

North Brentwood Centennial Edition

We Endure

On this momentous occasion, we gather to celebrate a century of progress, unity, and community spirit, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of North Brentwood.

Since its establishment in 1924, our Town has grown from humble beginnings into a vibrant community. North Brentwood's rich history is a testament to the resilience, innovation and dedication of our citizens, past and present.

In the late 1880s, generally undesirable land, subject to flooding, was sold to Black Civil War soldiers who wanted to establish their own community. The settlement flourished and, in 1924, became North Brentwood: Prince George's County's first African-American incorporated town. The residents of North Brentwood faced adversity and hardship over the years, and yet we have endured! Now, we are a diverse, thriving community with appreciation for our rich cultural heritage.

Over the past century, the Town has made some remarkable transformations:

June 2024

- Development of infrastructure,
- Growth of local businesses,
- Enrichment of cultural and educational institutions, and
- Enhancement of parks/recreational facilities.

These achievements reflect the collective efforts and unwavering commitment of our residents, local leaders, and community organizations. As we honor our past, we also look forward to a future filled with promise and potential.

During this centennial year, we extend heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to bettering our municipality. Your hard work, vision and perseverance have shaped our Town into the wonderful place it is today. Let's celebrate this historic milestone with pride and joy, as we continue to build a brighter, prosperous future for all who call the Town of North Brentwood home.





# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 8, 2024

It's an honor to join North Brentwood in celebrating your 100th anniversary.

The places we call home and the people who raised us will always be a part of us. My hometown shaped the person I am today and the values I hold dear not only as President but also as a husband, a parent, a grandparent, and an American. In small towns and big cities in every corner of our country, there's a common pride that runs deep and a faith in the promise of America that runs even deeper. The strength of our communities is rooted in our unwavering belief that, here in the United States, nothing is beyond our capacity when we work together and are guided by our highest ideals.

On this wonderful occasion, I hope you are filled with pride as you reflect on your rich history. And as you look to the incredible opportunities before you, may you remain inspired by the endless possibilities of what we can achieve in our great Nation. Keep the faith!

102 Sedan



Governor of the State of Maryland, to

# TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD, Greetings:

100th ANNIVERSARY

**Be it Known:** Because of your demonstration of high integrity and ability, meriting our great trust and respect, we are most pleased to award you the

# Governor's Citation

in appreciation of your outstanding services to the citizens of this State



 Given
 Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

 this
 get
 day of
 June

 Two Thousand
 and twenty-four

Oruna Miller

St. Governor Sleson C. Lea

Secretary of State

## North Brentwood Elected Officials: Swearing-In Ceremony





On May 20, 2024, during the Town Meeting, Council members Morales and Dame began terms on the Town Council.

Both were sworn-in by County Clerk of the Circuit Court Mahasin El-Amin.

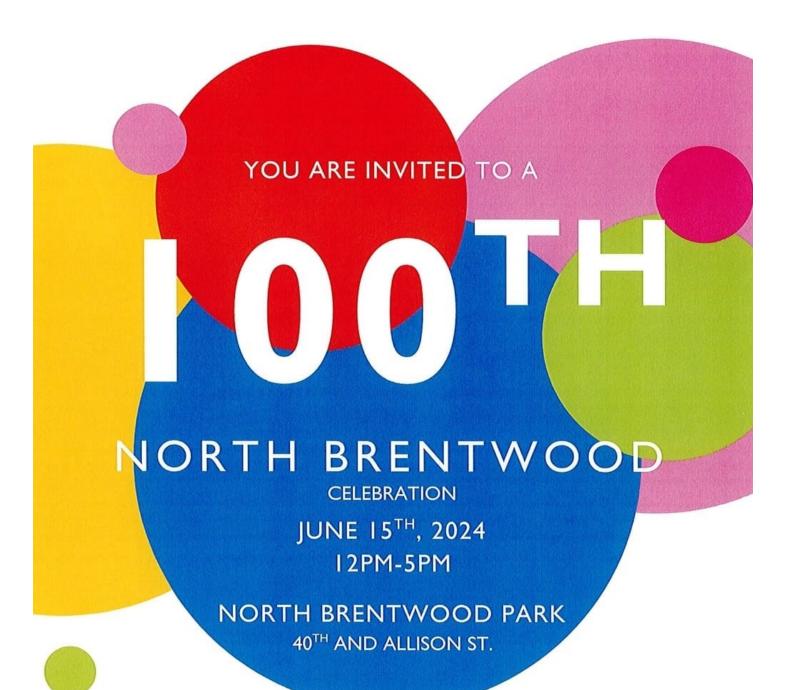
LEFT: Jacqueline Morales RIGHT: Evan Dame

