

June 2023

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# North Brentwood Elected Officials: Swearing-In Ceremony





On May 15, 2023, during the Town Meeting, Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Baynes were sworn-in, for their new terms, by PG's Clerk of the Circuit Mahasin El-Amin.

LEFT: Town Council— Charles Wiley, Aaron Baynes, Evan Dame, and Petrella Robinson.

RIGHT: Petrella Robinson is sworn in for her eighth term as Mayor of North Brentwood.

**Memorial Day Event in North Brentwood** 

On May 29, 2023, Mayor Robinson opened the Town's annual Memorial Day Remembrance at North Brentwood's Veterans Memorial Garden. Councilmember Wiley served as master of ceremonies, and read aloud the names of Town residents honored for their sacrifice. Tracey Cutler offered the prelude; the invocation was led by Minister Carolyn Dildy. Young Marines and Boy Scouts, from Clinton, MD, performed the presentation of colors.

Guest speaker Deacon Timothy Tilghman is a County leader and civil rights activist, who served for 23 years in the United States Coast Guard. As well: Erin Wiley wrote the poem "Listen," Rev Dr. Janet Caldwell led a Prayer of Remembrance, and Whitney Ames sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a powerful liberation anthem for African

Americans. Rev. Samuel Whittaker's benediction closed the ceremony. Light refreshments followed; guests included County Council member Wanika Fisher, Senator Malcolm Augustine, Delegate Diana Fennell, Del. Julian Ivey, and PGCPS Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother. (*More photos on page 11 of this newsletter*.)



Mayor and Council conduct the annual wreath ceremony.



Deacon Timothy Tilghman guest speaker.

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm Office 301.699.9699 Fax 301.699.1824 Community Channels: Comcast 71 , Verizon 1983

Town of North Brentwood P.O. Box 196, 4009 Wallace Road North Brentwood, Maryland 20722

#### Town of North Brentwood Proposed Budget Summary FY2024

		FY 24 Proposed Budget
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Income	Total 4-8000 · Grants & Other Restricted Income	615,227
	Total 4-5000 · Other Income	1,700
		49,152
	Total 4-1000 · Intergovernmental Total 4-2000 · Licenses & Permits	49,152
	Total 4-2000 · Licenses & Permits	3,350
	Total 4-4000 · Taxes - Property & Income Total 4-9000 · Use of Fund Balance	473,930
Total Incor		\$1,157,509
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Expense		
	Total 5-6100 · Grants & Other Restricted	600,463
	Total 5-1000 · General Government	16,600
	Total 5-5000 - Public Works	35,550
	Total 5-1300 - Other Expenditures	82,100
	Total 5-4000 · Public Safety	2,000
	Total 5-1400 - Registration & Election	500
	Total 5-5100 · Highway Department	26,000
	Total 5-1200 · Legislative & Executive	180,691
	Total 5-2000 · Miscellaneous/Insurance	9,300
	Total 5-4200 - Code Enforcement	23760
	Total 5-7000 - Sis Tavern	35414
	Total 5-3000 · Municipal Building	84,493
	Total 5-5200 · Sanitation & Health	60,638
Total Expe	nse	\$1,157,509
Net Incom	e - General Fund	\$0
ARPA BUD Income	GET	
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	4-8001 · ARPA Encumbrance (Pr Yr)	360,958
Total ARPA	•	\$360,958
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Expense		
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	5-5186 - Encumbrance Prior Yr - ARPA	360,958
Total ARPA	Expense	\$360,958
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Combined	Budget Summary	
	Total Income	1,518,467
	Total Income Total Expense	1,518,467 1,518,467

# The Neighborhood Design Center Annual Awards & Volunteer Celebration

On Saturday June 3, 2023, Mrs. Jacqueline Goodall was presented with the Prince George's Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication as a partner helping to uplift local communities! This award



celebrates an individual's commitment to a grassroots approach for neighborhood initiatives, throughout their volunteer or professional career, in the Prince George's County region.

