

North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

2023 North Brentwood Municipal Election Notice

Town Election on May 1

North Brentwood will hold an election on May 1, 2023, to elect a Mayor and an At-large Council Member.

How to Run for Office in the Town of North Brentwood

Filing to become a candidate begins March 1, 2023, and ends at 5:30 pm on April 3, 2023. If you plan to run for office, this is period you must gather, and submit, signatures from North Brentwood registered voters.

Qualified candidates wishing to become mayor must be 25 years-old, or older, and have resided in North Brentwood for the past two years. One year is required for the at-large council seat.

Mayoral candidates must gather 20 signatures from North Brentwood citizens (registered voters). Use the petition on page 10 of this newsletter. Submit the completed petition to one of the appointed election judges.

Candidates running for the at-large council seat must submit a petition, with 10 signatures of registered North Brentwood voters, to an election judge. This petition is on page 11.

Election Judges

Connie Alexander 301.864.9077 | Paulette Price 301.699.3305 | Yvonne Howard 301.895.8179

Election judges certify each petition, which permits a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot. Therefore, it is advisable to get more than the stated number of signatures, in case of a problem with a few signatures.

Voting in Town Elections

You are eligible to vote in the Town election if you are: a US citizen, at least 18 years of age; a resident (within the corporate limits of the Town for 30 days immediately preceding the election); and a qualified PG County voter. Meanwhile, North Brentwood residents, especially new ones, should check with Prince George's County Board of Elections to ensure they are registered. Check your voting eligibility at the website: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/votersearch.



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) is observed throughout March, to: educate about the importance of inclusion of people of all abilities, address barriers for the developmentally disabled, and bring about necessary change.

What does disability inclusion really mean? It's about understanding the relationship between the ways people function and how they participate in society – and making sure everyone has access to opportunities in every aspect of life.

Learning acceptance of others' strengths/challenges is the fundamental approach of disability awareness, at home, school, workplaces... everywhere. For example, companies have access to more programs than ever before, to bring in people with disabilities, as clients, customers, and also as employees and managers.

Important Facts about Developmental Disabilities

There are five types of developmental disabilities (DDs): autism spectrum disorder (ASD), cerebral palsy (CP), intellectual disability (ID), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and learning disabilities.

What causes a DD? Most are thought to be caused by a complex mix of: genetics, prenatal parental health and behaviors (e.g., smoking, drinking, taking drugs, infections, and exposure to toxins, such as lead), birth complications, or post-birth injury or infection.

How many people have DDs? The exact number of people affected is not fully measurable because DDs cover a wide range of conditions, many of which are diagnosed years after birth, rather than in newborns.

According to the CDC, about 1 in 33 (or 3%) of newborns in the United States have conditions related to prenatal development problems. Similarly, the American Academy of Pediatrics estimates 2 to 3% of US children have some form of intellectual disability.

Beyond small children, 7 million-plus people in the US have a DD. And, the numbers are growing as more people live with disabilities due to population aging. Globally, more than one billion, or 15% of the world's population, lives with a developmental disability.

When did DD 'awareness' truly begin? In the not so distant past, people with DDs were often relegated to back rooms of family homes or underfunded state-run institutions. In the 1950s, parents all over the country begin refusing to place disabled family members into institutional care; these parents organized into The Arc,

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National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (continued)

formerly known as the Association of Mentally Retarded Citizens. In the early '60s, President Kennedy leveraged experience with his sister's disability, by convening a panel to identify the exclusion suffered by people with DD (from education, employment and community participation).

In 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was passed, offering all children a "free appropriate public education" (FAPE). That Act is the cornerstone of today's Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

1984's DD Act set up much of today's supports with goals/ services for those with DDs, "to achieve their maximum through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community." State Developmental Disabilities Councils were created, providing more training to individuals, families and service delivery systems.

In 1987, President Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month to focus on the potential of citizens with DD to work, contribute, and enjoy fulfilling lives.

And, in 1990, President Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act. This Act was later amended to move from the goals of independence, integration and productivity toward interdependence, inclusion, and recognition of individual contributions. Training was expanded to include paraprofessionals, family members, and those with DD.

We Still Need Developmental Disabilities Awareness

While there are programs to help those with IDD and their families, it's still a tough road to navigate. NDDAM:

Seeks to stop bullying and stereotyping. Bullying of kids with special needs has always been a serious national issue. Some reports indicate nearly 85% of DD students experience bullying. As well, stereotypes about people with disabilities contribute to the prevailing high unemployment rate among those with DDs.

