NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING October 7, 2024

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:01 pm at the North Brunswick Township Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid, and Davis

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on October 1, 2024 to the following:

a) The Home News Tribune

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 Clerks office.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Also present</u>: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Development LouAnn Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Proclamations

Breast Cancer Awareness Month proclamation read by Councilwoman Guadagnino...

Whereas, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

Whereas, October 18, 2024 is National Mammography Day; and

Whereas, breast cancer accounts for 30% or 1 in 3 of all new female cancers each year. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 310,000 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in the United States in 2024: (proclamation attached)

National Public Lands Day proclamation read by Councilman Chedid...

Whereas, National Public Lands Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of September. It is the largest single-day volunteer effort in the United States; and Whereas, the 2024 theme for National Public Lands Day is "Together for Tomorrow" (proclamation attached)

Yash Choudhari – NBTHS Senior – Eagle Scout Project Pulda Farm Benches proclamation read by Councilman Mehta...

Whereas, The Township of North Brunswick and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service recognizes students in our community that excel in academics, arts, athletics and community volunteer projects; and

Whereas, Yash Choudhari has been a part of the North Brunswick Community contributing his talents to many activities in our community making a positive difference; (proclamation attached)

Yash Choudhari gives thanks to the Mayor and Council. He also gives thanks to his mom and dad for all their support.

Christian Nonon – King of Swat proclamation read by Councilman Davis...

Whereas, The Township of North Brunswick and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service recognizes students in our community that excel in academics, arts, athletics and community volunteer projects; and

Whereas, Christian Nonon was born to Rebecca and Hairo Nonon and currently attends the North Brunswick Middle School; (proclamation attached)

Christian Nonon gives thanks to the Mayor, Council, his coaches, parents and everyone who has supported him.

Director Benson, along with Mayor Womack and Steven Wen explain the North Brunswick Township – Recognition of Buddy Ball Volunteer Work. Director Benson presents awards to participants...

Steven Wen Rhiya Dogra Daniel Rivera Hamnah Lakdie Virinda Popli Avani Gupta Ryan Guichardo Joshua Wen Rebecca Wen

Erin Graff speaks of what a wonderful organization is for and presents bronze volunteer award. Ms. Graff also presents Steven Wen with an award for his contribution to this organization.

Mayor Womack announces this will be the final year for the Purple for Pappas 5K run. Mayor Womack explains what the foundation is about and gives the details in regards to their final 5K run.

Mayor Womack asks Councilwoman Guadagnino if she has any announcements...

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Halloween Happenings (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces NextGen Acting (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces a pasta dinner being held at the American Legion

Mayor Womack calls for a 5 minute break from meeting at 7:27pm

Mayor Womack reconvenes the meeting at 7:32pm

Mayor Womack asks Councilman Davis if he has any announcements...

Councilman Davis announces The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (flyer attached)

Mayor Womack asks Councilman Mehta if he has any announcements...

Councilman Mehta announces the Middlesex County Flu Shot/Vaccine Clinics (flyer attached)

Councilman Mehta announces Bocce Ball (flyer attached)

Councilman Mehta announces Senior Aquacise Program (flyer attached)

Councilman Mehta announces "Canvas Pumpkin Painting" (flyer attached)

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Township attorney Gordon asked for item 51. 314-10.24 Cancelling the forfeiture of Taxi Owner License Number 1,3,8,13,17,22 and 23 previously issued to Melvis Taxi and License Number 5 previously issued to Oaxaca Taxi LLC to be pulled for discussion

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 5a. through 5k.,and 5m.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Consent Agenda

a.		NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Daniel G. Barbero/ Fire Co. #3
b.		NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Quinton T. Ulrich/ Fire Co. #3
c.		NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Jaylen J. Martinez/ Fire Co. #3
d.	306-10.24	Authorizing the renewal of Liquor License 1215-33-009-010 N.B.
		License 2, LLC for 2024-2025 in the Township of North Brunswick
e.	307-10.24	Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID20010 with On-Site
		Landscape Management for Landscape Maintenance Services under
		The Department of Public Works
f.	308-10.24	Authorizing a Contract with Takeform under the Department of Public
		Works for Design, Fabrication and Installation of Interior Signage
g.	309-10.24	Authorizing a Contract with Pellegrino Chevrolet for the purchase
U		Of Two Pick Up Trucks under the Department of Public Works
h.	310-10.24	Authorizing the Township to become a member of the North Jersey
		Wastewater Cooperation Pricing System (NJWCPS)
i.	311-10.24	Authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for the
		Redevelopment Agency Consultant
j.	312-10.24	Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Freehold Township for
J.		Informational Technology Consulting Services

k. 313-10.24 Providing Information Update on the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Between the Township of North Brunswick and the American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Council 73 AFL-CIO Local 3834 Supervisory Employees

