



August 2024

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

North Brentwood Centennial Year

Mayor's Message

Hello Residents,

Here we are, at the last few months of the Town's 100th Anniversary: the events have been meaningful, beautiful and very well attended.

I want to personally thank the planning committee for their diligence and commitment to the 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Congratulations to our winners of the "WE ENDURE" awards, presented at the Dinner: NBCA President Tiffany Jones and NBHS President Diane Braddock.

The North Brentwood Day parade was grand; they even got me on a Harley Davidson! The park was crowded and there was great food, entertainment and prizes. Thanks to all who made it possible, and especially residents who complied with the parking restrictions. You are awesome!

Most recently, a new sculpture replaced the infamous Windom Road Barrier. It is very impactful. To find out more about this project, go to: [msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/segregation-walls-sundown-towns-windom-road-rcna160093](https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/segregation-walls-sundown-towns-windom-road-rcna160093).

The council and I will be working on Phase III of the Windom Road Barrier Project, which includes signage

to help tell the story. Go visit, I think you'll be moved and impressed.

I'm also hopeful that you've seen the Pavilion at Mural Park, next to Sis's Tavern. There will be more work done at the site and to that area; along with Sis's, the Pavilion will be available for rent.

As well, Entrepreneurial Park is an upcoming venue on Rhode Island Avenue, to honor the Town's Black business owners. Keep your eye on developments.

During the municipal office's summer recess, we hired new public works official Anthony Avents. We also have a new Town Clerk, Patricia Page. And, our Town Manager, Jacqueline Goodall, is now at the municipal office full-time. We're making progress.

Now, come and join us for Town meetings which will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2024, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. We need you!



REMEMBER:

"Never Doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Mead

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From Delegate Diana Fennell

Gen. Assembly House Member District 47-A

Unity in the Community

'Unity in the Community' was the order of the day, and truly set the tone, as Brentwood and North Brentwood residents (arm-in-arm, with myself and others) attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Windom Road Historic Barrier Park. Nestled in the heart of District 47-A, the Park, and its symbolic nature, represents the coming together of the towns of North Brentwood and Brentwood—after 67 years of segregation, —at the street-wide metal structure, in the middle of Windom Road, that unfortunately served one purpose.

Over the many decades since its installation, frustrations from both communities (coupled with a growing desire to rid the towns of this dark relic) finally led to its demise.

Now, in its place, stands a rich new symbol of the power of community! Hats off to all who played a vital role: not just 'turning the page,' but ripping it completely from the book of our District's history! United we stand, united for all!



Happy 100th Birthday, North Brentwood! May God bless you with a hundred more and beyond!



From left: DeJanee Fennell, Greta Sandino, Del Diana Fennell, Mayor Robinson, Delegate Julian Ivey, PGCPs Rep – Pamela Boozer-Struthers

National Harbor

Curfew is Working

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks implemented a juvenile curfew at National Harbor, by Executive Order, effective April 26 — banning unsupervised kids 16 and under on weekends, from 5 pm to 6 am.



"It's been progress, and we haven't really had any issues," said Krystle Earl, the bar manager at Public House. Earl is happy a new law was passed by the council allowing any owner in PG county to request their own zone, if needed, to prevent violence and other youth crimes. She said things have changed for the better since the curfew began. "It's been progress, and we haven't really had any issues."

The youth curfew followed discussions with county police, community partners and businesses, in response to large groups of minors engaging in disorderly conduct, shoplifting, and vandalism. National Harbor businesses have suffered damages, and residents and visitors have been negatively impacted. Ever since the curfew took effect, other county residents report they're excited for what's to come; leaders hope it will deter youth crime.

Sources: wijla.com, princegeorgescountymd.gov



North Brentwood's 100-Year Celebration

It was indeed a pleasure to walk in the North Brentwood Day parade, for this year's Centennial Celebration of the historically-significant town of North Brentwood: the first African-American establishment in Prince George's County!

At the June 8, 2024 100th Anniversary Gala dinner, elected officials, presenters, and attendees from all corners of the county, celebrated with Mayor Petrella Robinson, and the wonderful citizens of North Brentwood, making this gathering truly one for the ages!

