



North Brentwood Centennial Celebration!



Mayor's Message

The Town of North Brentwood is partnering with the Washington Commanders, to kickoff the Town's 100th Anniversary — at the NFL team's 1 PM New Year's Eve game, versus the San Francisco 49ers, at FedEx Field in Landover. A percentage of all tickets purchased will be donated to North Brentwood's Centennial Celebration fund.

The most expensive ticket (\$139), is under cover and has heaters. But, if you want to be outside and still get in on the fun, by all means purchase lower-priced tickets. (There is a service charge per ticket.)

Parking is on your own, but the Town may get a bus to leave from/return to North Brentwood for a fee.

BUY TICKETS: Scan the QR code on the right, or go to our website; the link to purchase tickets is on the Home page and in the News section: northbrentwood.com/news/ring-in-north-brentwood's-100th-year-at-fedex-field/

There are three sections reserved at FedEx Field for North Brentwood: section 116 (\$115 per ticket);

section 315 (\$139); and section 424 (\$89). The seating map below shows these sections.



Please come to the game for this once-in-a-lifetime holiday event supporting our Town: 2024 marks 100 years as Prince George's County's First African-American Settlement (1924)!



Scan QR code to buy tickets to the game



Did you know more than one in five (in the US who has diabetes) doesn't even know it? The American Diabetes Association (ADA), says millions aren't aware they're living with the disease and

the health risks posed by poorly managed blood sugar.

Diabetes disproportionately affects Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. In 2021, the CDC reported US diabetes diagnoses of: 14.7 percent among American Indians/Alaska Natives, 12.5 percent of Hispanics, 11.7 percent of non-Hispanic Black people, and 9.2 percent of non-Hispanic Asian populations.

Diabetes Awareness Month educates the public about risk factors, symptoms, prevention, early detection and proper management, as well as reducing stigma associated with the condition. Each November, various organizations and healthcare professionals provide:

Education and Information — Seminars, workshops, and webinars to provide info about diabetes, different types, and ways to prevent and manage it.

Diabetes Screening and Testing — Encouragement to get screened, especially those with risks (e.g., family history of the condition, obesity or unhealthy lifestyle).

Public Awareness Campaigns — Advertising and social media outreach, to spread information about diabetes and its impact on individuals and society.

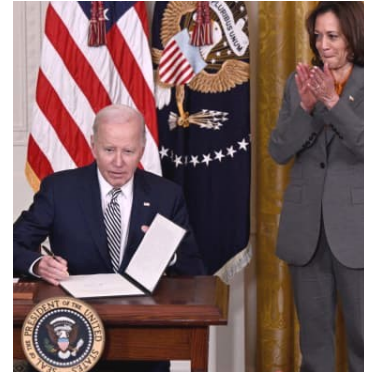
Fundraising — Events and other means to raise funds for diabetes research, treatment and support services.

Advocacy — Lobbying (by diabetes advocacy groups) for policies that support those with diabetes, via improved access to healthcare and affordable medications.

Community Outreach — Events and activities within communities, to engage people and offer resources and support for those living with diabetes.

It's important to know there are several kinds of diabetes: type 1 and type 2 are the most common. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition in which the body doesn't produce insulin; type 2 diabetes typically involves the body's resistance to insulin. Gestational diabetes can occur during pregnancy.

On October 31, President Biden designated November 2023 as National Diabetes Month. Edited excerpts from the proclamation state recent achievements and aims for diabetes prevention and management:



This year, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first cell therapy for adults with Type 1 diabetes, as well as the first new oral medication for children with Type 2 diabetes in over two decades.

We remain committed to robust research investment and to providing pathways to drive the development and delivery of additional, effective treatments and much-needed cures. Our plan incorporates steps to better prevent and manage diabetes, including expanding access to nutrition counseling and working with the Congress to make the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program permanent.

