

Then...

Six decades ago, an estimated 250,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial, in the nation's capital, for the March on Washington for jobs and freedom. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech that day, August 28, 1963, has since emerged as a paramount symbol of the push for racial and social equality.

Dr. King's 1963 speech is credited with helping to pave the way for significant federal voting rights legislation, as well as the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act. But pushback and violence followed, too. Just two weeks after the gathering, four Black children were killed by the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, AL. A year later, voting rights marchers were brutally beaten while crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in nearby Selma.

Commemorations of the original 1963 March have taken place over the decades, and Dr. King's speech continues to resonate — both serve to honor America's push and pull toward justice.

Now

On August 23, 2023, people carried "Black Lives Matter" banners and wore "I Have a Dream" t-shirts, as they listened to speeches and marched to King's statue (vs. Lincoln). Speakers addressed lingering issues, with added concerns about Black history being scrubbed from K-12 education, the chipping away of abortion access, the Supreme Court abolishing race-conscious college admissions, and LGBTQ rights reversals.

And while the crowd size was smaller, than the quarter million people who turned out in 1963, this year's event boasted some undeniable signs of progress. Many of the speakers at the podium were women: only one female speaker was featured at the original march.

Mayor's Message

Hello all North Brentwood residents! September '23 is upon us, fall is upon us, the holidays... oh how time has gone by. The M&TC begins regular Town meetings Tuesday, September 5, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Info is on the back of this newsletter. Please join us, we need you.

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We have been working diligently to get Sis's Tavern open. Only a few items are needed to obtain the Use and Occupancy Permit. Once we've done that, we will work on rental details, which should be forthcoming by the end of the year or sooner. I know it's been a long time, but we are much closer now.

Additionally, we will be working on a pavilion placement in the mural park. There are a few obstacles, but obtainable, because the pavilion is being placed in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Once we have the necessary information, concerning the conservation plan and blueprint of the footing placement, you will see the pavilion go up quickly.

In upcoming Town meetings, we will discuss the uptick of crime in North Brentwood and all over the county. There have been a string of crimes involving Hyundai, Kia, Toyota and Honda cars throughout PG municipalities. Tires have been taken off cars in North Brentwood, and left on the street stripped.

There was also an incident of a hit and run on Windom Road. The suspects thought Windom Road was a way to escape, but the barrier prevented that: they got away on foot. County police were called, and a report made. We've checked with neighbors to view ringer videos to no avail. (There are pros with ringers, but there are cons too: suspects can be out of range, and ringers can also lose connection from WIFI and occasionally miss motion.) I've been in touch with Asst Commander Michael Ebaugh, of the Prince George's County Police Hyattsville division; he assures me North Brentwood surveillance will be more visible.

As you know, police cannot be around all of the time and often not the time you need them. The M&TC will be discussing other methods in the Town that can be used for surveillance. It may be pricey, but I think we need to look at it to keep our neighborhood safe. This may deter crime, but we as citizens are responsible for looking out for our community too. So, stay vigilant.

Now to a brighter topic, our kids are back to school. M&TC wishes all children a successful year and continued safety. If you are home when you see our community's children, keep an eye on them. We all must work together.

The 100th Anniversary of the Town is 2024. The planning committee met for the first time in August and will be preparing for a festive event (Dinner Dance) on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Martins Crosswinds from 7 to 11 pm.

I personally would like to shout out birthdays:

- 1. Previous Mayor Lillian Beverly (May 2023)
- 2. Previous Mayor Arthur Dock (June 2023)
- 3. Oldest resident Rose Holland (August 2023)

Reminder: To be a good citizen, it's important to put yourself in other people's shoes and see the big picture. If everything you see is rooted in your own identity that becomes difficult or impossible.

See you at the meetings,

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PGPD: Crime in North Brentwood

The Prince George's County Police
Department is aware of the recent
local crimes Mayor Robinson
mentioned. These types of crimes
have become more frequent in

various municipalities. We understand the urgency of addressing this issue, especially in North Brentwood, an area without its own police force. Rest assured, PGPD takes this matter very seriously; we aim to enhance community safety as swiftly as possible.

