



### Mayor's Greetings



Black History Month (BHM) 2026 is a time of joy and reflection in the Town of North Brentwood. Each Saturday you are invited to participate in celebratory way: door prizes, entertainment and refreshments will be on hand just for you! All events are being held at North Brentwood Community Center, on 4012 Webster Street.



Above is a 2023 photo of me with County Councilmember Wanika Fisher, who cohosts the closing BHM event each year.

There are also lots of BHM events nearby and in DC. See page three for more info. As well, this issue of *Newswire* covers legislation, tax time info, and programs to help you and family.

We know the hardship the recent storm has caused. The Town's Snow/Ice Procedures are on page five. If you seek snow removal, here are a few providers who've shared their contact info with our office: 301.537.9264, 301.404.1650, 202.798.0065, 240.393.5122.

Lastly, in February, we also celebrate Heart Health Month, Youth Leadership Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, and President's Day on Feb 16 (schools and offices closed). Look for President's Day (page six) and Mardi Gras family activity ideas (page seven) inside this issue. Stay warm and safe!

## 2026 *experience* BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each SATURDAY, this February, in North Brentwood!



**All events:** North Brentwood Community Center  
(4012 Webster Street 20722)

Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome!

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### ECHOES OF THE MOTHERLAND

1-3 PM. Live performances, African dance, skit, raffles, giveaways, and more.

Sponsor: Town of North Brentwood

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### BILLION POOL TOURNAMENT

12-3 PM. Pool is part of Black culture. Show your skills and earn prizes!

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### BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

2-4 PM. Friendly trivia competition. Learn fascinating facts! Prizes.

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### HONOR. REFLECT. CELEBRATE.

12-3 PM. BHM 100 YEARS! Local artists perform, crafts... Register: 301.864.0756.

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CELEBRATE

2026

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**In North Brentwood, each Saturday in Feb,  
at NBCC, we're celebrating contributions  
of African Americans throughout history.**

**PLACE: NORTH BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **BHM Kickoff: Echoes of the Motherland**

**feb 07**

**1-3 PM**

Live performances, African dance, skit, raffles, refreshments, giveaways, and more!

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**feb 14**

**12-3 PM**

## **Annual Billion Pool Tournament**

Pool is part of Black culture: a way to socialize and relax. Show your skills and earn prizes!

**Sponsor: North Brentwood Community Center**

**feb 21**

**2-4 PM**

## **Black History Trivia**

Enjoy a friendly trivia competition and learn fascinating facts! Prizes and light refreshments.

**Sponsor: North Brentwood Citizens Association**

**feb 28**

**12-3 PM**

## **Honor. Reflect. Celebrate. BHM 100 Years!**

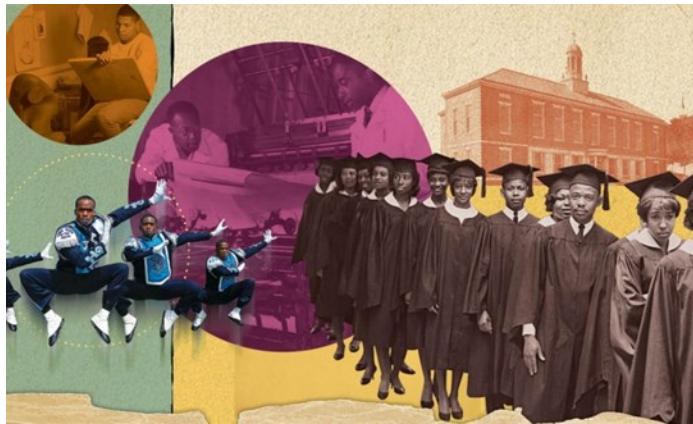
Live performances by local artists, arts, crafts...

**Register: [parksdirect.com](http://parksdirect.com) or call 301.864.0756.**

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Blackhistorymonth.gov** shares a great list of activities paying tribute to African Americans' struggle for full freedoms in American society. Here are a few local exhibits, plays and films to enjoy in February.



## At the Vanguard: Making and Saving History at HBCUs

National Museum of African American History/Culture

New Smithsonian exhibit, in DC, celebrating the legacy of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). [nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions](http://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions).



## Montpelier BHM Exhibit: Jan 14-Mar 1 | 10 am-5 pm

Talented regional artists highlights African Americans' lives, stories and experiences through painting, mixed media, drawing, sculpture and more. [pgparks.com/event\\_list/annual-black-history-month-exhibition](http://pgparks.com/event_list/annual-black-history-month-exhibition)

Feb 20: Annual BHM Public Reception, 7-9 pm, Free

## BHM @ Publick Playhouse

### EDUCATION ON STAGE SERIES

#### George Washington Carver & Friends

— Feb 10 at 10 am & 11:15 am



Black History heroes laid the groundwork for many amazing STEM discoveries. Hosted by scientist George Washington Carver, this touring show introduces students to great scientists, entrepreneurs and more.