PGCPS Starter Kit Essentials

The 2024-2025 school year kicks off soon! Get the details here, in our 2024 Prince George's County Public Schools Back-to-School Guide!



Supplies

Clear backpacks are required for 9-12th graders and students in non-traditional programs (North, South and Middle). Each student may carry a small, non-clear pouch in their backpack for personal items, e.g., cellphones, money and hygiene products. The clear backpack policy for middle school (6-8th grades) is set school-by-school.

For **school-specific supplies info**, visit your school's website for a list. Find your school website at pgcps.org/schools. View general PGCPs supplies lists: pgcps.org/.../back.../basic-school-supplies-list.

Enrollment

To find your neighborhood school, please visit the PGCPs School Finder: gis.pgcps.org/schoolfinder/findschool2.asp. Online registration is available through ParentVUE! The PGCPs ParentVUE site is pgcps.org/offices/information-technology/technology-training-and-instructional-technology/parentvue-support-for-parents-and-guardians.

Create a ParentVUE! account to register a new or returning student in PGCPs, and for in-county transfers. Note: Do not attempt to create your ParentVUE account from a mobile phone browser; this will cause errors. The ParentVUE! app will be available for download by August 12. If you do not have access to the internet or an electronic device, visit your child's school to complete the online registration process: pgcps.org/schools.

No Shots No School

For the health and safety of all, please ensure your PGCPs student is current on all vaccines required by the state, before the beginning of this school year! PG's County Health

Department offers immunization clinics to support underinsured or uninsured students and families. Appointments are required; go to princegeorgescountymd.gov/.../vaccines... View immunization FAQs at pgcps.org/.../school-health/immunizations/faqs.

Did you know: state residents can download and print their official immunization records through Maryland MyIR (My Immunization Record), a free consumer access portal? For other health forms (e.g., blank immunization forms), go to: pgcps.org/.../health-forms-for-parents-and...

Bus Routes

To secure school bus transportation for the start of the 2024-25 school year, your student must be registered for school by August 7. Bus schedules will be viewable in PGCPs ParentVUE! beginning August 12. Postcards with bus assignments will be mailed to families, with registered students, the week of August 19. To opt out/in for bus transportation, contact your school registrar.

Need help? Go to the Transportation Resolution System at apps.pgcps.org/pls/apex/f?p=358:1:...... For Transportation FAQs, go to pgcps.org/.../tran.../frequently-asked-questions. To view info about 2024-25 school year bus transportation improvements, to get students to and from school safely and on time, go to pgcps.org/bus.

Best tip! Download the school bus app, StopFinder, from the Apple Store or Google Play. More info: stopfinder.com/faq.

Important Dates

- Fri, August 23: Student Orientation Day for new and transitioning students
- Mon, August 26: First Day of School for all students
- Mon, September 2: Schools/offices close for Labor Day
- VIEW CALENDAR: go.activecalendar.com/pgcps/

Keep Waste Bins Clean During Summer

Summertime heat can produce unpleasant odors, and attract bugs, in trash, recycling and compost bins. There are, however, effective ways to minimize and manage these smells.

Preventive Measures

- **Use Bin Liners:** Line bins with sturdy trash bags to prevent waste from directly touching bin surfaces.
- **Double Bagging:** Double-bag particularly odorous items such as food scraps, raw meat or diapers.
- **Seal Food Waste:** Wrap food scraps in newspaper or place in a sealed container before placing in bin.

Cleaning Tips

- **Regular Cleaning:** Clean your bins regularly with soap and water. You can use a long-handled brush to scrub the interior.
- **Disinfectant:** Use a spray, or a solution of bleach and water, to kill bacteria and neutralize odors.
- **Dry the Bin after Cleaning:** Let a bin dry completely before using it, to prevent mold/mildew.

Odor Neutralizers

- **Baking Soda:** Sprinkle baking soda at the bottom of the bin to absorb odors.
- **Charcoal:** Put a few charcoal briquettes in the bin.
- **Cat Litter:** A layer of cat litter at the bottom of the bin can help absorb moisture and odors.
- **Vinegar:** Place a small container of white vinegar inside the bin to neutralize odors.