In response to Mayor Robinson's request, county police will increase patrols in the Town effective immediately. This will include both daytime and nighttime drive-throughs by our officers, as well as more in-depth spot checks at key locations where these crimes are most likely to occur.

Additionally, our community policing team will reach out to residents, to provide tips about how to protect property and solicit info to help apprehend individuals responsible for these crimes. Thank you for your active involvement and partnership in keeping our community safe. Together, we can create a secure environment for all residents.

Captain Michael Ebaugh #2549 Asst. Commander, Division 1

Fall Update: COVID-19, RSV and Flu Shots

Vaccination season is just around the corner, and officials will rollout an updated COVID vaccine, and new tools to protect against RSV. This year, US adults may get flu shots and updated COVID boosters at their local pharmacy or doctor's office. Some experts predict flu and RSV will return to pre-pandemic levels, though they caution the tripledemic is unpredictable.

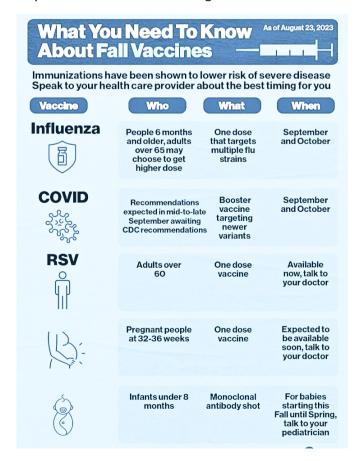
When to Get Shots in Fall 2023

The FDA and CDC will likely review a fall version of the COVID vaccine by mid-September. Guidance about who is recommended to get that shot will come then.

"...On the COVID vaccine front, we will now likely have one vaccine shot that's going to be recommended every year. That's a simplification from random boosters that have been recommended at various times prompted by the changing variants of COVID," states Dr. Joseph Kanter, Louisiana Dept. of Health.

Getting vaccinated for influenza in September or October is the best timing, per the CDC; but, it's okay to vaccinate later in the season – and it's safe to get COVID and flu shots at the same time.

Because RSV immunizations are new, for now, talk to your doctor about when to get RSV shots.



COVID-19 Vaccines

Being up to date on COVID vaccinations is important to maximize protection against the disease. There is an update to 2022's bivalent booster, which combats the BA.5 and BA.4 sub-lineages of the Omicron variant.

The upcoming COVID shot is expected to protect against newer variants circulating this season, to prevent severe disease and death, especially for the elderly and immuno-compromised.

Influenza Shots

The updated flu vaccination formula has been set for this fall. Everyone 6 months and older should get the annual flu shot, the CDC said, a recommendation that has remained consistent since 2010.

Symptoms from an influenza shot are better than getting full-on seasonal flu, which kills up to 52,000 Americans annually. Each year, scientists update the flu vaccine to match currently circulating variants.

RSV Shots

RSV is a viral infection with mild symptoms for most people, but it can be deadly for the elderly and kids. This year, for the first time, adults over 60 may get a vaccine (at pharmacies) to reduce the risk of RSV. "We're incredibly excited to see a RSV vaccine on the market this fall for those greater than 60 and thinking about risk benefit in combination with their primary care provider, as well as a longer acting monoclonal antibody to protect those who are youngest from this disease," Dr. Anne Zink told ABC News.

Additionally, a new immunization, Beyfortus, is approved for infants younger than 8 months entering their first RSV season. Some high-risk infants may be eligible for a second shot the following year.

A third type of RSV shot might also be available this year, pending CDC sign-off. It's a vaccine given during pregnancy, to possibly pass immunity to newborns.

Plan Ahead

Health officials are urging the public to plan ahead to schedule vaccinations."Predicting the behavior of seasonal respiratory viruses is a hazardous occupation, but with 100% assurance, all three viruses will be active, exactly how severe we don't know," says Dr. William Schaffner, Professor of Infectious Disease at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Sources: hhs.gov, abcnews.go.com, cdc.gov, latimes.com

Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism

Governor Wes
Moore created
the Department
of Service and
Civic Innovation
(DSCI) when he
signed SB551,
the Serving Every
Region through
Vocational
Exploration Act



2023, also known as the SERVE Act. The Department of Service and Civic Innovation (DSCI) aims to promote service and volunteerism in the state.



