



North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to

September 2022

Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

According to the Census Bureau, the U.S. Hispanic population is 62.1 million as of 2020, "making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority." What's more, between 2010 and 2020, a little over half of the U.S. population growth stemmed from the increase in the Hispanic or Latino population.

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It's worth noting that these estimates are largely based on the Census question that asks people to self-identify whether or not they are "of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

While many people use Latino(a) and Hispanic interchangeably these words mean different things. A Hispanic person is someone who comes from or is a descendant of a Spanish-speaking country. Latino(a) is used when referring to someone who comes from, or is a descendant of, any Latin American country.

Latin American countries are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

People use this celebration to show the importance of Hispanics in the U.S. by donating to Hispanic charities, eating food from any of the countries celebrated, and learning from their cultures and honoring influential Hispanics who have made an impact on society.



*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*

One-Time Student Loan Debt Relief

President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the U.S. Department of Education have announced a three-part plan to help working and middle-class federal student loan borrowers transition back to regular payment as pandemic-related support expires. This plan includes loan forgiveness of up to \$20,000. Many borrowers/families may be asking themselves “what do I have to do to claim this relief?”

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will provide up to \$20,000 in debt relief to Federal Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 in debt relief to non-Pell Grant recipients. Borrowers with loans held by ED are eligible for this relief if their individual income is less than \$125,000 (or \$250,000 for households).

Step 1: Check if you're eligible

You're eligible for student loan debt relief if annual federal income was below \$125,000 (individual or married, filing separately) or \$250,000 (married, filing jointly or head of household) in 2021 or 2020.

Step 2: Prepare

Log in to your account on StudentAid.gov and make sure your contact info is up to date. Updates will be sent by both email and text message, so make sure to sign up to receive text alerts.

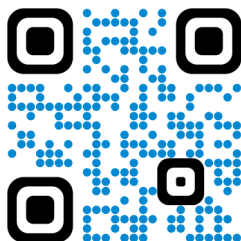
If you don't have a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID), you should create an account to help you manage your loans.

Step 3: Submit your application (when available)

The application will be available online by early October 2022.

We'll share updates on this page and send you an email when the application is available. **You'll have until Dec. 31, 2023, to submit your application.**

Student Debt
Relief Subscription



Code Officer Update

Hello North Brentwood Residents let's have a little more PRIDE IN OUR TOWN please remember to do these things:



- After cutting your grass please do not leave grass clippings on the sidewalk and place all yard waste in brown leaf bags. Yard waste is picked up on Mondays only so put this out on Sunday night.
- BULK (4 items only) is picked up on Tuesdays only to be put out only Mondays only. All mattresses are to be wrapped in plastic or the trash company will not take them. I suggest that you go to the dollar store and buy mattress covers.

Please remember to only put regular TRASH and RECYCLE out on Thursday nights only. I will start giving out \$100 fines to all that don't do these things.

County Wide Youth Curfew

Prince George's County is enforcing a 30-day curfew for youth ages 16 and under beginning, September 9, 2022. Youth need to be at home on weeknights (Sunday-Thursday) from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM and on weekends (Friday and Saturday) from 11:59 PM to 5:00 AM. “Our police officers are focused on education first. If youth are in public spaces during curfew hours, police will educate them on the curfew and tell them to go home, and notify a parent/guardian” said County Executive Alsobrooks. There are a few exceptions that apply:

- If a child is accompanied by a parent/guardian or authorized adult.
- If a child is on an errand as directed by a parent through 12:30 a.m.
- If a child is exercising First Amendment rights
- If a child is returning home within one hour and on a direct route from school, religious or voluntary association activity, or public entertainment like a movie, play or sporting event
- If a child is at or heading to/from a place of employment with parent content, the child is engaged in interstate travel



Rental/Mortgage and/or Utility Assistance

North Brentwood is now accepting applications for rental/mortgage and/or utility assistance from residents. Our Residential Assistance program provides temporary relief to all eligible applicants who've experienced financial hardship during the pandemic. Please complete the application included in the newsletter (page 7-8) or online at northbrentwood.com. All hard copies can be dropped off at the Town office during normal operating hours; digital copies can be e-mailed to Councilmembers Charles Wiley (cwiley@northbrentwood.com) or Evan Dame (edame@northbrentwood.com). Any questions may be directed to either councilmember.