Proper Waste Management

- **Composting:** Compost organic waste instead of throwing it in the trash, to reduce odor-causing decomposition in your bins.
- **Frequent Disposal:** Empty your bins regularly to prevent waste from sitting and decomposing.
- **Separate Waste:** Divide recyclables, compostables and general waste, to reduce the amount of organic material decomposing in your bins.

Placement and Maintenance

- **Shaded Area:** Keep bins in the shade to reduce heat, which can accelerate decomposition/odors.
- **Close Lids Properly:** Ensure the bin lids are tightly closed to contain smells and keep pests out.
- **Bin Deodorizers:** Use commercial bin deodorizers or odor-control products designed for waste bins.

These strategies can significantly reduce unpleasant odors from your waste collection bins and maintain a cleaner, more pleasant environment.

Source: PG County DPIE

Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

Be Proud of North Brentwood!

This month, just a few notes...



- 1) The Town supplies each resident with one Recycle Bin. Please return any extras to the Town Hall.
- 2) Please respect our STOP SIGNS and stop!
- 3) Keep lawns manicured each summer; sidewalks and streets should also be cleared of grass cuttings.
- 4) Please do not put trash out early; set trash by the curb the night before pickup. BULK PICKUP (TUESDAYS ONLY). RECYCLE TRASH (FRIDAYS ONLY).
- 5) Before doing work to your home, make sure you have Town permits.

Peace and Good Order

Town Noise Ordinance: Chapter 208-1 states loud music needs to be turned down low at 10 pm. Please respect your neighbors and the Town. If loud music persists, call police non emergency: 301.352.1200.

Not All Plastics are Recyclable in PG County!

Only dry plastic containers, with resin identification numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7, may be placed (loose) into recycling bins. **Numbers 4 and 6** must be placed in the trash. For more info: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/waste-recycling/waste-toolkit/recycling-tips/plastic-number-recycling#.

Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week

State will Suspend 6% Sales Tax on Qualifying Items under \$100 from August 11 – 17, 2024

Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced the return of Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week Sunday, August 11 through Saturday, August 17.

During Shop Tax-Free Week, shoppers will not pay the 6% state sales tax on clothing and shoes under \$100, or the first \$40 of backpack sales — regardless of the number of items

purchased. The annual sales tax holiday coincides with the time many Maryland families shop for items ahead of the new school year.

“Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week is a great time for shoppers to save money on essential items and help their budgets stretch further, especially as we continue to grapple with rising prices and consumers feel like they are paying more for less,” Comptroller Brooke Lierman said. My hope is that this temporary relief helps boost customer traffic and sales for our local businesses and purchasing power for shoppers in Maryland.”

Adds Cailey Locklair, President of Maryland Retailers Alliance: “Maryland retailers are the backbone of our state’s economy. Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week is an opportunity for shoppers from Maryland and beyond to save money and support their community by checking out their nearest retailers, as well as restaurants, entertainment venues, and other local businesses with the money they save.”

For online purchases, items qualify for the sales tax exemption when paid for and delivery is chosen, or if paid for and accepted for immediate shipment during the tax-free period.



NBCA Secured Freebies for Students

North Brentwood Citizens Association worked closely, with the local Five Below store at PG Plaza/Hyattsville, to furnish necessary supplies to prepare students for the upcoming school year. Wireless headphones, wireless mice and bookbags were handed out on August 6th, at North Brentwood’s National Night Out/Back to School event at NBCC. See more event photos on page six.



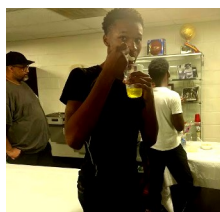
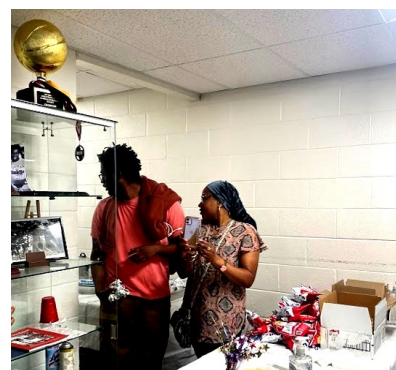


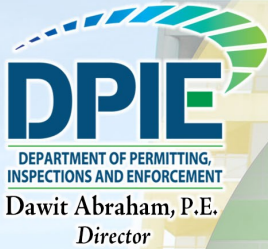
National Night Out 2024

We want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out. Your presence and enthusiasm made the event a huge success!