#### **Memorial Day Remembrance in North Brentwood**

On May 27, 2024, Mayor Robinson opened the Town's annual Memorial Day event at North Brentwood's Veterans Memorial Garden. Council member Wiley was master of ceremonies, and read aloud names of Town veterans. Young Marines and Boy Scouts from Clinton performed the presentation of colors. Light refreshments followed. Guests included Senator Malcolm Augustine, County Council member Wanika Fisher, Delegates Diana Fennell and Julian Ivey, and PGCPS Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother.



There are more photos! Go to the Home page of northbrentwood.com.



Join in celebrating North Brentwood 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Parade, food, music, and games!

Everyone is welcome!

# **North Brentwood Day**

**CELBRATING THE TOWN'S 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** 



SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

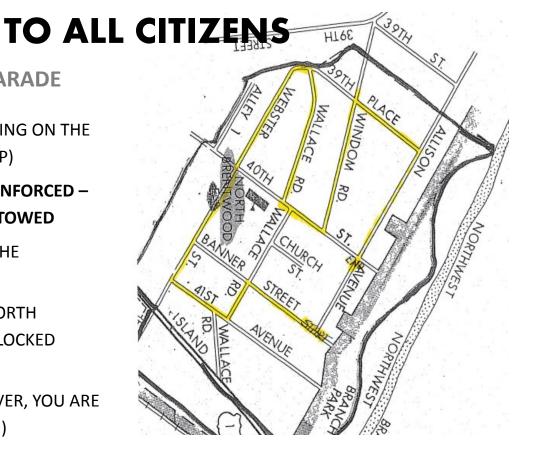


**ALLISON STREET PARK** 

12 NOON – 5 PM

## PREPARATION FOR PARADE

- THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ON THE PARADE ROUTE (SEE MAP)
- THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED –
   YOUR VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED
- MOVE YOUR CARS OFF THE STREETS BY 11 AM
- ENTRANCES/EXITS TO NORTH BRENTWOOD WILL BE BLOCKED OFF AT 11:30 AM
- AFTER THE PARADE IS OVER, YOU ARE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT!;)



#### FUN DAY AT THE PARK UNTIL 5 PM – AFTER THE PARADE

MUSIC, FUN AND FOOD. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON TOWN OFFICE / COMM. CENTER LOT & ACROSS RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES - PRIZES

# Dia de North Brentwood

## **CELEBRANDO 100 ANOS DEL PUEBLO**



**SABADO, JUNIO 15, 2024** 



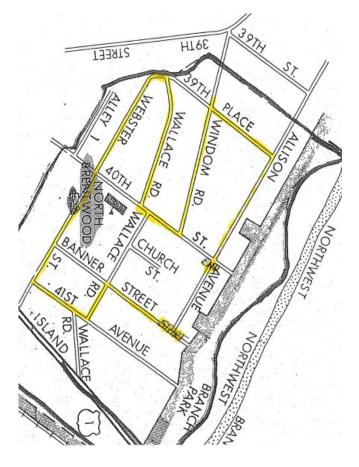


12 PM - 5 PM

#### **ATENCION CIUDADANOS**

#### PREPARACIONES PARA EL DESFILE

- NO HABRÁ ESTACIONAMIENTO EN LA RUTA DEL DESFILE (VEA MAPA)
- ESTO SE APLICARÁ ESTRICTAMENTE: SU VE-HÍCULO SERÁ REMOLCADO
- QUITE SUS COCHES DEL CALLES A LAS 11 AM
- ENTRADAS/SALIDAS DE NORTH
- BRENTWOOD ESTARAN BLOQUEADOS DESDE LAS 11:30 AM
- DESPUÉS DE QUE EL DESFILE TERMINE,
   ¡PODRA SER LIBRE A MOVERSE! ;)



#### DIA DIVERTIDO HASTA 5 PM – DESPUES DEL DESFILE

MUSICA, COMIDA, Y DIVERSION PARA TODA LA FAMILIA!!

