

North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

January/February 2021



North Brentwood: The oldest Black incorporated municipality in Prince George's County



Augustine Coalition Closer to Peace Cross Goal



Senator Malcolm Augustine – along with the American Legion, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), and Capital Budget Chair Senator Doug Peters – requested a \$320,000 grant be included in Governor Hogan's 2021 capital budget, to help restore the Bladensburg World

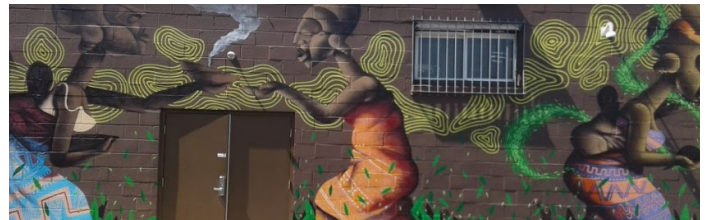
War I Memorial. The memorial, also known as the Peace Cross, is located at 4500 Annapolis Road.

We are grateful the Governor included the project again this year. In 2020, Sen. Augustine, and House sponsors Fennell and Ivey, led a \$160,000 legislative bond initiative awarded to the M-NCPPC, which matched that bond bringing the current funding total to \$640,000. The Maryland National Park and Planning Foundation plans to raise the last \$360,000, of the \$1 million goal, by soliciting donations for commemorative bricks to be laid at the memorial.

Mayor Petrella Robinson, Town of North Brentwood
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Believe in your infinite potential!

Museum Gets \$500,000 for Expansion



Working with Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center board members, Senators Augustine and Peters, and Budget Secretary Brinkley, requested state funds to expand North Brentwood's museum at 4519 Rhode Island Avenue. The Governor's capital budget allocates \$500,000 for the expansion.

County COVID-19 Numbers as of Feb 1, 2021:

- PG County – 68,490 confirmed cases/458,686 tested
- Zip code 20722 – 647 confirmed cases
- State – 357,483 confirmed cases/7,066,871 tested
- State deaths – 7,043

Please continue adhering to COVID safety measures.

Wash your hands frequently, wear masks and use hand sanitizer. If you receive a contact tracer's call, answer it; doing so will help save your life and others' lives.

Call 311, or go to the county website
covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov, to
pre-register for vaccination appointments.

Town of North Brentwood
P.O. Box 196, 4009 Wallace Road
North Brentwood, Maryland 20722

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm
Office 301.699.9699 Fax 301.699.1824
Community Channels: Comcast 71, Verizon 1983

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021

Introduced by: Councilmember Wiley

Seconded by: Councilmember Baynes

Date of Introduction & Adoption: February 1, 2021

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the Council of the Town Of North Brentwood amending section 810 (lapse of appropriations), of the Charter of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland thereby authorizing the creation of a reserve or reserve funds to be made available for unanticipated or extraordinary expenses that may be incurred, or for any other specific intended purpose as authorized by state statute or ordinance; and authorizing the Council to appropriate funds from any reserve established for unanticipated, emergency or extraordinary expenses provided in the budget or other ordinance to meet extraordinary or unanticipated expenditures; and providing that reserve funds shall not lapse at the end of the budget year but shall remain available until appropriated and expended; and generally relating to municipal budgeting and finance.

Public hearing February 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm during Town meeting

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

Introduced by: Councilmember Baynes

Seconded by: Councilmember Dame

Date of Introduction: 2-1-2021

An ordinance adopting and enacting Chapter 152 "Civil Emergencies," of *The Code of The Town of North Brentwood*, as amended, as a regular ordinance, by adopting and inserting said Chapter; providing for the authority and powers of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood for the issuance of proclamations and orders in response to civil emergencies and to enact certain criminal penalties for violating such orders and generally relating to civil emergencies.

Recognition to Our Elected Officials

We are living in troubled times: fighting COVID-19 and economic uncertainty, and there was the struggle to maintain our democracy. Thank God, our democracy remains intact. During this difficult period, our Town Mayor and Council worked diligently to help residents through it all. During the onset of the pandemic, they worked to ensure residents had masks, sanitizers and the information they need to survive. And throughout, they have sponsored or hosted a vast number of food distribution efforts.