We hope you enjoyed the performance by the talented Pan Masters Steel Orchestra, from our Town of North Brentwood!

A special thank you to our dedicated committee staff, and to community partners for their hard work and support. Your efforts truly helped strengthen our community bonds and promote safety and awareness. Let's continue to foster a safe, united and supportive neighborhood.





Dawit Abraham, P.E.
Director



THIRD-THURSDAY COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

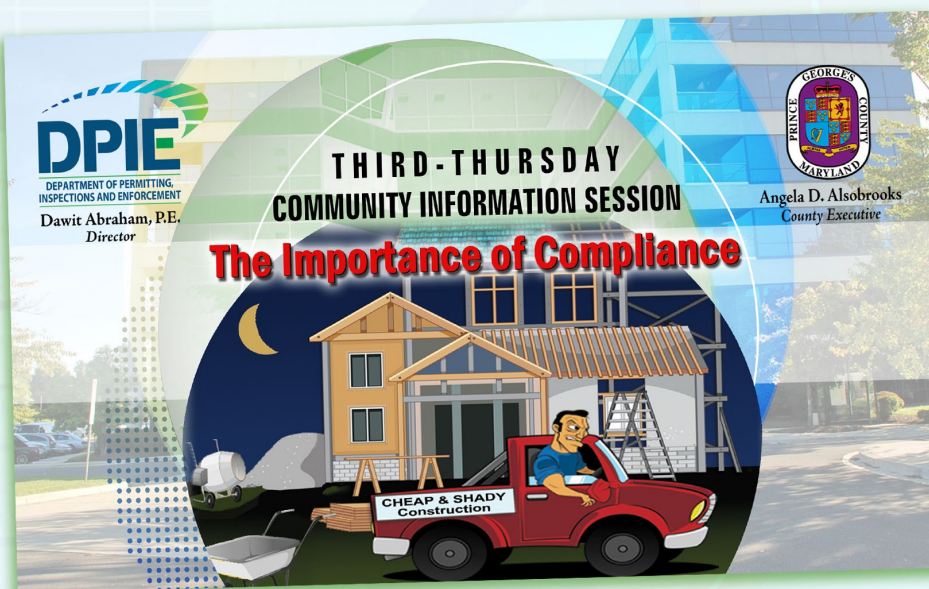
The Importance of Compliance

Curious about why you need a permit and inspection before building a deck? Think it's unfair for the County to fine you for a junky yard? Join us for a seminar about the importance of following Code requirements in everything from construction to property maintenance, and more.

What: THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLIANCE Zoom Seminar

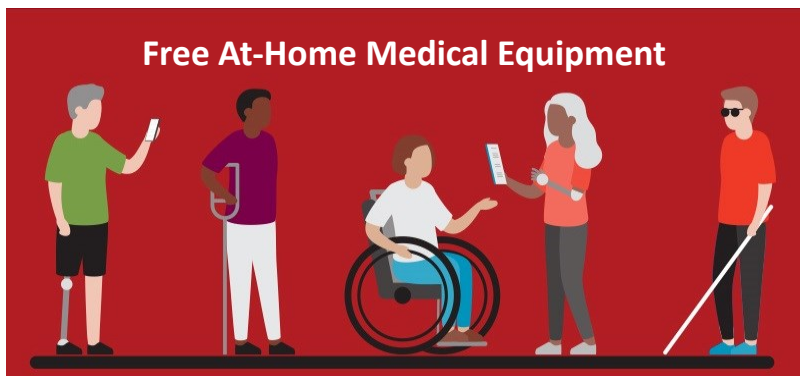
When: Thursday, August 15, 2024, 11 a.m.–12 noon

The DPIE team will explain the various Codes that regulate construction, property maintenance, and other issues; the permitting and inspection process; and share information to help you comply with requirements.



Click here to register:
<https://bit.ly/3WTfObt>
for the seminar
and Q&A.

Send questions in
advance to
[DPIEPIO@](mailto:DPIEPIO@co.pg.md.us)
co.pg.md.us.