SE PERMITIRÁ ESTACIONAMIENTO EN LA OFICINA MUNICIPAL / CENTRO COMUNITARIO
Y AL OTRO LADO DE LA AVENIDA RHODE ISLAND

NO SE PODRA ESTACIONAR EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO DE FBC

MUSICA - COMIDA - JUEGOS - PREMIOS



#### **FY25 Proposed Town Budget**

The second reading (public hearing and approval) of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Town Budget will be held at the June 17 Town Meeting, at 7:30 PM, at North Brentwood Community Center.

Get a copy of the written agenda, a few days before the meeting, at northbrentwood.com/meeting-agendas.

FY 25 Proposed

		r i 25 Proposed
		Budget
GENERAL FUI	ND BUDGET	
Income		
1	Total 4-8000 · Grants & Other Restricted Income	144,053.70
	Total X-XXXX- Speed Camera Revenue	245,336.00
	Total 4-5000 · Other Income	14,520.00
	Total 4-1000 · Intergovernmental	55,428.00
	Total 4-2000 · Licenses & Permits	17,300.00
	Total 4-3000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	9,000.00
	Total 4-4000 · Taxes - Property & Income	508,610.01
	Total 4-9000 · Use of Fund Balance	0.00
Total Income		994,247.71
Expense		
	Total 5-6100 · Grants & Other Restricted	144,053.70
	Total 5-1000 · General Government	17,300.00
	Total 5-5000 - Public Works	72,190.00
	Total 5-1300 - Other Expenditures	242,455.95
	Total 5-4000 · Public Safety	2,000.00
	Total 5-1400 - Registration & Election	500.00
	Total 5-5100 · Highway Department	176,061.08
	Total 5-1200 · Legislative & Executive	119,012.98
	Total 5-2000 · Miscellaneous/Insurance	11,300.00
	Total 5-4200 - Code Enforcement	24,960.00
	Total 5-7000 - Sis Tavern	35,414.00
	Total 5-3000 · Municipal Building	86,900.00
	Total 5-5200 · Sanitation & Health	62,100.00
Total Expense		994,247.71
		( <del></del>
Net Income -	General Fund	0.00
ARPA BUDGE	Т	
Income		
	4-8010 · ARPA Funds	0
	4-8001 · ARPA Encumbrance (Pr Yr)	225,591
Total ARPA R		\$225,591
10401711117111		<b>4</b> -1-3,331
Expense		
	5-5177 · ARPA Disbursements	0
	5-5186 - Encumbrance Prior Yr - ARPA	225,591
Total ARPA E		\$225,591
TOTAL ARPA E	kpense	3223,331
Net Income - ARPA		\$0
Combined Bu	dget Summary	
	Total Income	1,219,839
	Total Expense	1,219,839

#### **Comcast Notice**

With Congress failing to extend additional funding for the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), April was the last month participating households received a full ACP benefit (a partial benefit was paid in May).

As the ACP winds down, Comcast is working with customers and partners to help keep Maryland communities connected with a range of options:

- This month, Comcast is offering a \$14 credit to all Xfinity/Internet Essentials ACP customers.
- Every household enrolled in the ACP (with Comcast or any other provider) is eligible for multiple plans under Internet Essentials.
- On April 16, Comcast launched NOW: affordable, pre-paid Internet, mobile and TV plans to customers in the service area.
  - This includes home Internet plans starting at \$30/month for 100 Mbps and NOW Mobile plans with unlimited 5G and WiFi hotspot data for \$25 per month.
- Unlimited access to the largest network of hotspots through WiFi Pass, at \$10 for the first month and \$20 per month thereafter.
- Comcast will continue to offer free WiFi in 1,250-plus Lift Zones nationwide and 28 here in MD – including The SAFE Alternative Foundation for Education's Student Center.
  - Lift Zones are local community centers specially outfitted with business-grade WiFi to ensure families can get online.

If you are concerned about being impacted by the expiration of the ACP, call 1.800.Xfinity, to learn more about all offers available in this area.

Comcast will also work closely with local governments, school districts, healthcare providers, and nonprofits to help families get and stay connected to the internet.

