# Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee September 5, 2023 Minutes

#### **Attendance:**

Representatives – Virginia Carlson, Jim Harris, Bob O'Brien, Jr., Barbara Mortensen, Alice Tully, Edward Torres

Alternates –Helen Grant, Vickie Aufiero, Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Debbie Rogers, Vincent Tyburczy

Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate Councilwoman Heather deJong Zulma Soto, Senior Services

#### **Mayor Crate:**

We had a pretty successful summer. Summerfest was a huge hit and so were the Traders Cove concerts. The bands at both locations were very good. We had no rainouts and great attendance for both. One of the reasons that would keep people away from Summerfest is the amount of traffic to and from Windward, and the difficulty of getting your car in and out of the parking lot. However, this summer on the first night there were about 2,200 people who used bus transportation and the second week approximately 4,000 people used bus transportation.

Senior Center –The grand opening is set for Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, 500 Aurora Drive. Once the new center is fully opened, and all services are transferred, Adamston Road location will be closed.

We will be receiving a third senior shuttle. We do not have a date when it will arrive.

Our two dialysis buses are on order. We are also hoping to receive these soon, so we can relieve some of the burden on family members who assist in getting their relatives to and from dialysis. The buses are not just for our seniors, but are for anyone who is receiving dialysis. They, too, can sign up for this transportation.

Brick's first 'Longest Table' event – Mayor Crate will lead the township's first 'Longest Table' event. An informal gathering of a large group of residents who must be minimum of 15-years-old. They will have the opportunity to voice opinions, ideas and brainstorm the future of Brick. The event will feature a buffet style meal as well as fun and stimulating topics of conversation with the common theme of community. It will be held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm at the Robert Anstett Cultural Arts Center, 515 Herbertsville Road. To RSVP please email the number of attendees along with their names, mailing address and phone number to <a href="mailto:longesttable@bricktownship.net">longesttable@bricktownship.net</a>. For more information please call 732.262.1050. The event will accommodate approximately 200 attendees. While groups are encouraged to attend, individuals will not be seated together for the duration of the event.

Greenbriar 1 & 2 – Received a petition from Greenbriar 1 requesting street lights at numerous locations throughout the community. We will have to narrow that list down a bit and also talk with a representative of the HOA as each light comes with a cost and the placement is important. We are just finishing up a 5-year pilot program in Greenbriar 2 to see if the lighting in one section that we replaced stayed efficient and remained bright. As far as paving both Greenbriar 1 and Greenbriar 2, the Township Engineer and myself will be visiting both communities and walk the roads together. She then will start putting together an evaluation for where they will fall on the paving list, i.e., entire development, certain roads, etc.

## <u>Zulma:</u>

We are starting a new group, Moments and Memoirs. Join us to discover ways to tell your story through writing and different mediums. "Getting to know each other" will be our first meeting on

Monday September 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the VFW. Please call to register.

Our annual Vendor Fair will be on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:30. We have invited about 40 different vendors who provide services to seniors. There will be prizes and free pizza for lunch. Call 732.920.8686 to register.

October starts open enrollment. We will meet with you and go over your options starting the end of October through December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start accepting appointments at the beginning of October. You must call to make an appointment.

### Marilyn Lago:

Church of the Visitation Community Lunch – September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 11:30am, lunch is served 12 to 1pm. All are welcome.

Friends of the Brick Library – First meeting, after the summer break, is September 6<sup>th</sup> and thereafter the first Wednesday of every month at 10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kaczka, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** 

October 3, 2023 at 2 pm

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