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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Message

Our History. Our Community. Our Future.



Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of North Brentwood:

As we welcome October's colors and cooler days, I'm reminded, once again, of what makes **North Brentwood such a special place to call home** — our people.

For more than 100 years, families have built their lives here. Neighbors look out for one another, churches have brought families together, businesses and entrepreneurs have served our community, and generation after generation has helped write the story of our Town.

October gives us many reasons to celebrate and reflect. It is **National Arts & Humanities Month, National Community Planning Month**, **National Archives Month**, **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**, and **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Each observance reminds us of something important about who we are and how we care for one another.

October is also **Fire Prevention Month**, so please take a few minutes to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, replace batteries, if needed, and make sure your family has an emergency plan.

Our history is one of our great treasures. As we preserve the stories of people who came before us, we also have a responsibility to make sure those stories are passed on to our children and grandchildren. The dedication of **L.K. Beverly Park** is one example of how we honor those who helped make North Brentwood what it is today.

At the same time, we are looking ahead.

There are exciting **economic development and redevelopment opportunities emerging along Rhode Island Avenue**. We want to see investment in North Brentwood that creates opportunities, sustains businesses, brings new energy to our community, and respects our Town's unique history and character.

As Mayor, I believe our future should be built **with our community — not simply *for* our community**. Your ideas, voices and participation matter. I encourage all to stay informed, attend meetings, support our local businesses and organizations, and continue sharing your thoughts about the future of North Brentwood.

Speaking of which… come one and all residents to **Citizen Academy** (a MD 250 event) being held Saturday, October 10, at 12 pm at Sis's Tavern. Learn about municipal government, how your taxes enrich the community and your needs, and much more. Lunch will be served. RSVP by calling 301.699.9699 by October 8.

And, of course, October brings Halloween or as we call it Trunk or Treat! I hope our children and families enjoy the season, participate in our community activities, and take the opportunity to spend time together. These moments may seem small, but these are the memories that become part of our community's story.

Let's **honor our past, appreciate our present, and embrace our future** — while always remembering the heart of North Brentwood is, and always will be people. Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, beautiful October.

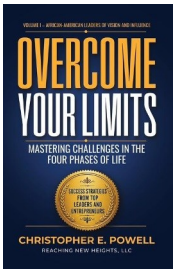
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Happenings In/Near North Brentwood

Oct 5: Chris Powell Book Release



Christopher E. Powell, a North Brentwood resident, has released a new book, Overcome Your Limits: Mastering Challenges in Four Phases of Life. Chris is a motivational speaker and mathematician. Learn about Chris and his book at: *overcomeyourlimits.com*.

Oct 10: Citizens Academy

Saturday, October 10, at 12 pm, attend Citizens Academy at Sis's Tavern. Learn more about this community event on the next page. If you plan to attend: call 301-699-9699.

Oct 10: Restaurant Night Fundraiser

After Citizen's Academy, unwind at a fundraiser for Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department, on Saturday, October 10, from 5 to 9 pm, at Pizzeria Paradiso (4800 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville). Ten percent of proceeds from that night's dine-in and carryout business will be donated to Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department — just write 'fire department' on your credit card receipt.

Oct 16: Family Wellness Fair @ NBCC

M-NCPPC is delighted to invite you to our first time ever **Wellness in Pink Health Fair**!!!

Friday, October 16, 5-7 pm at North Brentwood Community Center, 4012 Webster Street.

In celebration of our community warriors who've fought cancer, we are inviting everyone in our community to come, participate and learn about the available resources in Prince George's County.

We'll have: blood pressure screenings; a healthy cooking demonstration with a professional chef (tentative); a Zumba demo; kids' activities; and many other fun interactive activities for everyone.

A flier with more details is on page 8.

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31, bring the family to First Baptist Church for the Town's annual Halloween **Trunk or Treat celebration, from 6 to 8:30 pm**. A light dinner will be served, while supplies last, from 6 to 7 pm.

Prizes will be awarded for the best children's costumes and for the most creative vehicle decorations!

Candy and treat donations are needed by Oct 26. Bring to:

- NB Community Center, Mon to Sat, 2 to 9 pm
- NB Town Office, Mon/Tue/Thurs, 9 am to 1 pm
- FBCNB Church Office, Mon to Thurs, 11 am to 3 pm

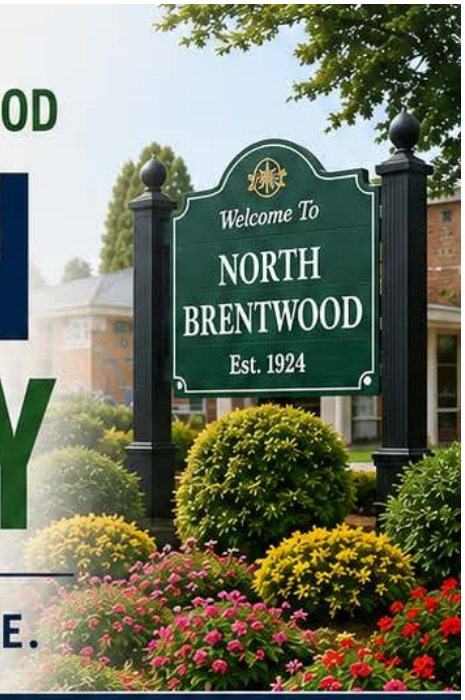
Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- Ensure costumes fit properly/don't drag on the ground.
- Carry a flashlight. Use reflective material and/or glow sticks when walking after dark.
- Drivers: **Slow down and watch carefully for children.**
- Check children's treats before they eat them.
- Keep pets safely inside or on a short leash.



