

#### Mayor's Message

As we step into the month of May, there is much to celebrate and many important updates to share with the North Brentwood community. First, we are in the midst of our FY26 budgetary process, and your input is crucial.



The budget helps guide how we allocate resources for North Brentwood's services and programs. I encourage you to attend upcoming Town meetings, to share your thoughts and ensure your voice is heard.

As the weather warms, let's get outside and be good neighbors, whether it's planting flowers together or inviting others to local outings. Small acts strengthen our bonds and make North Brentwood a special place.

We're also excited to see progress with the renovation of the Town office. These improvements will make our office more welcoming and accessible for all who visit. We look forward to providing a better space to greet and serve the citizens of North Brentwood.



This month, we recognize the women in our lives on Mother's Day, celebrating their love, strength and dedication. On Memorial Day, we'll gather at North Brentwood Memorial Garden, at 10 am, to honor those who've served our country and give thanks for their sacrifices and commitment to our freedoms.

May is also a significant month for two important causes: Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a chance for us to reflect on the contributions of the AAPI community and to raise awareness about mental health. Let's continue to support one another!

This is also a time to celebrate our graduates. We'll reveal the winners of the North Brentwood Citizens Scholarship in the June issue of *Newswire*. Speaking of June, North Brentwood Day is June 21! Vendors and nonprofits wanting to have tables, should contact the Town office for applications.

To help with North Brentwood Day and Memorial Day events, I'm asking youth 8 years old-plus to volunteer and earn community service hours! Call 301.699.9699 to leave your name and phone number.

Looking to the fall, we are planning an After School Program to support our children's academic needs. If your child needs help with homework or reading, we are seeking volunteers—whether you are a teacher, retired educator, or just someone who wants to help. To volunteer or help plan this program, please call 301.699.9699. Spanish-speaking residents may leave a message with Assistant Clerk Cristian at ext. 1227.

Thank you for your continued involvement. Together, we make North Brentwood a great place to live, work, and grow.

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 Approves **Proposed FY 26 Budget**

On April 30, the Mayor, Town Council, and staff of North Brentwood convened to review and approve the Town's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget, covering July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. This critical document outlines the Town's financial priorities and ensures resources are allocated to support community development.

As part of the ongoing budget process, the Mayor and Council invite all residents to review and discuss the budget at Town Meetings:

- May 19: First reading of proposed budget.
- June 2: Second reading, followed by a Public Hearing where residents may voice their opinions. Final Approval of the FY 26 Budget will occur following the public hearing.

The Mayor and Council encourage all residents to engage in the budget process, ensuring final decisions reflect the needs and priorities of the North Brentwood community.







#### Town of North Brentwood FY2026 Approved Budget

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET		
Income		
Total 4-8000 · Grants & Other Restricted Income	441,500.00	
Total X-XXXX · Speed Camera Revenue	156,000.00	
Total 4-5000 · Other Income	42,520.00	
Total 4-1000 · Intergovernmental	59,428.00	
Total 4-2000 · Licenses & Permits	17,300.00	
Total 4-3000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	9,300.00	
Total 4-4000 · Taxes - Property & Income	537,871.00	
Total 4-9000 · Use of Fund Balance	52,413.00	
Total Income	1,316,332.00	
	1,510,552.00	
Fundament		
Expense Total 5-6100 · Grants & Other Restricted		
	441,500.00	
Total 5-1000 · General Government	17,300.00	
Total 5-5000 - Public Works	72,190.00	
Total 5-1300 - Other Expenditures	125,335.00	
Total 5-4000 · Public Safety	2,000.00	
Total 5-1400 - Registration & Election	500.00	
Total 5-5100 · Highway Department	231,880.00	
Total 5-1200 · Legislative & Executive	196,553.00	
Total 5-2000 · Miscellaneous/Insurance	12,000.00	
Total 5-4200 - Code Enforcement	24,960.00	
Total 5-7000 - Sis Tavern	35,414.00	
Total 5-3000 · Municipal Building	94,100.00	
Total 5-5200 · Sanitation & Health	62,600.00	
Total Expense	1,316,332.00	
Net Income - General Fund	0.00	
ARPA BUDGET		
Income		
4-8010 · ARPA Funds	0.00	
4-8001 · ARPA Encumbrance (Pr Yr)	0.00	
Total ARPA Revenue	0.00	
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Expense		
5-5177 · ARPA Disbursements	0.00	
5-5186 - Encumbrance Prior Yr - ARPA	0.00	
Total ARPA Expense	0.00	
Net Income - ARPA	0.00	