Educates the community. It's especially helpful to educate the public about silent disabilities. Some disabilities are visible, such as a person who uses a wheelchair or crutches to ambulate. Other disabilities (including cognitive challenges affecting speech, learning and social interactions) are not always easily noticeable.

Fosters peer relationships. NDDAM is a time to create strategies and activities to help students better recognize the visible/invisible differences, and needs, of peers with DDs. This understanding helps students develop empathy that has a ripple effect of positive outcomes for all students.

How to observe NDDAM & Resources

Share on social media. It's a great way to connect with your community, raise awareness about DDs, and amplify the voices of people with disabilities.

Wear orange. Orange symbolizes energy and positivity. It's also the official color of DDAM. Wear it as a family or for team-building at work.

Put a smile on someone's face. Let children and adults with DDs feel your love and support and encourage them to unleash their inner potential.

Donate and volunteer. Honor NDDAM by giving to causes for disability awareness and/or supporting events raising understanding of DDs.

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (health.maryland.gov/dda) is the place to start when looking for resources for adults with DDs.

The Arc of PG County (thearcofpgc.org) offers events, child care, future planning, educational advocacy and respite care for persons (infants, children and adults) with DDs and their families.

Each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities creates a social media awareness campaign – about the inclusion of people with DDs in all facets of community life, as well as the barriers people with disabilities face connecting to the communities in which they live. Go to #DDAM2023 for info and nacdd.org/ddam1 for this year's downloadable resource guide.

Art Enables (art-enables.org) is a DC-based art gallery and vocational arts program dedicated to

(continued from page two) creating opportunities for artists with DDs and mental health challenges (e.g., autism, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injury, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia) to create, market and earn income from their original artworks.

Sources: nationaltoday.com, nichd.nih.gov, devereux.org

Hero of North Brentwood 2022-23



Christopher Powell, a
North Brentwood resident,
was honored February 25,
during a Black History
Month event with County
Councilperson Wanika
Fisher and the Town.



Powell was recognized as a local hero, for overcoming the many challenges of cerebral palsy, including learning how to walk, and having a robust life and successful career. He is truly a man of distinction.



Despite the tremendous odds he faces, Chris perseveres. As a child, he needed help from family

to accomplish minimal tasks; Chris mostly used a wheelchair, but desired to walk on his own. During his last year of high school, Chris joined the Achilles Track Club of disabled athletes. He credits the club with his physical development and a new life approach: with constant workouts, he gained strength and stamina. Rather than the constant falls he had as a child, it's now infrequent that Chris loses his balance.

Chris is an Instructional Lab Coordinator at Montgomery College's Mathematics Learning Center, and at its Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. He uses his experiences to motivate and inspire students to reach for the stars, by reinforcing their desires to achieve through his leadership and by example.

North Brentwood Voter Registration Drive

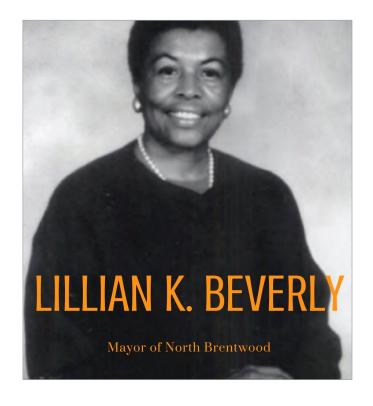
All prospective voters for North Brentwood's 2023 Municipal Elections are welcome to participate in the Voter Registration Drive: March 18, from 12 to 2 pm. Town Administration is hosting the event at the Town Office (municipal building) downstairs.

Voter registrations will be available in English and Spanish, for those who need the language accommodation. If you have further questions, please call our Town Office at 301.699.9699.



Keeping Mayor Beverly In Our Thoughts

Former North Brentwood Mayor Lillian K. Beverly is in need of our love and support. Her strength and resiliency is amazing. Her community recognizes Mayor Beverly's public service and can't wait to see her well again soon! #IAMNORTHBRENTWOOD





MML 2023 Mayors Winter Conference

Town of North Brentwood's Mayor Petrella Robinson attended the 2023 Maryland Mayors Conference, with other officials from 157 cities and towns across the state. She, and the 90 mayors there, play a vital role advancing and advocating for municipalities. The annual Conference offers education and training to empower local elected officials, via awareness of state policies and resources from which their respective communities may benefit.