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

Fixtures Plus Leaves North Brentwood



By: Councilmember Morales

On a recent trip to the post office, the closing signs at Fixtures Plus caught my attention. I stopped, taking a few photos; curiosity led me inside.



Fixtures Plus, at 4509 Rhode Island Avenue, is closing its North Brentwood location and clearing out its remaining inventory before shutting its doors. [As this article goes to print, the store has officially closed.]

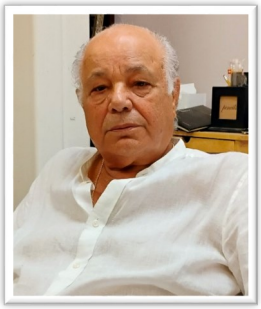
Inside, I found a remarkable assortment of items waiting to be moved: mannequins, jewelry holders and display cases, large safes, cabinets, lighting, clothing racks, shelving, counters, and more. For years, Fixtures Plus served customers looking for retail display fixtures and store equipment. One previous reviewer wrote, "If you need something—anything—check here first," and even mentioned the store's friendly cat. Sure enough, the cat was curled up right next to a cabinet that caught my eye.

In all of my years living in North Brentwood, I never stepped inside that space. This morning's unexpected visit helped me realize just how much I had missed.

Mr. Marc Avissar, the owner and operator, struck me as a gentleman in the tradition of North Brentwood's earlier entrepreneurs: compassionate, community-minded and willing to help others get by. I left feeling I'd missed an opportunity by not meeting him sooner.

Fixtures Plus is not just in closing in North Brentwood; it's also saying goodbye to MD. During our conversation, Mr. Avissar shared the business will relocate to Greensboro, NC, with a second location planned for Raleigh. Though the business is moving, he plans to remain in MD, travel, and turn daily operations over to his partner. With a smile, Mr. Avissar said he's ready to "Have someone else do the work," adding that his partner is younger.

Everything that remains will be shipped to NC for the new store. For Fixtures Plus, this closing marks an ending and beginning.



"It's time," Mr. Avissar said, "I'm pushing eighty, and it's time — time for me to do something else with the time I have left." He explained he'd owned the building for many years before selling it. The building later changed hands, and he ultimately rented the space back.

The business has been part of North Brentwood since 1991. "These have been good years. "I've done good here." Mr. Avissar spoke about helping local churches and nonprofits, donating where he could, and sending his team to lend a hand when needed. "We've done good business here," he said, "I've been active in the community, I've donated a lot; but, now it's time to go."

Mr. Avissar also reflected on the Town's leadership over the years, including Mayor Beverly, who was in office when his business became part of North Brentwood.

He spoke with pride about what he accomplished and with appreciation for the relationships he built in Town. He specifically praised Mayor Robinson, his relationship with her and the Town. "She's a good lady," he said, "She says what she means and means what she says."

For me, what began as a quick stop, on the way to the post office, became a meaningful reminder of people, businesses and stories that shape North Brentwood.

For residents or business owners interested in buying remaining items, a limited selection is still available. Fixtures Plus accepts cash and major credit cards, but shoppers should act quickly as the final inventory is expected to move soon.

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

Color Me Fridays: The Photos are In!

September was much brighter with community gatherings, each Friday evening, at Mural Park and Sis's Tavern. Activities, music and dancing highlighted the diversity in North Brentwood and the shared beliefs and joy that bring us together.

The second annual Color Me Fridays event series included four occasions: "Let's Paint the Town," "Safety in Colors," "Fiesta Friday," and "Final Splash."

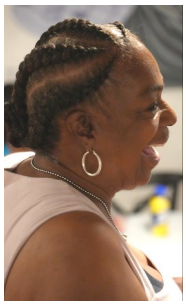
Check out photo galleries from each event: *northbrentwood.com/color-me-fridays*.

Photos from the September 4th Paint the Town event were shared in our September issue: *northbrentwood.com/newsletters*. Below are photos from that first event you may not have seen.

9/4: Paint the Town













9/11: Safety in Colors















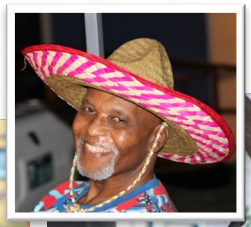


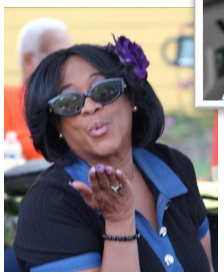






9/18: Fiesta Friday



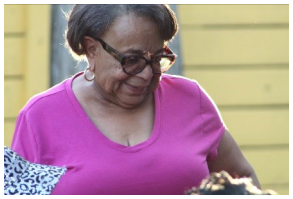






















Color Me Fridays: The Photos are In!

9/25: Final Splash
































BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER
Restaurant Night at Pizzeria Paradiso
HYATTSVILLE
4800 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville MD
Saturday, 10/10
5pm-9pm
10% of participating proceeds donated to Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department.
Just write "Fire Department" on your credit card receipt!
Dine-in and Carryout.
PIZZERIA
PARADISO
BIRRERIA

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WELLNESS IN PINK:

A Family Health Fair

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026, 5-7 PM

(Rain or shine event)

Celebrate hope, strength, and wellness at our Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair! Connect with local health experts, learn about breast awareness, and experience the power of community.

ALL AGES; FREE

Highlights of the Event:

- Blood Pressure Screening
- Healthy Cooking Demo
- Community Resources
- Wellness activities
- Face Painting
- & more!

Scan the QR code to register online or visit **pgparksdirect.com** and enter **NBCC-SPEC-GA-20261016** in the search bar.