Tickets: \$6-\$8 | Ages 5-10 (Grades K-5). For info and tickets, go to: [pgparks.com/event\\_list/george-washington-carver-friends-with-bright-star-touring-theatre](http://pgparks.com/event_list/george-washington-carver-friends-with-bright-star-touring-theatre).

#### Going the Distance — Feb 24 at 10 am & 11:15 am



Kids learn about two Black Olympians who changed history in this musical play from Discovery Theater! It's a vivid portrayal of Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood illness, infirmity and poverty to become the world's fastest man and woman.

Tickets: \$6-\$8 | Ages 5-10 (Grades 6-11). For info/tickets, go to: [pgparks.com/event\\_list/going-the-distance-with-smithsonians-discovery-theater](http://pgparks.com/event_list/going-the-distance-with-smithsonians-discovery-theater).

### FILM SCREENING

#### Becoming Thurgood: America's Social Architect

— Feb 19 at 11 am



This documentary traces Thurgood Marshall's life, from his 1908 Baltimore birth, through law school, and his landmark career as a civil rights lawyer and Supreme Court Justice.

FREE. Limited seating. For tickets, go to: [pgparks.com/event\\_list/becoming-thurgood-americas-social-architect](http://pgparks.com/event_list/becoming-thurgood-americas-social-architect).

## Learn about Zoey's Law



*Zoey's Law requires PG County police to report all pursuits to the County Council each year, in an effort to prevent crashes like the one that took the life of Zoey Harrison (on left).*

Effective as of January 1, County Council bill (CB-061-2025), called "Zoey's Law," aims to restrict police vehicle pursuits to cases involving serious felonies and violent crimes. The bill was initiated after a three year-old girl, Zoey, was killed in a car allegedly fleeing a traffic stop.

She was one of three people killed in Prince George's County within three weeks by drivers fleeing traffic stops.

The bill requires annual reporting of police vehicle pursuit data and modification of mutual aid agreements between the PGCPD and local municipalities.

The law seeks to ensure a uniform vehicle pursuit policy within the county to: improve public safety, reduce unnecessary harm, restore trust in the law, set guidelines for police pursuits and limit pursuit scenarios.

### Annual Reporting

By September 1 of each year, the Chief of Police must submit a report, to the County Council, about vehicle pursuits from the prior fiscal year, including the:

- Total number of vehicle pursuits.
- Reason for each vehicle pursuit.
- Number of vehicle pursuits ceased after initiation.
- Number of vehicle pursuits that resulted in collisions.
- Number of vehicle pursuits resulting in death or injury to an officer or member of the public.
- Number of vehicle pursuits found to be within or outside of Department policy.
- Summarized data regarding location, length and duration of vehicle pursuits.
- Suspect demographics.
- Collision damage and injuries.

## Zoey's Law: Police Mutual Aid Agreements

Any mutual aid agreement (with any municipal corporation, city, town, village, or other law enforcement agency within PG County) must provide that such municipality shall adopt the minimum standards for initiating vehicle pursuits contained in the PG County Police Department General Orders.

Additionally, the County Executive shall make every reasonable effort to update each mutual aid agreement (with a municipal corporation, city, town or village) to comply with the provisions with this Act within six months of the effective date of this Act. The Act was adopted on November 17, 2025.

*Sources: CB-061-2025, nbcwashington.com*



## Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

### Winter is Still Impacting Walking and Driving In North Brentwood

Please follow the Town's Snow and Ice Procedures for snow removal, so plows can get through. The procedures document is on the next page, and it's on our Town website: [northbrentwood.com/town-services](http://northbrentwood.com/town-services).

Did you know...? PG County has a Winter Weather Hub, with up to date info about road conditions, snow emergencies, winter safety tips, and warming center locations: [princegeorgescountymd.gov/news-events/news/2026-winter-weather-hub](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/news-events/news/2026-winter-weather-hub).

Inclement weather trash collection: [princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/waste-recycling/inclement-weather-policy](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/waste-recycling/inclement-weather-policy).

While New Year's is over, please still keep in mind fireworks in residential communities are illegal. There have been incidents in recent months disturbing and frightening your fellow neighbors, especially elderly residents and pets. Be considerate; keep fireworks away from North Brentwood, and you'll also avoid a potential \$100 fine per violation under Town ordinances.



## Town of North Brentwood Snow & Ice Procedures

### Snow Removal

When snow, sleet or ice is forecasted for our area, the Town has contracted with Smallwood Ground Maintenance for snow removal. Councilman Baynes is the contact person for concerns.