This is a passion project for me because I am living proof of the power of service. My journey to the governor's office was paved by individuals who believed in me and pushed me. I'm committed to now paying that service forward.

This generation of young people is facing unprecedented challenges – from gun violence to climate change, to growing economic inequality. And while we are doing everything in our power to address these challenges from Annapolis, these policies cannot feed the souls of young people.

Service will save us.

So, please, help spread the word to any Marylanders you know who are 18 to 21 years old. We have hundreds of opportunities available to earn a living wage and experience the power of service. They just need to go to Serving.MD.gov to apply.





What is the difference between the Service Year Option and Maryland Corps?

- The Service Year Option is a program for individuals who have graduated from a Maryland high school, or earned an equivalent diploma or certificate, within the past three years (Class of 2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023).
- The Maryland Corps is open to all eligible adults.
- Participants of both programs are paid \$15 per hour and are eligible for a \$6,000 completion award after at least nine (9) months of service.

How long is the commitment?

 The Service Year Option and Maryland Corps are full-time (40 hours/week) commitments over a period of nine (9) months.

How do I sign up?

• Go to https://dsci.maryland.gov.

If I am accepted, when would I start?

- DSCI accepts applications on a rolling basis.
 Those who applied by September 1, 2023 will be considered for the 2023-2024 service term for the Service Year Option and Maryland Corps.
- Members, of either group, are slated to begin service in mid-to-late October 2023.

I've completed my application.

What are my next steps?

 You should expect to receive guidance on next steps within two (2) weeks.

What would I need to do to verify that I am a Maryland resident?

- Verification of Maryland residency includes a valid state driver's license, a lease, utility bill, checking or savings account with a MD address, and/or mail sent to the applicant's MD address from a government agency.
- If you have questions about verification, email dsci.gov@maryland.gov or call 1.888.769.7479.

Do I need to be a US citizen?

 You do not need to be a US citizen to participate in either the Service Year Option or the Maryland Corps, but you must possess the right to work. for the entire duration of the program.

NBCA Backpack Giveback

NBCA had an overflow of backpacks, which they gave to Front Porch Ministry, which was founded by the previous mayor of Mt. Rainier. The group ensured the word got out, so our amazing scholars were prepared for the first day of school.

Pictured: former Mayor of Mt. Rainier, Malinda Miles, Tiffany Jones President of NBCA, Abigail Jones and Secretary Shaleta Robinson.









PGCPS School Meals

Apply for free and reduced-price meals! www.myschoolapps.com /Home/PickDistrict. Applications are also available at all PGCPS schools and can be submitted at any time.



schools.mealviewer.com/district/PrinceGeorgesCounty
How to pay for lunch:

pgcps.org/.../food-and.../how-to-pay-for-lunch

M-NCPPC Childcare Programs

Searching for childcare for the school year?! M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, strives to meet the childcare needs of families in Prince George's County by offering fun, recreational programs at AFFORDABLE PRICES! All childcare programs provide:

- Safe, healthy, and comfortable environments.
- Caring supervision and guidance by qualified staff.
- Opportunities for recreational and social growth through participation in a wide variety of activities.
- A consistent group of playmates.
 Learn more at pgparks.com/610/Child-Care.



Residential Assistance Program

North Brentwood is still accepting residents' applications for rental/mortgage and/or utility help. Residential Assistance provides temporary relief for eligible applicants' financial hardships.

The application is on our website in the Forms section on the Services page. Take a signed copy to the Town office; or email Councilmember Dame (edame@northbrentwood.com). Currently, North Brentwood pays up to \$2,000 for rental, mortgage and/or utility help. Approved households may reapply for more aid, pending available funds.

Tax Credit For Seniors



The Elderly Property Tax credit offers up to a 20% credit on county property taxes, including the county portion of Homeowners' and Homestead credits (for up to five years once eligibility is met).

To receive this tax credit, which began July 1, at least one owner must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be at least 65 years of age (born on or before June 30, 1958),
- The same owner must have resided there, as a principal residence, for at least the previous 10 consecutive years (on/before June 30, 2013), AND
- The max assessed property value is \$500,000.

