



2023 North Brentwood Municipal Election ELECTION RESULTS

On May 1, 2023, North Brentwoodians cast their ballots, at the Municipal Center, to elect a Mayor and an At-large Council Member to serve until 2027. The votes are in!



Petrella Robinson was re-elected as Town Mayor, and Aaron Baynes will continue to serve as Ward II Councilmember. Vote count: Petrella Robinson (incumbent) 61 votes; Aaron Baynes (incumbent) 50 votes; and Charles Wiley (write-in) 1 vote.

We thank Election Judges Connie Alexander, Paulette Price and Yvonne Howard for ensuring fair and accurate Town elections.

Swearing-in of Petrella Robinson and Aaron Baynes will be held in-person at North Brentwood Municipal Center (4009 Wallace Road) during the 7:30 pm Town Meeting on May 15. Come and join the Council!

When asked about beginning her eighth term as Mayor, Petrella Robinson said: I love our Town! This is where I was grew up and I raised my children here. This community has always been close knit: North Brentwood is my heart.

During my new term, as Mayor, I look forward to completing current projects, such as: Sis’s Tavern, stormwater management at Windom Rd and Allison St, and installing a pavilion at 41st Ave’s Mural Park. I also plan to: invest in IT upgrades for the municipal office, boost the Rhode Island Ave commercial area, improve streets throughout the Town, emphasize mentorship, and add more youth programs.

Mayor's Message

I would like to thank all who came out to vote on May 1st, during North Brentwood's Municipal Election. Thanks for your confidence in me to serve for another four years!

Councilmember Baynes and I will be sworn-in, by the County Clerk of the Court, in person at the Town Meeting on May 15, 2023, at 7:30 pm (at North Brentwood Municipal Center, 4009 Wallace Road). I am hoping some residents will be present, to enjoy the moment and light refreshments. That meeting will also be available live, via Zoom, using the same Zoom id and password as usual.

My goal this term is to complete some projects that we've been working on for years. Sis's Tavern is closer to opening. Windom Road/Allison Street construction will begin soon and the pavilion at 4510 will be installed, soon, too. I am encouraged we'll find monies to help with stormwater management and economic development in our commercial corridor, as we're part of Gateway Arts District.

As well, the proposed FY24 budget is complete. Please attend the May 15 Town Meeting for the first reading of the budget. It's important for residents to review the budget and budget process, on page three of this newsletter, before the Public Hearing. Note: there's a property tax increase in the budget, which will help with Town upgrades (e.g., IT, street maintenance, community communication) and economic development of our commercial area. The financial status of the Town is stable and positive.

Spring has sprung and summer is approaching. Time for mowing lawns, planting flowers and beautification of your homes. Please make sure you do not leave your grass clippings in the street: removing these helps to keep our Town looking well maintained and clean. North Brentwood in the spring is a beautiful place!

Another area of interest to our citizens is mosquito prevention. The Town will be included in the county's larviciding program; but, instead of the county's spraying option, CM Wiley is spearheading the Town Mosquito Control Program through a more environmentally friendly concept. We hope citizens will participate by doing what is

necessary to keep the mosquito population down. The program will be starting soon, so be ready to do your part.

Thank you again for your vote! Let's strive to keep our community a loving place to live and come home to every day.



PG County: Reduce Single-Use

Single-use items related to food consumption accounts for a large portion of waste: bags, utensils, containers, etc. clog landfills and waterways, and add to carbon emissions.



Beginning June 1, all county food establishments will provide disposable food ware and accessories (by request) for all in-person, phone and online orders of ready-to-eat foods.

As a customer, be sure to ask for only the items and condiments you need to enjoy your meal.

Food ware includes single-use items such as: straws*, utensils, condiment cups and packets, cup sleeves, splash sticks, stirrers, and napkins.

Learn more about County Bill 14-2022: Accessory Disposable Food Service Ware at mypgc.us/singleuse. The purpose of the bill is to reduce waste from food retailers (including grocery stores, fast food locations, and convenience stores) and to keep waterways clean and safe.

*Under county law only compostable and paper straws are permitted.