Questions? Contact staff at 301-864-0756 or NorthBrentwoodCC@pgparks.com

North Brentwood Community Center

4012 WEBSTER STREET, NORTH BRENTWOOD 20722

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@pgparks

- The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register a minimum of two weeks prior to the program start date to request and receive a disability modification.
- Customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, call Maryland Relay 7-1-1.
- Language interpretation is available at all facility front desks. Please ask for assistance.

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BIENESTAR EN ROSA

Una Feria de Salud para Toda la Familia

VIERNES, 16 DE OCTUBRE, 2026, 5-7 PM

(El evento se llevará a cabo con lluvia o sin lluvia.)

¡Celebre la esperanza, la fuerza y el bienestar en nuestra feria de salud sobre la concientización sobre el cáncer de mama! Conéctese con expertos locales en salud, aprenda sobre la concientización sobre el cáncer de mama y experimente el poder de la comunidad.

PARA TODAS LAS EDADES; GRATIS

El evento incluirá:

- Control de la presión arterial
- Demostración de cocina saludable
- Recursos comunitarios
- Actividades de bienestar
- Pintura facial
- ¡Y más!

¡Inscríbase hoy! Escanee el código QR o visite pgparksdirect.com e ingrese el código de boleto **NBCC-SPEC-GA-20261016** en el cuadro de búsqueda.

Para obtener más información, llame al 301-864-0756 o envíe un correo electrónico a NorthBrentwoodCC@pgparks.com

Centro Comunitario North Brentwood

4012 WEBSTER STREET, NORTH BRENTWOOD 20722

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@pgparks

- El Departamento de Parques y Recreación fomenta y apoya la participación de individuos con discapacidades. Para pedir y obtener asistencia especial, inscríbase al menos 2 semanas antes de la fecha de comienzo del programa.
- Para clientes sordos, con problemas de audición o discapacidades del habla, llamen a Maryland Relay al 1-800-877-1264 o 7-1-1.
- Hablamos su idioma. Pida asistencia en la recepción cuando nos llame o visite.

THE First Baptist Church, INC.
NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND

TRUNK OR TREAT

Safe Family Fun • Costumes • Candy • Community

Saturday, October 31, 2026 • 6:00–8:30 PM

Light dinner served from 6:00–7:00 PM while supplies last. No Pets Allowed.



Presented by

THE First Baptist Church, INC.
NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND

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North Brentwood Citizens Association

Location:

First Baptist Church of North Brentwood Parking Lot North
4000 Wallace Road | Brentwood, MD 20722

Contest Fun:





Prizes will be awarded for the best children's costume — **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place** — plus a **special prize** for the most creative vehicle decorations!



Candy and treat donations are needed!

Please drop off donations at:

- **North Brentwood Community Center** — Monday–Saturday, 2:00–9:00 PM
- **North Brentwood Town Office** — Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- **FBCNB Church Office** — Monday–Thursday, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Come enjoy a safe, fun, and festive evening with our community

Historical Society Votes in New Officers

In September, North Brentwood Historical Society voted-in a new slate of officers:



- Jacqueline Morales /President
- Joanne Keini /Vice President
- Tracy Gross/Treasurer
- Robbin Queen / Secretary
- Shaleta Robinson /Asst. Secretary

The NBHS officers' term ends in September 2028.

Commanders Watch Party @ Sis' Tavern



On Sunday, September 20, fans gathered at Sis's Tavern for a Commanders vs. Cowboys watch party! Good food, good people, and plenty of football energy. See the event video: *facebook.com/share/r/14rVSrLwEQW*.

Free E-Waste/Household Hazards Disposal

Sat, Oct 24 • 8 am to 1 pm (cars must be in line by 1 pm)
Largo Government Center, 9200 Basil Ct., Largo, MD 20774



Drop off electronics and household hazardous waste items. View the full guidelines/accepted items list: *prince-georgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/waste-recycling*.

NB Mayor & CM in Fashion Show

In September, Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Morales participated in Langley Park Senior Activity Center's Fashion Show. The fundraiser was a time to fellowship, supporting a neighboring town.

M-NCPPC set up the room beautifully and provided a good meal by Mid Atlantic. Says CM Morales, "It was a really great day; we were stars for the day!"









Make a Water Emergency Kit

The recent essential-water-use-only request is a reminder to be prepared for any emergency that could affect your water service.

Keep at least one gallon of water per person, per day, for a minimum of three days, as part of your emergency kit. Remember to include water for pets. Commercially-bottled water is best for emergency storage. Keep stored water away from heat, light and chemicals, and follow best-by date on bottles.

Sign up to receive text/email alerts about WSSC water-related incidents: *wsscwater.com/cns*.

Water bill assistance: *wsscwater.com/fa-guide*.

New Laws Take Effect in MD

Nearly 300 new laws took effect on October 1, changing legislation for Marylanders involving family law, housing, gun ownership, grocery pricing, and other areas of daily life. Governor Wes Moore signed into law the measures passed during the 2026 legislative session; some laws are entirely new, while others update existing laws.

The selection below focuses on laws resulting from the governor's main legislative priorities for 2026, controversial bills that attracted attention beyond the General Assembly and potentially impactful legislation seldom highlighted in political conversation. All laws directly affect MD residents or businesses. Here are some that may affect you.

Data Privacy & Identity Protection

The MD Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026 limits the personal info that may be collected, maintained, processed, and retained by units of State government.

Certain personal information must be deleted/de-identified under certain circumstances. The law also requires each unit to post a privacy notice on its website and establishes requirements for privacy notices and policies; and each unit of State government must designate a Privacy Officer; etc.