Currently, North Brentwood is paying a maximum of \$2,000 for rental/mortgage assistance and/or utility assistance. Approved households will have an opportunity to reapply for more assistance in the future, pending available funds.

Cycling Seniors

Cycling is a full body and mind exercise! Join the Park Rangers and the Cycling Seniors Cycle Club. The club has ride experiences for new and more experienced riders. Please bring your own bicycle and helmet. Use of M-NCPPC bikes will be available upon request. Please call in advance to borrow a bike, 301.446.3403. A waiver of liability will need to be signed.

This program is FREE for Prince George's and Montgomery County residents only, 60 years of age and better! Club rides will take place once per month on a Wednesday through November, weather permitting, 8 am to 11:30 am. For more information call 301.446.3403 or email: seniors@pgparks.com.



Notes: Mayor & Council Meetings

Resolution No. 2022-05 was passed: whereas many Town residents and small businesses may now apply to the North Brentwood Energy Assistance Program to receive emergency funding. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance, through energy (electric and cooling/heating) grants, to eligible Town of North Brentwood individuals, businesses and families who have been impacted by the COVID pandemic. Call the Town office for more info.



COVID-19 Updates



As of September 13, 499 Marylanders recently hospitalized, and positivity rate fell to 9.25%.

K-N95 masks are still available at the Town Office.

If you need a PCR or Rapid Antigen test, call Lotus Primary Care and Wellness Clinic in Hyattsville (6495 New Hampshire Ave #140) at 240.770.4177.

New Resident Welcome Package



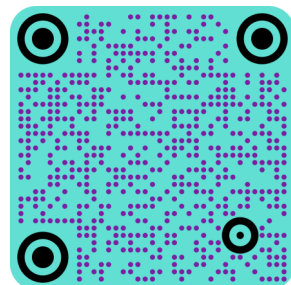
Did you know... North Brentwoodians have access to a welcome package?

It has essential information about: town history, our form of

government, waste collection services, a phone directory, community channel details, and more.

Even if you've lived in North Brentwood for years, you can pick up a copy at the Town office or check it out on our website's 'About' page.

Welcome Package Scan



National Emergency Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

Power Outage Tips

- ⇒ Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
- ⇒ Use a generator, but **ONLY** outdoors and away from windows.
- ⇒ Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- ⇒ Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- ⇒ Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- ⇒ Check with local officials about heating and cooling locations open near you.

Fire Safety Tips

- ⇒ Make sure fire alarm is properly functioning
- ⇒ Make digital copies of valuable documents and records like birth certificates.
- ⇒ Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department for assistance on proper use and maintenance.
- ⇒ Portable generators should **NEVER** be used indoors; refuel outdoors and in well ventilated areas.
- ⇒ Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- ⇒ Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually; check monthly for damage/obstructions.
- ⇒ Contact your local disaster relief service, such as The Red Cross, if you need temporary housing, food and medicines.
- ⇒ Check with the fire department to make sure your residence is safe to enter.



FEMA TIPS

2022 Elder Abuse and Fraud Prevention Training Series

Gwendolyn Britt Activity Center

Tuesday, September 20: 11 am to 12:30 pm

The Juanita C. Grant Foundation presents this live event with: county Parks and Recreation, PG County Family Justice Center, and the US Department of Justice Elder Abuse Initiative. Panelists from: county police, the state's attorney's office, the IRS, the US Postal Service, US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and more. Register at: jcgfdn.org/elder-abuse-series-training.

What You Will Gain

- ⇒ Knowing the red flags of current scams, including the current types of scams in PG County.
- ⇒ Recognizing, responding to and avoiding scams.
- ⇒ Sharing contact information/resources to report fraud and elder abuse to law enforcement.

