

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
November 6, 2023 Minutes

Attendance:

**Representatives –Jim Harris, Barbara Mortensen, Annalyne Burke,
Larry Clifton, Edward Torres**

**Alternates –Helen Grant, Barbara Kochie, Debra Rogers, Angelo
Saverino, Vincent Tyburczy**

Guest – Judy Minetree, Catholic Charities

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong**

Mayor Crate:

Crate Conversation – Tara Paxton our Township Planner discussed our pollinator garden. Our dedicated staff including our DPW and Parks Department assisted in putting up fencing and placing all of the crushed shells that are in the walkways. We also had a student come out and paint a mural of our state butterfly on the shed. We also discussed our Community Garden which we have added additional plots and we also have two Handicapped accessible plots. There is a water source available. You can plant whatever you like.

We also had, on Crate Conversation, Officer Benny Alvarez who discussed a program they have that is run out of Brick Township High School and Brick Memorial High School called Juvenile Justice Jeopardy Program. It is a program that works with teenagers to show them how to interact with police properly. The program is paid for by the County Prosecutor's office.

Trunk or Treat was a huge success. We had around 3,000 people walk through in a period of 3-hours

Fall Fest was hugely successful. We ended the night with fireworks.

Senior Center –The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 19th.

The Thanksgiving Market - Saturday, November 18th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at Windward Beach. Thanksgiving Market will feature many vendors offering a variety of foods and goods that will help make your Thanksgiving a special one.

November 21st – Neighborhood Watch at the Pavilion at 7pm.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 29th at 5:30pm in front of town hall. The chorus from Brick High School and Brick Memorial will be performing. Santa Claus will be arriving. In the hallways will be the “Festival of Trees” that all of the different groups from around the township decorate.

December 7th – The Menorah lighting ceremony will be held in the court room at 5:30pm. After the ceremony we will go outside for the Menorah Lighting.

The Purchase of Two Parcels of Land – An ordinance up for introduction Wednesday, November 7th, to purchase a 2.36-acre parcel of land at the corner of Herbertsville Road and Maple Ave, and for the purchase of an adjacent lot at the terminus of Second Avenue where it meets Maple. Neither property is developed; both are wooded. If successfully introduced, a public hearing and second vote would be required before the funding and purchase of the land could be formalized.

Christmas Tree Shops - We have reached out to Hobby Lobby to consider opening a Hobby Lobby store at that location and haven't heard back so we will be calling them.

Judy Minetree:

Program Coordinator for the Fix-It Program with Catholic Charities. We are located at 725 Mantoloking Road, next to Visitation Church. The Fix-It Program helps seniors in Ocean County maintain independence in their homes through volunteers that help with minor repairs, free of charge. The program is always looking for volunteers to help our seniors. If you are a senior citizen or someone looking to make a difference please contact Judy at 609.480.6293.

Zulma Zoto:

Senior Services is offering one-on-one counseling during Medicare open enrollment that ends December 7th. Please call for an appointment 732.920.8686.

Activities for November 20th – November 27th have been cancelled. Classes are scheduled to resume November 28th.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 2 pm

(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)