At forecast of snow/ice accumulation, it is necessary for the contractor treat streets before ice formation begins. When PG County Schools are closed, the Town office will also be closed.

**It is every resident's responsibility to clear snow off the sidewalks, in front of their homes, within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases.**

### Parking

During the Snow Emergency, the Mayor and Council require all citizens with driveways to park their vehicles **in their driveways**. This helps the contractor to clear the street properly. If you do not have a driveway, please adhere to the parking area notices and park on the correct side of each street (see chart below). *Please park right wheels to the curve.*

We know there may be concerns about blocking driveways with snow, when the snow plow comes through, but we must keep our streets clear. It is critical for all residents adhere to the rules so it is easier for all concerned. If you're able to help seniors and your neighbors, please do.

Any cars stuck in middle of the street, or parked illegally during this time, will be ticketed and towed away at owner's expense. We urge all citizens adhere to the rules and regulations provided to you at this time. North Brentwood is small and, to make sure the Mayor and Council can give you the best services, we need our residents to obey the rules. Councilman Baynes is the contact person for snow troubles. **PLEASE HELP US SO WE CAN HELP YOU!**

STREET NAME	PARKING SIDE (ODD OR EVEN)
ALLISON STREET	ODD
BANNER STREET	ODD
WALLACE ROAD (3900 BLOCK)	EVEN
WALLACE ROAD (4000 – 4100 BLOCK)	ODD
WEBSTER STREET	ODD
WINDOM ROAD	ODD
39 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	EVEN
40 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	BOTH
41 <sup>ST</sup> AVENUE	ODD
CHURCH STREET	NO PARKING
CHURCH PARKING LOTS	NO PARKING

## President's Day: February 16



### What's Open/Closed on President's Day?

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; in 2026, it will occur on the 16th. Schools, banks, post offices, county government offices, and the stock exchange are closed on Feb 16.

### Looking for a Way to Enjoy President's Day?

US National Parks will be NOT be free on Feb 16. The Trump administration announced all parks offer free admission to US residents only on President Donald Trump's birthday; five other formerly free days (e.g., President's Day) have been dropped.



DC offers lots of attractions about founding US presidents! Explore DC's monuments and memorials: [washington.org/visit-dc/monuments-memorials](http://washington.org/visit-dc/monuments-memorials).

Or, view portraits of all US presidents at the National Portrait Gallery, a permanent exhibition at this free Smithsonian museum. It's the only place outside of the White House that is home to official portraits of every commander-in-chief.



Need more ideas? Go on an architectural excursion with *DC Design Tours*, indulge in *presidential dining*, visit *President Lincoln's cottage* in northwest DC, or go to *George Washington's Mount Vernon* for free.

## Free Help with 2026 Tax Returns

- The deadline for filing federal and Maryland tax returns is Wednesday, April 15, 2026.
- Go to [irs.gov/filing/individuals/when-to-file](https://irs.gov/filing/individuals/when-to-file) if you need to file an extension or if you're serving in the armed forces (special filing rules may apply).

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return prep for some. Go to: [irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers](https://irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers), to get details and learn what to bring.

The VITA program has operated sites for more than 50 years. To qualify for assistance a taxpayer must:

- Generally make \$69,000 or less (up from \$64k)
- Have a disability; and/or
- Have limited English-speaking skills

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older. It specializes in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

While the IRS manages the VITA and TCE programs, the sites are operated by IRS partners and staffed by IRS-certified tax counseling volunteers, who are often retired individuals associated with nonprofit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

VITA/TCE services are not only free, they are also a reliable, trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA/TCE volunteers, who prepare returns, must pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards, including maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of taxpayer information.

In addition to demanding volunteers to certify their knowledge of tax laws, the IRS requires a quality review check for every return prepared at a VITA/TCE site prior to filing. Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA/TCE volunteers prepare millions of federal and state returns. They also assist taxpayers with the preparation of thousands of Facilitated Self-Assistance returns.

## Building Community Together: North Brentwood Citizens Association



*Photos are from 2024's North Brentwood Day celebration.*

Do you enjoy North Brentwood Day each June?  
Remember Mayor Robinson riding the trike in 2024?

As we head into Black History Month, let's remember to support NBCA, the group hosting Black Trivia on Feb 21. NBCA continually brings special events to North Brentwood: Prince George's County's first African American incorporated town!

One of the most meaningful ways to get involved, and shape the future of North Brentwood, is by joining North Brentwood Citizens Association (NBCA).