Jackie Goodall is Circuit Rider Town Manager, a long-time NDC partner and a leader of Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. She was an early adopter of green infrastructure while mayor of Forest



Heights. Jackie has worked with NDC on many projects, such as the Sis's Tavern renovation and the Windom Road Barrier Art and Green Street initiatives. "She is a real force of nature and extremely knowledgeable about PG County, the

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environmental grant world and communitycentered design." — Marita Roos, PLA AICP

#### Juneteenth 2023

The Towns of North Brentwood and Brentwood, and The Neighborhood Design Center, are hosting a panel discussion about the Windom Road Historic Barrier Project.

Date: Monday, June 19, 2023

**Location:** Windom Road Barrier 39th Place & Windom Road

**Time:** 11 am— 2 pm

Panel to be followed by a barbecue at the barrier.

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#### **M-NCPPC Outdoor Pools**

- Long Branch Pool 301.341.5700
- 8700 Piney Branch Ave, Silver Spring
- Piney Branch 301.270.6093
   7510 Maple Ave, Takoma Park
- Adelphi Pool 301.434.1994
   9442 Riggs Rd, Hyattsville



- Rock Creek 301.585.1185
   8619 Grubb Rd, Silver Spring
- The New Carrollton Pool— 301.577.6310 6250 Westbrook Dr, New Carrollton
- Theresa Banks Memorial Aquatic Center 301.772.5515, 8615 McLain Ave, Glenarden
- David C. Driskell Community Park 301.985.5000, 3911 Hamilton St, Hyattsville

#### **Prince George's County**





DATES & LOCATIONS VARY. Regular Season League Begins Friday, June 16, 2023

#### **Youth Soccer League**

Meeting Details: 6/16—8/11 (Fridays) Time: 5 pm - 11 pm Heurich Community Park 6001 Ager Rd, Hyattsville, MD, 20782 301.699.2255

#### Individual Registration

Resident: \$20 / Non-Resident: \$26

For more information about registering, please visit tinyurl.com/y6zmv9as.

#### **Pride Month**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated in June, commemorate the historic June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan — a tipping point for the US Gay Liberation Movement. In June 1970, the first Pride marches were held in NY, LA and Chicago. Pride Month evolved from Gay Pride Day (usually the last Sunday in June) into festivals, parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts.

Today, LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions globally: memorials are held for community members lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS, while honoring lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals' impact on history.

Maryland has festivals in several counties, such as Takoma Pride (in Montgomery County) on Sunday, June 11, from 10 am to 2 pm. A 10 am Kids' Pride Parade starts at the TPSS Co-op, at 201 Ethan Allen Ave, and ends at Laurel Ave. Other activities: face painting, photo board at Laurel Ave

11 am. Visitors are welcome to share chalk messages for of Pride on Laurel Avenue's rainbow crosswalks. For more events: visitmaryland.org/list/maryland-pride-events.

Clocktower, and Drag Queen Storytime at

In PG county, libraries offer a slate of Pride events for all ages (hpgcmls.info/pride) and the police department will host Pride Walk at National Harbor nationalharbor.com/ events/prince-georges-county-pride-walk).

#### Mount Rainier LGBTQ+ Pride Day: Sat, June 17



At the Mt. Rainier event, a parade starts at Thomas Stone School (lineup 9:30 am) and ends at noon at City Hall. A program follows and ice cream will be served! All

groups are welcome to participate in the parade (school, civic, Town, etc.). If you plan to use a car or design a motorized-vehicle float, PG County requires: car make, model, color and tag info, and a copy of the driver's DL. Email info to recreationcommittee@mountrainiermd.org. Check mountrainiermd.org for updates and a parade map.