Combined Budget Summary	
Total Income	1,316,332.00
Total Expense	1,316,332.00
Total Combined Net Income	0.00

#### Join Us in Honoring Our Heroes: North Brentwood's Memorial Day Program

This Memorial Day, you are invited to gather in solemn remembrance and shared gratitude at **North Brentwood Memorial Garden** for our Town's **Annual Memorial Day Program**, on **Monday**, **May 26**, **2025**, **at 10 am**.

Each year, we pause, not only to enjoy a day of rest; but, more importantly, to reflect on the immeasurable sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our country, in uniform and in spirit, to protect the ideals of **freedom, democracy, and justice**.

In North Brentwood — where community, history and service run deeply — Memorial Day carries profound meaning. We honor those lost on distant battlefields, and every resident, every ancestor, and every family who has borne the burden of service in any form: in the military, in public service, in advocacy, or in quiet sacrifice at home.

We are pleased to welcome **The Honorable Council Member Jacqueline Morales**, representing Ward 1, as our **keynote speaker**. Her dedication to civic leadership and strong community voice reflect the very ideals for which we gather on Memorial Day to recognize.

The North Brentwood Memorial Garden, dedicated to the memory of our local veterans and loved ones, serves as a powerful and peaceful space for reflection. It reminds us that freedom is never free — it is upheld daily by courage, conviction, and community.

Please join us as we pay homage to those who came before us and those who continue to serve. Together, we remember. Together, we stand.

#### **Memorial Day Program**

- North Brentwood Memorial Garden
- Monday, May 26, 2025
- 10 am
- Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Councilwoman Jacqueline Morales, Ward 1

Bring your neighbors, your family, and your gratitude.

Let us remember. Let us honor. Let us never forget.

#### Photos from "Don't Panic Prepare" Event on May 3rd



# HONORING OUR HEROES

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY



DATE & TIME: MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 | 10:00 AM LOCATION: NORTH BRENTWOOD MEMORIAL GARDEN

**KEYNOTE:** THE HONORABLE COUNCILWOMAN JACKELINE MORALES, WARD 1

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN HEROES | SPECIAL MUSIC & TRIBUTES

**CONTACT US** 301.699.9699

WEBSITE NORTHBRENTWOOD.COM

#### Special General Election for County Executive – June 3

A Special Election, to select our next County Executive is Tuesday, June 3. This election considerably impacts our community's future, so participation is crucial.

Early voting will occur May 28 to June 2, 2025, daily (7 am to 8 pm).

On Election Day, June 3, polls will also be open from 7 am to 8 pm. To find your polling place, or other election details, visit the Prince George's County Board of Elections website at *elections.mypgc.us*.

This is a vital election that will shape the direction of our county, so we encourage all eligible voters to make their voices heard.



# Prince George's County SPECIAL ELECTION

GENERAL Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Early Voting: May 28, 2025 - June 2, 2025

Learn more at: elections.mypgc.us



Call 301–809–3011 to book your tickets. Email Janae at community@cityofbowie.org for more info.



## Join Us for NORTH BRENTWOOD DAY

This is more than just a celebration—it's a tribute to the heart of our town, the people who have made North Brentwood a special place for 101 years!

	<b>JUNE 21, 2025</b> FROM 12PM TO 5PM	RSVP or just show up—every hand helps!
•	4603 40TH ST, NORTH BRENTWOOD, MD 20722	

Let's ALL come together to celebrate!

www.NorthBrentwood.com



Info provided by Wanika Fisher, Councilperson District 2

#### Violations can lead to fines up to \$5000!

DO:

- Cut grass and bag the clippings. •
- Keep property free of debris.
- Keep pets on-leash.

#### DO NOT:

- Park cars on lawns.
- Use cones to hold parking spaces on public streets (cones placed in streets are public property and may be removed and disposed).

