



North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

May 2022

Maryland Flood Awareness Month



April was Flood Awareness Month!

Governor Hogan proclaimed April as Maryland Flood Awareness Month. Flooding is our state's top natural hazard: from the mountains in the west, across the Piedmont, and down to the coastal plain that extends to the Atlantic.

You don't have to live near the water for your home or business to flood. Flooding can come from regular rainfall, a tropical storm, winter ice melt that swells rivers, high tide overflow, or a broken pipe. Be prepared! All month, state and local partners hosted virtual events and provided messages via social media about: how to *Know* your risk, make a *Plan*, and *Act* on your plan. Using Know, Plan, Act, can lessen flooding's impact on you, your family, and your community.

Every year Marylanders experience flooding. In September 2020, PG County had what a Cheverly fire department spokesperson called "historic" and "unprecedented" floods. Many remember Tropical Storm Agnes, which lasted for five days in June 1972 and brought once-in-a-century flooding to Maryland, killing 21 people and causing \$75 million in damage. According to Maryland Insurance Administration, in 1955, Hurricane Connie dumped 9.5 inches of rain in PG County alone. This hurricane cost the state about \$34 million in damages (in 1955!) and killed 16 people. It's more than a nuisance, flooding can be deadly.

Looking for some help with flooding? Ask Town Manager Jacqueline Goodall about resources for stormwater management and other environmental issues impacting our Town and our planet! For info about what to do before, during and after a flood, visit : mdem.maryland.gov/Pages/resources-floods.aspx#beforetips.



Scan for Stormwater
Management Resources

BVFD 55 New Fire Engine

On April 9, the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD 55) unveiled a new Fire Engine. A sleek, black and silver pumper that's sure to turn heads wherever it goes. The colors, while unique, represent the engine used by the Fire Fighter and Ladies Auxiliary of Brentwood Colored Fire Department Engine Co. 2, located in North Brentwood from 1908 to 1942.

Despite the chill in the air, it was a warm-hearted event attended by several Town of North Brentwood elected officials, employees, and residents, including: Mayor Petrella Robinson, Councilmember Evan Dame, Town Manager Jacqueline Goodall, Town Clerk Carl Jones, Randy Parker, Una Palmer, and Lelia Gibson.



BVFD 55 New Fire Engine Continued



Mayor Robinson, who spoke on behalf of BCFD Co. 2, was gracious, as Brentwood's Fire Chief, Bill Broadus, announced the fire engine will be dedicated to North Brentwood's historic auxiliary fire

department. While accepting the honor bestowed on the Town, the Mayor revealed surprise and how humbled she was with the gift.

Following the Mayor's heartfelt comments, many other representatives expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation for the Double Nickel Fire Station, including: Mount Rainier Mayor Celina Benitez, Cottage City Mayor Wanda Wheatley, and Former Brentwood Vice Mayor Dr. Tonya Harrison, among others. Our own Councilmember Dame used the opportunity to personally thank the firefighters for saving his life in 2011, after he nearly died from asphyxiation due to complications of kidney failure.

The event was reflective and celebratory, reminding us all of the value of community, friendship, and sacrifice.

Retirement Tax Elimination Act Becomes Law



On April 1, Governor Larry Hogan enacted the largest tax cut package in state history, signing into law \$1.86 billion in relief for retirees, working families, and small businesses. When

combined with the recent gas tax suspension (\$100 million), this legislative session delivered nearly \$2 billion in tax relief.

According to the announcement from Hogan's office, as a result of the deal, 80% of Maryland's retirees will receive substantial tax relief. The tax plan announced includes a \$1.55 billion reduction in taxes for retirees over the next five years, limited to: retirees 65 and older who make less than \$100,000 in retirement income (\$1,000 tax credit); and couples earning less than \$150,000 in retirement income (\$1,750 tax credit).

Housing & Utility Committee

Councilmember Wiley is actively looking to have more community participation in the Housing and Utility Committee. If you are interested in playing a role, or know someone who may be interested, contact the Town office.

As well, the committee still needs to fill a vacancy from a member of North Brentwood's business community.

April Town Meeting Announcements

The \$9,500 proposal from Ellis Industries to paint Sis's Tavern was presented, with unanimous support from the Mayor and Council.

The county's Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) will run from July 5 to August 12. SYEP will also provide an intern to work with Public Works.

COVID-19 Updates

As of April 30, 131 Marylanders were recently hospitalized, with positivity dropping to 1.77%.

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

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

Town Budget FY23 Schedule

Your input is beneficial – please join us on Zoom

Meeting ID: 433 091 3800

Passcode: 4009 – (dial-in) 1.301.715.8592

The FY23 budget will be presented as follows:

- 1st reading – Monday, May 16
- 2nd reading/public hearing – Monday, June 6
- FY23 budget approval – Monday, June 20



Security Camera Installation Survey

During the April 18 Town Meeting, installation of security cameras, in key locations throughout the Town, was discussed. A suggestion was made to determine if there is community consensus about security cameras, to promote safety.



