

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
December 5, 2023 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives –Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Barbara Mortensen, Barbara Gilsenan, Annalyne Burke, Aubrey Cohn, Edward Torres, Anthony Calabrese

Alternates –Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Debra Rogers, Angelo Saverino, Vincent Tyburczy

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

Mayor Crate:

December 7th – Menorah lighting ceremony in the court room at 5:30pm.

December 8th and 9th at 6pm and 10th at 2pm– “Mean Girls Jr” at Brick Memorial High School. Tickets are \$10, sold at the door.

December 8th at 6:30pm and the 9th at 1:30 pm and 6:30pm “A Christmas Carol” at Brick Township High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for 65+, sold at the door.

Marching Dragon Caravan hosts their 55th annual Winter Craft Fair on Sunday December 10th from 9am to 3pm at Brick Township High School. There will be 90+ vendors selling handmade items and specialty foods. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing.

Beach Badges – 2024 Season Beach Badges and parking spaces will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, December 11th. Season badges are \$30 and season parking passes are \$30. Badges and parking passes can be purchased in the Recreation Department, Monday through Friday, 7:30am until 4pm.

Wreaths Across America – Saturday, December 16th, the Mayor and Council will be participating with our Township Preservation Commission in laying wreaths at the military graves of Brick Township's fallen heroes.

The ceremonies will take place at the Gravelly Graveyard (Fairview Avenue) at 9am and at Osbornville Protestant Church Cemetery (Mantoloking Road) at 12pm. Whoever joins us will have the opportunity of laying a wreath at a gravesite. We will end our observances at the American Legion on Mantoloking Road.

Zulma and I have been meeting with a student who is working on her Eagle project for the Scouts. It has to do with music and people with memory issues. We are going to work with her to try and put together a program that we can do through the senior center. It is a way for her to work with seniors through music to help with some of their memory issues.

We met with a representative from JCP&L regarding the lighting issues in our senior communities. We were informed that the State is requiring JCP&L to change out all the bulbs in every light and we asked that when they start to change-out the bulbs in Brick, to start in our senior communities. The state is projecting this will begin in 2025 but the representative of JCPL anticipates it will start sooner.

Mayor Crate's ceremonial swearing in will be on January 2nd at 5pm in Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Marilyn Lago:

3rd annual Holiday Light Walkthrough. 579 N. Lake Shore Drive, hosted by Marilyn Lago and family 6-9 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 8,9,10,15,16,17,22 and 23. See flyer attached. Accepting donations and canned goods. This is a free community event.

Zulma Soto, Director of Brick Senior Services:

Brick Township Office of Senior Services is a full-service senior center, and is located at 500 Aurora Drive. We provide a multitude of different programs as well as activities at our center. We provide help with applications, we do a benefit analysis to see what programs people are eligible for.

December 7th is the deadline for Medicare open enrollment. If you already have a Medicare Advantage plan and you want to switch it, there will be another open enrollment from January 1st through March 15th.

Comcast Discount – There is a state program that provides \$35 discount on internet access not cable. You have to fill out an application and there are income requirements that have to be met. Reach out to Kristin in our office, 732.920.8686.

Our dialysis program will start sometime in January.

Christmas Luncheon – December 19th at 11am, held at Leisure Park. Must register beginning December 8th. 732.920.8686

Coffee with the Mayor – December 22nd at 9:30 am. Must register, 732.920.8686

Coffee and a Movie – December 29th, at 9:30 am. Must register, 732.920.8686

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 2 pm

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

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Healthy New Year!*

Happy Holiday's to All