#### A Message from PEPCO

We take the responsibility of providing our customers with safe, reliable and affordable energy service very seriously. This includes being prepared for whatever Mother Nature might bring at any time of the year. We encourage others, including our customers, to be prepared as well. Please help us bring this important information into your community, by sharing these steps for preparing for summer storms:

- Assemble an emergency storm kit.
- Create a what-to-do plan for power outages.
- Confirm Pepco has your current phone number in the "My Alerts and Notifications" section of the website: pepco.com/MyAccount.
- Visit pepco.com/MobileApp to download the app (it has resources to keep you informed during a storm).
- More tips, resources and safety information are available at pepco.com/StormPrep.

We monitor local weather reports regularly. If severe storms are forecasted, we heed the advice of local emergency management officials.

Pepco follows a strategic response plan to restore service: address live wires/potentially life-threatening situations first, followed by high-voltage transmission lines and equipment to restore service to the largest number of affected customers. We also prioritize public health and safety facilities, like hospitals, police and fire stations and water treatment plants, while working to restore service in your community safely and as quickly as possible.

To learn more about our service restoration process, visit pepco.com/Restoration. Customers are asked to immediately report a downed wire or service issue by: calling 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662), visiting pepco.com, or submitting an outage via our mobile app. Pepco customers may also text "Out" to "48710," after first texting "ADD OUTAGE" to "48710" to sign up for this service.



#### 42nd Annual Invitational Sculpture Exhibition



Three-D printing is used to turn digital computer files into 3-dimensional objects of all types, including mechanical prototype models, medical tools, game miniatures, and buildings. Along with the practical, some have been using the technology to create

works of art. The 42nd Annual Montpelier Arts Center Sculpture Exhibition is a celebration of this intersection of technology and art.

To register for the Artist Talk/Luncheon, please call 301.377.7800 by Fri, June 9.

Cost: FREE

Exhibit: Sat, Jun 10 to Sun, Aug 6 Public Reception: Sat, Jun 10, 2 - 4 pm Artist Talk/Lunch: Thu, Jun 15, 12 pm



Montpelier Arts Center



"Fresh Air" by Andrea Conte was submitted to the 2022 Photo Contest.

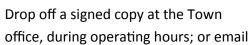
Take your shot... enter the annual MDDNR contest, with a grand prize of \$500, a one-year State Park and Trail Passport, and more! All winning photos will be featured in the Department's 2024 wall calendar and published in the *MD Natural Resource* magazine. Submit your entry by August 1 online (dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/photocontest.aspx).

Winners are notified before being announced on website newsroom and social media outlets. Email questions to: photocontest.dnr@maryland.gov.

#### Mortgage and/or Utility Assistance

North Brentwood is still accepting applications for rental, mortgage and/or utility assistance. Our Residential Assistance program provides temporary relief to eligible citizens experiencing post-pandemic financial hardship.

Pick up an application from the Town office, or go to the Forms section of: northbrentwood.com/town-services.





to Councilmember Wiley (cwiley@northbrentwood.com) or Councilmember Dame edame@northbrentwood.com). Any questions may be directed to either councilmember.

Currently, North Brentwood pays a maximum of \$2,000 for rental/mortgage help and/or utility assistance. Approved households will be able to reapply for more assistance in the future, pending available funds.

# **Tax Credit For Seniors**

The Elderly Property Tax credit provides up to a 20% credit on county property taxes (including the county portion of the Homeowners' and Homestead credits), for up to five years once eligibility criteria is met. Get the application at princegeorgescountymd.gov/419/ residential, or on northbrentwood.com's Home page.

To be eligible for the tax credit beginning July 1, 2023, *at least one owner* must meet this criteria:

1) Owner applicant must be at least 65+ (born on/before June 30, 1958), AND



- 2) Must be principal residence for last 10 U: 2013, AND consecutive years (on or before June 30, 2013), AND
- 3) Assessed property value must be \$500,000 or less.