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- Store household furniture and appliances outdoors.
- Raise/store livestock at your home.
- Operate illegal (non-permitted) businesses from your home, e.g., auto repair, restaurants- even in sheds used as living dwellings.
- Use fireworks (illegal in PG County).
- Park commercial vehicles on the street in residential neighborhoods.
- Make loud noises or play loud • music at night.
- Litter place waste in trash cans. •
- Sell food/alcohol without license.
- Start construction without permits.
- Dispose of mattress or box spring • without a full plastic cover.

#### How to be A Good Neighbor PG County's Rules & Regulations





### Teaching our children early... Ways to Be a **Good Neighbor**

#### Use these random acts of kindness to brighten your neighbor's day.

- Say hello or wave each time you see your neighbors.
- Bake cookies or a favorite dessert for your neighbor.
- Cook dinner for a neighbor who is ill or just had a new baby.
- Write a friendly message or draw a happy picture on your neighbor's
  - sidewalk using chalk.
- Bring in your neighbors ' garbage can or offer to wash their car.
- Leave a bottle of bubbles, a coloring book, or flowers on your neighbor's doorstep.
- Ask an elderly neighbor if there's any particular chore you can help with.
- Write out your favorite joke and put it in your neighbor's mailbox.
- Offer to walk your neighbor's dog.
- Bring out a cold drink on a hot day when you see your neighbor working outside.
- Offer to play with your neighbor's kids for an afternoon.
- Offer to help water the garden, rake leaves, or shovel snow.



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#### **Code Officer Cuffie's Corner**

As we transition into warmer months, it's important to stay informed about new recycling criteria.

Effective immediately, if recycling bins are found to be contaminated with items that do not belong in the recycling stream, they will *not be picked up*. Please ensure your bins are free from plastic bags and other non-recyclable materials.

A \$100 fine will be imposed on residents *each time plastic bags are placed in recycling bins*. We want to maintain an efficient and environmentally friendly recycling program, and your cooperation is essential.

Additionally, I want to remind everyone of the importance of **upkeeping yard waste**. Please make sure to keep your yard cleared of debris, such as trash, fallen branches and leaves, and other hazards.

Also, be mindful of the proper disposal of **grass clippings**. Grass clippings should never be left on sidewalks or streets, as these can create risks for pedestrians and vehicles.

During **spring**, **summer and fall months**, it's vital that all residents stay on top of yard maintenance. A well-kept yard not only enhances the appearance of our community but also ensures the safety and cleanliness of our streets. Let's all do our part to keep North Brentwood looking its best!

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in keeping our Town safe and beautiful. Questions? Call: 301.699.9699 x1223.





#### **Being Safe at Home: Health Safety Tips**

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### life happens.



PLAN FOR IT.

YOUR GUIDE TO HANDS-ONLY

Tap the person to see if they're responsive, and ask if they're ok.

If unresponsive, call 911. If the person is not breathing, begin CPR.



nd adults, not infants or



Place the palm of your hand on top of your other hand, and lace your fingers together.

Kneel down, place your hands in the center of the chest, and keep your shoulders directly over your hands.



PlanForlt.org

Push down hard, wait for the chest to rise, and repeat. Maintain a rapid pace, and try to do 100 compressions per minute.

**Continue until emergency** services arrive.



1. Lean the person forward slightly and stand behind him or her.



3. Put your arms arund the person and grasp your fist with your other hand near the top of the stomach, just below the center of the rib cage.

2. Make a fist with one hand.



Make a quick, hard movement, inward and upward.

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#### If You are Choking

- Place fist slightly above your navel
- Grasp fist with the other hand
- Bend over a hard surface Chair or counter top
- Shove your fist inward and 0 upward





#### Shop Local: Healthy Savings

Try Gateway Farmer's Market in the Gateway Arts District, at Bunker Hill Fire Department: 3716 Rhode Island Ave, Brentwood/Mt. Rainier, MD.

Every Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm

(April-November 22, rain/shine)

They offer double benefits for WIC, SNAP/EBT and MD Market Money!



