



Mayor's Message

Dear Residents of North Brentwood,



As we welcome the month of September, we also greet a season of renewed energy, and continued commitment to our wonderful community. I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and memorable summer with family, friends and neighbors.

September is a time when we traditionally focus on **education, community and preparing for the months ahead**. As our children return to school, let's encourage them, support our teachers, and remind our young people their community believes in their success.

Here, in North Brentwood, we have much to be proud of. Our Town's history was built by people who believed in community, perseverance and looking out for one another. That same spirit continues today. As we move forward, I encourage each of us to become involved — attend a Town meeting, participate in a community activity, volunteer, or simply check on a neighbor.

A strong community is not created by government alone. It is created when residents, businesses, organizations, and elected officials work together.

This fall, the Town will continue working on projects and initiatives designed to improve our quality of life, preserve our historic character, and create opportunities for our residents, old and new. Your ideas, concerns and participation are important to us, and I encourage you to stay informed and engaged.

Let's continue to remember **North Brentwood is more than where we live—it is a community we help build, protect, and pass on to the next generation.**

Thank you for your continued support, your civic pride, and your commitment to making North Brentwood the best community it can be.

Town Council meetings commenced September 8, at 7:30 pm. As a reminder, we meet every first and third Monday each month (on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday). Town Meetings are held via Zoom; you can find login info on the back page of this newsletter.

Lastly, place the **Citizens Academy** (October 10, 12 pm at Sis's Tavern) on your calendar. Come learn about your property tax statements and other municipal issues and concerns. Details about the Town's **Opioid Awareness & Assistance Program** will be coming soon.

With warm regards

Petrella Robinson

Also in this Issue

- The back-to-school info you need to know about: school calendar, vaccination requirements, PGCPs' guide for parents and students, and more.
- Reflections about the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and events to honor fallen firefighters.
- North Brentwood's second annual Color-Me-Fridays event series is each Friday evening, 6 pm to 8 pm, in September. On 9/11, we honor heroes who keep us safe. On Fiesta Friday, 9/18, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, and on 9/25 we sip and paint!

Remembering September 11, 2001



By: Councilmember Morales

Twenty-five years later, the memory of September 11, 2001 remains vivid. I was not in New York, or at the Pentagon, yet the events of that morning changed the course of our nation — and left an imprint on all of us.

I spent that day at the Montgomery County Courthouse conducting family history research. Around mid-morning, a security guard abruptly ordered everyone to evacuate, announcing attacks on both of the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon. Metro service was suspended, phones were jammed, and confusion filled the streets.

It was hours before I could return home; anxious family members had desperately tried to reach me, believing I was still working at the Pentagon. Only later did they learn I had been relocated to the Navy Annex the year before.

In the days leading up to 9/11, verses from Psalm 91 had been on my mind — words of protection and refuge whose meaning became clearer in the aftermath. The greatest challenge was helping my young son understand where God was “when all of those people died.” My belief remains that God was present, even during the midst of tragedy, though the mystery of each person’s path that day may never be fully known.

On September 11, each year, we honor the lives lost, the families forever changed, and the first responders whose courage defined that day. We remember the helpers, the survivors, and all who carried the weight of that morning. They remain in our thoughts and prayers.

In North Brentwood, our second **Color-Me-Fridays** event, **“Safety in Color,”** falls on **September 11, from 6 pm to 8 pm**. It’s an occasion to honor and celebrate the heroes of that tragic day, and the heroes who keep us safe every day, e.g.: police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses, and teachers. This is an RSVP event: call 301.699.9699.

See pages 10 and 11 for English/Spanish event fliers.

9/11: 25 Years Later



The 25th anniversary of 9/11, in 2026, will feature nationwide commemorations, memorial ceremonies, volunteer service projects, and educational programs honoring the victims and first responders.

Memorial Stair Climbs & Runs in MD/DC

The **Travis Manion 9/11 Heroes Run, Never Forget 5K**, and the **Race for Remembrance: 9/11 Tribute Run** all start at the Pentagon in DC and end in New York City.

On varied dates, National Fallen Firefighters is hosting **9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs** in MD, such as the Sep 24 event at Frederick Keys Stadium. The climbs replicate the 110-story ascent of the World Trade Center towers. firehero.org/events/9-11-stair-climbs/#events.

Volunteer & Educational Activities

September 11, 2026, marks the **largest single-day meal pack in history**, with volunteers across 50-plus US cities packing 20 million meals for families in need. Help the cause: 911day.org. Organizations like **9/11 Day** and the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation (TTF)** will host service projects, educational programs, and events in NYC and across the US.

Educational & Cultural Programs

TTF, t2t.org, offers **Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Institute™**, an education program for grades K-12. The foundation also hosts the **Steel Across America** traveling exhibit with an authentic World Trade Center steel beam.

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum, 911memorial.org, offers **Digital Learning** for students and teachers, with first-person accounts, interactive sessions, and a 35-minute film about the attacks and aftermath.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs: Call to Action

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has issued a “National Call to Honor” the heroes of 9/11:

When one of us climbs, we all rise. With every step, every bell rung, and every name remembered. Your donation honors FDNY heroes by supporting those who carry their legacy forward: their families, their fellow firefighters, and the communities they served. The 9/11 Stair Climbs fund the programs provided by the NFFF to support the families of your local fallen firefighters and the FDNY Counseling Service Unit.

Learn More: Participate. Coordinate and/or Sponsor. firehero.org/events/9-11-stair-climbs/#events.

A NATIONAL CALL TO HONOR | NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

LAUNCHING TODAY

CLIMB ONE FLIGHT

25 years later, America climbs together to honor
the 343 FDNY firefighters who gave their lives on 9/11.

FORTHE343.ORG

CLIMB. SHARE. CHALLENGE.