The Maryland Department of Aging provides FREE durable medical equipment (DME) to state residents with any illness, injury, or disability, regardless of age, at no cost. All equipment is collected via donation and is sanitized, repaired, and redistributed to Marylanders in need.

DME available through the Department of Aging includes:

- Canes, Crutches, Walkers, and Rollators
- Shower Chairs and Tub Transfer Benches
- Bedrails, Bedside Commodes and Toilet Safety Rails

How do you request DME to use? Complete the Basic DME application at aging.maryland.gov/Pages/DMEBasic.aspx.

You'll also find an explanation of the application process, and answers to frequently asked questions, on this site.

Note: If you need more significant equipment, use a Complex DME form at: aging.maryland.gov/Pages/DMEComplex.aspx.

What is complex DME? Examples include:

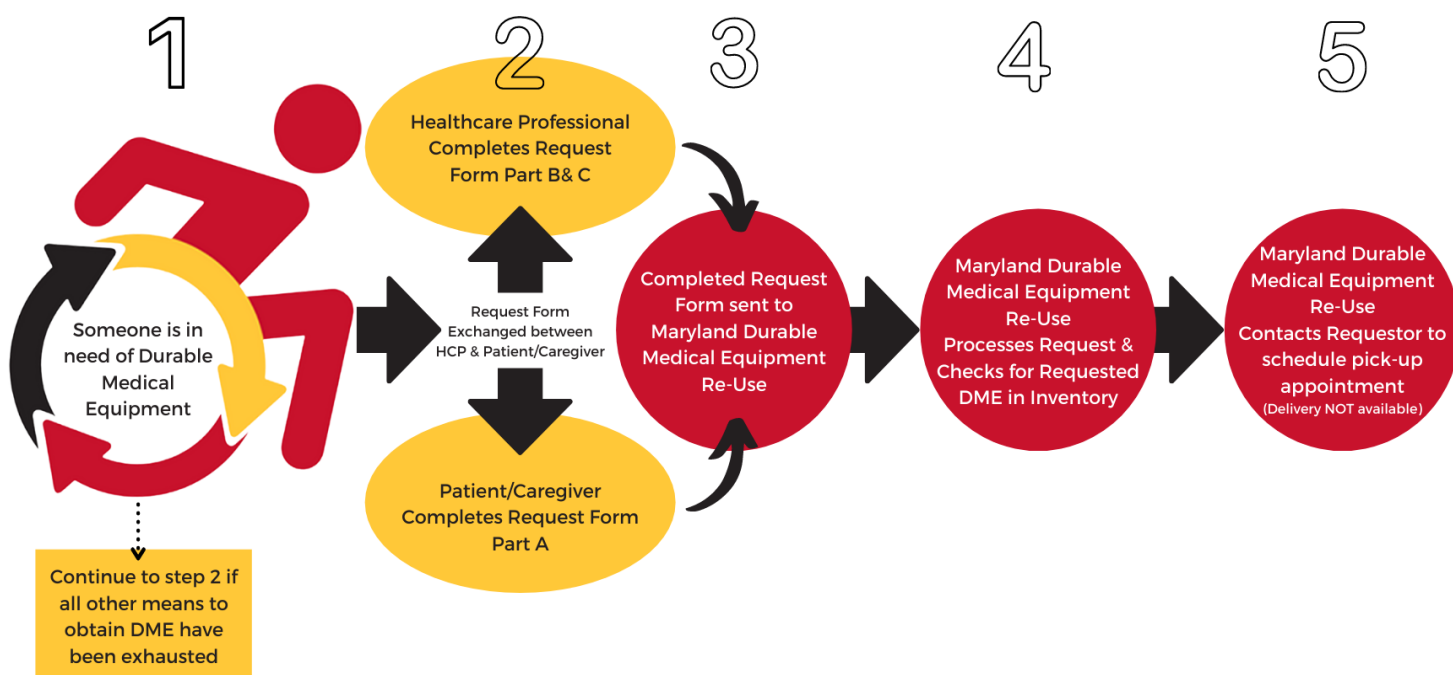
- Manual and Transport Wheelchairs
- Power Wheelchairs and Scooters
- Home Hospital Beds and Overbed Tables
- Mechanical Lifts or Trapeze Bars
- Knee Scooters

After the Department of Aging receives and processes a completed request form, they will contact you about whether the requested equipment is in-stock. If it's available, they will schedule an appointment-only pick-up.