#### Sis's Tavern Revitalization



Sis's Tavern is open for public and private events!
Email Town event planner Sherletta Hawkins at
eventplanner@northbrentwood.com to reserve this
historic space. North Brentwood completed the
Tavern's restoration with The Neighborhood Design
Center, which provided interior design direction and
project management support.

NDC volunteers engaged with community members to create a vibrant design for the space: staff worked with the Town to put out an RFQ for local artists to complete the mural (originally designed by an NDC volunteer) and to identify and select interior painters. This work was deeply rooted in North Brentwood's history and traditions and successfully helped the Town recreate a beloved central gathering space.

Just two miles northwest of Bladensburg, MD, North Brentwood stands as a testament to the resilience and self-sufficiency of Black communities. As Prince George's County's first incorporated African-American town, North Brentwood has a unique history that the community is actively designing to preserve.

"This wasn't the best land," says Town Manager Jackie Goodall, noting the land upon which North Brentwood sits is one of the few areas where Black people were allowed to own property and was once known as the Bottoms. "But this was a place they made home and we want to ensure that nobody forgets it."

Sis's began as a juke joint where greats like Pearl Bailey and Duke Ellington would stop after playing gigs in Washington, DC, at places they would have to leave immediately due to segregation. "Sis's was one of the first places where Black entertainers that left DC could stop," says Goodall.

To help bring the Tavern back to life, and restore its importance for current residents, NDC worked with the community to design a scheme that elevates Sis's Tavern to the fresh, vibrant venue it once was, while paying homage to Sis's and North Brentwood's history.

Per NDC: to create a more equitable future, their organization believes in preserving spaces represent Black history and culture.

Sis's Tavern revitalization is a also a collaboration between the Town and Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council. Artists created a mural celebrating the Tavern's rich history as a Town of North Brentwood staple, while paying homage to black entrepreneurship in the first African American community incorporated in Prince George's County, Maryland. The treatment of this site also represents the beginning of new memories that will be cultivated at this landmark. The artistic gesture establishes the site as a "place-making" public space for community gatherings.

#### **Entrepreneur Park Update**



 $NDC's\ concept\ drawing\ for\ Barrier\ Park\ entrance.$ 

The Entrepreneur Park concept was conceived to give honor to the men and women who owned businesses and provided services to Town residents, during a period in the country's history when Jim Crow laws were in effect. When completed, there will be sign post with information about some of those businesses and QR codes that will give more in-depth information.

#### Entrepreneur Park: continued from page 9

North Brentwood, in partnership with Anacostia Heritage Trail Area (ATHA), has applied for a PG County Redevelopment grant for the signage and funds to complete the landscaping this fall. The basic landscape and fencing have been completed.

More information about North Brentwood may be found in *Minding Our Own Businesses*, which can be purchased from the North Brentwood Historic Society at the North Brentwood Day celebration.

Source: NDC

#### **Session Notes: MD General Assembly**

Below are a few of the measures passed during the state legislative session, which ended in April:

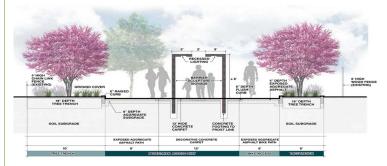
SB360 FY25 Budget Bill: Investments in Rebuilding State Government - The FY25 Budget includes funding for FY25 state employee salary increases, including a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (5% for members for law enforcement officers), employee salary increments, bonus increments for employees with 4.5 years or more of service, targeted salary increases for hard-to-fill positions, and bonuses for certain public safety workers.

HB 1293ISB 938: Maryland Department of Health - Public Education Campaign on Prostate, Lung, and Breast Cancer Prevention - Bill creates a \$750,000 statewide public education campaign to educate and engage impacted communities to reduce incidences of lung, prostate and breast cancer.

HB 693: Governor's Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act of 2024 - The Governor's Renters Rights and Stabilization Act of 2024 will raise the bar on evictions by increasing the filing fee for evictions to \$43 for breach of lease, summary ejectment, and tenant holdover.

The surcharge will be deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund and the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program.

#### **Windom Road Barrier Project Update**



In the 1950s, a corrugated metal crash barrier was installed at 39th Place and Windom Road — to delineate the municipal boundary between Brentwood, a sundown town, and North Brentwood, the county's first incorporated African American town. Though the laws and sentiments have changed, the structure remains.