1. 314-10.24 Pulled for Discussion

m. 315-10.24 Bill List

Mayor Womack askes Attorney Groll, Legal Representation for Melvis Taxi to present his item. Mr. Groll presents a petition to add Medallion #5 to be reinstated along with other medallions discussed at last week's workshop meeting.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 5l. 314-10.24 Cancelling the forfeiture of Taxi Owner License Number 1,3,8,13,17,22 and 23 previously issued to Melvis Taxi and License Number 5 previously issued to Oaxaca Taxi LLC on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a*. on the agenda <u>Regular Council Meeting/</u>September 16, 2024 so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#24-16 – An Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to create a New Chapter 73 entitled "Redevelopment Agency" establishing the North Brunswick Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce <u>Ordinance #24-16</u> so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Chedid second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on October 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the October 11, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

#24-17 — Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending the Code of the Township of North Brunswick Chapter 311, entitled "Taxi Cabs" Section 311-11, entitled "Insurance Requirements" to comply with recent amendments to N.J.S.A 48:16-3

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce <u>Ordinance #24-17</u> so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Councilman Davis second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on October 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the October 11, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Announcements made earlier in council meeting

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Hanna Yones (North Brunswick Township Resident) expresses concerns in regards to safety for kids around the Renaissance area, primarily by the Middle School and Pre-school. She states there are not appropriate cross walks. She has sent a presentation to the Mayor's office on how things may be changed and also new signage placed around. Ms. Yones states she has spoken to Councilman Socio and Lt. Jacobsen in regards to these issues as well. Mayor Womack responds.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing. So moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Davis

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Chedid.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Chedid and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Adjourn 7:50 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 18, 2024 is National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer accounts for 30% or 1 in 3 of all new female cancers each year. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 310,000 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in the United States in 2024; and

WHEREAS, improvements in early detection and treatment contributed to a 43 percent decline in the breast cancer death rate in the United States in the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an x-ray of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and join the entire community in supporting early detection and working towards a cure.

Francis M. Womack III,

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Mayor

Mary Hutchinson, Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

October 7, 2024



PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of September. It is the largest single-day volunteer effort in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme for National Public Lands Day is "Together for Tomorrow"; and

WHEREAS, this year's event goals are to educate and cultivate environmental stewards, encourage volunteering and environmental engagement, foster a connection between people and the environment, and ensure resilient natural spaces for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, on September 28th a National Public Lands Day event will be held in Middlesex County at Davidson's Mill Pond Park. This event will include trail work and habitat improvements; and

WHEREAS, On National Public Lands Day, all national parks that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, September 28, 2024 as National Public Lands Day and invite our residents to join in on a day of service for our public lands.

Francis M. Womack III,

Mayor

Mary Hutchinson, Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

October 7, 2024

Proclamation By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, The Township of North Brunswick and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services recognizes students in our community that excel in academics, arts, athletics and community volunteer projects; and

WHEREAS, Yash Choudhari has been a part of the North Brunswick Community contributing his talents to many activities in our community making a positive difference; and

WHEREAS, Yash's interests include assisting in the Buddy Ball Program. Boy Scout Troop 18, and assists as a volunteer at a senior citizen home in Somerset in which he helps organizing Bingo on weekends for the residents; and

WHEREAS, Yash feels very lucky to spend his entire life with his big family of fifteen that includes his grandparents, uncle, aunt and five cousin's that live right next door to him and his parents and brother; and

WHEREAS, Yash recently constructed two beautiful wood benches that have been placed at the North Brunswick Pulda Farm Garden for the use of the North Brunswick Gardening Club. The benches are beautiful and being enjoyed by all of the gardeners; and

WHEREAS, Yash is an outstanding student enrolled in five Advance Placement Classes at North Brunswick Township High School, with his favorite subject being Economics. He is interested in the field of business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, distinguished recognition to Yash Choudhari for his accomplishments and kindness to the community of North Brunswick.