Job Opportunity

Vehicles for Change, newly located in Hyattsville, has a 4-month training program for those seeking automotive maintenance careers. Returning Citizens are encouraged to apply for this amazing opportunity! Call 301.618.8420 or Email WSD@co.pg.md.us to get started today.

Donate Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

County residents, wanting to donate DME, may drop it off at the Brown Station Rd Convenience Center in Upper Marlboro. MD Department of Aging sanitizes, repairs and provides the equipment to eligible Marylanders for free.

Those who need equipment or additional information can visit MDA's website at aging.maryland.gov. For more information about the Prince George's County drop-off location visit bit.ly/reuseinpgc.



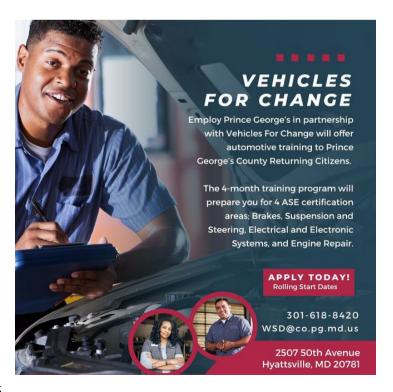


County Drop-Off Location:

Brown Station Road Convenience Center 3501 Brown Station Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Monday - Saturday 7:00am-6:00pm

In need of equipment? Submit a request with the Maryland Department of Aging at aging.maryland.gov

Give the gift of mobility. Reduce Landfill Waste. For more information, visit Reuse/Recycling Alternatives.



Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

North Brentwoodians frequently ask: "Does my home improvement project require a permit?" and "How much does it cost?" All permits cost \$25. For two projects, you need two permits.

Things for which you need a permit:

- Decks
- Roof (Repair or Replacement)
- Dumpsters
- Siding
- Driveways
- Sheds
- Steps (Repair or Replacement)
- Walkways
- Yard Sales
- Porch (Repair or Replacement)
- Fence (Repair or Replacement)

Things for which you DO NOT need a permit:

- Windows (Repair or Replacement)
- Door (Repair or Replacement)
- Exterior Painting

You may also need a County permit: all permits must be displayed in a window. Please call Code Officer Cuffie, before starting your project. Permit forms may be downloaded from our website (northbrentwood.com/town-services) or obtained at the Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Starting the first Monday in April, each year, you will be **fined \$100** if the following things are out by the curb, before the date of pickup: trash/bulk 4 items only (Tuesdays only); trash/recycle (Fridays only); and Yard waste (Mondays only).

Note: Our trash company no longer takes appliances. It is your job to find another way to dispose of these items, including: refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers and freezers.

PEPCO

Utility scammers are ready to strike when you least expect it. Protect your information on all digital devices. If you ever have any doubt about the validity of a person's claim to represent Pepco, call immediately at 202.833.7500.

MD Restaurant Week: September 15-24

Maryland Restaurant Week's fourth year kicks off on September 15. For ten days, all counties and all restaurants will celebrate and support the restaurant industry. For participating restaurants: there are no food course requirements, no prix-fixe menus are needed, and no entry fees will be charged; as well, special menus, discounts, or seasonal fare for dine-in, curbside, or carryout may be offered.

The dining public is invited to enjoy the Week-specific specials. This event is brought to you by the Restaurant Association of MD and generous sponsors. For a complete list of participating restaurants please visit marylandrestaurantweek.com/participating-restaurants/.

Sept: National Suicide Prevention Month

We can all help prevent suicide. Every year, the Lifeline network, and other mental health organizations and individuals across the US, and around the world, raise awareness of suicide prevention during September.

#BeThe1To is the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's message (for National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond), which helps spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide. The Lifeline network and its partners are working to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention and what actions promote healing, help and give hope.

Latino Small Business Development Program



The Latino Small Business Development Program is designed to empower and uplift business ventures, from comprehensive financial management insights to effective marketing strategies.