A prescription is *not* required; just complete the Request Form. Part C of the form does need to be filled out by a treating healthcare professional (Physician, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physician's Assistant, or Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner). If you are a healthcare professional seeking additional information, go to:

aging.maryland.gov/Pages/DMEHP.aspx.

Once equipment is provided, it is yours to keep. Once the DME is no longer needed, please donate it back to the program for distribution to another Maryland resident in need.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Prince George's County Animal Services Division is looking for volunteers to assist with walking and training dogs, socializing and feeding animals, cleaning, laundry, office assistance, facility greeting, and off-site events.

UPCOMING ORIENTATIONS

📅 Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10 a.m.



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, YOU MUST:

Be 14 - 18 years of age to complete high school required community service hours.

- **No hands-on with animals**
- Attend orientation
- Complete Volunteer Application
- Schedule a morning or afternoon shift any Mon-Fri (no weekends)

Be at least 18 years of age to work directly with animals.

- Attend an orientation/facility tour
- Schedule one-on-one with volunteer coordinator
- **Commit to at least 4 hours a month**

For more information, potential volunteers may visit the facility or call 301-780-7200, option 6. A copy of the application can be downloaded by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.princegeorgespets4us.com.



SAVE-THE-DATE

AUGUST 22, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM



International Underground Railroad Month Launch Event

Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road, Riversdale, MD 20737

September 2024 is Maryland's sixth annual International Underground Railroad Month — honoring all Marylanders who contributed to the impact of the Underground Railroad, and to memorialize their accomplishments.



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- CALL 211
- TEXT 'FOOD' TO 304-304
- VISIT: [MDSUMMERMEALS.ORG](https://mdsummermeals.org)



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PARA TODOS LOS
JÓVENES DE MARYLAND
DE HASTA 18 AÑOS.

**NO SE REQUIERE
IDENTIFICACIÓN.**



Encuentre el comedor de verano más cercano:

- LLAME AL 211
- ENVÍE LA PALABRA "COMIDA" AL 304-304
- VISITE EL SITIO WEB: [MDSUMMERMEALS.ORG](https://mdsummermeals.org)



News Affecting Seniors

Activity Center Temporarily Closing

Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center is NOW OPEN and we thank the community for their patience and the M-NCPPC staff at Langley Park Senior Center Activity Center for accommodating our community.

Senior Call Check for Adults 65+

A FREE Maryland Department of Aging service: get an automated daily call at a time you choose. To register, call 866.50.CHECK/866.502.0560 or visit: aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx.

WMATA Senior Smart Trip Cards for \$2

Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center sells WMATA Senior Smart Trip Cards at 4009 Wallace Rd. Must be 65-plus years of age with a government-issued photo ID. See front desk staff Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Call 301.699.1238.

Join the Senior Green Team

Want a fun way to help our community? The Senior Green Team is a free conservation club working and playing... to protect and support the county's natural resources: pgparks.com/activities-events/seniors.

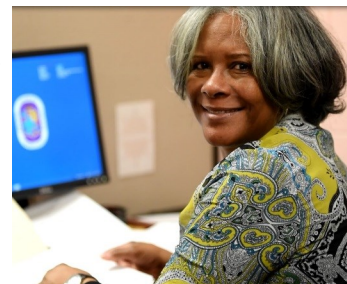
Church Services

- ◇ **First Baptist Church of North Brentwood (in-person)**
4000 Wallace Road / 301.277.4742
Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Duane T. Kay
Sunday Service: 9:45 am
Facebook Live: First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, MD / YouTube Live: FBCNB Church
Teleconference: 712.770.5505, code 54327#
- ◇ **AME Zion Church (in-person)**
4037 Webster Street / 301.927.7698
Rev. Samuel Whittaker
Sunday School: Live Facebook service 10 am
- ◇ **St James Pentecostal Church (in-person)**
3925 Allison Street / 301.277.4376
Rev. Carolyn Dildy
Sunday Service: 11:30 am

Senior Community Service Employment



The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), also known as Title V, provides part-time, work-based training at local community service agencies. These positions are for older Prince Georgians who have poor employment prospects and are unemployed.