District 47 8th Annual Family & Friends Cookout

Join District 47 legislative team on Sat. September 17, from 12pm-4pm, at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park for an afternoon of fun! Boat tours, bicycling, information tables, food trucks, and live music will be on the scene. Families are encouraged to attend to celebrate the entire District 47 community.



Waste Collection Services

Yard waste – Monday only

Regular / bulk trash (4 items only) – Tuesday only

Regular trash / recycling – Friday only

For more details about waste removal, go to our website: northbrentwood.com/town-services.

Free Movies on the Potomac

It's a FREE evening of fun for all ages! Pack chairs, grab food to go from one of the great nearby dining establishments, and meet at the Plaza's big screen.

National Harbor: 163 Waterfront St, Oxon Hill, MD

Family Movie Nights: Sundays at 6 pm

Date Night Movies: Thursdays at 7 pm

September features America-themed movies:

Family Movies: Sundays at 6pm	Date Night Movies: Thursdays at 7pm
September 4: An American Tail	September 1: Argo
September 11: Miracle	September 8: 42
September 18: American Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story	September 15: Apollo 13
September 25: The Gabby Douglas Story	September 22: A League of their Own
	September 29: Minari

Maryland Mortgage Program

The Department of Housing and Community Development's MD Mortgage Program (MMP) launched two home loan products with high levels of buying assistance for: *first-time buyers, those who haven't owned a home for three years, and veterans who haven't used the VA's first-time homebuyer exemption.*

The new 1st Time Advantage 4% or 5% loans, offer down payment and closing cost help equal to 4% or 5% of the first mortgage. These loans are 0% deferred for up to 30 years, meaning buyers won't need to pay back assistance until the selling or refinancing the home.

MMP has other mortgage products to make home ownership more affordable and sustainable, such as: flexible financing, conventional loans with varied levels and forms of down payment, closing cost assistance, attractive interest rates for repeat and first-time home buyers, conventional refinancing, and student debt relief. To learn more, visit MMP at maryland.gov.

MD Mortgage



2022 Tax Credits

New Senior Homeowner Tax Credit

A new tax law, effective July 1, 2023, provides up to a 20% credit of county property taxes (including homeowners and homestead tax credits), for up to five years. Applications will be available spring 2023. To be eligible, you must meet *all* of this criteria:

- 1) Age 65 or over;
- 2) Own and reside at the property, for which credit is sought, for at least the previous 10 years;
- 3) Assessed home value does not exceed \$500,000 at the time of application; and
- 4) Submit application by October 1 of the fiscal year the credit is sought.

Maryland Homeowners Tax Credit: All Ages

The State of MD has a real property tax bill credit for homeowners of all ages, who qualify on the basis of gross household income. A new application must be filed every year to be considered for a tax credit.

Actual taxes eligible for this credit do *not* include: fixed metropolitan service charges which may appear on the tax bill (e.g., sewer, water or improvement repayments); or taxes for other buildings/portions of buildings used for business. For large land-tract owners, the credit is limited to the taxes on land necessary for residential dwelling (not the excess acreage). The deadline for filing an application is October 1, 2022.

Accessibility Features Tax Credit

If you own an existing principal residence, you may receive a tax credit (of the property tax bill's county portion), after completing a qualified accessibility feature, such as widening doorways. The feature must be installed within the 12 months preceding the application. The credit allowed under this section is the lesser of 50% of the eligible costs or \$2,500.



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: 9 am Sunday
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



COMMUNITY Grocery GIVEAWAY



GROCERIES

DIAPERS

TOILETRIES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Mt. Calvary Catholic Church
6700 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747

ONE DISTRIBUTION PER CAR | WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
FOR INFORMATION CALL 240.532.7003

Food Programs in North Brentwood

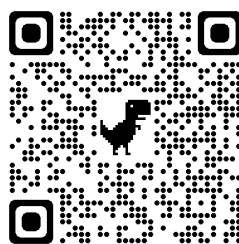
Our Town is a SHARE Food Network site. For a *free* monthly food package, call 301.699.9699 x1223. Learn more about Town programs (e.g., Senior Nutrition): northbrentwood.com/town-programs.

