

North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

September/October 2021



Mayor's Corner

It's a busy time in North Brentwood!

First, I would like to express my gratitude to all of our citizens, for your diligence ensuring the Town is kept clean. It shows you care about your

Town. As well, kudos go to the vast majority who are vaccinated and wearing masks. COVID-19, and its variant Delta, is still thriving. It can find you if you remain unvaccinated. We must also be mindful of the recently discovered MU strain. It's not widespread in the US, but we must keep these variants at bay by getting fully vaccinated. Do not hesitate, act now. By doing so, you protect friends and family, especially children who cannot be vaccinated. One in 500 US children are infected: the more we vaccinate, the less likely we will unknowingly infect children or others.

If you are unaware of where to get vaccinated, please call the Town office at 301.699.9699. We are working to obtain a mobile vaccination unit in North Brentwood, hopefully sometime in October or November. As well, Pfizer is reportedly working on a vaccine for children, ages 5 to 11, which may be available before year-end.

In preparation for the start of school, the Town sent COVID care packages to elementary schools, Thomas Stone and Mt. Rainier. Parents are encouraged to stress to their children to practice safe distancing and to wear masks, while in school, throughout the day.

On March 11, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law. The act provides \$350 billion for governments to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Act also includes funding for state, local and tribal governments, as well as education and COVID-19-related testing, vaccination support, and research. North Brentwood received part of the nearly \$500,000 earmarked for the Town. We're seeking citizens' input, about how to use the funds, via the ARP Survey mailed to all Town households. Please complete the survey immediately and return it to the drop box outside the Town office entry door. We want to know your needs to make sure we use this money to benefit you and the Town. We don't want to guess!

To switch subjects, the Town is awaiting approval from the county to start work on Windom Road.

Also, we are moving forward on completion of Sis's Tavern. Hopefully, by the end of the year, we can start using the facility as a community resource. You may have noticed the fence mural located next to Sis's Tavern; the fence and mural paintings will soon be illuminated thanks to a Redevelopment Authority grant. We are pleased to feature partners Jay Durrah (artist) and Jimmie Drummond (architect/lighting designer) who worked very hard to simulate images of the 1950s.

In addition, I encourage all citizens to join Town meetings (on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month) to keep abreast of the many happenings. Lastly, please attend meetings for North Brentwood Citizens Association and North Brentwood Historical Society (schedules are on page 8 of this newsletter).

Petressa Robinson

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Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm Office 301.699.9699 Fax 301.699.1824

County Buildings Re-open

On Monday, August 30 county government buildings reopened to the public, after months of planning for safe access for both citizens and employees.

Please note most local government agencies are resuming normal operations (with walk-ins), but still encourage appointments. Some will require an appointment to receive in-person services. Review an agency's website to verify if an appointment is needed prior to visiting, and for instructions on how to schedule appointments (and distancing policies).



Currently, the indoor public mask mandate applies to county government buildings: all staff and visitors must mask regardless of vaccination status.



"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of it's people."-Unknown

BARTLETT PARK

4300 39TH PLACE, BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2021

12:00PM - 5:00PM

Join us and connect with your neighbors in an afternoon full of music, dances and folklore from around the world that make our country and community great!

The Town of Brentwood is also looking for vendors for this event. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Town Hall at 301-927-3344 or email townclerk@brentwoodmd.gov to receive an application.

GET YOUR FREE TICKET and Bring your Picnic Blanket

https://brentwoodinternationalday.eventbrite.com

Prince George's County Public Schools



PGCPS opened on September 8 for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

The top back to school question:

- (Q) If a Covid-19 outbreak happens in a classroom, and students have been quarantined, will students then be allowed to participate in virtual learning?
- (A) Students will be provided work to complete during that time, but will not be taught alongside students in the virtual learning online campus.

Prince George's County Public Schools Partial Calendar	
October 1	Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students
October11	Native American Day & Parent/ Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for Students
October 15	Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students
November 4	Diwali* Festive of Light
November 16	End of First Quarter (45 days)
November 17	Professional Day for Teachers – 2-Hr. Early Dismissal for Students
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
December 24-31	Winter Break / Christmas Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS - Major religious holidays are noted for planning purposes only. Jewish and Muslim holidays begin the day before at sunset. To avoid excluding students, families and staff from participating in important meetings or activities, PGCPS prohibits scheduling events on holidays noted with an asterisk (*) on this calendar. This restriction does not apply to state or regional events.

Assistant Town Clerk Position: Part-time

The Town of North Brentwood is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Assistant Town Clerk.

Responsibilities will include: clerical support (and other assigned duties) for the Town Clerk, records maintenance, and working with our Treasurer and the Town Manager. Additionally, the Assistant Town Clerk will provide administrative support for the Mayor and Council, including performing duties in the absence of the Town Clerk.

This position requires a high level of responsiveness to citizens, the Council and Mayor, as well as the ability to pay critical attention to detail and use good judgement. Bilingual preferred, but not mandatory. Email resumes and cover letters to the Mayor at: probinson@northbrentwood.com.

LETS TALK TRASH

Just a reminder of the Town's policy regarding picking up disposable items. Residents who put disposable items curbside, when pickup is not scheduled, will be subject to a \$100 fine. Disposable items should be put out **only** the night before or early on pickup day.

Please adhere to the following schedule:

- Yard waste- Pick up Monday
- Trash, regular and bulk Items Pick up Tuesday
 (Bulk items are limited to 4 per pick up)
- Trash regular and recycle trash Pick up Friday

Note: Our trash company no longer picks up appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.). It's your responsibility to dispose of those items!