#### **Recognizing Our Graduates**

- Elino Vance Dunbar HS
- Cassie Gross University of North Carolina
- Jonett Swan Northwestern HS
- Nara Wiley Bishop McNamara HS (attending Penn State in the fall)
- Sabrina Howard Full Sail University

# Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

#### Lawn Care

Summer is almost here and we all need to help keep North Brentwood beautiful! For inexpensive lawn care, please contact Classic Lawn Care & Landscaping at 240.605.6027.

#### Waste Collection

Warning: Properly discarding waste is important to community safety. Remember, it's imperative bulk trash, recycling and/or yard waste doesn't sit outside before collection time; you may be fined \$100 if you fail to comply.

In addition, all mattresses and box springs are to be wrapped in plastic. *Yard waste pickup has started for the season*.

#### **Project Permits**



If you plan to start a home improvement project, please ask if you need a Town permit. Email me, at mcuffie@northbrentwood.com, or call my extension at the North Brentwood Municipal office, during hours of operation, at 301.699.9699 x1223.

#### **Summer Programs for Kids and Teens**

June 26 - August 18, 2023 | 9 am - 4:30 pm



PG Parks and Recreation has summer day camps, playgrounds, a virtual clubhouses and teen centers to keep your kids engaged and active. Ages 4-17. For kids with disabilities, register at least two weeks in advance of activity start date for accommodations. Fee assistance available.

Go to: pgparks.com/629/Summer-Programs.

#### **Church Services**

- **◊** First Baptist Church of North Brentwood 4000 Wallace Road / 301.277.4742 Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Duane T. Kay Sunday Service: 9:45 am Facebook Live: First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, MD / YouTube Live: FBCNB Church Teleconference: 712.770.5505, code 54327#
- AME Zion Church (In-Person) 4037 Webster Street / 301.927.7698 Rev. Samuel Whittaker Sunday School: Live Facebook service 10 am
- St James Pentecostal Church (In-Person) 3925 Allison Street / 301.277.4376 Rev. Carolyn Dildy Sunday Service: 11:30 am

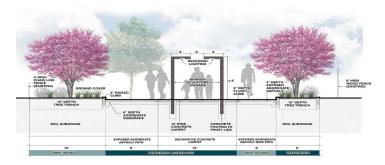
#### WMATA Senior Smart Trip Cards

Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center sells WMATA Senior Smart Trip Cards at 4009 Wallace Rd. Must be 65-plus years of age with a government-issued photo ID. Cost of the card is \$2. See front desk staff during hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Call 301.699.1238.

# Senior Call Check

Adults 65-plus years old qualify for a FREE Maryland Department of Aging service: get an automated daily call at a time you choose. After three attempts, if there is no answer, the agency will contact designated alternates to check on your safety. Call 866.50.CHECK/866.502.0560 or visit: aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx.

### Public Art Windom Road Project



The Public Art Across Maryland (PAAM) program received a record 100 applications and awarded a total of 46 grants in its spring funding cycle. The Town of North Brentwood applied for, and was granted, \$50,000 to help with the completion of the Windom Road Barrier project.

Overall, in FY23, PAAM received a record number of applicants; the organization was able to award more

# **Reduce Single-Use Disposable Foodware**

To reduce waste, as of June 1, 2023, CB-014-2022 requires all food service businesses in Prince George's County to provide single-use foodware accessories and condiments to customers upon request or at self-serve stations for ready-to-eat foods.

Food facilities that use a third-party delivery platform must customize their menu with a list of single-use accessories/condiments that customers can request with their order in person, on the phone, or online.

grants due to Arts Relief funding — 101 **New Artworks Grants** and 16 Conservation Grants, for combined funding of just under \$2.5 million.

#### What Foodware Are Included:

Single-use items, including straws\*, utensils, condiment cups and packets, cup sleeves, splash sticks, stirrers, and napkins, provided with ready-to-eat food designed to be used once and discarded.

Customers will have to verbally request that they want single-use items, or select items from self-service bins instead of having them automatically included with a food order.