A citizens' survey has been created and included in this newsletter. **Please scan the QR code (on the form) to answer questions, or fill in the survey by hand. Submit to the Town Office dropbox by May 13.**



Security Cameras Survey

Christmas in April



Christmas in April is a nonprofit, non-denominational organization. Their volunteers repair the homes of senior citizens who have low income and/or are physically challenged, so they may live in warmth, safety and independence.

If you are an interested homeowner, pick up an application at the Town office. **Applications must be completed and returned by November 1, 2022.**

Contact Christmas in April to learn more about their mission and work, or to become a volunteer.

Email: cinapg@aol.com

Phone: 301.868.0937

Fax: 301.868.1053

Academic Graduates

The Town office is looking for 2022 high school and college grads who live in North Brentwood, to recognize and potentially reward their efforts! Please call the Town office and give us your full name, complete address, and email.



MDOT SHA Survey

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is exploring the future of travel in the state. This includes understanding the opportunities/challenges of transportation innovations, such as self-driving (autonomous) cars.



MDOT is conducting a survey to learn Marylanders' perspectives about self-driving vehicles; they want to hear from you and the people you know.

Please take the MDOT survey and share these links with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone in else in your Maryland network. **The survey closes May 13, 2022.** All questions about this survey should be emailed to: SHACAV@mdot.maryland.gov.



MDOT Survey

2022 Maryland General Primary Elections

Primary Election Day

Tuesday, July 19: 7 am to 8 pm.



Early Voting for Primary Election

Thursday, July 7 through Thursday, July 14: 7 am until 8 pm. There will be a ballot drop-off box in North Brentwood at 4012 Webster Street.

Memorial Day

North Brentwood is planning its annual Memorial Day ceremonies. The event is scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10 am.

Keeping with tradition, Town officials, guest speakers and citizens will gather at Veterans Memorial Garden, at Allison and 40th Streets.



Previous Announcements

Employment Opportunity

North Brentwood is seeking a P/T Treasurer. Must have QuickBooks experience. For info, call 301.699.9699 or email a resume to probinson@northbrentwood.com.

Brentwood Police & Fire Departments

Child Safety Seat Inspections

Prince George's County Police and Fire Departments, offer child safety seat inspections the first Thursday of each month, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Go to the rear of the Bunker Hill Fire Station at 3716 Rhode Island Avenue.

Questions? Contact Firefighter Brian Clark at his cell 240.508.3960 or office number 301.883.3188.

New Announcements

Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activities Center

The center has free and in-person fitness instruction to help with fitness goals, every Thursday (11:30 am to 12:15 pm). Also, free blood pressure screenings are offered after class on the first Thursday of the month. Sign up by calling 301.699.1238.

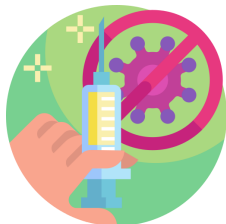


Town of Brentwood Shred & Electric Day

Our neighbor, Brentwood, will conduct its annual Community Shred event on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. Go to their Town Hall, at 4300 39th Place in Brentwood, Maryland.

Booster Shots

Don't forget... second booster doses of Pfizer and Moderna are available for adults ages 50-plus, and for youth ages 12 and over with weakened immune systems.



Prince Georgians have done an amazing job, helping to dramatically lower the instances of COVID-19 in our county, by getting vaccinated. Call CVS or Walgreens.

Scholarships

Delegate Wanika Fisher

2022 Scholarship Application

Prince George's County residents are welcome to apply. Complete the application, upload all required items and follow the prompt for the essays. Go to: tinyurl.com/yckjnduv.

The deadline is 11:59 pm on June 1, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact Delegate Fisher's office at 410.841.3340 or by email: cosdistrict47b@gmail.com.

Kaiser Permanente Scholarship

Students interested, in clinical and non-clinical careers, in the health field may apply for Kaiser Permanente's scholarship. You must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, be a current high school student, and be a US resident. **The submission deadline is May 31, 2022.**

For more information visit scholarships.uncf.org (which lists many scholarships) and do a search for Kaiser Permanente. Or, use the QR code below to go directly to the UNCF Kaiser scholarship page.



Kaiser Scholarship Link

2022 FBCNB Scholarship Award



The Scholarship application is **NOW AVAILABLE** in the Christian Education section of our website

www.fbcfnb.org

Application deadline is Friday, May 13

For questions, email fbc4009@comcast.net or call 301-277-4742



Town of North Brentwood

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4009 Wallace Rd – 301-699-9699

Security Cameras Survey

The Town of North Brentwood is considering installing security cameras at the town's entrances to help mitigate crime. The security camera's will not be pointed at resident's homes, only the public throughfare. The Mayor and Council encourage all residents to provide their feedback. **Residents have until May 13, 2022, to complete the physical or virtual survey. Physical forms must be submitted by dropping in the Town DROP-OFF Box, 4009 Wallace Rd.** If you have questions, please contact Town office at 301.699.9699.

1. How would you rate the safety in North Brentwood?

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Unsafe

2. Do you believe that security cameras in town would help in deterring crime?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Somewhat

3. Apart from security cameras, what actions can the Mayor & Council consider to improve safety in the community?

4. The security camera's will be placed with sensitivity and respect the privacy of residents. Is there a particular location you would or would not like for them to be placed?