We want all 37 million Americans with diabetes to know we have their backs and the historic progress we have made to lower insulin prices is just the first step. This month, we celebrate this community's courage and resilience; we honor the medical professionals, loved ones and advocates who do so much to help support it and keep driving us toward a cure.

I call upon all Americans, school systems, government agencies, nonprofits, healthcare providers, research institutions... to join activities raising awareness and help prevent, treat and manage diabetes.

The color blue is associated with diabetes awareness; look for blue ribbons/blue-themed events this month.

Sources: [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov), [everydayhealth.com](https://www.everydayhealth.com)

MML Fall Conference Visits Sis's Tavern



The Maryland Municipal League held its 2023 Fall Conference in the City of College Park, at THE HOTEL. A great experience was added to the conference: a tour of Gateway Arts District and Port Towns. Pictured are MML guests at Sis's Tavern; other stops were Mix-T Hall in Brentwood, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Bladensburg and Edmonston. Town of Cottage City provided the bus. Since many of our municipal government colleagues do not venture out to northern PG County, this tour was a great opportunity for local Mayors to show off their pride and joy: their towns. It was a pleasure to share our towns' treasures with Maryland Municipal League!

The Maryland Municipal League plays a crucial role supporting and strengthening local government in MD, ensuring municipalities have the resources and representation to effectively serve communities via:

- 1. Advocacy:** MML advocates for the interests of its member municipalities by monitoring and influencing state and federal legislative and regulatory processes. MML works to ensure municipalities have a voice in policymaking and receive support for unique needs.
- 2. Education and Training:** MML offers training, seminars and workshops, to help municipal officials and employees develop the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively manage and govern their communities.
- 3. Information Sharing:** The organization facilitates information and best practices exchange amongst member municipalities, to learn from each other and stay informed about emerging trends and challenges.

- 4. Networking:** MML enables municipal officials to connect and collaborate with counterparts from other communities, fostering relationships that can lead to cooperative initiatives and partnerships.
- 5. Resources:** MML's resources and support assists municipalities in various aspects of local governance, including legal and financial guidance.
- 6. Annual Conference:** Maryland Municipal League hosts an annual conference gathering municipal leaders, government officials and industry experts, to discuss issues, share ideas and explore solutions.

Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP)



HIP is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling agency offering in-person and virtual homebuyer education workshops. The next events are:

- Nov 15 (7 pm to 8 pm) — First-time Homebuyer Orientation Session. Virtual event. Free.
- Nov 18 (9 am to 6 pm) — Homebuyer Education Workshop. Virtual event. \$30 plus processing fee.

Each participant must register in advance and will be provided with a certificate of completion. Upcoming in-person event locations may vary.

November 18 event attendees will learn about:

- Affordable mortgage loans.
- How credit affects monthly payments.
- How to select your team: Realtors, Loan Officers, Home Inspectors, Insurance Agents.
- Understanding what you're signing (and paying for) at closing.
- Resources for down payment and closing costs.

To register, go to: eventbrite.com/o/housing-initiative-partnership-12677008202.

Growing Green with Pride



North Brentwood's annual "Community Clean Up, Green Up" took place on October 21 at Sis's Tavern: Town Manager Goodall and Assistant Clerk Ortiz planted greenery, and removed debris and trash, to beautify the area around the Tavern.

The event was part of "Growing Green with Pride," a countywide cleanup program, supporting Prince George's Beautification Initiative. Growing Green with Pride's community-based sprucing-up (specific areas or neighborhoods) also promotes environmental sustainability and green practices. Key components of a Community Clean Up, Green Up event include:

- ♥ **Litter Cleanup.** Volunteers collect and properly dispose of trash, debris and other litter from public spaces (e.g., parks, streets, waterways).
- ♥ **Green Initiatives.** Plant trees, create community gardens, or add green infrastructure (e.g., rain gardens) to improve air quality, manage stormwater and promote greater biodiversity.
- ♥ **Education.** Many events have educational components about environmental issues, recycling and sustainable practices.
- ♥ **Community Building.** These events can also strengthen community bonds by bringing people together for a common purpose.
- ♥ **Sustainability.** Encouraging renewable practices, such as recycling and reducing waste, is often a key part of these initiatives.
- ♥ **Beautification.** The goal is not only to clean up, but to make the community more attractive and inviting for residents and visitors.