Town of North Brentwood
Proposed Budget Summary
FY2024

**FY 24 Proposed
Budget**

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Income	
Total 4-8000 · Grants & Other Restricted Income	614,345
Total 4-5000 · Other Income	1,700
Total 4-1000 · Intergovernmental	49,152
Total 4-2000 · Licenses & Permits	14,150
Total 4-3000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	3,350
Total 4-4000 · Taxes - Property & Income	473,930
Total 4-9000 · Use of Fund Balance	0
Total Income	\$1,156,627

Expense	
Total 5-6100 · Grants & Other Restricted	560,104
Total 5-1000 · General Government	16,600
Total 5-5000 · Public Works	35,550
Total 5-1300 · Other Expenditures	132,330
Total 5-4000 · Public Safety	2,000
Total 5-1400 · Registration & Election	500
Total 5-5100 · Highway Department	25,500
Total 5-1200 · Legislative & Executive	171,405
Total 5-2000 · Miscellaneous/Insurance	9,300
Total X-XXXX · Code Enforcement	22800
Total X-XXXX · Sis Tavern	35000
Total 5-3000 · Municipal Building	84,900
Total 5-5200 · Sanitation & Health	60,638
Total Expense	\$1,156,627

Net Income - General Fund **\$0**

ARPA BUDGET

Income	
4-8010 · ARPA Funds	0
4-8001 · ARPA Encumbrance (Pr Yr)	360,958
Total ARPA Revenue	\$360,958

Expense	
5-5177 · ARPA Disbursements	0
5-5186 · Encumbrance Prior Yr - ARPA	360,958
Total ARPA Expense	\$360,958

Net Income - ARPA **\$0**

Combined Budget Summary

Total Income	1,517,585
Total Expense	1,517,585
Total Combined Net Income	\$0

Mayor & Council Meetings

FY24 Budget

The Mayor and Council invite all citizens to hear the Proposed FY24 Budget at these Town Meetings:

May 15— first reading

June 5—second reading and public hearing

June 5 or June 19—budget approval

NOTE: The Town’s FY24 Proposed Budget has an increase of residential taxes: .0440 to .04750.

The increase is included in the budget in this newsletter (on left). Please come to the May 15 Town Meeting to find out more information.

Monday, April 3, 2023

Financial Reports — for month ending Feb 28 were read by Treasurer Dorsey. Councilmember Wiley motioned to accept the reports, subject to audit; seconded by Councilman Dame. All in Favor. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

Monday, April 3, 2023

Minutes — include motions, to accept March 6 and March 20 meeting minutes (with edits), by Councilmember Dame; seconded by Councilman Baynes. All in favor. Motions Passed.

Bids for Windom Road Construction

Mayor Robinson offered an overview of the three bids for the Windom Rd stormwater construction project. Councilman Dame motioned to accept a bid (from E&R Services, Inc. for \$199,495.00 to conduct improvements); seconded by Councilmember Wiley.

Discussion: Town Manager Goodall reported the funds, needed to execute work, is part of a reimbursable grant from

Prince George’s County Government. However, the Town of North Brentwood needs to set aside funds in preparation for the prompt project. All in Favor. Motion Passed.



National Public Works Week: May 21-27



2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. This year's theme is "Connecting the World Through Public Works." From May 21-27 let's do our part, by showing appreciation to the tireless Public Works staff we see day in and day out painting curbs, planting flowers and keeping our Town clean.

Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities — all important to the health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of North Brentwood. These services are made possible by the dedicated efforts of Public Works engineers, managers and employees (as well as honorary members of the community) responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our public buildings, and the other structures and facilities essential to our Town.

National Building Safety Month

Building Safety Month (BSM) is a global celebration, in May, to raise awareness about building safety. For more than 42 years, BSM has reinforced the need to adopt modern, regularly-updated building codes; and it helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe, sustainable structures.

The 2023 BSM theme is "It Starts with YOU!" This year's campaign provides education for the public about solutions that improve the safety, affordability and resiliency of buildings and communities. Building Safety Month unites industries, associations, academia and government via a common goal of protecting the public, by creating a sound, well-built environment.

National Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health is how we think about life or issues, feel about ourselves/others, and how we handle change, stress, and other things that happen to us. With good mental health, you feel good about yourself, relaxed with other people, and handle tasks and problems easily.



Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your body. If you have a broken bone, you go to a doctor; if you have a mental health problem, you should seek treatment. Mental illness covers a wide variety of disorders, e.g.: anxiety, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, depression, schizophrenia, substance use and other self-harm practices.