— FOR THE —
343

HONORING THE LEGACY OF 9/11
And all who have made the ultimate sacrifice



FIRST RESPONDER
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PGCPS Starter Kit Essentials



Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! Get the details here, in our latest Back-to-School Guide.

ParentVUE! Accounts

Create a ParentVUE! account to register a new or returning student in Prince George's County Public Schools, and for in-county transfers. If you do not have access to the internet or an electronic device, visit your child's school to complete the online registration process: pgcps.org/schools.

No Shots No School

For the health and safety of all, please ensure your PGCPS student is current on all state-required vaccines — especially during this time of Measles outbreaks! PG's County Health Department offers immunization clinics, at Cheverly Health Center and at Laurel Clinic, from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, for underinsured/uninsured families.

Appointments are required: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/health/family-health-services/vaccines-immunizations. See the flier on page 7 for details about the Cheverly vaccine clinic.

State residents can download official immunization records through Maryland MyIR: myirmobile.com. For school health forms (e.g., meds at school) and all other forms (e.g., publicity release, reduced lunch), go to: pgcps.org/about-pgcps/back-to-school/back-to-school-forms.

School Supplies

Clear backpacks are required for 9-12th graders and non-traditional program students (North, South, Middle). Each student may carry a small, non-clear pouch for personal items.

The middle school 6-8th grades) clear backpack policy is set school-by-school. For **specific supplies info**, find your school's website: pgcps.org/schools.

Community Strength in Action: Donating School Supplies

As part of the National Night Out/Back to School Night event on August 4, North Brentwood distributed more than 5,672 school supplies and 250 backpacks to help local students prepare for the new school year. It takes a village...



This community-wide effort also supported neighboring areas and organizations, including: the Towns of Brentwood, Fairmount Heights, and Forest Heights; MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Gwendolyn Britt Senior

Activity Center; and students at Chick-fil-A.

We sincerely thank donors, partners and volunteers for their generosity. Special recognition goes to Dollar Tree in Bowie; Town Manager Shelley Dorsey-Washington, who donated 60 backpacks; North Brentwood Citizens Association, which contributed 50 backpacks; and Trish Ingraham, who collected essential supplies to help students begin classes prepared and confident.

We also thank additional leaders, staff, residents, and community partners who made the event possible: Mayor Petrella Robinson; Councilmember Jacqueline Morales; Code Enforcement Officer Janie Cuffie; Event Planner Sherletta Hawkins; Public Works team members Greg Butler and Anthony Avents; North Brentwood Citizens Association leader Shaleta Richardson; resident Janet Jones; and the volunteers who packed, organized and distributed every bag.

Because of this collective effort, hundreds of local students are ready for a successful school year. North Brentwood is deeply grateful to those who turned generosity into action.

Important School Dates in September 2026

- Wed, Sep 16: Schools closed for students (teacher dev)
- Mon, Sep 21: Schools/offices closed (Yom Kippur)
- CALENDAR: go.activecalendar.com/pgcps or go to page 6 of this newsletter for the full 2026-27 calendar.

Back to School Safety

Though school has started, it can take a little time to get ourselves mentally in gear for another great school year. Lowering your speed is the best way to prevent accidents and keep yourself and school kids safe. This is especially important around crosswalks when school is in session.

Speed Limits: The speed limit in North Brentwood is **20 MPH**. In addition, school zones are marked with flashing signs. These flashing lights start 30 minutes before school and stay on 30 minutes after dismissal. Do not ignore those signs, even if you don't see children crossing!

Stop Signs: Red stop signs are installed at locations where a full stop is necessary for everyone's safety. A full stop means your wheels stop turning and you feel the weight of your vehicle shift. Always assume the pedestrian will cross, whether or not they have the right-of-way. Parents should remind their children to make sure cars have stopped before entering the street, and to wait for crossing guards to wave them across an intersection.

School Buses: Many drivers get confused about when they have to stop and when they can pass a school bus. Drivers must stop when the red lights are flashing on a school bus, when there are no raised medians or walls between their travel lanes and the school bus.

Safe Stopping: Some drivers stop in the middle of the roadway to load and unload passengers. This is extremely dangerous, especially if children exit on the roadway side of a vehicle. State law does not allow loading/unloading of passengers from a roadway. Please drop children off in designated Kiss and Ride locations, or from authorized safe parking locations. Tickets may be issued for illegal parking in and around schools because of safety issues.

Source: fcps.edu/news/traffic-related-back-schoolsafety

Bus Stops & Schedules

Bus schedules are viewable in PGCPs ParentVUE! Insider parent tip: download the school bus app, *StopFinder*, from the Apple Store or Google Play.

For the full PGCP 26/27 school year calendar, go to: go.activecalendar.com/pgcps.

Free & Reduced-cost PGCPs School Meals

Apply for free and reduced-price meals online at myschoolapps.com. Applications are also available at all PGCPs schools and may be submitted any time during the school year. To view menus, go to schools.mealviewer.com, accept the terms of use and then search by school name.

M-NCPPC Childcare Programs

The PG Department of Recreation offers multiple recreation-focused childcare programs, licensed by MD State Department of Education's Office of Child Care. Choose from pre-school, before-care, after-care, after-school clubs, as well as therapeutic recreation and life-skills care for kids with disabilities (ages 5-21).

- Programs operate at select M-NCPPC sites during the school year for kids ages 5-12, in conjunction with the PGCPs's calendar. When County schools are closed for full days, all childcare is also closed.
- For Prince George's County residents only.
- Completed health forms are mandatory.
- Bus transportation is provided by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs).

Call 301.699.2255 for information.



