Olympic games from the Woodbridge Community Center - the central headquarters and main sporting venue for the upcoming senior competition - Mayor McCormac said that the senior games track the goals of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign which encourages Senior residents to engage in a healthy and fit lifestyle.

"I am extremely proud that Woodbridge Township is the permanent host of the annual New Jersey Senior Olympic games," Mayor McCormac said. "Woodbridge Township and the State of New Jersey are home to a significant and growing senior population which is more-and-more engaged in an active and physically fit lifestyle. The New Jersey Senior Olympics embodies today's senior athlete by featuring sporting events geared to senior-level competition. And, even before competition gets underway, every senior athlete is a

winner just by staying in shape and participating in a routine physical fitness regimen. I am encouraging senior athletes from across the state to sign-up and participate in this year's games."

Mayor McCormac and the Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic Committee announced a special incentive to encourage Woodbridge Township Senior athletes to compete in the 2017 games - register by August 28 and the Woodbridge Senior Olympic Committee and the Mayor's Office will pay \$25.00 toward the \$30.00 General Registration fee – that means Woodbridge Senior athletes pay \$5.00 to participate and compete in up to three Olympic events. To take advantage of this special offer, Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic registrants must obtain the 2017 General Information & Registration booklet - available at the Community Center, Mayor's Office in Town Hall, or on-line at www.njseniorolympics.com. Complete and submit the General Registration Form (you must be a Woodbridge Township resident with a Woodbridge Township mailing address) and forward the completed form along with a \$5.00 check or money order payable to the NJSO/GSG... and we'll do the rest.

Michael Garamella, Executive Director, New Jersey Senior Olympic Committee, said that the 2017 New Jersey Senior Olympic games feature 24 sporting events and competitions where senior athletes 50 years of age and older – male and female – compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze in various age categories ranging from: 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; and 90+.

The 2017 Olympic Games include competition in Archery, Basketball (foul shooting/accuracy and '3 on 3'), Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Cornhole, Cricket, Cycling, Darts, Fencing, Golf, Horseshoes, Miniature Golf, Pickleball, Racquetball, Team Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Team Softball, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball. The New Jersey Senior Olympics is a member of the National Senior Games Association which sponsors alternate year national Senior Olympic games at venues across the country – that means that Senior athletes who compete in the 2017 Senior Olympic games here in Woodbridge can qualify for the 2019 National Senior Olympic games.

According to Councilman Gregg Ficarra, Chairman of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Woodbridge Township offers senior athletes a true, world-class competition venue with sport and athletic facilities at the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), The Skyline Miniature Golf Center, the WCC roller and ice skating rinks, the Club at Woodbridge, the newly upgraded Woodbridge High School running track and event fields, well-appointed county and municipal parks and recreation areas, and excellent private venue facilities that include the Woodbridge Bowling Center and the Colonia Country Club – all of which make Woodbridge Township the ideal location for the senior games. The Woodbridge Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge together provide a combination of multi-purpose recreational and sporting facilities, including a full-size gymnasium, Olympic-size swimming pool, roller skating rink, NHL-size ice skating and hockey rink, a wellness center, walking track, meeting rooms, and recreational and lounge areas.

The "Opening Ceremonies" for the 2017 New Jersey Senior Olympic Games will take place on Sat., Sept. 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM outside the Woodbridge Community Center. Olympic officials will announce the games and competition, present the Senior Olympic torch and flame, and introduce Olympians competing in each sport.

Senior athletes must register by Aug. 28, 2017 to compete in the various sporting events, games, and competitions. To register or to obtain more information about the 2017 New Jersey Senior Olympic games go to: www.njseniorolympics.com or the Woodbridge Township web page at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us; contact the New Jersey Senior Olympic Committee at: 973-618-1111; or contact Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic Chairpersons Pat Trombetta at 732-636-3910 or Frank St. Marie at 732- 636-9439.