Anyone may organize a Community Clean Up, Green Up event: a group of friends, local governments, nonprofit organizations, or community groups.



Organize volunteers! Community Clean Up, Green Up improves the quality of life in a neighborhood, promotes environmental stewardship, and fosters a sense of civic pride.



Community Service Hour Opportunities

North Brentwoodian scholars in need of service hours may contact Town Administration: call 301.699.9699 or email townmanager@northbrentwood.com, to ensure academic success by building leadership skills and a deeper understanding of social issues.



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**
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.

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 criteria is met). To be eligible for this tax credit, *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 maximum assessed property value is \$500,000.



Remembrances: North Brentwood Citizens

William Lee "BT" Tavel was born on August 14, 1953 and passed on September 30, 2023; he was a beloved friend, brother, father, and grandfather. He will be remembered for his countless acts of kindness and generosity.

For numerous years BT was on the Board of Directors (District 2) of the PG County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (PGCVFRA). In 2011, he was awarded the Rodney Lee Gilbert Memorial trophy for dedication to Fire and Rescue Services. Last Month, he was honored to be inducted into the PGCVFRA Hall of Fame.

BT was known for his warm smile, infectious laugh and his generous heart: a good man who will be missed by all who knew him.



Sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of **Regina Jackson**, former Director of Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center. She passed on October 21, 2023.

Municipal Government Works Month

Since 1993, Maryland's cities and towns have celebrated Municipal Government Works (MGW) Month each November, to promote citizens' interest in and understanding of governments serving communities.



To elevate municipal government awareness, Mayor Robinson will issue a proclamation on November 6, 2023 naming November as MGW Month.

Participating in MGW Month enables municipalities to:

- Actively showcase their government/how it works.
- Foster goodwill by educating youth about the impact of local government.
- Fulfill two requirements for the MD Municipal League (MML) Banner City/Town program.
- Maximize MML membership by taking part in League programs and activities.

NATURE IN YOUR BACKYARD

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NOV 2023

<p>SAT, NOV 4 Clearwater Nature Center</p>  <p>Cabochon Cutting A jewelry making and gem cutting workshop</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 4 Watkins Nature Center</p>  <p>Woolly Bear Wingding Education, crafts, games to celebrate the great Woolly Bear!</p>	<p>SUN, NOV 5 Old Maryland Farm</p>  <p>Family Farm Tour</p>	<p>SUN, NOV 5 Bladensburg Waterfront Park</p>  <p>Sunday Stroll Nature Discovery Walk along the Anacostia River Trail</p>	<p>THURS, NOV 9 Patuxent River Park</p>  <p>Ranger Hiking Spree Naturalist-led, woodland nature hike</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 11 Patuxent River Park</p>  <p>Bird Watching At Jug Bay - known as a "Nationally Important Bird Area"</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 11 Watkins Nature Center</p>  <p>Youth Nature Club</p>
<p>SAT, NOV 11 Governor Bridge Natural Area</p>  <p>Free the Trees Identify invasive plant species that are smothering our native trees!</p>	<p>TUES, NOV 14 Mount Rainier Nature Center</p>  <p>Nature Journaling What does nature have to say to you?</p>	<p>FRI, NOV 17 Clearwater Nature Center</p>  <p>Friday Family Campfire</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 18 Mount Rainier Nature Center</p>  <p>Outdoor Adventures A trip to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a waterfowl sanctuary</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 18 Bladensburg Waterfront Park</p>  <p>Eastern Woodland Native Culture & Games</p>	<p>SAT, NOV 18 Watkins Regional Park</p>  <p>Trot for a Turkey</p>	<p>SUN, NOV 19 Old Maryland Farm</p>  <p>Family Farm Tour</p>





your guide

live more, play more

to Parks and Recreation
Classes, Programs, and Events

Registration for fall programs begins
November 15 for Prince George's
County residents and November 22
for non-residents.