Since February is Black History Month, what could be more appropriate than to feature our elected officials? On this page, and pages that follow, are brief bios, so constituents may learn a bit more about those serving our Town.

Mayor Petrella Robinson



Mayor Robinson was raised in North Brentwood, the first incorporated municipality in Prince George's County Maryland. Petrella Robinson went to school in Prince George's County and graduated in

1968. She then took accounting courses at University of Maryland, College Park.

In 1969, Petrella married Leon Robinson (deceased 2013), with whom she had five children (one deceased). They relocated to Washington, DC, and later to Oxon Hill, before moving back to North Brentwood to raise their family.

Mayor Robinson became active in North Brentwood in 1977. She has worn many hats working in the community: Councilperson, Clerk, and President of the North Brentwood Recreation Council. In 2007, she was elected Mayor.

For decades, Mayor Robinson has worked diligently to bring North Brentwood's history and auspices to the eyes of county and state government. In addition to her elected post, she's an active member of North Brentwood Citizens Association, North Brentwood Historical Society, and Maryland Black Mayors. Mayor Robinson is also a board member of Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, and Prince George's County Municipal Association.

In 2021, she wants to see the completion of Sis's Tavern and the Outdoor Pavilion on 41st Avenue.

Mayor Robinson is glad to see North Brentwood's development as a sustainable community and is pleased to see diversity and growth in the Town. She feels North Brentwood is the best community in which to live in northern Prince George's County.

Councilman Aaron Baynes

Aaron Baynes, Ward II Councilman, was born in Washington DC, where he attended McKinley High



School. His formal education also included two years at Bowie State College, and completion of an apprenticeship program where he learned masonry, setting tiles and stones as a union worker. Upon becoming a

journeyman tile setter, Aaron moved his wife and daughter to North Brentwood in 1993.

In 2005, Aaron decided he wanted to be his own boss, so he started a handyman business that he operated until his recent retirement. Aaron was elected a Town Councilman in 2007 and serves as Vice-Mayor, if the Mayor is absent.

Councilman Baynes is fond of North Brentwood, which is evident at Town meetings. He is known for always being encouraging during this very difficult time.

Biographies of Town Officials continue on page 4

Councilman Charles Wiley



Charles Wiley has been a Town of North Brentwood resident since 2012, and was first elected to the Town Council in 2016. He's a native Washingtonian and has lived in Maryland for more than 30

years, primarily in PG County. A proud graduate of DeMatha Catholic High School (in 1995), he was part of its first student government, as well as a stellar athlete in track and field, basketball and football. He returned to coach football at DeMatha for 19 years.

Councilman Wiley has three beautiful daughters, ages 16, 15 and 3; he married his wife Erin in 2010. Professionally, he works with autistic children and is pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from University of Maryland Global Campus (aka UMUC).

Councilman Evan Dame



Councilmember Evan Dame is a fourth-generation North Brentwoodian; his ancestry is deeply rooted within our historic community. Evan is proud to be the great-grandson of the late Squire Garland,

America's First Negro Justice of the Peace (whose portrait is on permanent display at Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center).

Since 2017, Mr. Dame has served on the North Brentwood Town Council, and was recently re-elected to his second term. During his tenure, he has: aided in our obtaining one of the highest Census Response rates in the area, worked successfully to increase civic engagement among new residents, and increased the Town's visibility and social media outreach.

Evan has served on several committees including the Maryland Municipal League's Engagement and Outreach Committee, The Prince George's County Municipal Association's Communications Committee,

the North Brentwood Citizen's Association, Prince George's County's Complete Count Committee, and the Green Team Environmental Initiative.

Additionally, he has been a patient advocate for the National Kidney Foundation and George Washington University Hospital, to help educate hard-to-reach communities about kidney disease, a topic he is passionate about as a survivor of kidney failure.

His ultimate goal is to see North Brentwood become an example of diversity and preservation, by appreciating the Town's changing demographics, and working to ensure its rich history is well preserved. Whether you consider his family's multi-generational Town presence, or his decision to carry his great-grandfather's mantle of leadership, Councilmember Dame is as much North Brentwood as North Brentwood is him.

