



North Brentwood Day



2023 Maryland Black Mayor's Networking Event

Petrella Robinson, MBM President, was ecstatic when Governor Moore and Lieutenant Governor Miller attended the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference "An Evening at the Ocean," in Ocean City MD.



Juneteenth 2023

The Towns of North Brentwood and Brentwood, and Neighborhood Design Center, jointly celebrated Juneteenth at the Windom Road Barrier. Attendees learned about the barrier's history and significance for members of the community. The program, which was emceed

by CM Wiley, featured beautiful rendition of "A Change is Gonna Come" by CM Taylor; and, Erin Wiley read her original poem. *Continued on page 2.*

*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*

A highlight of the Juneteenth event was the public unveiling of a sculpture model and projected design of the area surrounding the barrier. It was presented by Neighborhood Design Center and the talented artists who've devoted their time and talents to this project. The program concluded with a panel discussion about the importance of the barrier project and the need for continuing to work together to bridge communities. In keeping with Juneteenth tradition, neighbors enjoyed a barbecue together at the barrier. Special guests were Senator Augustine and PGCPs Board of Education representative Pamela Boozer-Strother.

— *Quianna Taylor, Councilmember Town of Brentwood*

Family Reunion Month

It's long been a summer pastime: gathering relatives from near and far to barbecue or picnic, reconnect and catch up with each others' lives. Together-time across generations is not only for sharing stories of growing up, but also for teaching your children the value of kin.

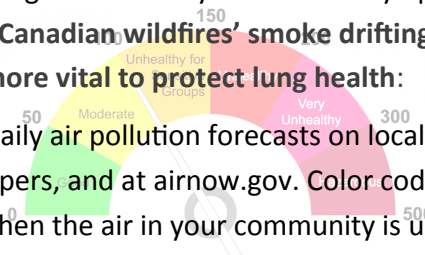
Research finds children who know about ancestors are more stable, secure and resilient. Per a study by Emory University, "The more children knew about their family history, the higher their self-esteem and the better able they were to deal with the effects of stress." The opportunity to strengthen family ties and educate your kids about their roots (and the roles relatives play in their lives) – past and present – is priceless.

Air Quality & Your Health

In PG County and the Washington, DC metro area, the most significant pollutants that threaten human health are ground-level ozone and particle pollution (from ash, power plants, factories, auto exhaust, soil, pollen, and dust). If you're a typical adult, you inhale nearly 3,500 gallons of air daily. But, when the atmosphere is heavily polluted, lung function may be reduced by up to 20%.

And, with Canadian wildfires' smoke drifting into MD, it's even more vital to protect lung health:

- Check daily air pollution forecasts on local radio, TV, newspapers, and at airnow.gov. Color coded maps show when the air in your community is unhealthy.



- Avoid exercising outdoors on high-pollution days — walk indoors at museums, shopping malls or gyms, or use an at-home exercise machine, and limit the time your child spends playing outdoors.
- Always avoid exercising near high-traffic areas. Even when air quality forecasts are green, cars on busy highways can create high pollution levels up to one-third of a mile away.
- Use less energy in your home. Appliances, HVAC, and other items requiring electricity, creates air pollution. By reducing energy use, you can improve air quality, curb greenhouse gases, encourage energy independence and save money! Go to epa.gov for easy tips to conserve energy at home.

Shakespeare in the Park: The Tempest



Each summer, PG's Shakespeare in the Parks tours a family-friendly production at parks and art centers throughout PG and Montgomery counties. This no-fee event makes great theatre accessible to all.

This year, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Arts and Cultural Heritage Division announced its 10th Anniversary Celebration Tour with the play that started it all: *The Tempest*, directed by founding Artistic Director Christopher Dwyer. This 1980s-infused tale uses magic, faeries and physical storytelling to make this 90-minute outdoor adventure perfect for the entire family. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic! Upcoming dates/locations:

- Sun, July 9, 6 pm, Brookside Gardens
- Wed, July 12, 7 pm, North Four Corners Local Park
- Fri, July 14, 7:30 pm, Watkins Regional Park
- Sat, July 15, 7:30 pm, David Driskell Community Park
- Sun, July 16, 3 pm, Publick Playhouse

Visit here for more info: www.pgparcs.com/shakespeare-in-the-parks-the-tempest-summer-2023-tour.