Prince George's County Public Schools 2026-2027 School Calendar

APPROVED* JANUARY 22, 2026

UPDATED* JULY 16, 2026

2026	
July 3	Schools and Offices Closed (In Observance of Independence Day)
August 11-13	Professional Duty Days for New Teachers
August 17-21	Professional Duty Days for All Teachers
August 24	Student Orientation Day Professional Duty Day for All Teachers
August 25 (Tuesday)	First Day of School for All Students
September 7	Schools and Offices Closed (Labor Day)
September 12	Rosh Hashanah**
September 16	Schools Closed for Students Professional Development
September 21	Schools and Offices Closed (Yom Kippur**)
October 2	Early Dismissal for Students Teacher Professional Half-Day
October 16	Schools Closed for Students Professional Development
October 30	End of First Quarter (45 days)
October 30	Early Dismissal for Students Q1 Grading & Reporting Half-Day for Teachers
November 3	School and Offices Closed (Election Day)
November 6-10	Diwali**
November 11	Schools Closed for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 25-27	Schools and Offices Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
December 11	Early Dismissal for Students Teacher Professional Half-Day
December 21-31	Schools and Offices Closed (Winter & Christmas Break)
2027	
January 1	Schools and Offices Closed (New Year's Day)
January 18	Schools and Offices Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 22	End of Second Quarter (44 days)
January 22	Early Dismissal for Students Q2 Grading & Reporting Half-Day for Teachers
February 15	Schools and Offices Closed (Presidents' Day)
February 26	Early Dismissal for Students Teacher Professional Half-Day
March 10	Schools Closed for Students Professional Development (Eid al-Fitr**)
March 26	Schools and Offices Closed (Good Friday)
March 29	Schools and Offices Closed (Monday after Easter)
March 30- April 2	Schools Closed (Spring Break)
April 9	End of Third Quarter (47 days)
April 9	Early Dismissal for Students Q3 Grading & Reporting Half-Day for Teachers
April 19	Schools Closed for Students Professional Development Potential inclement weather make-up day ¹
May 7	Last Day for High School Seniors (only)
May 17	Schools and Offices Closed (Eid al-Adha**)
May 21	Early Dismissal for Students Teacher Professional Half-Day
May 31	Schools and Offices Closed (Memorial Day)
June 15	Early Dismissal for Students Last Day for Students¹ and End of Fourth Quarter (44 days)
June 16 & 17	Potential Inclement weather make-up days if instructional days are needed to extend the year ¹
June 16	Last Day for Teachers ¹
June 18	Schools and Offices Closed (In Observance of Juneteenth)

***APPROVED AND UPDATED:** The Board of Education approved the 2026 -2027 calendar on January 22, 2026. Following that time, PGCPs experienced unprecedented severe weather and adopted a Virtual Day plan. On March 26, 2026, with the Virtual Day Plan in place, the Board of Education finalized the modification of this school calendar – reducing the total number of designated make-up days to three (3) and making a technical adjustment of a professional day.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR NOTES – There are 180 student days and 192 teacher days (195 for new teachers). Last days for students and teachers are subject to change. 10- and 11-month employees can refer to Bulletin M-1-23 for clarification on workdays.

¹INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS – If emergencies disrupt the school year, and schools are closed, possible make-up instructional days include: April 19, June 16 and June 17, 2027. If no emergency closure days occur, the school year ends for students on Tuesday, June 15, 2027. Once all make-up days are used, PGCPs may provide notice and use the *Virtual Education Day Plan*.

Please note that if more emergency closures occur than there are available make-up days and/or there are a significant number of delayed openings and/or early dismissals used, the school calendar also may be adjusted appropriately to meet the minimum required student days AND the required number of student hours.

²EARLY RELEASE DAYS - There are grading and reporting days and planning days throughout the school year. On these days our students are dismissed early so our school professionals can complete other duties. *View early dismissal times.*

****RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS** – Major religious holidays are noted here for planning purposes. Many Jewish and Muslim holidays begin the day before at sunset. PGCPs recognizes and values the diversity of traditions represented among its staff and students and is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for religious obligations.

Free Immunization **CLINIC**

Does your child need shots for school?

Register today for a free immunization clinic made possible through our partnership with the Prince George's County Health Department. This clinic is designed especially for families with children who are uninsured or underinsured.

Why this matters...

Maryland State Law (COMAR 10.06.04.03) requires all students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 to receive age-appropriate immunizations.

Staying up to date helps your child stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

Spots are filling quickly!

Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment today and secure your child's spot.

Clinic Location

Cheverly Health Department
3003 Hospital Drive, Suite 2082
Cheverly, MD 20785



SCHOOL BUS



WHEN TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS



**TWO LANE, TWO LANE with center turn lane and
MULTI - LANE:**
**Vehicles traveling in both directions
MUST STOP.**

DIVIDED HIGHWAY:
**Vehicles behind buses
MUST STOP.**
Vehicle traveling in
opposite direction USE
CAUTION.

Working together for a safer Montgomery County



Color-Me-Fridays: Painting the Town in North Brentwood

North Brentwood held “Let’s Paint the Town,” on September 4 — it was the first occasion of the second annual Color-Me-Fridays event series. These events are held on Friday evenings, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Mural Park, next to Sis’ Tavern, throughout September.

Despite the rain, attendees donned their most colorful hats and apparel, to gather inside Sis’s Tavern for an evening of music, conversation and community spirit.

Families, friends and neighbors gathered to enjoy an easygoing atmosphere filled with rhythm, laughter, connection, and late-summer weather. From the very start, the event reflected what Color Me Fridays is meant to be—an opportunity to blend art, culture and community in one space.

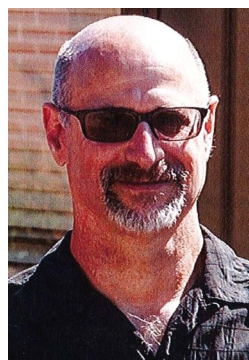
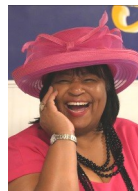
And this is just the beginning. Throughout September, Color Me Fridays will continue with a schedule that highlights creativity and diversity across music, food and performance.