If you're worried about your mental health, start by talking to friends, family, a counselor, or your doctor. Your physician can explain what you're experiencing and make treatment referrals. [Health.maryland.gov](https://health.maryland.gov) offers mental health service searches by zip code. In Maryland, most insurance plans cover some mental health treatment. If you or a loved one is having a mental health crisis, suicidal thoughts, or related concern, call 211 and press 1, or text MD to 741741.

In addition, "988" is a three-digit, nationwide phone number for connecting 24/7 to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. By *calling or texting 988*, you'll speak directly with mental health professionals. Veterans may press "1" after dialing 988, to access the Veterans Crisis Lifeline, which serves US service members, veterans, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them. For texts, continue to text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

There is hope. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers that offer confidential help to thousands of people in crisis situations every day. These centers are supported by local and state sources as well as the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Bike to Work Day: May 19

Cycling is a healthy, quiet, clean, economical, and fun way to get to work. Thousands of DC area commuters bike to work daily. Why should *you* pedal to work?

- Cheaper – Purchasing and maintaining a bicycle costs far less than driving to work.
- Healthier – Cycling allows you to stay in shape while you commute. Arrive invigorated and work off some pounds at the same time, then work off the day's stress on the way home.
- Viable Transportation – Bicycles are a practical form of transportation to and from work one or more days a week. With the right gear, you can even bike all year-round. If you don't own a bicycle, try Capital Bikeshare if there's a station near your home and your workplace.
- Better Environment – Bicycling to work means fewer pollutants and traffic congestion caused by automobiles. According to Clean Air Partners, each year cars and trucks travel more than 38 billion miles on the roads, accounting for 30-40% of the ozone-causing pollutants in the air.

Pit Stops Closest to North Brentwood include:

- ⇒ Bladensburg Waterfront Park
- ⇒ College Park City Hall Plaza
- ⇒ Hyattsville at Driskell Community Park
- ⇒ Mount Rainier Bike Co-op
- ⇒ Port Towns - Edmonston (Morning and Afternoon)
- ⇒ Riverdale Park Station (Afternoon)
- ⇒ University of Maryland (Afternoon)



National Water Safety Month

Sadly, drowning is a leading (and preventable) cause of death for children. Together, we can make water safety a priority by using simple protocols.

- When at a beach, or pool, always swim in an area monitored by a lifeguarded.
- Even if lifeguards are present, you (or another responsible adult) should stay with your children.
- Be a “water watcher.” Pay close attention to kids you supervise. Avoid distractions (e.g., cellphones).
- Teach children to ask before going near water.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers and all boaters should wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Make sure to surround pools and spas with adequate barriers, including four-sided fencing that separates the water from the house.

50+ Senior Job Fair: Sat, June 3



Whether you're looking for a part-time gig to boost retirement income, or a full-time job to keep busy and engaged, go to the 50+ Senior Job Fair!

Saturday, June 3 from 12 pm to 3:30 pm at Fairmont Heights High School, 6501 Columbia Park Road Greater Landover, MD 20785. Free Food and Line Dancing!

Job opportunities (with 40-plus employers and resource partners onsite) and workshops:

- Assisted Living
- Scam Protection
- Housing Assistance
- Wellness & Healthy Living
- Life Insurance & Retirement Plans

Register at eventbrite.com/e/50-senior-job-fair-tickets-628744440547

History of Cinco de Mayo

Let's start by clearing up a big misconception: no, Cinco de Mayo is not the Mexican Independence Day. But, that doesn't mean it's less important or notable than it actually is; the history behind Cinco de Mayo is actually an important part of the landscape of North America.

In the 1800s, France, England and Spain invested financially in the developing Latin American country. In, 1858, however, indigenous President Benito Juárez suspended interest payments to Mexico's foreign creditors. The three European countries formed a coalition at the Treaty of London, agreeing to invade Mexico to pressure Juárez to reinstate payments. At first, the invasion was largely peaceful; however, the French General, Charles de Lorencez (under Napoleon III's rule) had larger plans to overthrow President Juárez and conquer all of Mexico. England and Spain, disturbed by their partner's expansionism, went back to Europe.

As de Lorencez directed his army toward the capital of Mexico City, the French encountered heavy resistance; it culminated at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The Mexican Army, led by Ignacio Zaragoza, managed to successfully defeat the French army at Puebla, a city just 70 miles from Mexico City. Four days later, Juárez declared Cinco de Mayo a national holiday.