Carpenter Training Opportunity



The Mid-Atlantic Carpenters Training Centers will begin their next pre-apprenticeship offering, CARP (Carpenters Apprentice Ready Program), on Saturday, September 17 at 7:30

am. This program will take place for eight Saturdays: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm; a high school diploma or GED and reliable transportation is required.



Scan for Application

We Are & Will Be Dust Art Exhibition

Material Things (a Gateway Arts District studio) presents *We are and Will be Dust*, handwoven works by Maryland-based artist Danny Varillas. The exhibit will be on view in The Pallet Rack, an experimental gallery space at Material Things, from September 3 through October 1, 2022.

An opening reception, free and open to the public, was held Saturday, September 3. A closing community party, featuring communal natural dyeing and screen-printing with the artist, will be held Saturday, October 1; the time will be announced.

Material Things is located next to northeast DC at 4531 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood, MD, 20722. To learn more, visit materialthingsstudio.com and [@materialthingsstudio](https://www.instagram.com/materialthingsstudio).

The Pallet Rack is a 24 square foot exhibition space.

We are and Will be Dust may be viewed Fridays from 5 pm to 8 pm, and Sundays 12 to 3 pm, or by appointment via their website.





Application for Residential Assistance

APPLICANT NAME:

Current Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

(List the Head of Household and all other members who live in the residence. Give the relationship of each family member to the head.)

Member's Full Name	Relationship	Birthdate	Age	Sex	Social Security No.

Race of Head of Household (Check One) - Optional

(This information is being collected to assure compliance with fair housing and equal opportunity rules.)

- ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ Native American/Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic

You may qualify for a rental/mortgage assistance and/or utility assistance if any or all of the following circumstances can be verified for your household. Please check any that apply to you.

- ☐ Are you currently more than 30 days past due on rent and/or mortgage payments? If yes, please explain:
- ☐ Are you currently more than 30 days past due on any utility bills? If yes, please explain:

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION: I/we understand that the above information is being collected to determine if I/we are eligible to receive residential assistance. I/we authorize the Town of North Brentwood to verify all information provided on this application.

Head of Household Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date





Overdue Bills

What are the types and amounts of overdue bills (e.g. mortgage/rent or utility bill such as electric, gas, or water)?

Type of Bill	Amount Past Due	Days Past Due	Payment Basis (weekly, monthly, etc.)

Please attach any overdue utility bills or rent/mortgage payment to this application and e-mail the entire package to cwiley@northbrentwood.com or edame@northbrentwood.com. You may also drop off a hard copy of the application and any accompanying documents at the town office during normal operating hours.

If approved for financial assistance, any monies awarded will be paid directly to the mortgage/lease holder and/or utility company. No direct cash payments will be made to residents.

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2022 CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation! Learn about the diverse Latino cultures in Prince George's County.




Salsa Under the Sun Sunday, September 11 1-4 pm Fairwood Community Park 12390 Fairwood Parkway, Bowie 20720 301-464-3725	Fall Fiesta Sunday, September 18 1-4 pm Lake Arbor Community Center 10100 Lake Arbor Way Mitchellville 20721 301-772-5563	Celebración Hispana Sunday, October 9 1-4 pm Vansville Community Center 6813 Ammendale Road Beltsville 20705 301-937-6621	Fiesta de la Familia Sunday, October 16 1-4 pm Lane Manor Park 7601 West Park Drive Adelphi 20783 301-445-4508
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ENJOY: Live music • Folkloric dances • Children & teen areas Information tables • Food vendors

All ages; FREE admission, entertainment, and parking

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SCRAP TIRE AMNESTY DAY

GET RID OF YOUR OLD SCRAP TIRES

SEP. 17 2022
8 AM - 1 PM

FREE OF CHARGE



Scrap Tire Amnesty Day is made possible by a grant funded through the Maryland Department of the Environment and managed by Maryland Environment Service.