Help us help you, complete

The ARS Survey

www.northbrentwood.com

Town of North Brentwood

Ordinance No. 2021-06 was introduced and Adopted by Council on September 7, 2021

An Ordinance amending the Adopted Budget for fiscal year 2022, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, including certain revenues and projected expenses related to the Town's FY2022 budget.

Charging Stations Coming Soon

Two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations are in progress at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

The family of Eldridge Middleton, previous Windom Road resident, who passed on August 19, 2021.

Former County Executive Rushern L. Baker, for the loss of his wife, Christa Beverly Baker, who passed September 18th.

The Shipp family (previous residents of North Brentwood) on the loss of Larry "Buttons" Shipp.

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 Virtual Service: 10 am Sunday Vaccinated may pre-register for in-person service Facebook Live: First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, MD / YouTube Live: FBCNB Church Teleconference: 712.770.5505, code 54327#

Church School: call 277.4742 for registration

♦ 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 virtual: 11:30 am



The turnout was good for the Town's annual participation in the National Night Out celebration, which featured vendors, snacks, games and entertainment. Backpacks and composite books were given to kids.



MD School Systems Need Bus Drivers

To address the bus driver shortage, Governor Hogan directed MD Dept of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOG MVA) to ensure school bus drivers can obtain testing and credentials as quickly as possible – to help meet the needs of school systems across the state.



Hispanic Heritage Month provides the opportunity for Americans to celebrate Hispanic culture and achievements. Pgparks.com has an events calendar.

Vaccine Protection

COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness declines over time; but, protection against the disease's most severe effects (including hospitalization and death) remains strong, according to three studies recently published by the CDC. Get vaccinated!

Join Our Halloween Activity Planning

Activities are being planned by North Brentwood Citizens Association. If you would like to participate in the planning, dial-in to the meeting scheduled on October 11 at 774.267.2052.

PG County Health Connect Enrollment

Open Enrollment for private coverage with huge discounts runs Nov 1, 2021 through Jan 15, 2022 for plan year 2022. Enroll by phone 301.927.4500 or online marylandhealthconnection.gov.

Be Prepared for a Hurricane

Hurricane season is not over until November 30. If you are under a hurricane warning, find safe shelter right away.

Threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland



flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landsides.

Determine your best protection for high winds and flooding. Listen for emergency information/alerts.

It's also wise to keep an emergency kit on hand (with non-perishable food, clothing, flashlights and blankets) in case your house becomes uninhabitable and/or there is a loss of electricity, e.g., Louisiana. Have at least \$100 cash on hand in case ATMs aren't working.

If told to evacuate, do so. Take an active role in your family's safety: search 'hurricane' at ready.gov.

Tips for Emergency Preparation

To help customers plan for emergencies, Pepco says:

- Keep a flashlight with fresh batteries on each floor of your home.
- Identify an alternate location for you and/or your family in case of an extended outage.
- Review the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation of your generator. Do not connect a generator directly to your home's wiring. Never use a generator indoors or in any enclosed area.
- Follow the advice of local emergency management officials regarding weather, shelters, travel, etc.
- Stay away from any storm damaged electrical equipment, especially downed lines. Always assume downed lines are energized. Report a downed wire immediately at 1-877-PEPCO-62.
- Visit the Storm Readiness section of Pepco's website.

Opt-in to receive Emergency Notifications!

Call the Town office at 301.699.9699 or text

"Join North Brentwood" to 30890.

DISTRICT 47'S ANNUAL COOKOUT





SAVE THE DATE

VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE

HEALTH & WELLNESS TABLE

COVID TESTING & VACCINATIONS (NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY)

Saturday, October 16, 2021

@ BARTLETT PARK - 4300 39 ST., BRENTWOOD, MD

FROM 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC **BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS** WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

MEET AND GREET YOUR DISTRICT 47 ELECTED OFFICIALS

SENATOR MALCOLM AUGUSTINE - 47 DELEGATE DIANA FENNELL - 47A **DELEGATE JULIAN IVEY- 47A DELEGATE WANIKA FISHER - 47B**

LOTS OF FOOD, FUN AND MUSIC FOR ALL!

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Town Directory

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Carl Jones Ext. 1221

Town Manager

Jacqueline Goodall Ext. 1226

Treasurer

Shelley Dorsey Ext. 1224

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Martha Cuffie Ext. 1223

Maintenance

Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police

Non-Emergency 301.333.4000 Emergency 911

Park Police

Non-Emergency 301.459.9088 Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838S. Jones 301.922.2259

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings @ 7:30 pm Online:

- Monday, October 4,2021
- Monday, October 18, 2021
- Monday, November 1, 2021
- Monday, November 15, 2021

Meetings are conducted via Z00M. Meeting ID: 433 091 3800 Passcode: 4009 – (dial-in) 1.301.715.8592

Join and share your ideas... learn what's going on in North Brentwood and surrounding areas. We look forward to hearing from you!

Produce for Seniors: Unavailable until further notice due to COVID. Please check the community channel and Facebook for updates.

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Next meetings: October 11 and November 8 at 6:30 pm. The dial-in number is 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Next meeting is October 13 at 6:30 pm. The dial-in number is 774.267.2052.

SHARE Program:

- North Brentwood Share program is looking for a manager. Call the Town office (301.699.9699) if you can volunteer your services.
- October orders are due October 11; distribution October 22 and 23.
- November orders due November 8. Distribution November 19 and
 20. For information, contact Share/Deborah Curry @ 301.464.9810.