2023 Centenarian Celebration



M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation is collecting info about Prince George's and Montgomery Counties' residents born in 1923 — to invite citizens turning 100 this year to a special luncheon.

The event will be held Friday, May 5, 2023, at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center (7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707). This year's event will be limited to the centenarian and up to five (5) guests.

If you know someone who was born in 1923 and resides in PG or Montgomery County, please complete the online registration form at pgparks.com/centenarian by March 15. For centenarian registration assistance, please contact staff at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center at 301.206.3351/3350 or email seniors@pgparks.com.

National Slam the Scam Day

Thursday, March 9 is National Slam Scam Day: a day to raise awareness and, hopefully, prevent scammers from succeeding in their crimes. This day, and throughout the year, use preventative measures to help identify Social

Security-related (and other) fraud schemes and stop scammers from stealing your money/personal info.

The four basic signs of a scam:

- 1) Scammers pretend to be from a familiar organization or government agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email you links or attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
- 2) Scammers often mention a problem or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in

- a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
- 3) Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
- 4) Scammers will tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may say to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Slam the Scam is a joint effort of the Social Security Administration and the Office of the Inspector General. It's also part of the FTC's National Consumer Protection Week (March 5-11). Go to #SlamTheScam for info about the fourth annual National Slam the Scam Day. For additional scam prevention, go to ssa.gov/scam/resources.html.

Become a Terp Young Scholar

Terp Young Scholars invites high school students to a pre-college summer experience at the University of Maryland. From July 10-28, 2023 students participate in a rigorous college course, earn college credits, and preview college life.

The program introduces students (grades 10-12) to college-level coursework, taught by innovative UMD instructors from a variety of academic fields. To become a Terp Young Scholar, visit tys.umd.edu.



Mortgage and/or Utility Assistance

North Brentwood is accepting applications from residents for rental/mortgage and/or utility assistance. Our Residential Assistance program provides temporary relief to all eligible applicants who've experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.

Please complete the application on pages 10-11 of this newsletter. It's also available in the Forms section of our website: 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.

Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

Winter Weather & Pet Safety

Exposure to extreme winter weather can harm our pets, if we leave or take them outside for a prolonged period.

Prince George's County law states: "All domestic animals, except livestock, are prohibited



from being kept outdoors when the effective outdoor wind chill index is 32 degrees Fahrenheit."

For their safety, ensure four-legged family members are kept warm and their paws are clear of snow/ice.

When left unattended outdoors, pets can get frostbite, or become disoriented, and freeze to death. What is more, hypothermia, which is life-threatening, may result from extended exposure to cold.

If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on your car hood before starting the engine to give cats a

Waste Collection

Warning: Properly discarding waste is important to our 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 does not start again until April.

Project Permits

If you are going to start a new home improvement project, please find out 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.

Nutrition Awareness Month

During the month of March, learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits (at eatright.org). This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment:

- Enjoy more plant-based meals and snacks.
- Purchase foods with minimal packaging.
- Buy foods in season; shop locally when possible.
- Grow food at home in a container or garden.
- Learn cooking and meal preparation skills.
- Try new flavors/foods from around the world.
- Find creative ways to use leftovers vs. tossing out.
- Create happy memories by eating with friends and family when possible.

March is National Nutrition Month

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Advisors

It's a fact: You can really make a difference.

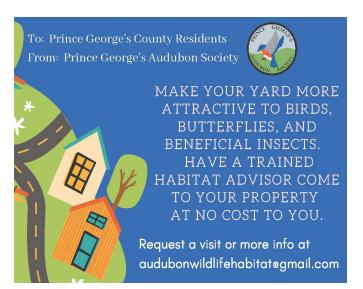
Are you concerned about the loss of habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife? Want to make a

difference by creating a beneficial, beautiful habitat on your own property? Would you like to be part of a wildlife-friendly community network? Help is coming.

Beginning again in April 2023, the Prince George's Audubon Wildlife Habitat Program will offer County residents a free in-person visit with trained advisors.

These advisors work with you to bring positive changes to your property or neighborhood site. Visits go like this: volunteer Habitat Advisors typically spend an hour walking the property with you. They'll explain about native plants and landscape elements that provide food, water and shelter for birds, pollinators and other forms of wildlife. Together you discuss topics such as: garden structure, lawn reduction, invasive plant removal, water conservation, and bird protection. Then, your advisors will help you to set priorities and make a plan for moving forward.