NBCA Annual Membership Drive

Each year, the North Brentwood Citizen Association holds an annual membership drive, asking citizens to give \$15 per household. Make checks payable to North Brentwood Citizens Association. Mail to PO Box 355, North Brentwood, Maryland 20722. NBCA needs your support to keep hosting all of the Town's special events. Do you enjoy the Halloween festivities each year? That is what they do: develop activities that are fun for adults and kids. Send your check today!

COVID-19
VACCINE UPDATE

**ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN
10 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR
COVID-19 VACCINATION
APPOINTMENT.**

Proud to be PROTECTED Prince Georges *Proud* HEALTH DEPARTMENT Prince George's County

Black History Month: Who is Elijah J. McCoy?

Elijah McCoy created more than 50 patents. He was born March 2, 1844 in Colchester, Ontario; his parents were slaves who escaped via the underground railroad in 1837.

As a child, McCoy was an exceptional student. His parents saved enough money to send him to engineering school; but, they could not find a school accepting African-American students. Finally, they found a school in Scotland. After graduation, McCoy came home a certified mechanical engineer. Despite his qualifications, no one would hire a Black engineer.

Therefore, he became a fireman for the Central Michigan Railroad. Part of his job was to walk along the tracks, lubricating moving parts of the steam train to keep it from catching fire. But, the process made travel slow because the train had to shut down for lubrication. This gave McCoy an idea. In 1872, he patented his first invention: an automatic lubricating device, which revolutionized the industry. Soon, others started inventing similar, but inferior, knockoffs of the device that were prone to failure. To avoid those inferior copies, railroad companies started asking if the device was fitted with the real McCoy system. That is how the idiom “The Real McCoy” came into use.



Congratulations to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris for winning the US election! Kamala Harris made history by becoming the first African-American, Asian female to hold this position.

Town Residents Get Food Debit Cards

To help combat food insecurity, North Brentwood has made \$25 Aldi debit food cards available to residents. The initial card distribution occurred by drive-thru at the Town Office parking lot on December 28. If you are a resident and have not received a debit card, call 301.699.9699.

Town Notification System

During the Dec 28 food card event, each resident was asked to answer “yes or no” about opting in for the Town’s new notification system. “Yes” means agreeing to receive text or email notices about upcoming events. By law, permission is required to receive non-emergency alerts. **To opt-in, text “Join NorthBrentwood” to 30890.**

Grab ‘N’ Go Food Distribution

Seniors (60 +) drive thru Grab and Go at Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center, 4009 Wallace Road, February 10 and February 24 from noon to 2pm.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, February 27, 2021
10:00AM - 12:00PM

The Maryland 4th & 5th Congressional Districts
Black History Month Planning Committee

In conjunction with
The Black History Promotion & Education Committee

Virtual
40th Annual
Black History Month Celebration
Celebrating the Black Family: Representation,
Identity, and Diversity

With Special Guests
Vice President Kamala D. Harris
Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05)
Congressman Anthony G. Brown (MD-04)

Look for special videos on the community channel during Black History Month. More details to follow....

Joseph M. Parker Sr. – *Posthumous Recognition of a North Brentwood Hero*

Mr. Parker, affectionately known as “Joe,” transitioned on December 26, 2020 at 86 years of age. He was a devoted administrator, Human Relations Commission



Chairman and an anti-poverty program leader. The joy of his career, and personal life (aside from family), was the time he spent with the students and residents of North Brentwood.

Joe spent 37 years as an educator for Prince George’s County Public Schools, teaching fifth and sixth graders at North Brentwood Elementary; it was a Rosenwald school, located at the site of the tennis courts on Wallace Road.

As a Title I school, a federal program, funded by the Kennedy Foundation, was established under his leadership. The program, which was called Operation REACH (Raising the Education Achievement of Child and Home), was instrumental in child-development in the late 1950s. It was a place where teachers made themselves available to the Black children of North Brentwood, and surrounding areas, to broaden the development of their young minds.

Mr. Parker *was* Operation REACH. He reached out to the community, especially parents. Joe ensured the children were provided with after-school meals and tutoring, as well as GED classes for any working adult living in North Brentwood and dental care to any participant in need. He also exposed the kids to the fine arts and cultural experiences.

Many of the students during that era will always remember Mr. Parker and his family. Joe was (is) a light that will always shine. He was a respected man of great honor who loved North Brentwood. Joe will surely be missed by many.