\*compostable and paper straws are allowed under County law











Straws

and Packets

Splash Sticks and Stirrers

Napkins

Cup Sleeves

#### Application for Residential Assistance



#### APPLICANT NAME:

Current Address: City, State, Zip Code: Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

#### HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

(List the Head of Household and all other members who live in the residence. Give the relationship of each family member to the head.)

Member's Full Name	Relationship	Birthdate	Age	Sex	Social Security No.

Race of Head of Household (Check One) - Optional

(This information is being collected to assure compliance with fair housing and equal opportunity rules.)

- White
  Black
  Native American/Alaskan Native
- Hispanic

Asian/Pacific Islander

You may qualify for a rental/mortgage assistance and/or utility assistance if any or all of the following circumstances can be verified for your household. Please check any that apply to you.

Are you currently more than 30 days past due on rent and/or mortgage payments? If yes, please explain:

Are you currently more than 30 days past due on any utility bills? If yes, please explain:

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION: I/we understand that the above information is being collected to determine if I/we are eligible to receive residential assistance. I/we authorize the Town of North Brentwood to verify all information provided on this application.

Head of Household Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date

#### Overdue Bills

What are the types and amounts of overdue bills (e.g. mortgage/rent or utility bill such as electric, gas, or water)?

Type of Bill	Amount Past Due	Days Past Due	Payment Basis (weekly, monthly, etc.)

Please attach any overdue utility bills or rent/mortgage payment to this application and email the entire package to cwiley@northbrentwood.com or edame@northbrentwood.com. You may also drop off a hard copy of the application and any accompanying documents at the town office during normal operating hours.

If approved for financial assistance, any monies awarded will be paid directly to the mortgage/lease holder and/or utility company. No direct cash payments will be made to residents.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION: I/we understand that the above information is being collected to determine if I/we are eligible to receive residential assistance. I/we authorize the Town of North Brentwood to verify all information provided on this application.

Head of Household Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date

#### **Comptroller Advisory Councils**

The Comptroller of Maryland will be convening several Work Groups and Advisory Councils. The Comptroller's Office is accepting applications for those wishing to serve; go to marylandtaxes.gov/getinvolved.

These gatherings offer key stakeholder groups, policy experts, and community partners the opportunity to advise the agency on its strategic goals, policy direction and new initiatives — while also helping to shape internal and external engagement strategy. Each Work Group or Advisory Council meets quarterly, with two-year terms.

Members will be invited to:

- Share feedback about pressing issues impacting their communities;
- Advise the agency about its policy agenda and its overarching priorities;
- Communicate with their networks, to identify volunteers to support the Comptroller's initiatives and community engagement efforts;
- Identify collaboration opportunities between the Comptroller and their communities/networks; and
- Serve as internal/external validators for the agency.

# Get Involved with the Office of the Comptroller!

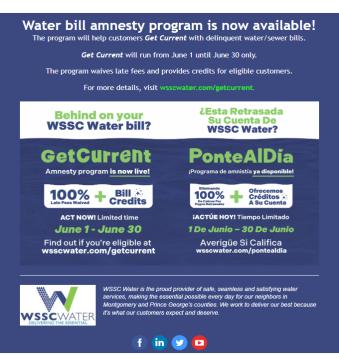
Join one of our Work Groups and Advisory Councils. Applications are available at <u>www.marylandtaxes.gov/getinvolved</u>.

> Business Advisory Council Climate Advisory Council Faith Leaders Advisory Council Financial Literacy Advisory Council Information Technology Work Group Labor Advisory Council Local Government Advisory Council New Americans Advisory Council Staff Advisory Council Tax Practice Work Group Women's Economic Empowerment Council

#### WSSC Utility Assistance: 'Get Current'

On June 1, 2023, WSSC Water announced the launch of Get Current, its much anticipated temporary water bill amnesty program, to help eligible customers with delinquent balances as of May 1, 2023. Get Current, which will run until June 30, provides bill credits and waives 100 percent of late payment charges and turn-on fees for customers who qualify.