Community leaders and residents of North Brentwood and Brentwood are working with The Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to redefine the barrier space: i.e., Windom Road Barrier Project. Collaborations between the towns and the arts community have yielded \$265,000 in outside funding, including a \$50,000 grant from Public Art Across MD (PAAM), to move the project forward. The 18-month collaborative engagement process has created shared values for placemaking:

- The proposed site plans include interpretive signs, benches, bioretention planters, tree boxes, pervious curb/gutters, and residential streetscape planting branched out beyond the street to the adjacent park.
   This phase of work was funded by the Community Design Block Grants (CDBG) program.
- Designs created during this phase have been applied to future phases of work, including securing Maryland Heritage Areas Authority funding and conducting a public Request for Qualifications to select an artist team to accelerate designs of art at the barrier site.
- In early 2024, North Brentwood created a Request for Proposal, seeking construction bids (for removal of existing asphalt pavement, and installation of a permeable interlocking unit pavement system, and a sculpture foundation). The RFP went out, bids were reviewed, and contract was awarded; construction has now begun.





# TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD & TOWN OF BRENTWOOD



# HISTORIC BARRIER PARK



# **MONUMENT & PARK OPENING**

## SATURDAY JUNE 29 FROM 12-2PM 39TH PLACE & WINDOM ROAD

RSVP at https://www.eventcreate.com/e/windomrd

Thank you to our generous supporters



















#### **Celebrating Black Queerness in June**



By Town Councilperson Evan Dame

June holds a special place in the hearts of many of us: it's a month marked by Pride and Juneteenth celebrations. These observances highlight the struggles and

triumphs of the LGBTQ+ and African American communities, making it an ideal time to contemplate the intersection of these identities: Black queerness.

The term "Black Queerness" is very much recognized and used within society: reflecting the identity of Black people who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. "Queerness" has historically been a derogatory remark; but, in recent years, the word "queer" has been reclaimed by the LGBTQ+ community as a positive, all-inclusive identifier. A similar example is "deaf," which is no longer pejorative, but is the preferred term for those with hearing loss.

Pride Month, observed in June, is a vibrant, colorful celebration of the LGBTQ+ journey towards acceptance and equality. It honors the Stonewall Riots of 1969, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement. Pride is a time for visibility, advocacy and unity, showcasing the LGBTQ+ community's diversity and resilience. Parades, festivals and events are held worldwide, affirming the right to love and live authentically and unapologetically.

Juneteenth (June 19th) marks the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the US. This historic day acknowledges June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery. Juneteenth is a day to reflect, educate and celebrate African American culture and history: the enduring spirit and perseverance of Black Americans and our ongoing fight for equality and justice.

The overlap of Pride and Juneteenth, this month, offers a unique opportunity to celebrate Black queerness. Black LGBTQ+ individuals navigate multiple layers of identity and oppression—recognizing Black queerness highlights the need to address these intersecting challenges, which often include battling racism with the LGBTQ+ community and dealing with homophobia and transphobia from their African American brothers and sisters.

Black queer individuals have been at the forefront of social justice movements, contributing significantly to LGBTQ+ and civil rights advancements. Figures like Marsha P. Johnson, a prominent LGBTQ+ social rights activist in the 1960s and 1970s, and Bayard Rustin, a key figure in 1960s civil rights demonstrations, exemplify the impact of Black queerness in America. Remembering their contributions and experiences enriches our understanding of Pride and Juneteenth.

The LGBTQ+ community and African Americans have each faced systemic oppression, cruelty and violence, and their respective journeys toward liberation are marked by courage and strength. Pride celebrates the freedom to love and express one's true self; June 19th marks liberation from physical and systemic bondage. June serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of solidarity and intersectional advocacy. By observing Pride and Juneteenth together, we honor the rich tapestry of identities within our communities. It is a time to uplift the voices of Black LGBTQ+ individuals, recognizing their unique experiences and contributions.

As we reflect on the lives—present and past—of Black queer individuals this month, let's commit to advancing equality and freedom for all persons, recognizing that African Americans and the LGBTQ+ community have selflessly championed numerous causes worldwide, beyond their own struggles. By embracing the Pride and Juneteenth connection, we celebrate the strength and beauty of Black queerness, acknowledging the ongoing journey toward true liberty and justice for all.

## CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Every June, the US celebrates the rich contributions, culture and history of Caribbean Americans. These islands and coastal territories have produced a vibrant, diverse diaspora in the US, such as: Alexander Hamilton, actor Cicely Tyson and musician Rihanna.