Summer STEAM Sessions

Journey into the world of STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math)!

Explore STEAM in age-appropriate, small groups: hands-on learning projects include robotics, space expedition, mobile app design, and coding. Keep academic skills sharp by engaging in grade level math and science concepts in the computer lab. Display completed projects to family and friends in a STEAM showcase! Register at <https://bit.ly/3Pze6c4>.



Riversdale Jazz on the Lawn



Pack a picnic, grab a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy some of the finest local jazz musicians, while relaxing on Riversdale's grounds. This FREE summer concert series is sponsored in part by Maryland State Arts Council.

Date: Wednesdays | 7-8 pm

Location: Riversdale House Museum
4811 Riverdale Rd, Riverdale Park, MD

July 12: Riverdale Park Arts' Clarinet Academy presents Redwine Jazz featuring orchestral sounds.

July 26: Downtown Tumbao, features Chilango Jazz from Mexico City, accompanied by rhythms of Cha cha chá, guaracha, samba and more, with rich Jazz harmonies and driving tumbaos.

August 23: Brulee will bring elements of bossa nova, smoky jazz ballads, and bouncy alt-pop anthems to this last session of the summer concert series.

For more information:
email riversdale@pgparks.com or call 301.864.0420.

M-NCPPC Senior ID

Being a senior in Prince George's County is better than ever! The Department of Parks and Recreation's Senior Services is an innovative body designed to help meet the needs, wants and aspirations of seniors, 60 and better, as they age here in the County.

Recognizing diverse aging populations, we challenge ageism, celebrate the wisdom and experience of age, and provide opportunities to engage in meaningful activities — to enhance well-being through the seven dimensions of wellness: social, emotional, physical, environmental, intellectual, vocational, and spiritual.

Join thousands of local seniors by getting your FREE M-NCPPC Senior ID! It's your super pass to Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Your ID provides *Free* access to:

- 44 community centers and fitness rooms.
- Six senior activity centers and fitness rooms.
- The Sports and Learning Complex to workout, swim or walk the indoor track on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8 am to 12 pm.
- Weekly e-Connect newsletter highlighting upcoming Department of Parks and Recreation programs and events.

To get your **Free** M-NCPPC Senior ID, bring proof of age and residency to any Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) community center during operating hours. You must be 60 or better, and reside in either Prince George's or Montgomery County.



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 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.

Tax Credit For Seniors

The Elderly Property Tax credit provides up to a 20% credit on your county property taxes, inclusive of the county portion of the Homeowners' and Homestead credits (for up to five years once eligibility criteria is met). To be eligible for this tax credit, which began July 1, 2023, *at least one owner must meet the following criteria:*

- 1) Applicant must be at least 65 years of age (born on or before June 30, 1958), AND
- 2) The same owner must have resided in the home, as principal residence, for at least the previous 10 consecutive years (on or before June 30, 2013), AND
- 3) The max assessed property value is \$500,000.



Water & Energy Assistance Programs

The MD Department of Human Services provides funds to help low income households pay water/sewer and energy bills 30 days or more past due. Go to:
dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs

CM Wiley: Combatting Mosquitos Safely

We'd like to inform you about ongoing efforts to combat the mosquito population in our area.

On Saturday, July 22nd, we'll distribute mosquito bits (a natural, eco-friendly option to sprinkle around your property) to neighbors/residents. The distribution will take place during the free grocery and cell phone giveaway at North Brentwood Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm. (The event is sponsored by Good Intentions and CM Wanika Fisher). There will also be a designated location where Town residents can pick up mosquito bits, while supplies last. We will also provide literature about how we, as a community, can address the mosquito problems we face every year.

These mosquito bits are a safe, effective way to control larvae and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses. If you have any questions or have input about the Town's mosquito-control plans moving forward, please email Councilperson Wiley at cwiley@northbrentwood.com or contact the Town Hall. Thank you for your cooperation in creating a mosquito-free environment for our community. Together, we can make a difference.

Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

Residents please take pride in our neighborhood. Please clean up after yourself.