The Criminal Law, Identity Fraud, and Artificial Intelligence and Deep-fake Representations Act prohibits a person from using others' personal identifying info or engaging in certain conduct to cause physical injury, serious emotional distress, or economic damages. No one may use AI or deep-fakes for certain purposes. Penalties of 5 years of imprisonment and a fine of up $10,000, or both, are imposed where one victim is involved; for two or more victims, imprisonment is up to 10 years and the fine is up to $15,000 or both; etc.

Consumer Shopping & Paying



The Protection from Predatory Pricing Act — a legislative priority of Gov. Moore's— is **the first-in-the-nation law Banning Consumer Surveillance. This bars large food retailers and food-delivery services from using dynamic-pricing/consumer surveillance data, to charge individual customers higher prices.**

It also requires merchants that use algorithms or personal data to set certain prices to disclose that to consumers. Dynamic pricing uses algorithms to adjust costs based on factors like demand, potentially allowing stores to charge different amounts to different customers for the same products.

News reports say state leaders have not pointed to known instances of MD stores using this technology, but on Sept. 22, the governor aired a television ad promoting the law and criticizing the practice.

Two new laws also affect shopping in Maryland. One generally requires certain businesses to accept cash for in-person purchases of essential goods under $300, with exceptions, between 6 am and 10 pm.

The law is designed, in part, to make sure people without easy access to cards or digital payments can still buy basic necessities.

Protecting Vulnerable Adults from Scams

The Vulnerable Adult Banking Protection Act gives banks and credit unions more power to intervene when they suspect an older or vulnerable adult is being scammed.

Financial institutions can temporarily delay suspicious transactions involving adults 65 and older, and other vulnerable adults, while the transaction is reviewed. A hold can last 15 business days and, in some cases, up to 25 business days. Banks and credit unions can also notify a trusted contact or law enforcement.

Transparency in Law Enforcement

Earlier this year, lawmakers passed a bill prohibiting law enforcement officers working in the State, including US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, from using face coverings or masks.

The legislation was introduced amid debate over masked federal immigration enforcement officers operating in Maryland, but the policy applies more broadly to law enforcement officers.

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The MD Police Training and Standards Commission must also develop a uniform policy to require officers wear visible ID while on duty, including the agency and department they work for, their last name and their badge number.

Officers who don't comply are subject to a civil penalty and a $1,500 fine. There are some health/safety exceptions.

Police Training — Autism and Dementia (LEAD Act of 2026) — ensures MD Police Training and Standards Commission will require entrance-level, and in-service police, training regarding interactions individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, and autism.

Motor Vehicles

New vehicle laws — Dangerous Accumulations of Snow and Ice and Removal from Exposed Vehicle Surfaces — prohibit a person from operating or towing a vehicle (subject to certain exceptions) without making reasonable efforts to remove accumulated snow and ice from vehicle surfaces.

The law prohibits a person from violating the Act in a way that contributes to an accident resulting in property damage or the death of or serious bodily injury to another person.



MD is also cracking down on residents who improperly register vehicles. Details are on page 14.

Juvenile Justice

The Youth Charging Reform Act changes how some youths accused of serious crimes are charged (lawmakers spent 14 years trying to pass some version of the legislation). Seven offenses previously automatically started in adult court will begin in juvenile court. Cases can be moved to adult court.

Short-term Rental Safety

The Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Safety Act is named for two sisters who died in a fire, while their family was staying at a short-term rental. Testimony submitted to the MD General Assembly, said the home did not have functioning smoke detectors.

The law requires short-term rentals to have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers, and posted evacuation diagrams and emergency phone numbers. Certain counties and Baltimore City must establish inspections of short-term rentals.

Stalking Penalties

MD is increasing stalking penalties. Under the new law, stalking can become a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison/$10,000 fine, if the offender:

- Had an interim, temporary or final protective order involving the victim in effect at the time,
- Was subject to another court order prohibiting the same behavior, and/or
- Had previously been convicted of stalking. [*mgaleg.maryland.gov*]

Otherwise, stalking remains a misdemeanor fined by $5,000 or up to five years in prison, or both.

Rap Lyrics & Other Creative Work

MD is putting new limits on when a defendant's music, lyrics, or other creative work, can be used against them in criminal or juvenile court.

Under the PACE Act, creative expression generally cannot be admitted against a defendant unless a judge makes findings, including: the expression was intended as literal rather than fictional or figurative, refers to the specific facts of the alleged offense, has a close factual and temporal connection to it, and is more probative than prejudicial.

Speed Cameras

The Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026 expands where speed cameras can be used in MD, e.g., along sections of state highways (and in local municipalities) designated as "safety corridors" for pedestrians, cyclists and those with mobility devices.

For info about more new laws, go the MD State Bar's website: *msba.org.*

Sources: Baltimore Sun, WBFF, WMAR2news, msba.org

Maryland's New Out-of-State Tag Law

Maryland's new "Plate Where You Live" law, effective on October 1, gives the MVA 60 days to warn MD residents with out-of-state plates to register in-state.

Key Provisions

- **Who it applies to:** Maryland residents who register vehicles in another state (not just Virginia).
- **MVA will send written warning, giving 60 days** to:
  - Register the vehicle in Maryland.
  - Obtain a **nonresident permit** ($27/year, free for active-duty military and dependents).
  - Provide approved documents showing exemptions.
- **Penalties for non-compliance:**
  - **$7/day** for up to 60 days after warning (max $420).
  - If still non-compliant after **120 days**, local jurisdictions can pursue **civil action** — possible **booting, towing, impoundment, or seizure of out-of-state plates**.
- **Title service agents:** Under the law, agents cannot sell or facilitate out-of-state registrations to Maryland residents; violations can lead to license suspension.

Why the Law Changed

The MVA says many out-of-state vehicles — especially in Virginia — fail Maryland's **safety inspection and insurance requirements**, posing road safety risks. VA registration costs are much lower ($30.75 vs. MD's $191.50), prompting some residents to register elsewhere.