During June, WSSC Water is temporarily suspending residential water service turnoffs to encourage program participation. Approximately 83,000 accounts are past due, more than \$53 million in total revenue – the vast majority of which are residential customers.



"We know customers are struggling to pay their water and sewer bills due to current inflationary pressures and the longstanding financial impact of COVID-19, which is why we created this temporary amnesty program," said WSSC Water GM and CEO Kishia L. Powell. "We strongly encourage customers to take advantage of the financial benefits of Get Current before July 1 to avoid service interruptions."

To learn more about Get Current and to determine if you qualify, visit wsscwater.com/getcurrent. You can also find info about other customer assistance programs at wsscwater.com/assistance.



### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of Finance Treasury Division (301) 952-4030



#### 2023 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT APPLICATION FOR TAX YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 APPLICATIONS MUST BE <u>RECEIVED</u> BY OCTOBER 1, 2023

Mail: 1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 1100, Largo, MD 20774 <u>Email:</u> Prop\_Tax\_Credits@CO.PG.MD.US <u>Information:</u> https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/419/Residential

The Elderly Property Tax credit provides up to a 20% credit on your County property taxes, inclusive of the County portion of the Homeowners' and Homestead credits, for up to five years once eligibility criteria is met.

To be eligible for this tax credit beginning July 1, 2023, at least one owner must meet the following criteria:

- 1. The owner applicant must be at least 65 years of age (born on or before June 30, 1958), AND
- 2. The same owner must have resided in the home as principal residence for at least the previous 10 consecutive years (on or before June 30, 2013), AND
- 3. The assessed value of the property must be \$500,000 or less.

#### ALL SECTIONS BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED:

lame, First Name, Middle Initial	2. Date of Birth		
rty Address (Number and Street)	4. City	5. Zip Code	
nt Number (located on tax bill)			
ne Telephone Number	8. Email		
g Address if different from above (Attach explanation)	10. City, State	11. Zip Code	
se one method below to verify you are 65 years of age or of Current Maryland Driver's License or Maryland ID Number: do not have a current Maryland Driver's License or Maryland	d State ID, you must * <u>includ</u>	e a copy of your current Driver's	
e from the state issued (other than Maryland), Birth Certifica	ste, or valid Passport. If flot	included, your a	

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury that the information stated above, including any supporting documents provided in support of this application for a tax credit are true, accurate, complete, and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand, once eligible, I may receive this credit for up to five years so long as I continue to meet the eligibility criteria. I also understand this credit is limited to 20% of the County portion of my property taxes which may already be met by my combined Homeowners' and Homestead Tax Credits for the given year, and the amount of any credit awarded will not be known until these credits have been processed.

Applicant Signature:

Date:





# North Brentwood Newswire A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

## **Town Directory**

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor: Petrella Robinson x1225

**Council Members:** Aaron Baynes x1227 Charles Wiley x1222 Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager: Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carl Jones x1221

Assistant Clerk: Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911 Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

**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...**

Upcoming Town Meetings: June 20, 2023

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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

- No Mayor & Council meetings in July or August
- Mayor & Council will reconvene on Tuesday, September 5

All Town meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Join and share your ideas and concerns, and learn what's going on in North Brentwood and surrounding municipalities. We look forward to hearing from you!

**North Brentwood Citizens Association**: Meetings are at 6:30 pm. Next meetings: June 12 and July 10. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: TBD. Dial-in: 774.267.2052.

**NEW SHARE Program:** North Brentwood residents interested in receiving SHARE packages must call 301.699.9699 to be added to the list. Please leave your name, contact number and address.

If you have news to share, email asstclerk@northbrentwood.com, by the 3rd Monday of each month with subject line "Newsletter."