When ready, you can certify online and order an attractive Audubon Bird-Friendly Habitat yard sign. To get more information, or request a visit, email audubonwildlifehabitat@gmail.com



Prince George's County Launches Saturday Enrichment Academy

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Prince George's County Council, proudly announces a new weekend tutoring program: Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA) aims to help improve academic acceleration, grades and test scores of county youth ages 6 to 9 years-old.

During this three-hour weekly program, learning coaches will use creative ways to meet the needs and

styles of participants in grades 1 to 3. SEA is FREE for county residents and will be offered at nine schools and community centers: March 4 to June 10, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.



"The purpose of our Saturday Enrichment Academy is to provide academic support to youth who are having challenges with English Language Arts and STEAM," states Anica O'Neil, Assistant Division Chief at the Department, "It is our goal to bridge the gap and provide our youth with resources and a comfortable, fun, engaging environment that will assist with mitigating their learning challenges."

Students will receive small-group tutoring that creates an intimate learning environment and allows tutors to meet participants where they are. SEA will take place each Saturday at the following locations:

- Berwyn Heights (almost full)
- Columbia Park
- Deerfield Run
- Fort Washington Forest
- Glassmanor
- Langley Park
- Perrywood (waitlist)
- William Beanes
- William Hall Academy

Scan Me: SEA Application

Registration is now open! Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/4kvwbeye. To learn more, email: anica.oneil@pgparks.com.

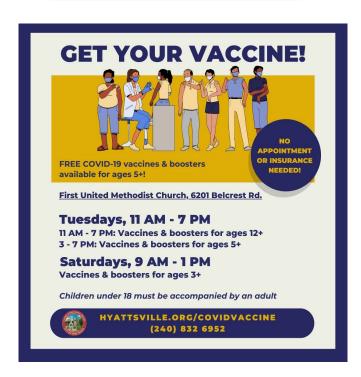
Church Services: *Most are held virtually*

♦ 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 at least 65 years of age with a government-issued photo ID. Cost of the card is \$2. See front desk staff to make your purchase during hours of operation: Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Have questions? Call 301.699.1238.

Senior Call Check

Adults 65-plus years old may opt for a FREE Maryland Department of Aging service: receive 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. Register by calling 866.50.CHECK (1.866.502.0560) or visiting this website: aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx.

COVID-19 Updates

As of February 27, 187 Marylanders were recently hospitalized (a 36% decrease from previous two weeks), and the test positivity rate increased to 9.40%. Keep getting the original vaccine series and boosters! K-N95 masks are available at the Town Office. For a PCR or Rapid Antigen test, call 240.832.6952.



Receive a monthly grocery box if you are a Montgomery or Prince George's County resident, age 60 or older, and meet the income eligibility criteria.

Our Distribution Partner Sites

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Want to learn more or apply?



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TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD: NOMINATING PETITION FOR MAYOR

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DELIVER THIS PETITION BY 5:30 PMION APRIL 3, 2023 TO ONE OF THESE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD ELECTION JUDGES:

1. Connie Alexander (Supervisor) – 4518 40° Street | 2. Paulette Price – 4519 39° Place | 3. Yvonne Howard – 4546 41° Avenue

TWENTY (20) SIGNATURES OF REGISTERED TOWN VOTERS ARE REQUIRED FOR A NOMINATING PETITION. IT IS ADVISABLE TO OBTAIN MORE SIGNATURES.

	Total Number of Valid Signatures
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For Town Use Only: Date/Time Petition Received	Total Number of Signatures



TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD: NOMINATING PETITION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the Town of North Bre	North Brentwood, Maryland, hereby request that the name of	(print name)
of	(print address), North Brentwood, Maryland be placed on the ballot as a candidate for Ward II Council seat	andidate for Ward II Council seat
Member of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland for the To	d for the Town election to be held on Monday, May 1, 2023.	

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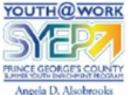
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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY **SUMMER JOBS!**

About Us

The Prince George's County Summer Youth **Enrichment Program provides opportunities** for young people, ages 14 to 22, across the County to receive career development, job readiness training and employment.

- Earn money
- Explore a career field
- Learn new skills
- Meet new people

Get Ready

Application Dates:

March 1 - March 31, 2023

Program Dates:

July 5 - August 11, 2023

Pay:

Hourly and stipend opportunities are available

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SYEP@co.pg.md.us



syep.mypgc.us



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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

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:

March 20, 2023 | April 3, 2023

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: March 13 and April 10. 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



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Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

North Brentwood Resident