Enforcement & Outreach

The MVA has already sent **tens of thousands of letters** to suspected non-compliant drivers. Public tips are accepted. The MVA will continue "Plate Where You Live" outreach. Local law enforcement can also cite improper registration.

How to Comply

- **Register in Maryland** within 60 days of the notice.
- **Apply for a nonresident permit** if you plan to keep the vehicle in Maryland for more than 60 days.
- **Provide proof of exemption** (e.g., military service).

You'll need a valid Maryland driver's license or proof of address, your out-of-state title, and any lienholder info.

Bottom line: If you live in MD and your car is registered elsewhere, you have a clear 60-day window to fix it or get a permit, before fines and civil enforcement apply.

IRS Matching Funds for IRAs

You likely received a letter in the mail from the IRS… you may find it's good news for your retirement fund. Starting in 2027, the IRS' Saver's March replaces the Saver's Credit for retirement plans or IRA contributions.

If you qualify, the federal government matches up to 50% of your retirement account contributions each tax year – up to $1,000 directly to your retirement account.

Saver's Match depends on a taxpayer's filing status and income. You likely qualify for tax year 2027 if you contribute to a retirement plan or IRA, you're a US resident for tax purposes, and either: you're single with an annual income of $35,000 or less; or, you're married, filing jointly with less than $71,000 in annual income.

Full-time students, children under 18, and those claimed as a dependent do not qualify.

What You Should Do: Open an IRA, or, start or continue contributing to your existing IRA or retirement plan. Go to *IRS.gov/Savers Match.com*, or call 844.715.3950.

Giant Gift Card Giveaway

Three lucky winners will each receive a $50 gift card to Giant grocery store! Be one of the first three to call the Town Office on Saturday, Oct 24, by 2 pm, to qualify for the drawing. Leave your name, address and phone number on the voicemail: 301.699.9699. Winners will be notified by phone. Town employees are not eligible.



Educating One Another

One of our newsletter readers uses info on the Town's website to educate her students about the election process! Now, one of her students gave us a resource to share with residents: *mastersinpublicadministration .org/managing-election-stress*.

Gubernatorial General Election | November 3. 2026



Get ready for November's General Election, also known as the mid-term election.

For a list of MD candidates, go to: *elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/general_candidates/2026_GG_statewide_candidatelist.html*.

Find your polling place, register to vote, and more: *elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/vote2026*.

Election Day: November 03, 2026
(7 am until 8 pm)

Early Voting: October 22-27, 2026
(7 am until 8 pm, including Sat/Sunday)

Vote by Mail

To vote by mail, you must request a mail-in ballot from the State Board of Elections or your local Board of Elections. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by 8 pm November 03.

You can request a **Mail-In Ballot** in the following ways.

1) Online. Requests a ballot online:

- Tuesday, Oct 27 (if you want a ballot mailed to you).
- Friday Oct 30 (to download and print your ballot).

Request a Ballot—*voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1*.

After submitting an application, you can check its status — *voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch*.

2) Mail or Dropbox or Fax. Your request must be *received* (not just mailed) by:

- Tuesday, Oct, 27 (to get a ballot mailed to you).
- Friday, October 30 (to download/print your ballot).

3) In Person. The deadline is November 03, by 8 pm. Visit the PG County Board of Elections' website for hours of operation and specimen ballots: *princegeorgescountymd.gov/boards-commissions/board-elections*.

Submitting Your Mail-in Ballot

There are three ways to submit your mail-in ballot:

- Mail it to address on your ballot.
- Drop it in a dropbox (*elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/2026_General_Drop_Box_Locations*).
- Take your mail-in ballot to a polling place, Early Voting Center or *local board* by 8 pm on Election Day.

If you received your ballot by email, that email will contain a link to print and mail your ballot. You will need to provide your own envelope and postage to return the printed and marked ballot.

The Vote Early Movement



October 17: The Next No Kings Day of Action Is Here

Millions marched. Now, No Kings is turning people power into voter power — ahead of November — by rallying and connecting people with election protections.

The No Kings: Vote Early event is on Oct 17, in cities across the US. To learn how to organize one of these events, and more, go to: *nokingsnational.com/p/october-17-the-next-no-kings-day*.

PG County Referendums: November Ballot

On Election Day, November 3, voters will need to choose "For" or "Against," for each of the MD State charter amendments and bond bills on the ballot.



The ballot questions below reflect determinations on petitions, in cases where placement of a question on the ballot depended upon submission and verification of voters' petition signatures.

Please, take the time to read, research, and be informed about voting on important County issues:

QUESTION A - Charter Amendment:
Harmful Businesses Taxes and Fees

Allows the County (without need for public vote) to impose taxes and fees on the operators of businesses deemed to have an adverse impact on community health, safety, and welfare, or County economic development; including tobacco stores, liquor stores, and self-storage.

QUESTION B - Charter Amendment:
Eliminate At-Large Council Members

Effective December 2030, and for each election cycle, this measure will reduce the County Council from 11 to 9 members (by eliminating two at-large council seats which do not represent a specific council district). This measure may provide more efficient, cost-effective elections via reduction of compensation expenses for at-large members. It aims to restore the voting strength of communities and neighborhoods in each district.

Question C - Charter Amendment:
Bill to Change Redistricting Plan

A vote for this measure will correct Section 305 of the Charter to require the County Council to adopt a bill, and not a resolution, when it changes the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

Question D - Charter Amendment: County Purchasing

This measure will expand the County Purchasing Agent's signature authority, enabling them to sign all purchasing documents, to promote flexibility in government operations. It will also allow the County to partner with other public entities to buy goods and services.