Each Friday, from 6 pm to 8 pm, Mural Park will transform with a new theme, offering something unique for everyone to enjoy:

- **Safety in Color** – a remembrance for 9/11 honoring our heroes: teachers, policemen, firefighters, EMTs, doctors, nurses... Must RSVP to 301.699.9699.
- **Fiesta Friday** – celebrating Hispanic Heritage with music, drink and dancing!
- **Final Splash** – a paint and sip night: we provide the canvas and paint, you bring the fun.

As the series continues, residents are encouraged to make Color Me Fridays part of their weekend routine. Whether you come for the music or art, or to connect with neighbors, there’s a place for you here.

More than just an event series, Color Me Fridays celebrates community pride, uplifts local talent, and creates lasting memories. Hosting it at Mural Park, next to Sis’s Tavern, adds meaning, reminding us of North Brentwood’s deep cultural roots and growth.



In Remembrance

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Stuart Eisenberg, a Gateway Arts District legend. He was instrumental in the Sis’s Tavern revitalization, including funding! Thank you Stuart... North Brentwood salutes you.

Celebrate with color & community.
EACH FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER.
FREE entry! Light refreshments.



COLOR ME FRIDAYS

Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

fri, sep 04

Let's Paint the Town. Wear a colorful outfit and hat... and get ready to paint the town!



fri, sep 11

Safety in Colors. Policemen, nurses, EMTs, firefighters, doctors, and teachers... Must RSVP: 301.699.9699.



fri, sep 18

Fiesta Friday. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage with music, drink and dance.



fri, sep 25

Final Splash. Paint with Us! We'll provide the canvas and paint.

MURAL PARK (next to Sis's Tavern) | 4516 41ST Ave, North Brentwood, MD

Celebremos con color y comunidad.
TODOS LOS VIERNES EN SEPTIEMBRE.
GRATIS! Refrigerios ligeros.



COLOR ME FRIDAYS

Horario: 6 PM - 8 PM

viernes, sep 04

¡Vamos a Pintar la Ciudad! Ponte un atuendo y un sombrero coloridos... ¡y prepárate para pintar la ciudad!



viernes, sep 11

Seguridad en Colores. Policías, enfermeras, Técnicos de emergencias médicas, bomberos, médicos y maestros... Es necesario confirmar asistencia: 301.699.9699.



viernes, sep 18

Viernes de Fiesta. Celebrando la herencia hispana con música, bebida y baile.

viernes, sep 25

¡Pinta con Nosotros! Nosotros proporcionaremos materiales.



PARQUE MURAL (junto a Sis's Tavern) | 4516 41st Ave, North Brentwood, MD

Opioid Awareness & Assistance Program



By: Shelley Dorsey-Washington, CPM |
Town Manager

The Town of North Brentwood is pleased to announce the upcoming **Opioid Awareness & Assistance Program! Details (time, place) will be announced soon.** The program is a community-focused initiative designed to increase addiction awareness, provide life-saving education, and to connect residents and families with available resources.

As communities across the US continue to experience the impact of opioid misuse and overdose, North Brentwood is committed to helping residents become better informed and prepared. **The program will focus on three key areas: opioid awareness and education, naloxone training, and referrals for assistance.**

Residents will have opportunities to learn about opioids, recognize the signs of an overdose, understand risk factors, and learn how opioid misuse can affect individuals, families, and the broader community.

The program's naloxone (Narcan®) training will include instruction about how to identify a suspected opioid overdose and how to properly administer naloxone in an emergency situation.

Recognizing individuals and families may need services beyond those provided directly by the Town, the program will also help connect residents with **qualified third-party organizations and community partners** that provide treatment, recovery, counseling, prevention, and other supportive services.

Coming Soon! More info regarding program activities, training opportunities, community partnerships, and participation will be announced in the coming weeks.

For details, contact the Town Office at 301.699.9699 or email me at townmanager@northbrentwood.com.

Inform. Empower. Save Lives. Together, we can build a healthier and safer North Brentwood.



FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

2413 PINEBROOK AVE, LANDOVER, MD 20785
STARTING AT 10:00 AM, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Our Food Distribution Schedule:

Every third Thursday of the month
(Jul-Apr; includes Mar 2027)

- Jul 16, 2026
- Aug 20, 2026
- Sep 17, 2026
- Oct 15, 2026
- Nov 19, 2026
- Dec 17, 2026
- Mar 18, 2027
- Apr 15, 2027



Feeding with Hope



301-877-3766
HELP@GOODINTENTIONSFOUNDATION.ORG

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FINANCIAL WELLNESS

LET'S TALK MONEY PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY

Join us for our 2026 Financial Wellness Program, an adult-focused financial literacy experience designed to help you reduce financial stress, build smart money habits, strengthen your financial foundation, and work toward long-term financial success.

- ✓ Live virtual sessions with financial professionals
- ✓ Interactive assignments + real-world money tools
- ✓ Digital handouts, quizzes, and guided practice
- ✓ Certificate of Completion
- ✓ Budget better and build savings
- ✓ Invitation to our Graduation Celebration

Choose from Cohort A in September or Cohort B in November, with all sessions held from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

PAULINE TIAKO
Financial Literacy Instructor

PHILIP NDZEKAH
Financial Literacy Instructor

REGISTER NOW

Cohort A: September 22, 24 & 29, 2026
Cohort B: November 10, 12 & 17, 2026

goodintentionsfoundation.org/financial-wellness

Spots Are Free, But Limited – Enroll Today!
Contact: FinancialLiteracy@goodintentionsfoundation.org
Visit: goodintentionsfoundation.org/financial-wellness



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NORTH BRENTWOOD **OPIOID** **AWARENESS &** **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Inform. Empower. Save Lives.

The Town of North Brentwood is committed to building a healthier, safer community. We are developing a program focused on **education, empowerment, and saving lives.**



AWARENESS

Learn about opioids, the risks, local impacts, and how we can all make a difference.



NALOXONE TRAINING

Free training on how to recognize an overdose and how to administer naloxone (Narcan®) to save a life.