NBCA is a community group that brings neighbors together to share ideas, give back, and support initiatives



that strengthen our Town. Whether you need to earn volunteer hours, want to help plan Town events, or simply like to stay connected to what's happening locally, NBCA is a great place to start.

**Look for membership info in your mailbox soon!**  
Membership dues are still just \$15 per household.

Please, join today! Send funds using cashapp to: \$NorthBrentwoodCA.

Email any questions to BCA20722@hotmail.com.

Meetings are held once a month. (Meeting dates, and related info, are on the

back of each month's *Newswire* newsletter.)

Being part of the NBCA community is a small time commitment, with a big impact. By sharing your perspective, and/or volunteering your time, you'll help with the ideas, collaboration, and community spirit that makes North Brentwood special.

## Feb 15: Mardi Gras at the Wharf | 3-7 pm

Celebrate Mardi Gras, for free, at District Pier. It's an extravaganza with a parade down Wharf Street, a dance party with live music and a fireworks finale.

**Times:** 3 pm the fun begins; 3:30 pm parade begins (at Blair Alley near Shake Shack) and continues down Wharf St; 4:30 to 7:30 pm live music; and fireworks at 6:30 pm.

Many restaurants at The Wharf are offering Mardi Gras food and drink specials. Go to [wharfdc.com/mardigras](http://wharfdc.com/mardigras) for the event map, parade route, kids activities, and more.



## Route 1 Group: Food for Immigrant Families

*This is an edited version of Alison Beckwith's article, which appeared in Hyattsville Wire on January 26.*



An informal group of Route 1 residents has been delivering groceries, to immigrant families worried about going out in public amid a mass deportation effort by the Trump admin.

At the end of October 2025, Route 1 Mutual Aid spun off from the Route 1 Corridor chapter of the grassroots democracy organization "Indivisible" — with the goal of helping families affected by the government shutdown. After starting as the "Feeding Task Force," the group changed its name to address a broader range of crises.

When the shutdown ended, Route 1 Mutual Aid shifted its focus to assist dozens of immigrant families, which continues today. The group provides weekly grocery deliveries supported by in-kind donations, partnerships with local organizations, and community donations.

Stephanie DeLorenzo, a Hyattsville resident who helped start the group, told the *Wire* its internal listserv now has 200 email addresses, but dozens of others volunteer and donate consistently through other email lists, Facebook groups and Instagram.

Route 1 Mutual Aid currently partners with the Prince George's and Montgomery County Immigrants Rights Collectives, which provide services to residents who have had at least one family member detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Route 1 group also partners with Prince George's Community College, to help students taking ESOL, GED and citizenship classes. (Denizens Brewing Co. and Vigilante Coffee serve as donation drop sites.)

As well, the group has a "Porch Ambassador" program for people who want to run mini food drives.

Route 1 Mutual Aid originally planned to run until February, as a short-term program, but those involved recently decided to continue running its programs at least through this month. To donate, volunteer or join Route 1 Mutual Aid's listserv, go to [rt1mutualaid.org](http://rt1mutualaid.org) or [instagram.com/rt1mutualaid](https://instagram.com/rt1mutualaid). More info is on the flyer on the next page.

## Become a PG County CASA

You can change a child's story by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA): a trained adult who represents/advocates for a child's best interests in the child protection system. Obligation includes:

- **Time Commitment.** 7-12 or 10-15 hours/month.
- **Duration.** At least one year or until the case closes.
- **Responsibilities.** Lead independent investigations, report findings to the court and meet child's needs.

To become a CASA in PG County, you must: be at least 21, attend an info session, submit an application, pass a background check, complete up to 37 training hours, and commit to 7 to 15 hours monthly for at least one year. The County hosts bi-weekly info sessions. Learn more at [pgcasa.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer](http://pgcasa.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer) or send an email to: [volunteer@pgcasa.org](mailto:volunteer@pgcasa.org).



CASA/PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

#ChangeaChildsStory | Become a CASA Volunteer

**NEW  
LOCATION!**

# RT 1 COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE: DONATE TODAY!

HELP FEED OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

DROP-OFF @ PORCH OR BUSINESS  
NEAR YOU

OR TO:

FIND A DROP OFF:

[RT1MutualAid.org](http://RT1MutualAid.org)

**4316 Farrugut Street, Hyattsville**

**FRI: 7-8PM**

**SAT: 10AM-12PM**



MAKE DINNER TIME EASIER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

## ANYTIME DROP OFF:

- Maseca (corn flour)
- Beans + lentils (canned or 1-3lb bags NO LARGER)
- Rice (3-5 lb bag NO LARGER)
- Cooking oil (canola, olive, 8-32oz)
- Pasta + sauce
- Shelf stable milk (evaporated or non-refrigerated)
- Shelf stable meats or fishes
- Canned fruit, fruit cups, or applesauce
- Juice boxes
- Canned vegetables
- Nuts
- Baby Food
- Diapers
- Toilet Paper