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#### Heimlich Maneuver



#### **Honoring Mothers**

#### Backbone of North Brentwood's Legacy

As May blooms with the warmth of spring, we pause to celebrate the women whose love, labor and leadership have shaped generations: our mothers. Mother's Day is more than just a date on the calendar. It's a time to honor the quiet strength and bold resilience of the women who hold families together, nurture futures, and stand tall through challenges with grace and grit.

Here in North Brentwood — the first African American incorporated municipality in Prince George's County the story of motherhood is deeply interwoven with the story of our Town. From its founding families, to today's caretakers and changemakers, Black mothers in North Brentwood have always been more than nurturers. They've been protectors, educators, advocates, and community builders.

In times when resources were few and challenges were many, Black mothers here cultivated strength in the soil of love. They taught their children to walk tall in a world that didn't always see them. They led from the kitchen table and the church pew, from PTA meetings to the front lines of civic life. Through redlining, segregation, economic hardship, and societal change, mothers remained steadfast, passing down survival, along with joy, pride and purpose.

The words of abolitionist and women's rights leader Sojourner Truth still ring true today:

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again!"

Her words remind us Black women have always been world-shapers, and our mothers are no exception. As we celebrate all mothers this May, we especially honor the matriarchs of North Brentwood: past and present. Your stories are the roots of our community, your sacrifices are the foundation on which we continue to build. Thank you for showing us what resilience truly looks like, for loving fiercely and leading with your hearts.



**Mother's Day Market** 165 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745 May 10, 2025 | 11 AM to 6 PM

Discover wares by talented artisans and crafters, unique gifts perfect for celebrating the moms in your life. Indulge in delicious springtime treats and enjoy a vibrant atmosphere with handmade treasures, and delightful surprises. Whether you're searching for the perfect Mother's Day gift or simply looking to soak in the spring spirit, this market is the perfect place to shop, explore, and make lasting memories!

#### **Mother's Day Free Tours**



Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Rd 20737 301.8640420 | May 11, 2025 | 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

FREE one-hour guided tour interprets the history of people who lived and worked at this former plantation ... from the house's construction in 1801 through Emancipation in 1864. Arrive at the Visitor Center 5-10 mins early to register. Pre-reservations or walk-ins are welcome. To confirm availability, call 301.864.0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.org before your arrival.



#### TRANSITIONING YOUR FEDERAL RESUME FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY

Resume Writing for Federal Employees Workshop

Are you a current or previous federal employee or contractor contemplating a shift to the private sector? Ensure you're ready with an expert PRIVATE INDUSTRY resume!



#### In-Person, Virtual & Hybrid Workshops Available

#### American Job Center - Largo

• To Register: tinyurl.com/FedResLargo



American Job Center - National Harbor/Hybrid

To Register: tinyurl.com/FedResNH

#### **Online Virtual via Zoom**

To Register: tinyurl.com/FedResVirtual



Join us for a comprehensive **2-hour virtual or in-person workshop** that will provide you with detailed guidance and assistance in transforming your federal resume into a targeted two-page private industry resume tailored for your next career move.

#### During the workshop, you will learn valuable insights on:

- Selecting the appropriate resume format to best showcase your experience
- Understanding what to include and exclude for maximum impact
- Crafting compelling and measurable achievements to stand out
- Emphasizing key skills and qualifications relevant to your desired private sector role



Don't forget to have your federal resume for the interactive review session during the workshop.

This program is funded in part with Federal resources. For complete funding information, please visit: employing org/about-us/funding-information/