Two Locations North County Public Works Salt Dome 11900 Montgomery Rd Beltsville, MD 20705 — OR — South County Park and Ride 9000 Stuart Ln Clinton, MD 20735	GUIDELINES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to County residents ONLY (identification may be required) • 10 tires per vehicle • No commercial vehicles allowed • Multiple trips are not allowed for individuals or vehicles • Commercial haulers or generators of scrap tires are not permitted • Acceptable tires include CAR, BIKE, TRUCK, AGRICULTURAL
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For more information, visit environment.mypgc.us or contact PGC311.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22 2022

Prince George's County
GREEN SUMMIT
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
2022

GREEN VENDORS
DIY WORKSHOPS
GREEN BUILDING TOUR
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
KIDS ACTIVITIES

FREE AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Road
Landover, MD 20785
10AM - 2PM



For more information, visit mypgc.us/greensummit
For vendor opportunities, contact bgarner@co.pg.md.us

 **Prince Georges Proud**

CONSTRUCTION VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT

THURSDAY | December 16th
10AM TO 1PM

VIRTUAL LOCATION
<https://bit.ly/3djdKBX>

Are you interested in starting an in-demand career in construction?

Top employers in the region are seeking individuals to fill critical roles in Information Technology. Job vacancies include areas of:

- Carpenter
- Commercial Painter
- Electrician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Plumber & More!

Employers will be present virtually, screening, interviewing applicants, collecting resumes, answering questions about their jobs, companies, and much more!

Scan this code to Register →

or Register online at: <https://bit.ly/3djdKBX>



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Lake Arbor
Community Center

10100 Lake Arbor Way
Mitchellville 20721
301-772-5563

Celebración Hispana

Sunday, October 9
1-4 pm

Vansville
Community Center

6813 Ammendale Road
Beltsville 20705
301-937-6621

Fiesta de la Familia

Sunday, October 16
1-4 pm

Lane Manor
Park

7601 West Park Drive
Adelphi 20783
301-445-4508



ENJOY:

Live music ▪ Folkloric dances ▪ Children & teen areas Information tables ▪ Food vendors

All ages; FREE admission, entertainment, and parking

ART WORKS NOW

Fall Programs Start in October

Register Today!

Accessible Art Education For All

4800 Rhode Island Avenue Hyattsville, MD

301-454-0808

Adults 18+

- Acrylic Painting:
Landscapes & Cityscapes
- Creativity Bootcamp
- Making Art with Collage:
Collecting, Cutting, & Collaging
- Paint, Print, & Create
- Wheel Throwing

Kids/Youth

- Art Journaling: The Path to Self
Expression for Kids
- Art of Gaming: MineCraft
- Creative Writing: Myths, Magic, &
Make Believe
- Elements of Color Theory
- Figure Drawing
- Kids Clay
- Kids Drawing
- Painting 1: Traveling with Art
- Parent's Night Out
- Portfolio Development
- Preschool ARTventure

Creative Aging* 55+

- Art of the People: Marching Into the
Future
- Creative Clay
- Intro to Improv
- Magnificent Miniatures
- "Shake It Up" Watercolor: Color &
Light
- The Writers' Room: Creative Writing
for Older Adults

*limit 2 classes/person/session

To **register** and **join our**
email list to receive updates
about future classes,
summer camps, and more
visit:

ArtWorksNow.org

Follow us on:
Facebook
and

Instagram

@artworksnow



North Brentwood Newswire

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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

Asst Treasurer: Alana Hill 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: Monday, Sept.19, Oct. 3

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: Next meeting will be on October 10. The call-in number is 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Will meet on October 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Dial-in number: 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 4th Monday of each month with subject line "Newsletter."

Español



We're on the Web:

www.NorthBrentwood.com and



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

North Brentwood Resident