REFERRALS & RESOURCES

Connect with trusted community partners and services for support and assistance.



COMING SOON!

DETAILS WILL BE SHARED SOON.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Town Hall at **(301) 699-9699**
or visit www.northbrentwood.com

**OUR TOWN.
OUR COMMUNITY.
OUR FUTURE.**

*Together, we can prevent overdose.
Together, we can save lives.*

Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

Be Proud of North Brentwood!

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Tuesday/Friday = Trash pickup

Tuesday = Bulk Trash (no appliances, 4-item limit)

Friday = Recycling pickup

All mattresses must be covered in plastic.

Neighborhood Courtesy

- Please don't block others' driveways with your cars.
- When walking dogs, use the pet waste receptacles!

Mosquito Control

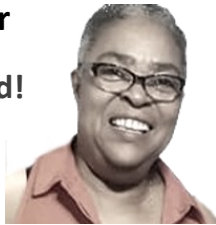
- Keep in mind, Maryland Department of Agriculture sprays weekly through early October, Monday to Friday, between 8 am and 4:30 pm.
- Mosquito bits are available for pickup at the Town Office during office hours. See me or Public Works.

Fall Ready: 10 Things Every North Brentwood Resident Should Do this September

- 1) Keep grass cut until late fall when it stops growing.
- 2) Check smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.
- 3) Seal foundation cracks to keep out moisture.
- 4) Clean gutter outflow and storm drains.
- 5) Check outdoor lighting.
- 6) Trim trees/branches near sidewalks/power lines.
- 7) Review emergency contacts.
- 8) Make sure house numbers are clearly visible.
- 9) Check vehicles are properly registered/parked.
- 10) Prepare for fall storms and power outages.

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month — a time to focus on emergency preparedness, severe weather occurrences, power outages, and creating family emergency plans.



Step 1: Meet with Your Family.

Ready.gov suggests discussing preparedness with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan:



How will I receive *emergency alerts and warnings*?

What is my *shelter* plan and *evacuation* route?

What is my *family/household communication* plan?

Do I need to update my *emergency preparedness kit*?

Step 2: Assess Your Household Needs.

As you prepare, customize plans and supplies to your family's daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss how people in your network can assist each other (e.g., communication, care of children, business, and pets):

- Different ages of members within your household.
- Responsibilities for assisting others.
- Locations visited frequently.
- Dietary needs.
- Pets/service animals (food, prescriptions, transport).
- Medical needs (list of doctors, meds and equipment).
- Disabilities/functional needs (devices and equipment).
- Languages spoken, cultural/religious considerations.

Essential Supplies: Water, non-perishable foods, first aid kit, cellphone chargers, a radio and medication... Make sure you have supplies to last for three days. Create a go-bag with essentials if you have to evacuate your home.

And, remember to have buckets, mops, flashlights and batteries, as well as rainy weather gear, such as boots, raincoats and gloves to brave the elements outside!

Step 3: Document Your Plan.

Create a family emergency plan using ready.gov's *fillable form*. Include household info, names and contacts of family members, meeting places and medical info.

Step 4: Practice Your Plan

Practice your plan with your household members.

National Preparedness Month: September 2026

Lastly, prepare your home for seasonal severe weather: clear debris from gutters to prevent water damage from clogs; seal air leaks around windows/doors with weather stripping or caulk; schedule maintenance for your HVAC to ensure it's functioning properly before cold weather sets in; inspect your roof/chimney for damage or debris and replace damaged/missing shingles before winter snow; and install flood barriers, e.g., sandbags around your home.

10 ESSENTIAL ITEMS YOU NEED FOR YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

1 WATER

Have one gallon per person per day to use for drinking, hygiene and cleaning as needed.



2 FOOD

Have a two week supply of non-perishable food per person. Try to pack foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking.



3 CAN OPENER

Make sure it is a manual can opener in case there is no electrical power. Consider buying items with a pull-top opening.



4 MEDICATIONS

Collect one month's worth of any prescription medicines you are taking. Include non-prescription fever/pain reliever, antacids, anti-diarrheal items, etc., in your stockpile.



5 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Collect the basics like soap, toilet paper, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, bleach, garbage bags and feminine products.



6 FLASHLIGHT

Keep a bright flashlight in case there is no electrical power. Consider getting a lantern-style light for hands-free use.



7 RADIO

Have a battery-powered radio for listening to news and weather. Consider buying a crank-operated or solar-powered radio.



8 CLOTHES

Collect extra per person and consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear.



9 FIRST AID

Include basics, such as antiseptic, gloves, a variety of bandage sizes, thermometer, and protective masks. You can buy a pre-made kit at most pharmacies or grocery stores.



10 IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Collect copies of driver licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, mortgage papers, insurance policies, etc. and keep electronic copies on a flashdrive.

Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated September 15 to October 15, honors the contributions, histories and cultures of Americans with ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile's independence days are September 16 and 18. As well, Day of the Races (Día de la Raza) is October 9.

This year's Heritage Month theme "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together," emphasizes the role of Hispanic Americans in driving progress and innovation, and celebrates the contributions of 60 million-plus Hispanic Americans. Did you know nearly 39 percent of our Town's population is now Hispanic?

In North Brentwood, we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with food, music and dance, on September 18. This "Fiesta Friday," is the third Color-Me-Fridays event of the month. See pages 10 and 11 for English/Spanish event fliers.

Hispanic Heritage Month Events Nearby

Heritage Events at PGCMLS

PG's Libraries have a full slate of HHM events. Go to pgcmls.info/hispanic-heritage. A highlight event:

Sep 16 @ 4:30 pm: Movie & a Craft
Greenbelt Library- Auditorium

Enjoy a family-friendly movie, "Coco," and craft-making during the showing! Closed captions available. Register.