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

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Lou Ann Benson

Director of Parks, Recreation & Community

Lisa Russo, Township C

October 7, 2024

Township of North Brunswick

IN RECOGNITION OF A EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

Yash Choudhari

WITH GREATFUL HEARTS OF THE

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

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Then thouse Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

October 7, 2024 Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo

Mary Hutchingon

Lou Ann Benson, Director

Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Proclamation By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, The Township of North Brunswick and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services recognizes students in our community that excel in academics, arts, athletics and community volunteer projects: and

WHEREAS, Christian Nonon was born on to Rebecca and Hairo Nonon and currently attends the North Brunswick Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Christian began playing baseball in 2018 at the age of six, where he met two of his teammates that he would continue to play with the rest of his time in Little League. Christian was able to develop the skills over the years to become the baseball player he is today because of the support and dedication of his coaches; and

WHEREAS, Christian hit his first home run in May of 2023 at the "Make A Wish Tournament". Since then Christian hit over twenty home runs, making him the home run leader of the team; and

WHEREAS, Christian was encouraged by his coaches and teammates to compete in the "King of Swat"; and

WHEREAS, Christian during the King of Swat competition in Cooperstown, he competed against ninety – five other players.; and

WHEREAS, Christian hit two home runs in the first round of the tournament competition which brought Christian to the second round, which found him hitting six Home Runs to win the "King of Swat"! For Christian, Cooperstown was by far the best experience in baseball. Traveling to Cooperstown was the culmination of his Little League experience; and

WHEREAS, Christian has much gratitude to all his coaches over the years, especially this year to Chris Carinoza, George Gonzalez, Rene Gordan and Matt Kokal;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, distinguished recognition to Christian Nonon and congratulate him on becoming the King of Swat Champion.

Francis M. Womack/III, Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

Lou Ann Benson

October 7, 2024

Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services

Township of North Brunswick Congratulates

Christian Nonon

Winner of the Home Run Derby

"King of S.W.A.T"

Cooperstown Dream Park

2024

Mary Hutchipson
Council President

You Man Senson, Director

Parks, Recreation and Community Services



From a house

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024





Proudly Presented to

Steven Wen

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

> Mary Hutchinson Council President



Proudly Presented to

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In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Francis Wensell Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

October 7, 2024





Proudly Presented to

Daniel Rivera

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

Mary Hulchins



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Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

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Mary Hulching Council President



Proudly Presented to

Virinda Popli

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

Mary Hutchinson

Council President



Proudly Presented to

Avani Gupta

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Lisa Russo

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Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

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Proudly Presented to

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In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Fronis Wheel Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

Mary Hutdhins Council President

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Proudly Presented to

Joshua Wen

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

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Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

Council President Mary Hutchinso

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Proudly Presented to

Rebecca Wen

In recognition of your volunteer spirit.

Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III

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Lisa Russo

Municipal Clerk October 7, 2024

Mary Hutghins

Council President

HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 19th Community Park

1pm-4pm

Pumpkin Decorating Trick or treating Games, Treats & MORE!

\$5 PER CHILD PRE- REGISTERD

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING
NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD BANK DONATIONS

DAY OF EVENT \$7 PER CHILD

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Submit a photo of your house (address included) to events@northbrunswicknj.gov by October 21st. The Boo Crew will come around and judge the houses and the winners will receive a special prize!

NextGen Acting

PHESENTS

ACTING AND IMPROV WORKSHOPS WITH NEPRCS*

FRIDAYS THIS FALL TAGES 7-12 3:45-4:45 PM

Students will **explore their creativity**, **build confidence**, and **have fun** making friends in our improv and acting workshops with the North Brunswick Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.!

Each week, young performers will dive into the fundamentals of acting through engaging theatre games and lively improv activities. With a focus on teamwork, expression, and having fun, students will develop skills that go beyond the stage.

