

**NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP |  
MINUTES....**

**REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 2023**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Mehta called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Ms. Sowell announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on November 14, 2023 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune
- b) Star Ledger
- c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the doors at the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**Also present:** Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Lt. William Lovas, Officer Ailey, Clerk 1 Tangie Cobb and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Lt. Lovas speaks about Bristol Myers Squibb and their generous donation to the Township. Lt. Lovas explains what the donation is for.

**Proclamation**

Council President Mehta reads proclamation for Bristol Myers Squibb.....

*Whereas, Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) is a global leading biopharma company powered by caring and talented individuals who drive scientific innovation. North Brunswick Township recognizes MBS as a genuine partner and neighbor for more than 100 years; and (proclamation attached)*

Jessica Cohen from Bristol Myers Squibb gives thanks for proclamation and speaks as to what Bristol Myers Squibb does.

Tangie Cobb speaks about the program through the Township that is in connection with Bristol Myers Squibb.

Clara is a sophomore at NBT High School. She speaks about being part of the club and the changes she sees in herself because of the club.

Nani is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at NBT High School, she gives thanks for being part of the program.

Syllis is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, she speaks about what the program means to her.

Dalls gives thanks for being part of the club.

Officer Ailey gives thanks to Chief Battaglia and the superintendent for letting them do this program. He is looking forward to the future.

Tangie Cobb gives thanks to others that are part of the program but could not be present. She reads a message from someone who is part of the program but could not be at the meeting tonight.

Council President Mehta asks council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda items *a. through i.*

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve *items a. through i.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilwoman Guadagnino seconded by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. 335-11.23 Authorizing an adjustment to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- b. 336-11.23 Bill List
- c. 337-11.23 Authorizing an Agreement with Hillmann Consulting to provide Environmental Condition Inspections for the Municipal Complex
- d. 338-11.23 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Insurance Claim Recovery Services to Lowenstein Sandler, LLP
- e. 339-11.23 Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to provide Grant Writing Services
- f. 340-11.23 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the 2023 Professional Service Agreement with USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers LTD To provide professional services associated with the Exterior Building Restoration Project at the Municipal Complex
- g. 341-11.23 Authorizing the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for Claim Recovery Services
- h. 342-11.23 Confirming the Application and Authorizing Acceptance of Funds Under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant Program Towards the Municipal Complex Improvement Project
- i. 343-11.23 Confirming the Award of a Contract to MRC for Replacement Playground Equipment at Babbage Park

Council President Mehta opens the Public Hearing for the Blackhorse Lane Performance Bond Release

No public comment

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing for the Blackhorse Lane Performance Bond Release, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve resolution **344-11.23 Authorizing the Release of Blackhorse Lane Performance Bond**. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve **item 7a** on the agenda **Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ October 30, 2023** so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve **item 7b** on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ November 6, 2023** so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

### **Ordinance/ First Reading/ Introduction**

***#23-19 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for the manner of payment thereof***

Council President Mehta called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #23-19** so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication in the November 26, 2023 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance

is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Trailer at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

***#23-20 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 69-19 appointment to Department of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick authorizing an alternative process to hiring qualified police officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:44-1.3***

Council President Mehta called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #23-20** so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Davis. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication in the November 26, 2023 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Trailer at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

**Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

Councilman Socio announces Mat Raider Wrestling (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces North Brunswick Pickleball (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces Buddy Ball (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces breakfast with Santa (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces the Winter Swim Schedule (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces Ice Skating (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces letters to Santa (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces the Annual Tree Lightning (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Municipal Alliance collecting new scarfs, socks and gloves. (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces food drive (flyer attached)

Councilman Davis announces Menorah lighting on December 11, 2023 across from the Municipal Building.

#### Council President Mehta opens the Public Hearing

Lisa Sheer (North Brunswick Resident) states she is a nurse for RWJ Barnabus Health in New Brunswick. Ms. Sheer speaks about the strike that has been ongoing for 109 days. She states they are striking so there is a fair ratio of nurses to patient. MS. Sheer asks for the Governing Body's support to adopt a resolution backing the nurses. They will be asking all the Townships to adopt a resolution. Discussion continues between Councilman Andrews and Ms. Sheer.

Another nurse, did not state her name, speaks regarding the strike and the effect it is having on peoples well being and livelihood.

Jessica Kino (North Brunswick Resident) is also a nurse and speaks in support of resolution to support the nurses. She tells about her life as a nurse and the effect this is having on her and her family. Discussion continues between Councilman Andrews, Ms. Sher and Ms. Kino.

Catherine Hurt, Retired nurse speaks about her career as a nurse and asks if the Governing Body can support the nurses and adopt the resolution.