5. If you do not support security cameras, why?

6. Additional Comments

7. If you would like to be contacted, please write in your e-mail, or contact number.

All surveys must be completed by May 13, 2022. DROP OFF BOX LOCATED in front of Municipal Building on 4009 Wallace Rd.



Municipio de North Brentwood

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Encuesta de Cámaras de Seguridad

La ciudad de North Brentwood está considerando instalar cámaras de seguridad en las entradas de la ciudad para ayudar a mitigar el crimen. Las cámaras de seguridad no se apuntarán a la casa del residente. La Alcaldesa y el Concejo alientan a todos los residentes a proporcionar sus comentarios para abordar potencialmente el tema de la seguridad del vecindario en el Presupuesto de la Ciudad FY23. **Los residentes tienen hasta el 13 de mayo de 2022 para completar la encuesta física o virtual. Los formularios físicos deben enviarse en el Town DROP-OFF Box.** Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la oficina de la ciudad al 301.699.9699.

1. ¿Cómo calificaría la seguridad en North Brentwood?

☐ Muy Seguro

☐ Seguro

☐ Inseguro

2. ¿Cree que las cámaras de seguridad en la ciudad pueden prevenir el crimen??

☐ Si

☐ No

☐ Tal vez

3. Aparte de las cámaras de seguridad, ¿qué acciones pueden considerar el alcalde y el concejo para aumentar la seguridad en la comunidad?

4. Las cámaras de seguridad se colocarán con sensibilidad respetando la privacidad de los residentes, ¿hay algún lugar en particular en el que le gustaría o no que se colocarán?

5. ¿Si no apoya las cámaras de seguridad, explique por qué?

6. Comentarios Adicionales

7. Si desea ser contactado, por favor escriba su correo electrónico o número de contacto.

Último día para entregar encuesta es mayo 13, 2022. CAJA DE ENTREGA UBICADA frente al Edificio Municipal en 4009 Wallace Rd.



Election Judges

The Prince George's County Board of Elections is looking for Election Judges. who can operate the polling places and play a very important role in the electoral process. The Judge acts as a liaison between the Election Office and the general public, during voting hours, and is administers the actual voting procedures in each precinct.

The ideal Election Judge should be able to endure long hours on Election Day, and deal courteously and patiently with the public and coworkers. Additionally, Judges must ensure qualified (properly registered) voters are able to cast their votes in a trouble-free environment.

An applicant must be a: registered voter, US citizen, Maryland resident, and at least 18 years old before the election. For more information please contact 301.341.7300.

Church Services *Most are held virtually*

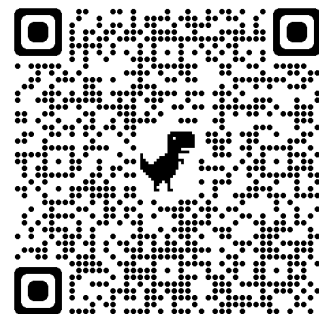
- ♦ **First Baptist Church of North Brentwood**
4000 Wallace Road / 301.277.4742
Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Duane T. Kay
Virtual Service 9 am Sunday
Facebook Live: First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, MD / YouTube Live: FBCNB Church
Teleconference: 712.770.5505, code 54327#
- ♦ **AME Zion Church**
4037 Webster Street / 301.927.7698
Rev. Samuel Whittaker
Sunday School - Live Facebook Service 10 am
- ♦ **St James Pentecostal Church**
3925 Allison Street / 301.277.4376
Rev. Carolyn Dildy
Sunday Service 11:30 am

COVID-19 Medications

Medicine to combat illness against COVID-19 is now available through your doctor, local pharmacies, and health clinics.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms and test positive, do not wait to get treated. You must take oral COVID-19 medication within 5 days of your first symptoms.

Use the QR code, below, to find the tool that will assist you in finding a location near you or call 800.232.0233.



COVID-19 Medication Link



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Town Directory

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor

Petrella Robinson Ext. 1225

Council Members

Aaron Baynes Ext. 1227

Charles Wiley Ext. 1222

Evan Dame Ext. 1229

Town Manager

Jacqueline Goodall Ext. 1226

Treasurer

Shelley Dorsey Ext. 1224

Code Enforcement Officer

Martha Cuffie Ext. 1223

Town Clerk

Carl Jones Ext. 1221

Assistant Clerk

Cristian Ortiz-Romero Ext.1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.333.4000

Park Police

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings: Monday, May 2 and Monday May 16

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm

Meeting ID: 433 091 3800

Passcode: 4009

Dial-in: 1.301.715.8592

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: May 9 meeting @ 6:30 pm.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Next meeting will be on May 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm. The dial-in number is 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 for Town newsletter, please send an email to asstclerk@northbrentwood.com, by the 4th Monday of each month with subject line "Newsletter."

**Para leer en Español por favor
escanee el QR Code.**

**(To view this newsletter in
Spanish, please scan the QR Code.)**



We're on the Web:

www.NorthBrentwood.com and



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's

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«City» «State» «Zip»