Join the county's Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) for a free inaugural program, at the PGCEDC office (Tuesdays or Thursdays), from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 350, Largo, MD 20774. Enroll: fs25.formsite.com/GsNkge/v2gy3Infvm/index.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed 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; it was expanded by President Ronald Reagan, in 1988, to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending October 15.

The day September 15 is significant because it's the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence 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. As PG County grows and changes, we want to celebrate the amazing diversity of art and culture people of Hispanic and Latin descent add to the rich tapestry of our neighborhoods.





Multicultural Health and Wellness

First United Methodist Church, and local partners, are hosting the 13th annual Multicultural Health and Wellness Fair, on September 16 from 10 am to 2 pm, at 6201 Belcrest Road. Bring the family for free health screenings, wellness information, and to learn about resources in the community.







BACK TO | 2023 - 2024 | SCHOOL | FLU CLINICS

Pallotti High School	Greenbelt Community Center	Springhill Lake Community Center		The Maternal and Child Health Center at Laurel *
113 St. Mary's Place Laurel, MD 20707	15 Crescent Road #200 Greenbelt, MD 20770	6101 Cherrywood Lane Greenbelt, MD 20770	3003 Hospital Drive, Suite 2083 Cheverly, MD 20785	14207 Park Center Drive, Suite 102 Laurel, MD 20707
Wed, Oct 4, 2023	Thurs, Oct 5, 2023	Thurs, Oct 12, 2023	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri
9:00 am – 5:30 pm	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Back to School Immunization Clinics

Cheverly Health Department 3003 Hospital Drive, Ste 2082 Cheverly, MD 20785	
Saturday, September 9th	
Saturday, September 16th	
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	

Please bring the following documents:

- Parent's IF
- Child's ID (birth certificate or passport)
- Medical Assistance card or managed care organization (MCO) insurance card
- Proof of residency
- Proof of income (if your child does not have insurance)
- * Immunizations are also available at these locations



Attention Parents and Guardians! Are your child's immunizations up to date for the new school year? The county Health Department's Immunizations Back-to-School Clinics are here to ensure your child's health and well-being. Let's work together to make sure all children have the vaccines they need to thrive in school this fall. Visit health.mypgc.us/Immunizations to schedule an appointment. They're ready to support your family!

You've aged like fine wine, now it's time to indulge in a glass or two, while you create a masterpiece of your own. Enjoy a relaxing, instructed sip and paint class in the beautiful gardens of the Riverdale House Museum. Thursday, Sept. 21, 1-3 pm | Riversdale House Museum Ages 60 and better | FREE | Register at bit.ly/440qlBZ





Participate in a variety of activities just for seniors! **Register today!**

Visit *pgparksdirect.com* and enter the activity code BBCC-SPEC-GA-20230929 in the search box.

Fee: Resident \$10; Non-Resident \$13

Ages 60 & Better

For more information, please call **301-277-2124** or send an email to **bladensburgcc@pgparks.com**

Bladensburg Community Center

4500 57th Ave., Bladensburg 20710



Schedule of Activities

9-9:30 am: Morning Yoga

9:30-10 am: Zumba

9:30-11:30 am: Bingo

10 am-12 noon: Line Dancing: All Levels

10:30-11 am: Chair Aerobics

11-11:30 am: Weight Training

12 noon-12:30 pm: Lunch

12 noon-2 pm: Elder Abuse Awareness

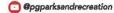
2-4 pm: Sip & Paint











For more information, please email Customer Service at customerservice@pgparks.com or call 301-699-2255; Maryland Relay 7-1-1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

Our front desk staff has access to an over-the-phone interpretation service and can help in over 150 languages. Please ask for assistance when you call or visit us.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.

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PENSION AND SURVIVORS BENEFIT

FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH OR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

PELL GRANT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

RECEIVE HOC RENTAL VOUCHER OR PARTICIPATE IN A PROJECT RENTAL BASE PROGRAM

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CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 301.699.9699.



North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Wold

Town Directory

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Jacqueline Goodall x1226

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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: September 5, September 18, October 2 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 meeting: September 11, 2023. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Meetings are at 6:00 pm. Next meeting: September 20, 2023. In-person at Sis's Tavern.

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."

We're on the Web: www.NorthBrentwood.com and





North Brentwood Resident

Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's