Whether it's jerk chicken, curry goat, ackee and saltfish, or plantains, you can enjoy Caribbean American Restaurant Week, from June 9-June 15!

#### Scammers Target E-ZPass Users with Texts

Officials are warning MD E-ZPass users about a new scam that uses fake text messages to target drivers.

According to the Maryland Attorney General's Office, scammers are sending texts claiming to represent a road toll collection service. The texts say recipients owe money for unpaid tolls and include a click to pay the outstanding balance. The scam text looks similar to this:

Maryland Toll Services: We've noticed an outstanding toll amount of \$12.51 on your record. To avoid a late fee of \$50.00, visit https://sunspasstolls.com to settle your invoice.

"Do not pay any money or reveal any personal information to any person or group that contacts you through a text about a toll debt," Attorney General Anthony Brown said in a statement.

If you receive a similar text:

- Do not click on any links in the text.
- File a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov. Be sure to include the phone number from which the text originated and the website listed in the text.
- Check your account using the toll service's legitimate website. In Maryland: driveezmd.com.
- Contact your toll service's customer service line. MD E-ZPass' phone number is 888.321.6824.
- After doing the above, delete any further texts.

If you received a similar text and paid the texter any money or revealed any personal information, officials recommend taking the following steps:

- Contact the company that facilitated the funds transfer to see if you can stop the payment.
- Contact the Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit, to protect yourself in case the scammers try to use your personal info and find out how to recover it.
- Report the theft to local law enforcement.
- Report the incident to the Office of the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission.

Source: Patch.com

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

#### **Be Proud of North Brentwood!**

#### **Lawn Care**

Summer is almost here and we all need to help keep North Brentwood beautiful! Call Classic Lawn Care & Landscaping, at 240.605.6027, for good prices. PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER CUTTING YOUR GRASS. SIDEWALKS/STREETS SHOULD BE FREE OF GRASS.

#### Waste Collection

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

Yard waste pickup has started for the season. IF YOU ARE USING A TOWN-ISSUED RECYCLE BIN FOR REGULAR TRASH IT HAS TO STOP. YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN TRASH BIN.

#### **Project Permit**

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.

#### **Summer Day Camps for Kids and Teens**

June 17 - August 23, 2024 | 9 am - 4:30 pm

PG Parks and Rec has summer camps, a virtual clubhouse, playgrounds, and teen centers to keep kids engaged and active. Ages 4-17. Fee assistance and before/after care available.



Go to pgparks.com/activities-events/summerprograms, to view the brochure and register. Register early for special needs children.

#### **News Affecting Seniors**

#### **Activity Center Temporarily Closing**

Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center will be closed from June 10 until the end of July for construction. Seniors may attend Langley Park Senior Center Activity Center, at 1500 Merrimac Drive in Hyattsville, MD.

#### 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 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/department/brentwood-volunteer-fire-department.

#### What should I do to prepare for a hurricane?



A hurricane is a tropical cyclone with sustained winds of more than 74 miles per hour. If a hurricane is predicted to strike where you live, follow these precautions:

- Update your emergency supply kit.
- Keep a three-day supply of non-perishable foods on hand.
- Store one gallon of water per person per day.
- Gather supplies of prescription medications.
- Keep important documents with you in sealed bags.
- Evaluate your family communications plan.
- Know your home's elevation level (for coastal floods).
- Know your evacuation route.
- Secure your home—cover doors/windows with plywood.
- Fill your bathtub and buckets with water for sanitation.
- Turn your refrigerator to its coldest setting.
- Turn off propane tanks and utilities (if told by authorities).
- Charge your phone and emergency electronics.

#### What Should I Do during a Hurricane?

- Stay away from the coast.
- Listen to local radio and TV reports about the storm.
- Stay informed with text alerts from the Maryland
   Department of Emergency Management. Text MdReady
   to 211-MD1 (211-631).
- Save your phone battery; use it only during an emergency.
- Follow all directions from local emergency officials. If you are ordered to evacuate, evacuate.

Information adopted from Weather Underground. For more information, visit the National Hurricane Center at nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php.