Heritage Events in DC (hispanicmonth.net)

1) Fiesta DC Festival

Fiesta DC is the city's largest Latino cultural festival: live music, dance performances, authentic Latin cuisine, artisan markets — and a vibrant parade showcasing Latino culture and family-friendly activities. fiestadc.org.



2) Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Events

Sep 15–16, 8:30 am - 6:30 pm: CHCI Leadership Conference, Walter E. Washington Convention Center.
Sep 17, 4:30 pm - 10 pm: 49th Annual Awards Gala.

These events gather public, private, and nonprofit sector leaders to honor Latino achievements and discuss issues shaping the nation. chci.org/event/26HHM/home.

3) DC's Hispanic Culinary Landscape

Enjoy a cross-section of Latin America: Salvadoran BBQ at *2Fifty*, Cubanos at *Colada Shop*, Mexican comfort food at *El Tamarindo*, tapas at *Jaleo*, and award-winning Peruvian at *Causa/Amazonia*. washington.org/visit-dc/latin-american-hispanic-heritage-culture-washington-dc.

4) Cultural Exhibits and Museums

Art Museum of the Americas (AMA): Features modern and contemporary Latin American art, rotating exhibits, film screenings, and artist talks. americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of American History (NMAH): Hosts the Molina Family Latino Gallery and exhibits "¡Puro Ritmo! The Musical Journey of Salsa" and "Corazón y vida: Lowriding Culture," featuring music, photography and automotive artistry. americanhistory.si.edu.

5) Film and Music Events

Local theaters, such as AFI Silver Theatre, will screen Latin American award-winning dramas and global premieres. Live music events feature salsa, jazz and bolero. washingtonian.com/2025/09/04/ways-to-celebrate-hispanic-heritage-month-around-dc.

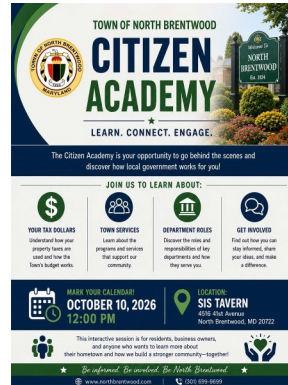
North Brentwood Citizens Academy: Oct 10th

Mark your calendars, please! The Town of North Brentwood is excited to announce its upcoming **Citizen Academy**, an educational program created to give residents a closer look at how local government works.

The Academy session is being held at Sis's Tavern at 12 pm on Sat, October 10.

Participants will learn about:

- **The Town's budget and annual property taxes.**
- **How Town funds are used to provide services.**
- **The roles of key departments, e.g., Administration, Code Compliance, and Public Works.**
- **Town programs, services, and ways residents can become more involved in the community.**



The Citizen Academy is a great opportunity to **learn, ask questions, meet Town staff, and better understand how North Brentwood serves its residents.**

Stay tuned for additional program details! An informative flier is on the next page of this newsletter.

Important Dates & Themes in September

In addition to the anniversary of 9/11 and Hispanic Heritage Month, September is also known for:

- **Labor Day** — The first Monday in September is a national holiday recognizing American workers.
- **Grandparents Day** — The first Sunday after Labor Day; this year it falls on Sep 13.
- **Constitution Day and Citizenship Day** — Sep 17.
- **First day of fall** — Begins September 22, at 8:05 pm EDT, when the sun crosses the equator (based on the astronomical autumn equinox).
- **National Voter Registration Month** — Is a good reminder to check and update your voter registration status, register to vote, request a ballot, and more. Go to: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/votersearch.

National Military Monument @ Lincoln Memorial: A Historic US 250th Tribute



As the US continues to celebrate **250 years of freedom**, a tribute is taking place in DC — a free, temporary digital monument recognizing service members from the Revolutionary War through the present day.

Where: Lincoln Memorial Plaza, 2 Lincoln Memorial Circle NW, Washington, DC.

When: 10 am to 10 pm daily until November 12. It was extended past the original August closing date, to run through Veterans Day and Patriot Day.

What: The temporary monument features two large structures designed to resemble billowing American flags — displaying the names of **41 million American men and women who have answered the call to serve our country** throughout America's 250-year history.

As well, visitors may scan an onsite QR code to visit monument250.usaa360.com, to search for a veteran's name, get a code and have it projected on the display.

A Special Opportunity for Our Community

This is a wonderful opportunity for North Brentwood residents to visit the National Mall, search for the names of family members who served, and reflect on the sacrifices made by generations of Americans.

If you have a veteran in your family, consider making a visit to the monument part of your fall activities. Take a moment to search for their name, share their story with younger generations, and remember the service and sacrifice that helped shape our nation.

For more info, visit the official National Military Monument website: monument250.usaa360.com.

Sources: usaa.com, military.com and *CBS Mornings*.



TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

CITIZEN ACADEMY

LEARN. CONNECT. ENGAGE.



The Citizen Academy is your opportunity to go behind the scenes and discover how local government works for you!

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:



YOUR TAX DOLLARS

Understand how your property taxes are used and how the Town's budget works.



TOWN SERVICES

Learn about the programs and services that support our community.



DEPARTMENT ROLES

Discover the roles and responsibilities of key departments and how they serve you.



GET INVOLVED

Find out how you can stay informed, share your ideas, and make a difference.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER 10, 2026
12:00 PM



LOCATION:

SIS TAVERN

4516 41st Avenue
North Brentwood, MD 20722



This interactive session is for residents, business owners, and anyone who wants to learn more about their hometown and how we build a stronger community—together!



Be informed. Be involved. Be North Brentwood.



www.northbrentwood.com



(301) 699-9699



North Brentwood Is Stronger When We ALL Take Part

By: Councilmember Evan Dame

One of the things I value most about North Brentwood is that our Town has never been just a collection of streets and houses. We're a community with a proud African American history, generations of strong families, and new neighbors who bring different cultures, experiences, and ideas to the place we all call home.