When God Created Teachers like Joseph M. Parker Sr.

He gave us special friends, to help us understand the world. And truly comprehend, the beauty and the wonder of everything we see and become a better person with each discovery.

When God Created Teachers like Joseph M. Parker Sr.

He gave us special guides, to show us ways in which we grow. We can all decide how to live and how to do what’s right instead of wrong. To lead us, so that we can lead and learn how to be strong.

Why God Created Teachers like Joseph M. Parker Sr.

In his wisdom and his grace, was to help us learn to make our world a better, wiser place.

Thanks for everything, Mr. Joseph M. Parker Sr.

Church Services

Most are held virtually

◇ First Baptist Church of North Brentwood

4000 Wallace Road / 301.277.4742

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Duane T. Kay

Virtual Service: 9 am Sunday

Facebook Live: First Baptist Church of North

Brentwood, MD / YouTube Live: FBCNB Church

Teleconference: 712.770.5505, code 54327#

Church School: call 272-4742 for registration

◇ AME Zion Church

4037 Webster Street / 301.927.7698

Rev. Samuel Whittaker

Sunday School: Live Facebook service 10 am

◇ St James Pentecostal Church

3925 Allison Street / 301.277.4376

Rev. Carolyn Dildy

Sunday Service: 11:30 am

Our condolences to Mr. Virgin Williams’ family on Webster Street. We also mourn former resident Roscoe Sharps; he transitioned December 3, 2020.

Town of North Brentwood: Snow and Ice Procedures

When Prince George's County Schools are closed the Town office will also be closed.

Standard Snow Removal

When there's a forecast of snow, sleet or ice accumulation, it's necessary to treat streets before icing begins: the Town has contracted with Smallwood Ground Maintenance for salting and snow removal. Councilman Baynes is the contact person for any concerns.

Resident are responsible for clearing snow (from their sidewalks and in front of their homes) within 24 hours after the snow falling ceases.

Parking

During the Snow Emergency, the Mayor and Council require all citizens with driveways to park their vehicles in their driveways. This helps the contractor to clear the street properly. If you do not have a driveway, please adhere to the parking area notice and park on the correct side (odd or even) of each street. *Please park right wheels to the curve.*

We know there may be concerns about blocking driveways with snow, when the snow plow comes through; but, we must keep our streets clear. If you are able to help seniors and your other neighbors, please do. Any cars stuck in the middle of the street, or parked illegally during this time, will be ticketed and towed away at the owner's expense.

Help us to help you. It's imperative that all residents adhere to the inclement weather rules, for safety reasons and fairness to your fellow neighbors. North Brentwood is small; to make sure the Mayor and Council can give you the best, we need our residents to obey the rules.

<i>STREET NAME</i>	<i>PARKING SIDE (ODD OR EVEN)</i>
ALLISON STREET	ODD
BANNER STREET	ODD
WALLACE ROAD (3900 BLOCK)	EVEN
WALLACE ROAD (4000 – 4100 BLOCK)	ODD
WEBSTER STREET	ODD
WINDOM ROAD	ODD
39 TH PLACE	EVEN
40 TH STREET	BOTH
41 ST AVENUE	ODD
CHURCH STREET	NO PARKING
CHURCH PARKING LOTS	NO PARKING

Academia de liderazgo STEM de Exelon

Domingo 1 de agosto a viernes 6 de agosto
Universidad de Maryland en College Park

¿Interesado en ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería o matemáticas?
¿Quiere explorar la sostenibilidad, la energía y el cambio climático?

- Obtenga más información y presente su solicitud, vaya a www.Exelonstemacademy.org.
- Todas las solicitudes se deben Domingo 25 de abril.
- Orientación en Baltimore y Washington D.C. para todos los participantes aceptados. Fechas por confirmar
- Comuníquese con Rebecca Lamb en rlamb@need.org si tiene alguna pregunta.

¡Ven a participar en un programa gratuito diseñado para mujeres jóvenes interesadas en STEM!