While the battle was not a major win, and the French took control of Mexico in 1864, Cinco de Mayo lifted the spirits of the resistance; they then formed an alliance with the Americans to force Napoleon's troops to withdraw. Since it's believed the French would have likely aided the Confederacy during the US Civil War, Mexico's resistance likely changed the history of the United States. Pro-Union Mexican citizens in California heavily celebrated the Battle of Puebla win, viewing it as a victory for the Union's cause,

later formalizing and spreading annual Cinco de Mayo celebrations across all of California, and, later, to all Mexican-Americans.

Sources: historyhit.com and history.state.gov



May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month was established in 1963, by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Each May, we acknowledge the contributions of aging Americans, highlighting current trends and strengthen our commitment to honoring older citizens.



This year's theme, "Aging Unbound," offers an opportunity to explore a wide range of aging experiences, and to promote the importance of enjoying independence and fulfillment by paving our own paths as we age.

Here are some ways to participate in Older Americans Month this year:

- **Embrace the opportunity to change.** Find a new passion, go on an adventure, and push boundaries by not letting age define your limits. Invite creativity and purpose into your life by trying new activities in your community, to bring in more growth, joy and energy.
- **Explore the rewards of growing older.** With age comes the knowledge, insight and confidence to understand and experience the world more deeply. Continue to expand knowledge through reading, listening, classes, and creative activities.
- **Stay engaged in your community.** Everyone benefits by being connected and involved. Stay active by volunteering, working, mentoring, participating in social clubs, and taking part in activities at your local senior center or elsewhere in the community.
- **Form relationships.** As an essential ingredient of well-being, relationships can enhance quality of life through new ideas and unique perspectives. Invest time with people to deepen connections with family, friends, and community members.

Source: <https://acl.gov/oam/2023/older-americans-month-2023>

Mortgage and/or Utility Assistance

North Brentwood is still accepting applications from residents for rental/mortgage and/or utility assistance. Our Residential Assistance program provides temporary relief to eligible applicants experiencing financial hardship from the pandemic.

Please complete the application on pages 9-10 of this newsletter. Or go to our website's Forms section: northbrentwood.com/town-services.



Drop off a signed copy at the Town office, during normal operating hours; or email to Councilmember Wiley (cwiley@northbrentwood.com) or Councilmember Dame (edame@northbrentwood.com). Any questions may be directed to either councilmember.

Currently, North Brentwood pays a maximum of \$2,000 for rental/mortgage help and/or utility assistance. Approved households will be able to reapply for more assistance in the future, pending available funds.

Resources for High School Graduates

The last few weeks of high school are an exciting time for students. It's a whirlwind of finals, parties and festivities, topped by the graduation ceremony itself. But it can also be overwhelming.



Whatever path a student is considering (college or career), the summer after high school is an ideal time to map out the road ahead. Scan the QR code below (edutopia.org) to consider potential summer plans.



And, if you/someone you know (in North Brentwood) is graduating high school this year, please let us know. Email probinson@northbrentwood.com, or mail information to:
NBCA, P. O. Box 355, North Brentwood, MD 20722

Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

Sympathy is extended to Martha Cuffie's family; her beloved brother Bobby passed on the morning of April 27, 2023.



Waste Collection Tips & Warning

Burch Trash is no longer picking up old appliances (e.g., freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers/dryers, dishwashers) or electronics. When purchasing these items, please arrange to have the old ones removed.

Properly discarding waste is important to community safety. It's imperative recycling, bulk trash and/or yard waste doesn't sit outside before collection time; otherwise, you may be fined \$100. In addition, all mattresses/box springs are to be wrapped in plastic.

Project Permits

If you plan to start a home improvement project, please ask if you need a Town permit. Email me, at mcuffie@northbrentwood.com, or call my extension at the North Brentwood municipal office, during hours of operation, at 301.699.9699 x1223.

ANNUAL PAPER SHREDDING
BRENTWOOD & NORTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ONLY
Saturday, May 13, 2023
9am-1pm
Brentwood Town Hall
4300 39th place
Brentwood, Md 20722

Bring paper documents & confidential materials for secure shredding to free shred event with on site Document Destruction.