SCSEP assists individuals in finding job opportunities in the community through supportive services, such as personal and job-related counseling, job training, and job referral. SCSEP also educates employers about the benefits of hiring older workers. For more information: Contact the Prince George's County Department of Family Services at 30.265.8450.

BVFD #855 Recruiting Volunteers

Brentwood's Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1923; our volunteers are an integral part of a combined (paid) system protecting five area towns and the surrounding PG County community.

Benefits & Incentives

We are located at 3716 Rhode Island Ave, near a major thoroughfare served by public transportation: close to major MD and DC universities, with off street parking.

The training and gear you receive are all free as a result of your participation. We teach teamwork, as a part of the training, to build professional relationships amongst coworkers and others we encounter in daily operations.

The potential is unlimited for gaining training, rank and responsibility. We're an EEO and welcome all to our great team. For more info, go to: pgvolunteers.org/departments/brentwood-volunteer-fire-department.

A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of graduates in caps and gowns, with some throwing their caps into the air against a bright sky.

A COLLEGE EDUCATION WITHIN YOUR REACH ➔

FREE!

Virtual workshops in Spanish

Saturday, September 28
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

AUDIENCE: Prince George's
County parents and high
school seniors.

TOPIC: Information in
Spanish on college
preparation and Maryland
financial aid programs.



REGISTER NOW!

go.umd.edu/estudios2024



PRINCE GEORGE'S
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North Brentwood Linktree Communication Tools Hub

You can now use one point of access for North Brentwood's website, social media accounts, and online forms/permits.

**If an online form requires a check, bring it to the Town Hall dropbox at 4009 Wallace Road.*

Scan the QR Code, or type "https://linktr.ee/TownOfNorthBrentwood" into a browser.



Town of North Brentwood

Town's Website

Social Media Accounts

Facebook

Instagram

Forms

Emergency Contact Form

Dumpster and Storage Pod Permit Application

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
PRESENTS

Latinas in
AVIATION
GLOBAL FESTIVAL 2024

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 10 AM-4 PM
1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive College Park, Maryland

ALL AGES-FREE
College Park Aviation Museum

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
(301) 864-6029
collegeparkaviationmuseum.com
collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com

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M-NCPPC
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pgparks.com

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, presents

20 Fairwood
24 Community Park
SUMMER PERFORMANCES
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1-6 PM

Deborah Bond
The Exclusives
8 Ohms Band
Spur of the Moment

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pgparks.com

The Latinas in Aviation Global Festival (at the College Park Aviation Museum on Saturday, September 14) is a FREE event celebrating Latina pioneers in aviation and the Latino culture. Enjoy food vendors, community art, music, demos and children's activities, bilingual story time, author meet-and-greets, and giveaways. Call 301.864.6029 or go to pgparks.com/.../latinas-in-aviation-4th... to learn more.

9th ANNUAL
Festival del Rio Anacostia
Prince George's County

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
11 AM-4 PM • FREE
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

KIDS' CRAFT

GROWN-UP COFFEE

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FOOD HALL

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
NEXT: 7/13 - 11 AM - 1 PM
\$15 PER CHILD
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10 YEARS GREEN SUMMIT

Prince George's County

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT



Save the Date

SATURDAY
**October
19** 2024

11 a.m - 4 p.m.

**David C. Driskell
Community Park**
3911 Hamilton Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781

Scan here for exhibitor and vendor opportunities and more information, or visit mypgc.us/greensummit



Free and fun for the whole family!



Low Impact
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Center



City of
HYATTSVILLE



Centennial Testimony

Evelyn Smith was born in a home at 4510 41st Avenue, North Brentwood, Maryland. She was one of ten children born to Martha and James Wallace. They had a lunchroom right on the property next to the beautifully renovated Sis's Tavern, with the yellow fencing marking the southern border of the Wallace's yard. They were early entrepreneurs engrained in the growth of this historic Black township.

The Wallace's lunchroom provided the revenue needed to raise and feed their children. Evelyn decided she would rather work for her parents than continue her schooling in the expensive Washington, DC school system. So, from behind the counter, she served both town folk and folk from the Nation's Capital who'd heard of the delicious home-cooked meals that were lovingly prepared. One of the customers, at the modest lunch counter, was George Smith; he'd migrated from South Carolina to DC, for employment, and got more than he bargained for that day. The meal was as delicious as promised, but his eye was on Evelyn.