Question E - Charter Amendment:
County Union Independent Arbitration Service

This measure will allow unionized County employees to use an additional independent arbitration service to resolve disputed labor issues. A vote against this measure will maintain current labor dispute options for unionized County employees to resolve disputed issues.

Question F - Bond Issue:
Community College Facilities Bonds

This measure will allow the County to borrow money, by issuing bonds of up to $67,306,000, to pay for the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of community college facilities.

Question G - Bond Issue:
Public Works and Transportation Bonds

This measure will authorize the County to borrow funds, by issuing bonds of up to $140,089,000, to pay for roads, bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities.

Question H - Bond Issue: County Buildings Bonds

This will enable the County to borrow money, by issuing bonds (up to $117,848,000) for design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of County Buildings.

Question I - BOND ISSUE: Library Facilities Bonds

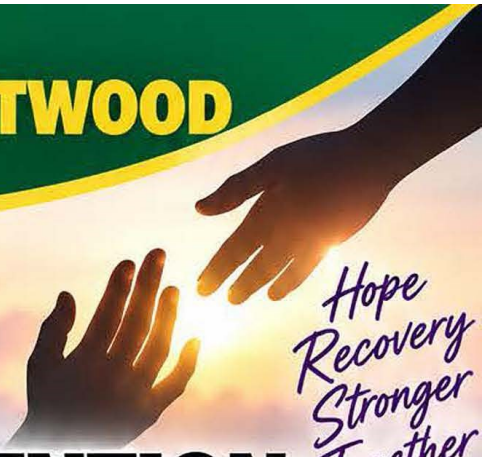
This measure will allow the County to borrow money and issue bonds of up to $33,656,000, to build, expand, repair, or improve County library buildings and facilities. This includes acquiring and developing library sites, hiring architects and engineers, and purchasing equipment needed to operate those facilities.

Question J - Bond Issue: Public Safety Facilities Bonds

This measure will allow the County to borrow money, by issuing bonds in an amount of up to $53,503,000. These funds will finance the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of public safety facilities including fire department facilities.

Full info: *elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/ballot_questions.html*

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MARYLAND



Hope
Recovery
Stronger
Together

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

The Town of North Brentwood is committed to providing education, resources, and support to help prevent opioid overdoses and save lives.

KNOW THE FACTS

- Opioids include prescription pain relievers, heroin, and fentanyl.
- Opioid overdoses can happen to anyone.
- Taking opioids, especially fentanyl, can be life-threatening.
- Many overdoses happen accidentally.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS

- Unresponsive or unable to wake up
- Slow or no breathing
- Small, pinpoint pupils
- Blue or gray lips or nails
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Cold or clammy skin

AN OVERDOSE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

USE NALOXONE (NARCAN)

- Naloxone is a safe, effective medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.
- It works quickly and is easy to use.
- It will not harm someone if opioids are not present.
- Keep naloxone available at home, at work, and in your community.
- Training will be provided as part of the Town's program.

STEPS TO RESPOND TO AN OVERDOSE

1. **Call 911 immediately.**
2. **Check for responsiveness and breathing.**
3. **Give naloxone according to instructions.**
4. **Stay with the person and monitor breathing. Give a second dose if needed.**
5. **Provide rescue breaths or CPR if trained, until help arrives.**

GET SUPPORT

- Treatment and recovery resources are available.
- You are not alone. Help is available.
- The Town will provide referrals to local and regional treatment providers, counseling, and support services for individuals and families.

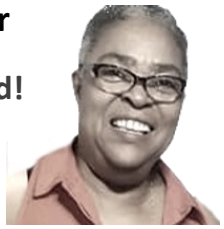
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

- Learn about opioid prevention.
- Reduce stigma– addiction is a health condition.
- Support friends, family, and neighbors.
- Promote a safe and healthy North Brentwood.
- Join us for upcoming opioid awareness programs, naloxone training, and resources.

EDUCATION • PREVENTION • SUPPORT • HEALTHIER LIVES

A STRONGER, HEALTHIER NORTH BRENTWOOD

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.

Fall & Winter Home Preparedness

October ushers in the beginning of colder weather. It's time to secure your garden and home for changing temperatures and weather conditions:

- Clear wet leaves and tripping hazards from your front steps, driveway and walkway.
- Schedule an annual professional inspection for your furnace or heating system, and clean chimneys and flues before lighting the first fire of the season.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
- Set space heaters at least 3 feet away from curtains, bedding, and other flammable items, and plug them directly into a wall outlet rather than an extension cord.
- Shut off indoor valves for outdoor spigots, disconnect and drain garden hoses, and store these to prevent frozen and burst pipes.
- Trim dead, weak, or overgrown tree branches that could snap under heavy snow or ice and damage your roof or power lines.
- Clean autumn leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts to prevent ice damming and potential water damage.
- Inspect windows/doors for worn weather-stripping, or gaps; apply caulk or seals to keep cold air out.
- Keep a battery-powered or hand-crank *NOAA Weather Radio* on hand to monitor local emergency alerts and weather warnings.

Slow Down in Town!

Please Respect our Town: **slow down** and come to a complete stop for all Stop Signs.

Addiction Resource

Need help? RehabNet's free online guide offers trusted drug and alcohol treatment options throughout the state: *rehabnet.com/maryland*.

Feeding with Hope: Date Change

Good Intentions' Feeding with Hope Program has a **one-time location change**: the Oct 15 food distribution will be at Bladensburg Community Center.