Residents are limited to three (3) standard-size boxes (10" 12" 15")

email: info@brentwoodmd.gov Telephone (301) 927-3344

Logos for Brentwood Maryland, BATES Paper Recycling, and social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

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
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**
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

Earth Day Clean Up

Thank you to Good Intentions' amazing volunteers, and StatDC, for Earth Day Cleanup and Food Distribution... And to all for taking time out of their lives to help beautify North Brentwood. We're all responsible for keeping our community thriving!



Senior Call Check

Adults 65-plus years old qualify for a FREE Maryland Department of Aging service: get an automated daily call at a time you choose. After three attempts, if there is no answer, the agency will contact designated alternates to check on your safety. Call 866.50.CHECK/866.502.0560 or visit: aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx.

COVID-19 Updates

As of May 7, 96 Marylanders were recently hospitalized. Keep getting the latest vaccines! K-N95 masks are still available at the Town Office. For a PCR or Rapid Antigen test, call 240.832.6952.

Free, No-appointment COVID-19 Testing: First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, 6201 Belcrest Rd, offers drive-thru/walk-up testing for ages 10-plus on Mondays and Thursdays (9 am - 3 pm) and Saturdays (9 am - 1 pm).

NOTE: Hyattsville's COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing site will close **May 10** due to the federal declaration ending the pandemic's disaster status. Visit: hyattsville.org/788/COVID-19-Resources. After May 11, vaccines and testing will still be available at pharmacies and doctors' offices.

SPRING INTO ACTION
to stop the spread of **COVID-19!**

GETTING YOUR BIVALENT COVID-19 BOOSTER
helps to protect you and those you love from getting really sick from the virus.

Be a **SUPERHERO** in your community.
Schedule your **bivalent booster** today!
For more information, visit mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Prince George's County
Dread Not
PROTECTED



Application for Residential Assistance

APPLICANT NAME:

Current Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

(List the Head of Household and all other members who live in the residence. Give the relationship of each family member to the head.)

Member's Full Name	Relationship	Birthdate	Age	Sex	Social Security No.

Race of Head of Household (Check One) - Optional

(This information is being collected to assure compliance with fair housing and equal opportunity rules.)

- White Black Asian/Pacific Islander
 Native American/Alaskan Native Hispanic

You may qualify for a rental/mortgage assistance and/or utility assistance if any or all of the following circumstances can be verified for your household. Please check any that apply to you.

- Are you currently more than 30 days past due on rent and/or mortgage payments? If yes, please explain:

 Are you currently more than 30 days past due on any utility bills? If yes, please explain:

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION: I/we understand that the above information is being collected to determine if I/we are eligible to receive residential assistance. I/we authorize the Town of North Brentwood to verify all information provided on this application.

Head of Household Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date





Overdue Bills

What are the types and amounts of overdue bills (e.g. mortgage/rent or utility bill such as electric, gas, or water)?

Type of Bill	Amount Past Due	Days Past Due	Payment Basis (weekly, monthly, etc.)

Please attach any overdue utility bills or rent/mortgage payment to this application and e-mail the entire package to cwiley@northbrentwood.com or edame@northbrentwood.com. You may also drop off a hard copy of the application and any accompanying documents at the town office during normal operating hours.

If approved for financial assistance, any monies awarded will be paid directly to the mortgage/lease holder and/or utility company. No direct cash payments will be made to residents.

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Head of Household Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date





"A HERITAGE TO REMEMBER,
A FUTURE TO MOLD"

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

MONDAY

MAY 29, 2023

10:00 A.M. Veterans Memorial Garden

Allison & 40th Street

North Brentwood, Maryland

Join the Mayor, Council, Federal, State, Local
officials, and town residents in honoring our Heroes!



North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

Town Directory

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor: Petrella Robinson x1225

Council Members:

Aaron Baynes x1227

Charles Wiley x1222

Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager:

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

Code Enforcement Officer:

Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carl Jones x1221

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.333.4000

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:

May 15, 2023 | June 5, 2023 | June 20, 2023

Meetings are now conducted in-person *and* via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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 meetings: June 12 and July 10. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

No meetings in August.

North Brentwood Historical Society: May 17th @ 6:30 pm.

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."

Boletin En Español



We're on the Web:

www.NorthBrentwood.com and



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

North Brentwood Resident