At the end of the 6-week session, family and friends are invited to join us for a special showcase where our young stars will share highlights from their journey.

DATES:

NOV 1, 8, 15 AND 22 DEC 6 AND 13 \$105 per student for 6 sessions Spots are limited—sign up today! Ready, set, act!





ANY QUESTIONS KINDLY PHONE,THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AT 732 247 0922 EXT. 475.

THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

Coming to North Brunswick



Roosevelt Ave., North Brunswick

DATE & TIME: Visit any time between

MAY 23RD - MAY 26TH, 2025



AFTERNOON FOLLOWING WALL ASSEMBLY IN THE MORNING



CULMINATING TOWNSHIP CEREMONY, STARTS AT 11:00AM
THE WALL WILL COME DOWN AT 2:00PM



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

Coming to North Brunswick

September 12, 2024

Dear Community Member,

The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to North Brunswick Township and will be located at Veterans Park. The arrival will take place Friday, May 23rd and stationed on site through Monday, May 26, 2025 until 2:00pm.

We are seeking local businesses and organizations to help make this event special for our community residents and visitors. Your involvement and support will help to highlight the importance of recognizing Veterans and show our appreciation.

It is my hope you might be interested to assist with a donation to offset the cost of this event. Donations may be mailed to:

North Brunswick Senior Center

15 Linwood Place

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Attention: Lou Ann Benson

Please take a moment to join our effort in showing respect, acknowledgement, and support to our Veterans.

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Lou Ann Benson

Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

FLU SHOT/VACCINE CLINICS



North Brunswick Senior Center

15 Linwood Place

You can call 732-418-2222 with any questions.

Milltown Pharmacy

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Please note the following:

1. High Dose Flu Shots

- Pfizer and Moderna 2024-2025 booster shots.
- 3. Shingles and RSV vaccines.
- 4. We bill Medicare and other sommercial plans, therefore, patients will not have any out of pocket costs (vaccines are covered with zero copay, even if they have a deductible on their plans).

Middlesex County Office of Health Service

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Please note the following:

- 1. There is no cost for the flu shot.
- 2. We will be offering the Quadri-valent flu shot; we will not be offering Prevnar 13
- 3. We will not have the Pneumovax vaccine.
- 4. We will bill Medicare when applicable; please bring Medicare card.
- 5. Vaccine is for 6months and older.
- 6. We will not have the "Senior" flu vaccine.
- 7. All must obtain consent for each person (not one per family) on-line at: Dispense Assist (middlesex.nj.us)





With the North Brunswick PBA & North Brunswick Police Department



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

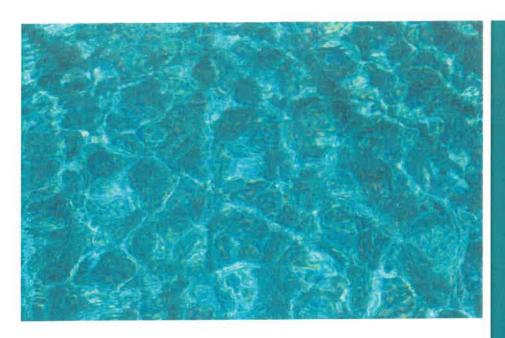
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NORTH BRUNSWICK SENIOR CENTER

15 LINWOOD PLACE

NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ





SENIOR AQUACISE PROGRAM

Join your fitness friends at the Pool and participate in a unique Senior Aquacise experience! The program will be led by fitness instructors to keep you moving!

Township of North Brunswick

Department of Parks, Recreation, & Community Services

Classes begin Tuesday, October 1st (no class on Oct 3rd)

> Tuesdays Thursdays

2:45 pm-3:45 pm

Classes end Tuesday, October 29th

Register at the Senior Center 15 Linwood Place \$20.00/annual pass 732-418-2222

CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL POOL

> 98 Raider Road North Brunswick, NJ

"Canvas Pumpkin Painting"

October 23, 2024 at 2pm Location: 15 Linwood Place North Brunswick, NJ

all season together with pastries and light Share your creativity as we embrace the beautifully painted pumpkins on canvas. Join us this spooky season to create refreshments,

Open to all skills level. Space is limited, register today. Overtions call 732-646-4044