- When cutting grass, don't blow it in the street.
- Bag all yard waste in brown leaf bags (pickup on Mondays only).
- Only put trash and recycling out the night before pickup.
- School is out, so please SLOW DOWN. Children are in the area.



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

WMATA Senior Smart Trip Cards

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. Cost of the card is \$2. See front desk staff during hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Call 301.699.1238.

Behind on your WSSC Water bill?

GetCurrent
Amnesty Program

EXTENDED
through **July 31!**

100% + Bill Credits
Late Fees Waived

Find out if you're eligible at wsscwater.com/getcurrent

Residential water service

TURNOFFS
resume on **July 5**



TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD
DRUMOLOGY

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS



FREE

07.29.2023
7PM-9PM

FEATURING
PANMASTERS
STEEL PAN

4510 41ST AVENUE
NEXT TO
SIS'S TAVERN

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.

¿Esta Retrasada Su Cuenta De WSSC Water?

PonteAlDía

Programa de Amnistía

EXTENDIDO
¡Hasta el **31 de julio!**

Eliminando **100% + Ofrecemos Créditos**
De Cobros Por Pagos Retrasados A Su Cuenta

Averigüe Si Califica
wsscwater.com/pontealdia

Recreational Cannabis Use and Possession in Maryland

Maryland voted to legalize some amounts of cannabis use and possession as of July 1, 2023. Under the legislation, adults 21 and older may possess, use and grow cannabis in specified amounts. Marijuana is now referred to as cannabis by Maryland law.

Resentencing

Individuals incarcerated for marijuana possession (charged under Criminal Law § 5-601) may apply for resentencing. Courts must grant applications and resentence the person to time served. If the person is not serving another sentence, the person must be released from incarceration.

Are past marijuana possession charges expunged?

Yes, but expungement is not automatic. The new law allows individuals convicted of marijuana possession (under Criminal Law 5-601) to request expungement after the successful completion of the sentence.

Is there a limit of how much cannabis I can have?

An adult over the age of 21 may legally possess up to the following amounts for Personal Use:

- Up to 1.5 ounces cannabis *or*
- Up to 12 grams concentrated cannabis *or*
- Cannabis products containing up to 750 milligrams of delta-9-TCH *or*
- Up to 2 cannabis plants.

Possession in excess of the above amounts may be punishable by civil or criminal penalties, depending on the amount in question.

Can I sell cannabis?

No. Only licensed cannabis businesses can sell it. Cannabis business licenses include those for growers, dispensaries, processors, incubator spaces, onsite consumption establishments, and micro licenses. Selling cannabis without proper licensing is classified

as a criminal misdemeanor punishable by up to three years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

Can I give cannabis to friends?

Sharing cannabis with another adult 21 years or older is allowed. The amount of cannabis shared must not exceed the amount defined as Personal Use and no money (or other remuneration) can be exchanged.

Transfer of cannabis amounts in excess of the Personal Use amount, or accepting payment for transferred amounts, may qualify as possession with the intent to distribute (prohibited), which may result in a criminal charge and a penalty of three years imprisonment and/or a \$5000 fine.

Maryland law also prohibits anyone without a cannabis license from distributing a product (intended for human consumption or inhalation) that contains more than 0.5 milligrams of THC or 2.5 THC milligrams per package. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and, if convicted, is subject to a maximum \$5,000 fine.

May I smoke cannabis in public?

State law prohibits smoking of cannabis in specified locations, including public places, which is a civil offense subject to a \$50 fine (or less) for a first offense and up to \$150 for subsequent offenses. The law also prohibits drivers from smoking cannabis in motor vehicles.

Under Maryland law, licensed onsite consumption establishments (OCEs) may let individuals smoke, vape or consume cannabis *outdoors* on the premises. OCEs may only operate when approved by the county and, if applicable, the municipality of the business location. Counties/municipalities must issue a permit of license for the business and may adopt zoning and planning requirements (as well as operations and consumption limits) for OCEs. For example, they can prohibit or restrict smoking or vaping of cannabis on the establishment's premises.