## FOR SATURDAY DROP OFF IN HYATTSVILLE (PERISHABLES ONLY)

- Meat
- Onions and Garlic
- Jalepeños
- Carrots and Potatoes
- Cucumbers
- Bell Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Tomatillos
- Cheddar cheese (shredded or blocks)
- Queso Blanco
- Apples, Oranges, and Bananas
- Plantains



[Rt1MutualAid.org](http://Rt1MutualAid.org)

## Notes from Recent Town Meetings



*The Mayor and Town Council meet the first and third Monday each month via Zoom at 7:30 pm. North Brentwood residents are encouraged to attend and get involved!*

The January 5, 2026 meeting began with Mayor Robinson addressing the community, wishing peace and unity for Town residents and outlining key priorities for 2026 — including economic development along Route 1 and PG's African American Museum reopening efforts.

Mayor Robinson encouraged Council members to consider their 2026 priorities and to prepare for budget discussions, noting the challenging financial situation. They also discussed the need to engage with politicians, to better understand candidates' goals and intentions.

The January 20, 2026 meeting largely focused on ongoing litigation with the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, including discussions about fiduciary duties and potential resolution efforts.

The Mayor and Council also reviewed Town projects and initiatives, such as grants, property improvements and safety measures, while addressing concerns about snow removal and upcoming utility work. Conversation included updates about police department agreements, resident engagement, volunteer opportunities and Black History Month (BHM). The Town will celebrate BHM with a different event each Saturday in February, at North Brentwood Community Center.

*M\_NCPPC's 2026 Black History Month poster is available to download at [pgparks.com/activities-events/history.blackhistory](http://pgparks.com/activities-events/history.blackhistory).*

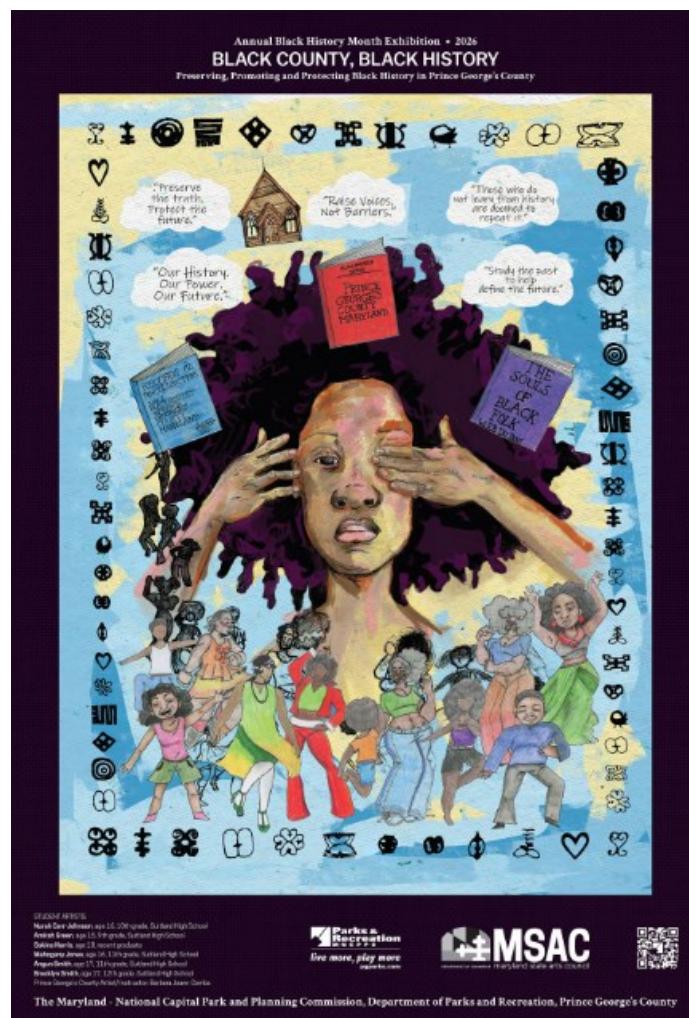


## Local Politics

Delegate Fennell's fundraiser was held in Annapolis on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Armano Jones, a 26-year-old health care policy advocate, is seeking election to the County Council's District 2 seat. (The seat is currently held by Wanika Fisher until December 2026; she is running for State's Attorney.)

At the January 5th Town Meeting, Jones told of his background in public service, policy advocacy and community engagement; he spoke about MLK, Jr. and the importance of community service. He outlined priorities, including: storm water management, economic development for small businesses, education support, affordability, public safety, housing security, and a commitment to collaborating with community youth.