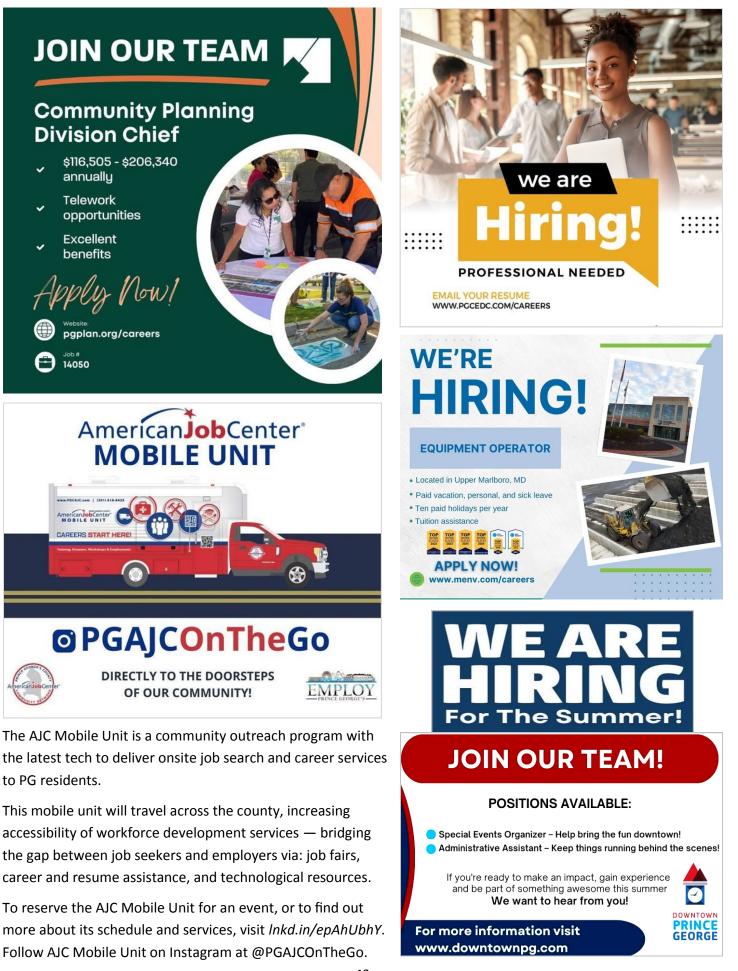




#### Kathryn Troutman Founder Resume Place

Kathryn Troutman, a pioneer in Federal resume writing and coaching, introduced the Federal Resume format after the SF-171 form was phased out in 1995. She is also the respected author of "Transitioning Your Federal Resume to Private Industry", the basis for this workshop, with each participant receiving a complimentary copy.





#### **Discover Local Creativity at Open Studios 2025**

On **Saturday, May 10, 2025**, from **12 pm to 5 pm**, the Gateway Arts District will host its largest Open Studios event: inviting residents and visitors to explore the vibrant world of art along the Route 1 corridor.

More than 250 participating artists will open their studio doors throughout the Towns of North Brentwood, Mount Rainier, Brentwood, and Hyattsville. For those looking to visit multiple studios, free shuttles will be available all

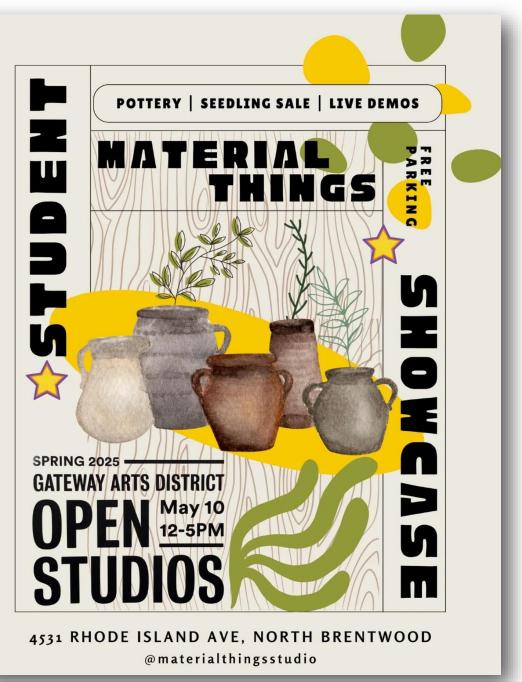
day to transport visitors between the four towns.

This student showcase is a unique opportunity to meet the artists, view their work, and gain behind-the-scenes insights into their creative spaces and processes.

Open Studios' self-guided tour is a great way to immerse yourself in the creativity of Gateway Arts District, with a variety of artistic media on display, e.g., painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and more.

It's the perfect way to discover local talent and perhaps find a piece of art that speaks to you.

In addition to touring the studios, attendees may enjoy delicious food, from **MiXt Food Hall** and **The Burger Shop food truck**, which will be stationed at 3708 Otis Street, in Mount Rainier.