#### Flood Awareness Month: Free Resource for being Prepared

June is Flood Awareness Month in Prince George's County! Attend an educational session each Thursday in June to learn how and where floods occur, how you

can reduce your risk at home, prepare for disaster recovery, and more. For more details and to register for the sessions, visit bit.ly/befloodsmart.

# Be Flood Smart

Flood Education Virtual Sessions

JUNE 6, JUNE 13, JUNE 20, JUNE 27, 2024



#### DETAILS

#### DATE

Virtual Thursdays June 6-27, 2024

#### 12PM-1PM SESSIONS

Click here to register via Zoom

#### **6 PM SESSION**

Click here to register via Zoom

#### COST

Free of Charge

The Department of the Environment will host virtual community flood education sessions to give residents the opportunity to interact with staff and partners. This four-session series will run weekly on Thursdays between June 6–June 27. It will focus on the topics of rainfall and stormwater runoff, flood risk reduction, flood insurance and disaster recovery. As we prepare for the start of hurricane season, this flood education series will equip residents with information and resources to: improve understanding of how and where floods occur, share techniques and practical measures for flood risk reduction, and prepare for disaster response and recovery. It will also provide the opportunity to interact with an insurance specialist regarding flood insurance coverage.

SESSION 1 Thursday, June 6 12pm-1pm	SESSION 2 Thursday, June 13 12pm-1pm & 6pm-7pm	SESSION 3 Thursday, June 20 12pm-1pm	SESSION 4 Thursday, June 27 12pm-1pm
Watershed and Flood Basics, Where Flooding Occurs	Flood Risk Reduction Measures — Residential Drainage, Green Infrastructure Practices and CIP Projects	Transfer Your Flood Risk, Purchase Flood Insurance	Disaster Response and Recovery









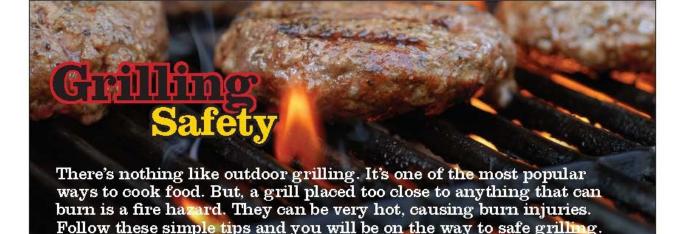
#### **PRESENTERS**

**Dawn Hawkins-Nixon**, Associate Director, Sustainability Division (SD), DoE **Moses Fadiran**, Section Head, Engineering Services Section, SD

Mary Abe, Section Head, Natural Resources and Climate Resilience Programs, SD Lilantha Tennekoon, Flood Management Supervisor, SD

**Joy Hatchette**, Associate Commissioner, Consumer Education and Advocacy Unit (CEAU), Maryland Insurance Administration

**Ashley Morris**, Preparedness and Outreach Manager, Emergency Management Divsion, Office of Homeland Security



#### SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Mever leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

#### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

#### Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division + 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

# PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light scap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

#### **FACTS**

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



National Association of State Fire

www.firemarshals.org

#### **New Online Communication Tools Hub**

You can now use one point of access/portal to get to North Brentwood's website, social media accounts, and online forms/permit documents (e.g., Vender and Business License Applications, Yard Sale Permit).

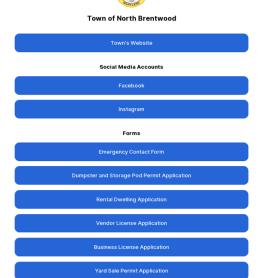
Please use your phone camera to scan the Quick Response Code (QR Code). Or, just type "https:// linktr.ee/TownOfNorthBrentwood" into a browser.

\*If any of the forms you fill out online require a check, bring it to the Town Hall dropbox located at 4009 Wallace Road in North Brentwood, MD.

## 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





#### **MNCPPC Shakespeare in the Parks Returns!**

June 23 to July 14, PG Parks and Rec presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at a park near you! Enjoy the Bard under the stars: pgparks.com/event list/shakespeare-in-the-parks.







# 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: 301.352.1200

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:** 

June 20, 2023—No Mayor & Council meetings in July or August

• Mayor & Council will reconvene on Tuesday, September 5

Meetings are conducted 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: July 8 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."

**Boletin En Español** 



We're on the Web:
www.NorthBrentwood.com and

www.NorthBrentwood.com and

Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

North Brentwood Resident