## I Got the Shot... Why Do I Have the Flu?

If you got the flu shot in fall 2025, why did you get the flu this winter? The current H3N2 subclade K strain was not specifically targeted in the fall 2025 flu shot. H3N2 emerged later and wasn't known when vaccine strains were selected in early 2025, creating a mismatch.

As of early January, Maryland had "very high" influenza rates. Now, while the "severe" flu surge around the holidays may be dropping, be wary: so far, this flu season, 4,200 have been hospitalized and 14 have died.

What is more, data shows Black individuals, particularly children ages 0-4, have higher rates of severe, influenza associated hospitalizations compared to others.



Per the CDC, in general, flu hospitalization rates are nearly 80% higher among Black people compared to white people, 30% higher among Native Americans, and 20% higher among Hispanic populations.

Last year's season didn't peak until February. Health experts still strongly recommend getting the flu vaccine for protection against severe illness from subclade K and other circulating viruses such as H1N1 and B strains.

"We're seeing a bad flu season," said Dr. Georges Benjamin, Executive Director of the American Public Health Association.

"It's not too late to get your flu shot.... People who are symptomatic should not go to work or school, they should stay home," he said. "And then you do all the other things: washing your hands frequently and wearing a mask when you're around others and have symptoms."

Andrew Pekosz, a Johns Hopkins School of Public Health professor who researches respiratory illnesses, hopes the flu surge continues to drop.

"The initial signs that we are seeing here is that it's a steep flu season, but it seems to be going away as quickly as it came," Pekosz said. "I caution that every flu season is a little bit different, and there are two influenza viruses – we call them H1N1 and Influenza B virus – that can cause influenza. And it's not uncommon to see a late-season surge with a different type of influenza."

### But... What about COVID-19?

This year's flu deaths, while high, are still trailing far behind another severe seasonal respiratory illness – COVID-19. In the 2025-26 respiratory illness season, COVID has been responsible for 99 deaths this year. That's significant because state data shows current COVID-19 activity is "low" though it is increasing.

"When you look at COVID-19 numbers, there still is a significant danger of severe illness that is sometimes much higher than what we see for influenza," Pekosz said. "So, while we don't see as much COVID right now, it's still a disease that is dangerous, if not maybe a little bit more dangerous, than influenza. Particularly in the high-risk groups."

Those high-risk groups include people who are over the age of 65 and immunocompromised people.

Pekosz says for COVID and the flu, regular hand washing and staying home when sick help to prevent the spread. Antivirals are also available for those who get sick to protect from severe illness. He also urged people to get vaccinated and wear masks around others when experiencing symptoms.

*Sources: marylandmatters.org, patch.com, abc10.com*

### FREE Maryland Senior Call Check Service

Senior Call Check is available to adults 65-plus. Get an automated daily call at a set time. If you don't answer after three calls, the department will contact your designated alternates to check on you.

Register by phone at 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or online: [aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-callcheck.aspx](http://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-callcheck.aspx).

## 2026 "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." Essay

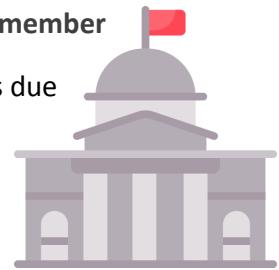
Now in its 26th year, Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest is its oldest ambassador program of its kind.

MML encourages **fourth graders** to think creatively about leadership, local government, and ways they would improve their communities if they were mayor: [mmdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest](http://mmdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest).

For guidelines, rules, and the essay contest form, go to: [mml.memberclicks.net/2026-essay](http://mml.memberclicks.net/2026-essay).

### Key Dates to Remember

- March 5: Essay submissions due
- March 12: Essay Reading
- Week of March 16: Winners notified
- April 10: Tentative date for Essay Ceremony for winners (\$100 cash prize/Governor's Citation)



## National Heart Health Month 2026

**National Wear Red Day:** Friday, Feb 6, is designated for wearing red to raise awareness for women's heart health.

**Heart-healthy Soul Food Cooking Demo:** Virtual cooking class. Feb 12: 6 pm to 7 pm. [pgparks.com/event\\_list/heart-healthy-soul-food-cooking-demonstration](http://pgparks.com/event_list/heart-healthy-soul-food-cooking-demonstration).

**Dine, Learn & Move Virtual Program:** "Power to the Heart: Food, Fitness & Culture" Feb 25: 6 pm to 7:30 pm. [pgparks.com/event\\_list/dine-learn-move-power-to-the-heart-food-fitness-culture](http://pgparks.com/event_list/dine-learn-move-power-to-the-heart-food-fitness-culture)

**Heart Health & Fitness Programs:** Throughout February, PG Parks and Rec offers free virtual heart-healthy cooking demos, yoga, and family Zumba classes. For info, go to [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com).