Thursday, October 15, 2026
Time: 10:00 am – while supplies last
Location: Bladensburg Community Center
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg 20710

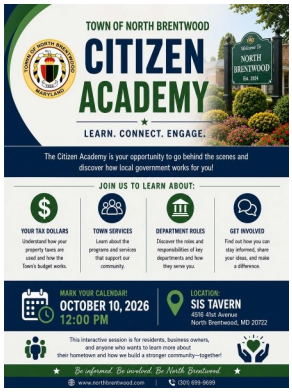
- No cost to receive food.
- Food is available while supplies last.
- Please bring bags or a cart if available.



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 page 3 of this newsletter.

Important Dates & Themes in October

Below are national, regional US and international dates to remember this month:

- **October 10:** World Mental Health Day
- **October 12:** Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' / Native Americans' Day
- **October 12:** Canadian Thanksgiving
- **October 16:** World Food Day
- **October 24:** United Nations Day
- **October 31:** Halloween and Reformation Day

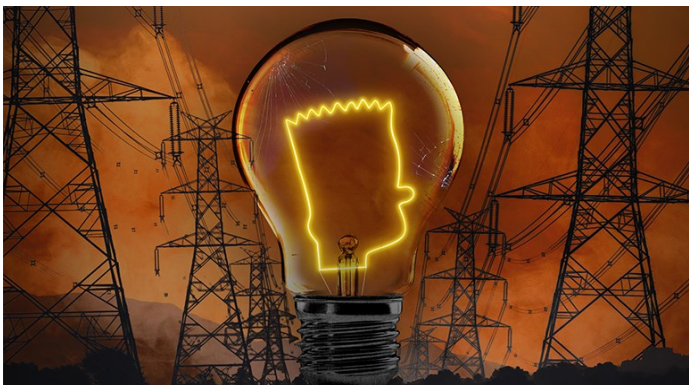
Month-Long Observances

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The Clarice: UofM's 26-27 Theater Season

University of Maryland's Clarice Theater (part of the School of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies), and other venues, has several productions this season.

Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Day



This production runs October 9, 10, 15, 16 and 18.

When the power goes out, what stories survive? In Anne Washburn's *Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play*, a band of survivors huddles around a fire and retells The Simpsons episode, "Cape Feare." As the years pass, commercial jingles become parables, pop songs turn into hymns and TV characters (like the titular Mr. Burns) transform into mythic figures of the time before the collapse. Wildly funny and unexpectedly moving, *Mr. Burns* is a genre-bending mash-up of theater, pop culture, opera and commedia dell'arte with "depths of feeling to match its breadth of imagination" (*The NYT*).

A Raisin in the Sun

Performance dates: Nov 13, 15, 18, 19 and 21.

The Younger family on Chicago's South Side holds tight to visions of a brighter future; but, a life insurance check arrives and possibilities comes with a price.

Additional Shows in 2026

The Rape of Lucretia, MD Opera Studio, School of Music, Nov 18,19, 21 and 22.

Dorrane Dance: The Nutcracker Suite, Clarice Theater, Dec 11 and 12.

All performances include open captioning. See The Clarice's events calendar: *theclarice.umd.edu/events*.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October 1-31: *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* promotes early detection, education and patient support.

October 13: Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (focusing on stage IV).

October 15: Global Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

October 17-23: Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual international campaign to raise awareness and to fund research into this complex disease's causes, treatment and cure. Since 1985, individuals, businesses, and communities have come together each year to show support for the many people affected by breast cancer.

Ways to Get Involved

- Schedule your annual mammogram or clinical exam.
- Support fundraising and educational campaigns hosted by organizations like the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Wear pink or share early-detection resources with others.

How Did the Yearly Commemoration Begin?

It started as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries (now part of AstraZeneca), which developed the anti-cancer drug tamoxifen.

Former First Lady Betty Ford, a breast cancer survivor, participated in the inaugural weeklong event promoting mammograms as the most effective tool for fighting this type of cancer. The pink ribbon symbol was developed by the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time to reflect, give back, or even celebrate. Yet, for many people, October is also a difficult reminder of their personal experience with breast cancer and the many lives we have lost to this disease.

In the US, about one in 8 women and one in 833 men will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. An estimated 2.3 million to 2.5 million new breast cancer cases are diagnosed globally each year; long-term projections estimate annual global cases to reach 3.2 million by 2050. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the world.

Breast Cancer Prevention

Most people diagnosed with breast cancer have no symptoms, so it's vital to be vigilant about detection. If you notice breast/armpit changes, such as: a new lump, swelling or thickening of part of the breast, or irritation, dimpling, redness or flaking of skin, consult your doctor.

Building awareness is an effective way to decrease breast cancer-related deaths. Be aware of your family history, get frequent mammograms, and ask for genetic testing (to check for BRCA1/BRCA2 gene mutations) for the best opportunity of early diagnosis and life-saving treatment.

The risk of developing breast cancer is reduced via education/prevention, e.g.:

- Quitting smoking and avoiding other cancer-causing carcinogens.
- Developing and maintaining healthy diet and exercise habits.
- Limiting or avoiding alcohol.
- Taking medications to treat precancerous conditions or prevent the onset of certain cancers.
- Limiting postmenopausal hormone therapy, in consultation with a doctor.

For more info visit American Breast Cancer Foundation: *abcf.org*.

October in History: A North Brentwood Civic Reflection



By: Councilmember Morales

October in North Brentwood is a month of transition, both in nature and in community life. As summer's warmth gives way to crisp mornings and earlier sunsets, the Town enters a season marked by reflection, gathering, and renewed purpose.

The changing leaves are reminders that communities, like seasons, evolve. North Brentwood's story — rooted in African American self-determination and enriched by a growing Hispanic population — continues to unfold with each season, each generation. This month offers an opportunity to honor that shared journey.