Even those many decades ago, the entrepreneurship of North Brentwood offered more than a hairdo: it offered lively entertainment, a doctor, a lawyer, a professional basketball player, a commercial pilot, and all of the other benefits of a tightly-knit community. It offered love. It provided 60 years of marriage and six children. I am number six, born to George and Evelyn Smith. Thank you, North Brentwood!

I was not allowed to go to "Sugar Hill" or "Down the Bottom." I am just finding out that I grew up in the High place. As a result, I got to experience nature's natural speed bump at the junction of Wallace Road and Banner Streets; but, that was as far as I could venture. The skates Santa brought me around age 5 knew the speed bump well. The little metal contraptions that hooked onto your shoes could have served as ankle monitors, as awkward, loud and clunky as they were. I had bruised ankles to attest to their punitive power.

That rough bump in the road helped form my persona; I am now thankful for the lesson it taught me. Then, a miracle occurred. The big trucks came. They brought the giant, hollow cement giant bracelets that were

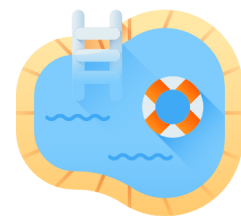
dropped off on 40th Street. There was grown-up talk of a flood, the pump house, and the Branch Hill. I saw the development of it all, when I went to the corner store at 40th Street and Wallace Road to get my mom's souse meat for lunch sandwiches at Mr. Wallace's store. Mr. Borders's store, on 41st Avenue, did not carry the desired pungent meat. This is essential information, because the boundaries of where I could venture in the town of nine streets had widened as a result of hogs head cheese.

Back to the miracle. As mentioned, Mr. Wallace's Store is on the corner of 40th and Wallace. Walking out of the store, I could see the slightly inclined 40th Street was dug up! The periodic sojourns to purchase the coveted lunch meat afforded me the opportunity to watch the progression of events. The giant concrete bracelets were placed in the ground for drainage. The street was covered and paved with beautiful black asphalt. But, more importantly, my skating prowess was greatly rewarded. The metal slide-on-street-skate and ankle monitors were elevated to my favorite toys! I could fly down 40th Street at Olympic speed on that beautifully paved street! Yes, North Brentwood even produced the first six-year-old Olympian, in my mind. They finished the grown-up talk stuff. They started a little girl's quest for adventure. I am North Brentwood.

—Rev. Deborah Dickerson

M-NCPPC Outdoor Pools

- Long Branch Pool — 301.341.5700
8700 Piney Branch Ave, Silver Spring
- Piney Branch — 301.270.6093
7510 Maple Ave, Takoma Park
- Adelphi Pool — 301.434.1994
9442 Riggs Rd, Hyattsville
- Rock Creek — 301.585.1185
8619 Grubb Rd, Silver Spring
- The New Carrollton Pool— 301.577.6310
6250 Westbrook Dr, New Carrollton
- Theresa Banks Memorial Aquatic Center —
301.772.5515, 8615 McLain Ave, Glenarden
- David C. Driskell Community Park — 301.985.5000
3911 Hamilton St, Hyattsville





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Town Directory

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor: Petrella Robinson x1225

Council Members:

Aaron Baynes x1227

Jacqueline Morales x1222

Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager:

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

Code Enforcement Officer:

Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Patricia Page

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance:

Greg Butler/Anthony Avents

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

Park Police:

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries:

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel:

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings:

No Mayor & Council meetings in July or August. Mayor & Council will reconvene on Tuesday, September 5.

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM and at NBCC in person.

Meeting ID: 433 091 3800 / Passcode: 4009 / Call: 301.715.8592

All Town 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!

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Meetings are at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting: September 9. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: TBD. Dial-in: 774.267.2052.

NEW SHARE Program: North Brentwood residents interested in receiving SHARE packages must call 301.699.9699 to be added to the list. Please leave your name, contact number and address.

If you have news to share, email asstclerk@northbrentwood.com, by the 3rd Monday of each month with subject line "Newsletter."

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