As a descendant of one of North Brentwood's earliest settlers and elected officials, Mr. Squire Garland, I feel a deep responsibility to this community. Serving on Town Council is more than a public role for me; it gives me an opportunity to honor those who helped build this Town, while also preparing it for the generations that will follow.

However, the responsibility for North Brentwood's future does not belong to one family, one generation, or one group, because this is our shared home and its future belongs to all of us.

This feels especially important as we reconvene Mayor and Town Council meetings for the new season, which gives us a chance to: return to Town business, reconnect with one another, renew our commitment to the community, and welcome more residents into the conversations and decisions that shape North Brentwood.

Being civically engaged does not mean you have to run for office or attend every meeting. Participation can begin with introducing yourself to a neighbor, coming to a Town event, volunteering for a community project, or sharing an idea about how we can make North Brentwood better.

In addition to Town Meetings, you can join the North Brentwood Citizens Association, support the Historical Society, volunteer at one of our events, or simply help spread the word about what's happening — showing up *once* can make a difference, because every new voice helps us to better understand the community we serve.

Every resident has something valuable to contribute, since we do not all experience North Brentwood in the same way. That's exactly why we need more people to

participate. Longtime residents carry knowledge and memories that preserve our identity; newer residents bring fresh perspectives and new possibilities.

Young adults, seniors, parents, homeowners, renters, business owners, and working families may each notice different needs or imagine different opportunities. When those perspectives come together, our conversations become stronger, our events become more meaningful, and our local government gains a clearer understanding of the people it represents.

It's easy to believe someone else will speak up, volunteer, or take responsibility; but, our Town is at its best when more of us choose to take part. Participation is also how neighbors become a community. A meeting can lead to an introduction, an introduction can lead to a partnership, and one afternoon of volunteering can become a tradition that brings people together year after year.

North Brentwood's history is filled with people who chose to get involved, and we honor their legacy not only by remembering what they accomplished, but by continuing the work they began... and making room for every neighbor to help shape what comes next.

As the Town Council reconvenes, I ask every resident to take one step by attending a meeting, joining an organization, coming to an event, volunteering for an afternoon, asking a question, sharing an idea, or simply coming to listen.

You don't need special experience and you don't have to know everyone in the room; you only need to care about the place we share.

There is room for you, your perspective is needed, and together we can make sure North



Brentwood's next chapter is just as meaningful as the history on which our Town was built.



ANNUAL COOKOUT

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
19**

**KENTLAND COMMUNITY
CENTER**

12:00PM- 4:00PM



Hosted by **DISTRICT 47 LEADERS**



SENATOR AUGUSTINE



DELEGATE FENNELL



DELEGATE TAVERAS



DELEGATE IVEY

**COME OUT TO ENJOY FREE
FOOD, CONNECT WITH
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES,
AND MEET THE
COMMUNITY. THERE'S A
PARK FOR KIDS TO PLAY,
TENNIS COURT AND MORE.**



Sep 19 · 12:00 PM
2413 Pinebrook Ave
Greater Landover

LA PARRILLA ANUAL

SABADO
SEPTIEMBRE
19

KENTLAND COMMUNITY
CENTER

12:00PM- 4:00PM



Organizado Por: **LOS LIDERES DEL DISTRICTO 47**



SENADOR AUGUSTINE



DELEGADA FENNELL



DELEGATE TAVERAS



DELEGATE IVEY

¡VEN A DISFRUTAR DE COMIDA GRATIS,
CONECTAR CON TUS REPRESENTANTES Y
CONVIVIR CON LA COMUNIDAD! HABRÁ
UN PARQUE PARA QUE JUEGUEN LOS
NIÑOS, CANCHAS DE TENIS Y MUCHO
MAS.



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Good Intentions Foundations' Good Mama Program

A Letter from Good Intentions:

Hi families!

Some of you may already be familiar with the **Good Mama Program**. For those who may be hearing about Good Mama for the first time, we want to share a little more about who we are and how families can get connected.

Good Mama is an established, year-round Good Intentions Foundation program supporting expectant mothers and moms with children ages 0 to 3 in Prince George's County.



Good Mama connects families with helpful resources and opportunities, including baby essentials, parenting and life-skills support, workshops, mentorship, early childhood education, community connections, and more.

We're also proud to work alongside our partners, **Child Resource Connect** and **University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center**, as we strengthen the support available to mothers and families in our community.

Interested in Good Mama? If you or someone you know may want to join the Good Mama Program, go to our website for programs info and to contact us: goodintentionsfoundation.org/contact.

Mama, your village starts here!

The Good Mama Program is a year-round initiative of Good Intentions Foundation, Inc., supporting expectant mothers and moms with young children in Prince George's County. Through personalized support, essential resources, education, and community connection, Good Mama helps mothers and families grow, thrive, and feel supported.

Year-Round Support for Moms & Families
Join Good Mama today and connect with year-round support, resources, and community.

JOIN GOOD MAMA TODAY
For expectant moms & mothers with children ages 0-3
Prince George's County, Maryland
Enrollment Open Year-Round
bit.ly/GIFGOODMAMA

Home Visits & Mentorship
For expectant moms and mothers with children up to age 3 who live in Prince George's County, personalized guidance, emotional support, and parenting resources brought directly to you.

Baby Essentials Distributions
We provide free supplies including diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, and more. These essentials help ease the financial and emotional pressures of early parenthood.

Parenting & Early Childhood Education
We offer practical tips and hands-on activities that support healthy child development. These tools help mothers feel confident and informed as their children grow.

Workshops & Support Groups
Our group sessions focus on building confidence, learning new skills, and creating meaningful connections with other mothers. These spaces foster a sense of community and shared encouragement.

Life Skills & Planning
Through career training, financial literacy, and access to education, moms gain the tools to create lasting change. These opportunities build independence and stability for a better future.