La Academia de Liderazgo STEM de Exelon es un programa de liderazgo residencial de una semana de duración en la Universidad de Maryland donde las mujeres jóvenes aprenden sobre la industria de la energía de maneras divertidas e interactivas, que incluyen excursiones, actividades prácticas y discusiones en grupos pequeños con mujeres líderes de toda la región, capacitación en desarrollo de liderazgo y un desafío energético con grandes premios para proyectos ganadores. Cada participante recibirá un iPad para usar en las actividades de la Academia y para llevar a casa al final de la semana.

"Disfruté conocer a otras chicas interesadas en STEM y liderazgo. Realmente me sentí como en casa y todos fueron simplemente increíbles."

"Me encantó esto y estoy muy agradecido de haber tenido esta oportunidad de conocer gente tan maravillosa y poderosa."

¿Quién debería postularse?
Mujeres jóvenes actualmente en décimo o undécimo grado.

Estamos monitoreando de cerca la situación de salud pública de Covid-19. La Academia 2021 se está planificando como un evento en persona en el campus, pero puede convertirse en un evento virtual según las recomendaciones y requisitos de salud locales.

STEM

innovation + leadership academy

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Exelon STEM Leadership Academy

Sunday, August 1st to Friday, August 6th
University of Maryland at College Park

Interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math?
Want to explore sustainability, energy, and climate change?

▪ Learn more and apply, go to www.Exelonstemacademy.org.

▪ All applications are due by Sunday, April 25th.

▪ Orientation in Baltimore and Washington D.C. for all accepted participants. Dates TBA

Please contact Rebecca Lamb at rlamb@need.org with any questions.

Come participate in a free program designed for young women interested in STEM!

The Exelon STEM Leadership Academy is a week-long, residential leadership program at University of Maryland where young women learn about the energy industry in fun and interactive ways, including field trips, hands on activities, small group discussions with women leaders from across the region, leadership development training, and an energy challenge with some great prizes for winning projects! Each participant will receive an iPad to use for Academy activities and to take home at the end of the week.

"I enjoyed meeting other girls that are interested in STEM and leadership. I really felt at home and everyone was just amazing."

"I loved this and I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity to meet such wonderful and powerful people."

Who should apply?
Young women currently in 10th or 11th grade.

We are closely monitoring the Covid-19 public health situation. The 2021 Academy is being planned as an in person, on campus event but may be converted to a virtual event based on local health recommendations and requirements.

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Clínica de eliminación de antecedentes penales

co-presentada por Delegada Wanika Fisher

Febrero 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tienes antecedentes penales en Maryland que le sirvan como barrera para obtener un trabajo o una vivienda? Los abogados estarán disponibles para ayudar a eliminar los delitos elegibles de su registro.



El link para registrarse es el siguiente:
bit.ly/FebExpungement

*las formas se cerrarán el jueves, Febrero 18, 2021



Info@clspgc.org



Free Expungement Clinic

Co-hosted by Delegate Wanika Fisher

February 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Do you have a Maryland criminal record that serves as a barrier to obtaining a job or housing? Attorneys will be available to help remove eligible offenses from your record.



Registration is required using the following link:
bit.ly/FebExpungement

Registration closes on Thursday, February 18, 2021



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Town of North Brentwood

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Town Directory

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301.699.9699

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Charles Wiley Ext. 1222
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Carl Jones Ext. 1221

Town Manager
Jacqueline Goodall Ext. 1226

Treasurer
Shelley Dorsey Ext. 1224

Code Enforcement
Martha Cuffie Ext. 1223

Maintenance
Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police
Non-Emergency
301.333.4000
Emergency 911

Park Police
Non-Emergency
301.459.9088
Emergency 301.459.3232

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town meetings:

- Tuesday, February 16
- Monday, March 1
- Monday, March 15

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 433 091 3800 Passcode: 4009 – 13017158592

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Join and share your ideas and concerns, and learn what's going on in North Brentwood and surrounding municipalities. We look forward to hearing from you!

Produce for Seniors: Unavailable until further notice due to COVID-19. Please check the community channel and Facebook for updates.

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Next meeting will be March 8 @ 6:30 pm. The dial-in number is 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Next meeting unknown. Check website for updated information.

SHARE Program:

- February orders due February 8; distribution February 19 & 20.
- March orders due March 15; distribution March 26 & 27.

For information, contact Share/Deborah Curry @ 301.864.3115.

We're on the Web:

www.NorthBrentwood.com



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