What nature can you find in your own backyard this November? Department of Parks and Recreation Prince George's County nature centers offer fun, innovative outdoor programs and activities throughout the month.

From adventure field trips, to tree education, farm tours, and creature celebration, there's something for everyone! Event calendar: bit.ly/natureNov2023.

November 4: Cabochon Cutting Workshop — Make Your Own Gemstone at Clearwater Nature Center. Learn the basics of gem-cutting; create cabochon using diamond saws, grinds, and polishing equipment. Registration is required: bit.ly/novcabochon.

November 4: Woolly Bear Wingding at Watkins Nature Center. Free. Come down to the Watkins Woolly Bear Wingding! Day of learning stations, crafts, activities, games, story times, and more dedicated to nature's weatherman, the woolly bear caterpillar. It's going to be a Woolly Good Time! bit.ly/woollybearwingding.

November 9: Ranger Hiking Spree at Patuxent Park. Free. Park ranger-led, woodland nature hike through Patuxent River Park! bit.ly/rangerhikenov2023.

November 14: Nature Journaling Workshop at Mount Rainier Nature Center. What does nature have to say to you? Register today for hands-on nature journaling activities to include drawing and writing: bit.ly/novnaturaljournal.

November 18: Eastern Woodland Native Culture and Games at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Explore the ancient life of Eastern Woodland Native Americans.

Learn about life in a village: play music using an assortment of instruments, grind plants, and use tools and techniques to explore cultural traditions. Test your skills or see demonstrations in archery, atlatl (17,000 year-old hunting technology), tomahawk (ax throwing), or lacrosse (dehonchigwiis)! Register at: bit.ly/bwpmnativeculture.

November 19: Family Farm Tour at Old Maryland Farm. Enjoy a tour of Old Maryland Farm before the gates open! Learn about the farm animals, day-to-day operations, and visit behind-the-scene areas. Go to: bit.ly/novfarmtour2.

HALLOWEEN IN NORTH BRENTWOOD





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HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? PLEASE CONTACT
PGFD COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT 301-883-5250



A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring in the United States during the holiday season will claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage and will account for 40% of all fires during this time period of October thru January.

The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department wishes to remind everyone that by following some of these simple life-saving steps you can ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

Holiday Decorations: All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

Wrapping Paper: Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace. It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.

Artificial Christmas Trees: If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Candle Care: Avoid Using Lit Candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning. Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree. Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Holiday Lights: Maintain Your Holiday Lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets: Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch. ***Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended.***

Preventing Christmas Tree Fire Hazards: Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Selecting a Tree for the Holiday: Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree: Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. We recommend that you water the tree 3 times a day and keep the tree stand filled with water.

Disposing of Your Tree: Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Remember in case of an EMERGENCY DIAL 911 - Get Out and Stay Out!



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

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Office of Community Relations

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NORTH BRENTWOOD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF



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49ERS**



**WASHINGTON
COMMANDERS**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 1 PM

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1600 FEDEX WAY LANDOVER, MD 20785

A PERCENTAGE OF ALL TICKETS PURCHASED WILL BE DONATED
TO NORTH BRENTWOOD'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FUND.
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North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

Town Directory

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor: Petrella Robinson x1225

Council Members:

Aaron Baynes x1227

Charles Wiley x1222

Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager:

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

Code Enforcement Officer:

Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carl Jones x1221

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.333.4000

Park Police:

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries:

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel:

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings: November 20

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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

- **No Mayor & Council meetings in DECEMBER**

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: **2024**. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: TBD. Dial-in: 774.267.2052.
**XMAS Luncheon at North Brentwood Community Center
December 14, 2023@ 12:30 PM**

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."

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www.NorthBrentwood.com and



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

North Brentwood Resident