Tony Nastus addresses various concerns he has in regards to several properties in North Brunswick Township. Mr. Nastus continues to state various concerns he has regarding buses through residential neighborhoods for New Brunswick School, cars parked on Township roadways with commercial plates and businesses being run out of residential homes and other concerns previously stated. Discussion continues between Mr. Nastus and Director Hritz.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Adjourn 7:55pm  
Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

# PROCLAMATION

*By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick*

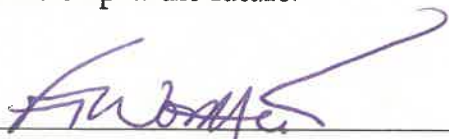
**WHEREAS**, Bristol Myers Squibb {BMS} is a global leading biopharma company powered by caring and talented individuals who drive scientific innovation. North Brunswick Township recognizes BMS as a genuine partner and neighbor for more than 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bristol Myers Squibb has generously contributed nearly \$5,000 to the North Brunswick Township Police Dept to support the purchase of (5) automated external defibrillators (AEDs) which are portable electronic devices used to diagnose life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and is able to treat them through defibrillation. These devices will be placed in our Township patrol vehicles to provide easy first responder access during times of medical emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Bristol Myers Squibb through its Community Grant Giving is the 2023-2024 corporate sponsor of the P.O.W.E.R. (Proactively Orchestrating Ways to Empower and Restore) Youth Mentoring Initiative and has awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Brunswick Township Police Dept and North Brunswick Township Board of Education have partnered to facilitate the P.O.W.E.R. Initiative at NBTHS and NBTMS. The P.O.W.E.R program is extremely grateful to Bristol Myers Squibb for their financial and physical support of our Youth, their families and the North Brunswick Township community.

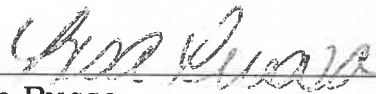
**NOW THEREFORE, WE** the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Bristol Myers Squibb. We are all grateful for this support and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.



Francis M. Womack III,  
Mayor  
Township of North Brunswick



Rajesh Mehta,  
Council President



Lisa Russo,  
Municipal Clerk



**The Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services**



# **MAT RAIDER WRESTLING TEAM**

**All skill levels welcome  
Boys & Girls Grades K-6th**

**Start Date November 29th  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**NBTHS Aux Gym 1**

**\$115  
Resident**

**\$130  
Non-Resident**

**\*Registration is required\***

Register at <http://register.capturepoint.com/NorthBrunswickTownship>

710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, NJ

732-247-0922 ext.475

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED EMAIL  
EVENTS@NORTHBRUNSWICKNJ.GOV IF INTERESTED**

# NORTH BRUNSWICK PICKLEBALL

**Mondays 6-7pm**

**December 4th – March 4th**  
(no class Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & 15 and Feb. 19)  
\$155 Resident/ \$165 Non Resident

**Mondays 7-8pm**

**December 4th – March 4th**  
(no class Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & 15 and Feb. 19)  
\$155 Resident/ \$165 Non Resident

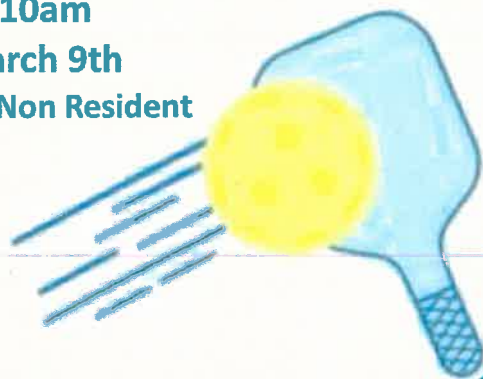
**Saturdays 9-10am**

**December 2nd – Jan. 20th**  
\$125 Resident/ \$135 Non Resident

**Saturdays 9-10am**

**Jan. 27th – March 9th**  
\$105 Resident/ \$115 Non Resident

This Pickleball program will be held at The North Brunswick Middle School and is for adults 18+. This program is designed for beginners, casual play and intermediate players. Players will bring their own paddles and will get a T-shirt.



Register early not to get closed out of winter session limited spaces available.

**Register Today!**

<https://register.communitypass.net/NorthBrunswickTownship>

For more information call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 ext. 475





# North Brunswick Parks, Recreation & Community Services

## Youth Basketball Registration

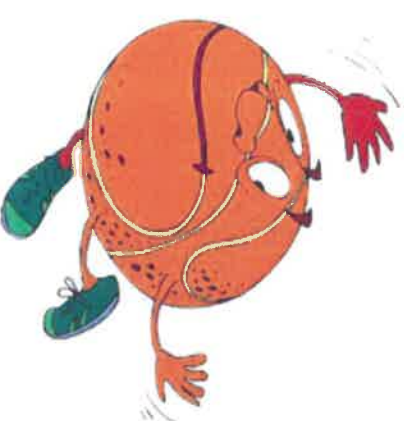
710 Hermann Road  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
732-247-0922 x475