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESS



Wash your hands often with soap and water.



Wear a mask to help provide protection against viruses and illnesses.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash.



Stay home when you are sick.



## Being a Good Neighbor in North Brentwood: United through Challenging Times

In North Brentwood, being a good neighbor has always meant more than sharing a street or a fence line. It means showing care, respect, and responsibility for one another, especially when times are hard. Today, many families are feeling the weight of tough federal policies, harsh winter weather and rising financial pressures. These challenges may look different for each household, but one thing remains true: we are all in this together.

Our Town has a long history of strength and resilience. North Brentwood was built on community, on people coming together to support one another through adversity. That same spirit continues when neighbors check in after winter storms, share resources, offer rides, or simply take time to listen. In moments of uncertainty, unity becomes our greatest strength.

Being a good neighbor in these times means choosing compassion and connection.

Good neighbors:

- Check on seniors, families and other neighbors during wintry weather and emergencies.
- Help to clear snow and ice, share supplies or offer transportation when needed.
- Are patient and understanding as Town services respond to tough conditions.
- Share essential info so everyone stays safe.
- Support local events, businesses, civic organizations, and other community initiatives.

**How to be a  good neighbour**

- Considerate Noise Levels**  
Keep noise down during quiet hours and inform neighbours about loud activities
- Tidiness**  
Keep outdoor areas clean and dispose of waste properly.
- Friendliness**  
Be approachable and greet neighbours with a smile or wave.
- Clear Communication**  
Address concerns directly and share contact information.
- Respect Privacy**  
Avoid intruding on neighbouring properties or personal spaces.
- Offer Help**  
Assist neighbours in times of need or difficulties
- Community Support**  
Get involved in local events and support community initiatives

These may seem like small actions, but together these create a powerful impact.

We also recognize many in our community are facing financial stress, fear about policy changes, and everyday struggles that can feel overwhelming. A kind word, a smile, or an offer of help can remind someone they're not alone. When we lead with empathy, we strengthen the fabric of our Town.

#IAMNORTHBRENTWOOD is not just a slogan — it's how we treat one another.

Being a good neighbor is also: showing up for community meetings, volunteering when possible, and making sure every voice feels valued. It's choosing unity over division, hope over frustration and community over isolation.

Now more than ever, this is our moment to come together. By supporting one another in significant ways — emotionally, physically and socially — we protect what makes North Brentwood special. When neighbors struggle, we lift them up. When our Town faces challenges, we face them side by side. Let's continue to stand strong, stay connected and lead with kindness.

## Ser un Buen Vecino en North Brentwood: Unidos en Tiempos Difíciles

En North Brentwood, ser un buen vecino siempre ha significado más que compartir una calle o una valla. Significa mostrar cuidado, respeto y responsabilidad mutuamente, especialmente cuando los momentos son difíciles. Hoy en día, muchas familias sienten el peso de las duras políticas federales, el duro invierno y las crecientes presiones financieras. Estos desafíos pueden ser diferentes para cada hogar, pero una cosa sigue siendo cierta: estamos todos juntos en esto.

Nuestro pueblo tiene una larga historia de fortaleza y resiliencia. North Brentwood se construyó sobre la comunidad, sobre la unión de personas para apoyarse mutuamente en medio de la adversidad. Ese mismo espíritu sigue vigente hoy en día, cuando los vecinos se revisan tras las tormentas invernales, comparten recursos, ofrecen viajes o simplemente se toman un momento para escuchar. En momentos de incertidumbre, la unidad se convierte en nuestra mayor fortaleza.

Ser un buen vecino en estos tiempos significa elegir la compasión y la conexión. Parece que:

- Comprobar a personas mayores, familias y vecinos durante el invierno y emergencias.
- Ayudar a limpiar la nieve, compartir suministros o ofrecer transporte cuando fuera necesario.
- Ser pacientes y comprensivos mientras los servicios municipales responden a condiciones difíciles.
- Compartiendo información esencial para que todos estén seguros e informados.
- Apoyo a eventos locales, negocios e iniciativas comunitarias.