Resource Connections
We link mothers to trusted local services for healthcare, housing, and family support. These connections ensure every family can access the help they need when they need it most.

¡Mamá, tu red de apoyo comienza aquí!

El Programa Good Mama es una iniciativa de Good Intentions Foundation, Inc. disponible durante todo el año, que apoya a mujeres embarazadas y madres con niños pequeños en el Condado de Prince George's. A través de apoyo personalizado, recursos esenciales, educación y conexión con la comunidad, Good Mama ayuda a las madres y sus familias a crecer, prosperar y sentirse apoyadas.

Apoyo Todo el Año para Mamás y Familias
Únete a Good Mama hoy y recibe apoyo, recursos y conexión con la comunidad durante todo el año.

ÚNETE A GOOD MAMA HOY
Para mujeres embarazadas y madres con niños de 0 a 3 años
Condado de Prince George's, Maryland
Inscripciones Abiertas Todo el Año
bit.ly/GIFGOODMAMA

Visitas al Hogar y Mentoría
Para mujeres embarazadas y madres con niños de hasta 3 años que viven en el Condado de Prince George's. Ofrecemos orientación personalizada, apoyo emocional y recursos para la crianza directamente para ti.

Distribución de Artículos Esenciales para Bebés
Ofrecemos artículos gratuitos como pañales, toallitas húmedas, fórmula, ropa y más. Estos artículos ayudan a reducir las preocupaciones financieras y emocionales de los primeros años de la maternidad.

Crianza y Educación de la Primera Infancia
Ofrecemos consejos prácticos y actividades que apoyan el desarrollo saludable de los niños. Estas herramientas ayudan a las madres a sentirse seguras e informadas mientras sus hijos crecen.

Talleres y Grupos de Apoyo
Nuestras sesiones grupales ayudan a fortalecer la confianza, aprender nuevas habilidades y crear conexiones con otras madres. Estos espacios fomentan un sentido de comunidad y apoyo mutuo.

Habilidades para la Vida y Planificación
A través de capacitación laboral, educación financiera y acceso a la educación, las madres obtienen herramientas para crear cambios duraderos. Estas oportunidades fomentan la independencia y la estabilidad para un futuro mejor.

Conexión con Recursos
Conectamos a las madres con servicios locales de confianza para atención médica, vivienda y apoyo familiar. Estas conexiones ayudan a que cada familia tenga acceso al apoyo que necesita cuando más lo necesita.

MISSIONS BLITZ WEEKEND

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Pep Rally at 9:30 AM

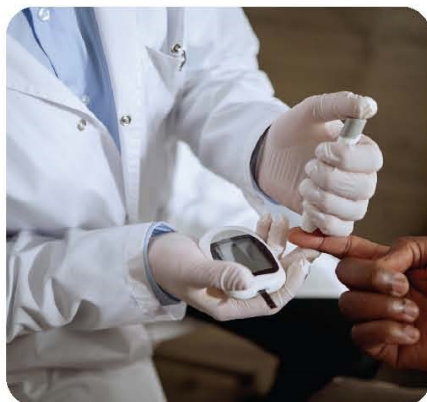
Fair at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CARING FOR OUR BODIES. **STRENGTHENING** OUR COMMUNITY.

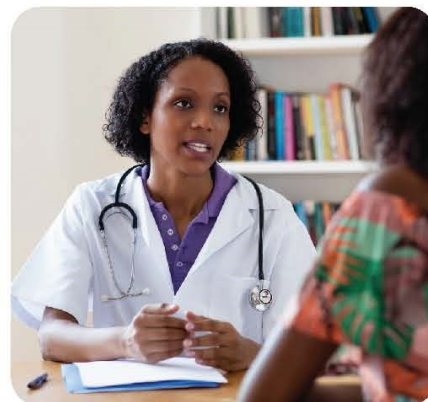
WELLNESS RESOURCES



HEALTH SCREENINGS



EXPERT ADVICE



EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

- Acupuncturist
- Assisted Living
- BMI / BP / Weight
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Estate Planning
- Exercise
- Financial Literacy
- Intellectual Disability
- Insurance
- Martial Arts
- Orthodontist
- Pilates
- Plastic Surgery
- Town of North Brentwood
- Urology
- Zumba
- and More!

**LOCATION OF
THE EVENT**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
4000 Wallace Road
North Brentwood, MD 20722

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Jacqueline Morales x1222

Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager:

Shelley Dorsey-Washington x1226

Treasurer: Tracy Gross x1224

Code Enforcement Officer:

Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carletta Lundy x1227

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance:

Greg Butler/Anthony Avents

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Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

Park Police:

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

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S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302



community channel:
Xfinity 71 / Fios 1983



facebook.com/northbrentwood



instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd



www.northbrentwood.com



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REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings: Mon, Sep 21; Mon, Oct 5; Mon, Oct 19

- Meetings are conducted via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 433 091 3800 / Passcode: 4009 / Call: 301.715.8592.
- Meetings are live-streamed and archived on YouTube: youtube.com/@TownofNorthBrentwood.
- A link to the YouTube live stream is also posted on Facebook before each meeting: facebook.com/northbrentwood.

All Town meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Join and share your ideas and concerns, and learn what's going on in North Brentwood!

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Meets **Sep 14 and Oct 12** at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 493 970 9279 and Passcode: m12hc5.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Meets **Sep 9 and Oct 14** at Sis's.

SHARE Program for North Brentwood residents: To get SHARE packages, call 301.699.9699. Please leave your name, contact number and address.

NBCA Membership: The annual drive is going strong! This group plans most Town activities. Membership is just \$15 per household. Send funds by cashapp: \$NorthBrentwood-CA. Your volunteer help is NEEDED!

Dolly Parton's kindness, wit, empathy, and generosity will be missed deeply.



North Brentwood's zip code is included in Dolly's Imagination Library, a book-gifting program that's mailed millions of books to kids from birth to age five: imaginationlibrary.com.