Source: www.peoples-law.org/recreational-marijuana-cannabis-use-and-possession-maryland



Town of North Brentwood
 FY 2024 Approved Budget
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	FY 24 Approved Budget
GENERAL FUND BUDGET	
Income	
Total 4-8000 · Grants & Other Restricted Income	615,227
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	\$1,157,509
Expense	
Total 5-6100 · Grants & Other Restricted	600,463
Total 5-1000 · General Government	16,600
Total 5-5000 · Public Works	35,550
Total 5-1300 · Other Expenditures	82,100
Total 5-4000 · Public Safety	2,000
Total 5-1400 · Registration & Election	500
Total 5-5100 · Highway Department	26,000
Total 5-1200 · Legislative & Executive	180,691
Total 5-2000 · Miscellaneous/Insurance	9,300
Total 5-4200 · Code Enforcement	23760
Total 5-7000 · Sis Tavern	35414
Total 5-3000 · Municipal Building	84,493
Total 5-5200 · Sanitation & Health	60,638
Total Expense	\$1,157,509
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	1,518,467
Total Expense	1,518,467
Total Combined Net Income	\$0



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

JOIN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

★ ★ OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS ★ ★

Thursday, July 20, 2023



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

for an evening of food, fun, and

BASEBALL

with the Bowie Baysox!

Bowie Baysox Stadium - 4101 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716

Happy Hour & Live Music begins at 5:30 pm | Game Begins at 6:35 pm

Free Parking. To reserve your ticket at: <https://bit.ly/veteransbaysox>

Questions? Email us at: CEXProudEvents@co.pg.md.us



FOOD GIVEAWAY

Good Intentions Foundation, Inc.
with Council Member *Wanika Fisher District 2*

FREE GROCERIES & FREE CELL PHONES AND TABLETS

Free Phones and Tablets Have Strict Eligibility Requirements Documents Required: SNAP, SSL, WIC, MEDICAID & Other Government Programs



JULY 22, 2023
11 - 2 PM



NORTH BRENTWOOD
COMMUNITY CENTER
4012 WEBSTER ST, NORTH
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722



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FOR ANY QUESTION OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL
(240) 459-4637 HELLO@GOODINTENTIONSFOUNDATION.ORG





Town of North Brentwood



**Presented by
North Brentwood Citizens Association**

Join Us For

National Night Out

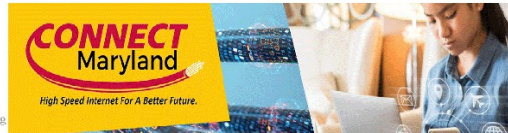
Food, Fun, and More!

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

6 PM - 8 PM

**North Brentwood Community Center
4012 Webster Street**





INTERESTED IN A FREE COMPUTER?

NORTH BRENTWOOD IN COOPERATION WITH MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONNECTED DEVICES PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE COMPUTERS FOR QUALIFIED NORTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS – one device per household

The following covered populations are eligible to receive devices.

- Households enrolled in the federal Affordable connectivity Program (ACP)
- Households participating in certain government assistance programs such as:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps- Snap Card
 - Medicaid - Card
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – WIC card
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) -Benefits letter
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
 - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit – Award letter or other proof
 - Free and Reduced – Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program – Approval letter
 - Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current year – Award letter

Households that show proof of income of less than or equal to 200% of federal poverty level (see income guideline chart below. Proof page 1 of your tax return

Household Size	Household Income (200% at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline)
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$91,260
For each additional person	\$9,440

Bring one of the above documents to pick up your free device and to enroll in ACP program with Comcast or Verizon. Please do not bring your W-2 or Paystub.

The number of devices are limited, available on a first come basis. Please contact the Town Office – Jacqueline Goodall, Town Manager or Carl Jones, City Clerk if you are interested.

**DEVICE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE AT - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 1st
COMCAST & VERIZON WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST WITH INTERNET**



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 Meeting: September 6

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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

- **No Mayor & Council meetings in July or August**
- Mayor & Council will reconvene on September 6

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 11, 2023 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."

Special Announcement

Congratulations to Byron Jones, Director of North Brentwood Community Center, on the birth of his new baby boy Byron Jr.



Boletin En Español

North Brentwood Resident

We're on the Web:

www.NorthBrentwood.com and



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's