*Participants must register at :*

<https://register.capturepoint.com/>

*NorthBrunswickTownship*

# Buddy Ball 2023



This program will be held for children with special needs in the community. Children with disabilities are no longer forced to sit on the sidelines. Participants will be accompanied by “buddies” that are there to assist the children with dribbling, shooting, and passing skills. *Volunteers are needed to serve as “buddies” to our participants during these sessions.*

**Dates**  
Saturdays, 1/06-2/24

**Time**  
Noon - 1:00 PM

**Location**  
Linwood School

**Price**  
Free



# Breakfast with Santa

Take a picture  
with Santa and  
his friends

SAT, DECEMBER 9TH  
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
AT THE GREENE TURTLE  
211 MAIN STREET  
NORTH BRUNSWICK NJ, 08902 (ARRIVE  
BY 9:30 AM TO PARTICIPATE)

SPONSORED BY NORTH BRUNSWICK DPRCS &  
THE HERITAGE DAY COMMITTEE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT  
732-247-0922x475  
EVENTS@NORTHBRUNSWICKNJ.GOV



# Winter Swim Schedule

Please note this is a shortened swim schedule. All programs are held at the North Brunswick Township Pool in the High School. Check email for changes and if you have any other questions please call DPRCS at (732)247-0922 ext. 475

## Saturdays

12/2,12/16,1/6,1/20,2/3,2/10

Swimmers Clinic: 9:30am-11am

Resident \$130/ Non Resident \$145

## Open/Lap Swim

## Saturdays

12/2,12/16,1/6,1/20,2/3,2/10

11am-1:30pm

(\$15 per visit per person or family swim card \$110 a year from purchase)

**Please keep an eye out for our spring swim schedule coming up soon!**

Register at <https://register.communitypass.net/NorthBrunswickTownship>

For questions contact DPRCS at (732)247-0922 ext. 475



**North Brunswick Township Invites You!**

# Ice Skating

*Fun for the whole family!*



**Veterans Park  
(Roosevelt Avenue)**



**\$1  
SKATING**



**\$3  
SKATE RENTALS**  
Please bring exact change

## **Hours Of Operation**

*Fridays 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

March 1, 8

*Saturdays 2:00pm – 4:00pm*

Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

March 2, 9

**When raining or below 35 degrees the skate rink will be closed.  
Please call DPRCS for any questions (732) 247-0922 ext. 475**

# Letters to Santa

North Brunswick children are encouraged to write a letter to Santa. Drop off your letters

in our North Pole Mailbox!

(2051 US 130—Parks Maintenance Facility)

Santa told us he will respond to all messages before Christmas!

So check your mail!



## Santa Claus North Pole

Drop off your Letters between  
November 27th and  
December 18th



North Brunswick Township

# ANNUAL TREE

*Lighting* CEREMONY

**Monday, December 4th**

**North Brunswick Senior Center**

**15 Linwood Place**

**Starting at 6pm**

For questions please call  
(732)247-0922 ext. 475

We will be collecting new socks, gloves and  
mittens.

# DONATE TODAY!

## Winter is a time for giving

The North Brunswick Municipal Alliance is collecting for this upcoming winter season. The Youth Alliance Members will provide support and collaboration to the North Brunswick Food Bank in this sock, mittens and glove drive. Student's leadership skills will be enhanced working with members of the community. The Municipal Alliance Committee will add guidance making a positive difference changing consequences for families and providing good mentorship to the students of the Youth Alliance Council.

## We are only collecting

**Socks**

**Mittens**

**Gloves**

Please note that we are only collecting *NEW* items for this drive. You may bring all donations to the Senior Center at 15 Linwood Place, November 1st– March 1st.

For questions please call  
732-418-2222 and ask for Lou Ann

  
**GCADA**  
Governor's Council on  
ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE

North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee is hosting a

# FOOD DRIVE

Fall is a time for giving.

The NB Food Bank was destroyed by Hurricane Ida and they are still recovering. They need your help to replenish for the holidays. The Youth Alliance Members will provide support and collaboration with the North Brunswick Food Bank in a food drive. Student's leadership skills will be enhanced working with members of the community. The Municipal Alliance Committee will add guidance making a positive difference changing consequences for families and providing good mentorship to the students of the Youth Alliance Council.

**PLEASE  
DONATE!**

Items most needed are:

Pasta

Pasta Sauce ( no glass)

Children's Cereal

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Canned Vegetables

Gift Cards to local food stores

As we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday please donate special items such as stuffing, corn bread mix , turkeys, potatoes, cranberry sauce and one of your favorite holiday items.

You may bring all donations to the Senior Center at 15  
Linwood Place, Tuesday, September 5th- Friday,  
December 15th. For questions please call 732-418-2222  
and ask for Lou Ann .

  
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