October also bridges the final days of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which concludes on October 15. As families across North Brentwood celebrate their heritage, traditions, and cultural pride, the season's shift mirrors the Town's own evolution.

Hispanic residents contribute daily to North Brentwood's vitality: through family networks, small businesses, community participation, and cultural traditions that add depth and richness to the Town's identity. Our Town reflects the broader demographic transformation of PG County and strengthens North Brentwood's role as a welcoming, multicultural community.

As well, October marks some major Black History milestones that resonate deeply with the Town's origins.

On October 21, 1872, James H. Conyers became the first Black midshipman at the US Naval Academy. His perseverance in the face of discrimination mirrors the determination of North Brentwood's early residents (many veterans) who returned from service committed to building MD's first African-American-incorporated town. Their vision laid the foundation for the civic strength North Brentwood continues to embody.

On October 14, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership in nonviolent civil rights activism. His message of peaceful advocacy echoes North Brentwood's long tradition of community uplift. For decades, residents have organized through churches, neighborhood associations, and municipal government to improve living conditions, strengthen families, and ensure every voice is heard. The Town's civic culture reflects the same spirit of unity and purpose that Dr. King championed.

Another milestone occurred on October 3, 1949, when Jesse B. Blayton, Sr. became the first Black radio station owner, highlighting the importance of communication and representation. North Brentwood shares this legacy of advocacy. Since 1906, the North Brentwood Citizens Association has served as a vital forum for resident engagement, ensuring community concerns and aspirations are addressed.

As well, the Town's history is filled with individuals who understood the power of voice and collective action.

The Million-Man March, on October 16, 1995, brought hundreds of thousands of Black men to DC, just miles from North Brentwood. Residents supported the movement's call for responsibility, renewal, and community strength. These principles have long been embedded in North Brentwood's civic identity, which is reflected in its commitment to youth programs, family support, and community development.

As the season changes, some North Brentwood's Hispanic residents celebrate traditions that extend beyond Hispanic Heritage Month. Many observe Día de la Raza or Día de la Hispanidad on October 12, a day also honoring Indigenous, African, and European roots.

These celebrations, which are often-filled with family gatherings, music, and cultural reflection, parallel our own community traditions such as North Brentwood Day, Family Day, and National Night Out. The presence of Hispanic families in these shared spaces strengthens community bonds and reflects the Town's evolution.

October's civil rights milestones also highlight shared struggles across communities.

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African American milestones — such as Dr. King's arrest, during an Atlanta sit-in on October 19, 1960, and James Meredith's integration of the University of Mississippi on October 1, 1962 — reflect the determination seen in North Brentwood's leaders, who fought for municipal recognition, infrastructure improvements, and equitable services throughout the 20th century.

Hispanic milestones — e.g., the Delano grape strike led by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta in October 1965, and Reies López Tijerina's land-grant activism October 10, 1967 — parallel the advocacy traditions of North Brentwood's residents, who have long championed fairness, community development, and civic participation.

These October events remind us the shared struggles of Black and Hispanic communities continue to resonate today. It brings to mind a powerful moment in local leadership: when the mayors of two neighboring towns (Petrella Robinson, the Black mayor of North Brentwood and Rocio Treminio-Lopez, the Hispanic mayor of Brentwood) recognized the need for deeper collaboration.



Their partnership, rooted in mutual respect and a desire to strengthen community engagement, helped build a bridge between the towns. Windom Road Barrier Park is a symbol of this unity (pictured above).

What began as a relationship between two leaders has grown into a broader, deep commitment to shared progress, cultural understanding, and collective growth for both communities.

As autumn settles over North Brentwood, bringing cooler air, changing leaves, and a sense of renewal, the Town is reminded that its strength lies in a collective voice. The heritage of African American pioneers and the contributions of Hispanic families, together, form a vibrant, evolving community.

October's history, paired with the season's transition, encourages North Brentwoodians to continue to build a future grounded in cooperation, pride and a mutual feeling of shared purpose.

The Arts at PG Publick Playhouse

Publick Playhouse's '26-27 season features nationally recognized artists, family-friendly performances, educational programs and cultural events designed to engage audiences of all ages.

"Through the Dark, the Light Beckons" is a powerful evening of movement and meaning rooted in the African American experience from Dissonance Dance Theatre. All ages. Tickets: $20-$25 per person.



picture by: pgparks.com

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebratión!





DRIVE IN MOVIES

FREE

AT PRINCE GEORGE'S STADIUM

4101 Crain Hwy., Bowie 20716

Gates open at 7 PM | Movies start at Dusk

Free Snacks, Food Trucks, Trivia Games, + more!

DATES AND SHOWINGS:

- JUNE 12 - *BLACK PANTHER*
- JULY 10 - *HOPPERS*
- AUGUST 28 - *RESPECT*
- OCTOBER 16 - *COCO*

Wear your Halloween Costumes!

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Jacqueline Morales x1222
Evan Dame x1229
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Treasurer: Tracy Gross x1224
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Greg Butler/Anthony Avents
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REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings: Mon, Oct 19, Mon, Nov 2 and Mon, Nov 16

- 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 **Oct 12 and Nov 9** at 6:30 pm on Zoom**. Meeting ID: 493 970 9279** and **Passcode: m12hc5**.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Meets **Oct 14** on Zoom.

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

NBCA Membership: Membership is just $15 per household. Send funds by cashapp: $NorthBrentwood-CA. Your volunteer help is NEEDED!

Our Sympathy

Condolences to the Hayes family on the loss of Lorenzo "Sport" Hayes, Jr.

Remember to Vote

In honor of equal rights trailblazers, like Jesse Jackson, please vote on Tuesday, Nov 3. Election info: *voterservices.elections.maryland.gov*.