Whether you're a seasoned art enthusiast or simply looking for a fun, engaging weekend activity, **Open Studios 2025** offers something for everyone. Join us in celebrating the creativity that makes our community unique and support the talented artists who make it all happen.

Mark your calendars for this exciting event – Four towns, one creative community.

#### A Message from Pepco: We're Here to Help You Manage Winter Bills This Spring

As we welcome the warmer days of spring, Pepco remains committed to supporting our customers — especially those who may still be managing higher-than-usual energy bills from the winter season. While enhanced winter assistance programs have concluded, a range of flexible payment options and energy assistance programs are still available to help ease the burden and keep your household on track.

#### **Flexible Options to Help You Stay Current**

We offer several tools to help customers manage energy bills and avoid falling behind:

- **Payment Arrangements** Eligible residential customers with past-due balances may set up payment plans of up to *12 months*. Make a down payment on the amount owed and pay the remainder in manageable monthly installments, on top of your regular bill.
- Budget Billing Take the guesswork out of monthly costs with our Budget Billing option. This program averages your electricity use over the past 12 months and spreads costs evenly throughout the year, providing a predictable monthly bill. You can enroll through My Account or by calling Customer Care.
- High Usage Alerts and Energy Tips Get notified when your energy use is trending higher than normal, and access energy-saving tips to lower your bill. Alerts and tips are available through My Account and can help you manage your usage before your bill arrives.

Income-Eligible Assistance Programs in Maryland

If you are a state resident and meet income eligibility guidelines, you may qualify for additional assistance:

- Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP/LIHEAP): This federally funded program offers up to \$750 in benefits to assist with home heating costs (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Customers facing disconnection may also qualify for a Crisis Benefit of up to \$600.
  - No need to be behind on your bill to qualify.
  - Funds are limited and first-come, first-served.

• Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP): Eligible customers can receive assistance with current/past-due electric bills and are enrolled in Budget Billing to help manage future costs. Maximum annual benefit: \$575.

To apply, visit the Maryland Department of Human Services Office of Home Energy Programs at *dhs.maryland.gov/energy* or call 1-800-332-6347.

#### We're Here for You

Pepco is committed to keeping our customers connected and informed. Visit *pepco.com/ BillSupport* for a full list of programs and energysaving resources. Check eligibility for local, state, and federal energy assistance *at pepco.com/ AssistanceFinder*.

Attend an engagement event to receive in-person support: *pepco.com/CommunityEvents*. Submit questions via Pepco's online customer portal or call 202.833.7500 to speak with Customer Care directly.

At Pepco, we're more than your energy provider we're your partner in navigating changing seasons, managing energy use, and providing resources.

#### Service Update from Comcast

Effective June 25, 2025, WDCA-Fox Weather will no longer be available on the Xfinity TV lineup in your community. However, Fox Weather HD will stay on channel 1108 with an X1 TV Box and the Extra TV, Popular TV, or Sports & News genre pack. Please note an HD Technology Fee may apply.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Mulhall at 410.960.1566 or via email at Christopher\_Mulhall@comcast.com.

#### **Town Giveaway Announcement**

The Town of North Brentwood will be giving away five \$50 Giant Food cards to the first five callers on May 17 at the Town Office. To participate, call 301.699.9699; leave a message with your name, address, and contact information. Don't miss out!

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# NORTH BRENTWOOD A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

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AS WE CELEBRATE

FOR 44 YEARS IN MINISTRY & 8 YEARS AT NORTH BRENTWOOD A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

# SUNDAY MAY 18TH 12PM

4037 WEBSTER ST. NORTH BRENTWOOD, MD 20722 WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### 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 Jacqueline Morales x1222 Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager: Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Shaleta Robinson x1227

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: May 19 & June 16

\* Meetings are conducted via ZOOM

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: May 12. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

**North Brentwood Historical Society:** Meets **May 14** at 6:30 pm at Sis's Tavern (new site for NBHS meetings).

**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. Use "newsletter" in the subject line.

Love may be the matter that keeps the stars in the firmament. It may be. Love allows you to be tough and tender.

Maya Angelou



Boletin En Español