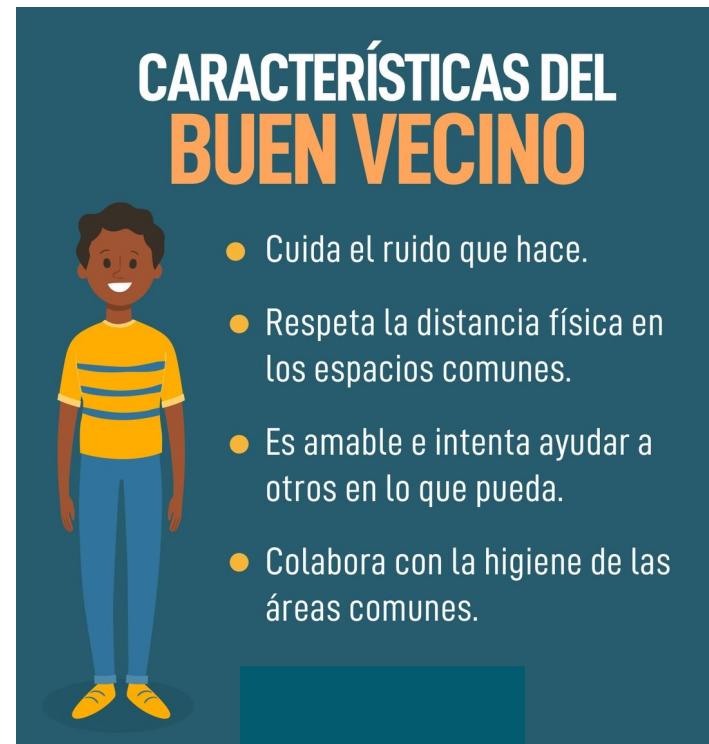
Estas pueden parecer acciones pequeñas, pero juntas crean un impacto poderoso.

También reconocemos que muchos en nuestra comunidad están enfrentando estrés económico, miedo a cambios en las políticas y dificultades cotidianas que pueden resultar abrumadoras. Una palabra amable, una sonrisa o una oferta de ayuda pueden recordar a alguien que no está solo. Cuando lideramos con empatía, fortalecemos el tejido de nuestro pueblo.

#IAMNORTHBRENTWOOD no es solo un eslogan — es cómo nos tratamos unos a otros.

Es asistir a reuniones comunitarias, hacer voluntariado cuando sea posible y asegurarse de que cada voz se sienta valorada. Es elegir la unidad sobre la división, la esperanza sobre la frustración y la comunidad sobre el aislamiento.

Ahora más que nunca, este es nuestro momento para unirnos. Al apoyarnos mutuamente de manera significativa — emocional, física y social — protegemos lo que hace especial a North Brentwood. Cuando un vecino tiene dificultades, lo levantamos. Cuando nuestro pueblo se enfrenta a desafíos, los enfrentamos codo con codo. Sigamos firmes, conectados y lideremos con amabilidad.





— CHAIR —  
**KRYSTAL ORIADHA**  
DISTRICT 7 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

# COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY

OPEN TO ALL PRINCE GEORGIANS



Prince George's County is entering a new chapter of bold, community-centered leadership.

Chair Krystal Oriadha and the County Council are launching this countywide survey to ensure our 2026–2027 agenda reflects the needs and priorities of residents in every district. Your input matters – thank you for lending your voice.

THE COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU



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**SHARE  
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## Town Directory

**Town Office:** 301.699.9699

**Mayor:** Petrella Robinson x1225

**Council Members:**

Aaron Baynes x1227

Jacqueline Morales x1222

Evan Dame x1229

**Town Manager:**

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

**Treasurer:** Shelley Dorsey x1224

**Code Enforcement Officer:**

Martha Cuffie x1223

**Town Clerk:** Carletta Lundy x1227

**Assistant Clerk:**

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

**Maintenance:**

Greg Butler/Anthony Avents

**Prince George's County Police:** 911

Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

**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...

**Next 2026 meetings: Monday, Feb 2 & Tuesday, Feb 17 (holiday Mon).**

\* Meetings are conducted via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 433 091 3800 / Passcode: 4009 / Call: 301.715.8592

**All Town meetings begin at 7:30 pm.** Join and share your ideas.

**North Brentwood Citizens Association:** Meetings are at 6:30 pm. Next meeting: **Monday, Feb 9.** Call-in: 774.267.2052.

**North Brentwood Historical Society:** **Wednesday, Feb 11.** Scheduled meetings start at 6:30 pm. Dial-in 774.267.2052.

**SHARE Program:** Town residents interested in receiving SHARE packages must call 301.699.9699; leave your name, phone number and address.

### NBCA Membership

The annual drive is going strong! This organization plans most Town activities. Look for membership info in your mailbox. Membership: \$15 per household. Send funds by cashapp: \$NorthBrentwood-CA. Please join the meetings each month. Your volunteer help is NEEDED!!!



We're on the Web and social:

[www.NorthBrentwood.com](http://www.NorthBrentwood.com)

[www.facebook.com/northbrentwood](http://www.facebook.com/northbrentwood)

[www.instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd](http://www.instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd)

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