



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor's Greetings

As PG County's first African-American incorporated Town, North Brentwood is a hub of activity during Black History Month (BHM). Throughout February, we host a BHM event each Saturday at the Community Center. Our second annual pool tourney (pictured below on Feb 3) was held during production of this newsletter.



There are also lots of BHM events in nearby cities and DC. See page two of this newsletter for more info.

On page four, we pay tribute to Carl Jones, our dear colleague and long-serving Town Clerk, who retires this month.

As well, this issue of *NewsWire* covers important legislation, tax time info, and programs to help you/family. On page seven, is a letter about our Town Centennial Celebration in June, and how to get tickets to the Dinner Dance, place ads and become a sponsor.

Lastly, 2024 is a leap year! Why do we need leap years? While we follow the 365-day Gregorian calendar, it actually takes the Earth more than a year to orbit the sun. Without leap years' extra days, calendars/seasons would become out of sync, impacting planting and harvesting. What'll you do with your extra day (Feb 29th)?

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

experience

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each SATURDAY, this February, in North Brentwood!



All events are at the Community Center
(4012 Webster Street 20722).

Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome!

FEB 3 **BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT**
12 PM. Open to all ages.

FEB 10 **GAMES & TRIVIA**
2-5 PM. Test your skills!

FEB 17 **BHM PROGRAM**
Noon - 3PM. Event with County Councilperson Wanika Fisher and Town of North Brentwood Officials.

FEB 24 **BRUNCH & PROGRAM**
12 PM (time may change).



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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Blackhistorymonth.gov shares a list of great exhibits and experiences paying tribute to African Americans' struggle to achieve full freedoms in American society:



Cultural Expressions, 360 degree exhibit
National Museum of African American History/Culture
1400 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20560
www.nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/cultural-expressions



16 Black Artists to Know, 8 famed artists/8 to discover
National Gallery of Art, 4th St & Constitution Ave, NW
www.nga.gov/stories/16-black-artists-to-know.html



Veterans History Project, exclusion at war/home
Collection of audio, video, manuscripts, books and more
Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave, SE 20540
www.loc.gov/collections/veterans-history-project-collection

More Local Black History Month Events



This year's BHM theme of African Americans and the Arts is ideal for going to Prince George's Publick Playhouse.

Shows this month include Rosa Parks & Friends on February 21 (tickets \$6) and Uplift Inspirational Dance Festival on February 25 (tickets \$20).
pgtheater.com/theaters/publick

PG Parks and Planning also has an array of BHM events. To view the line up please visit: pgparks.com/activities-events/events?locterm=1661



**BLADENSBURG
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**
CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE

LITERATURE SHOWCASE - POETRY PRESENTATIONS
REFRESHMENTS - RESOURCES

Saturday, February 10, 2024
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bladensburg Branch Library
4820 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710

Register at www.BladensburgMD.gov or scan the QR code

Step into the world of African American literature! The Bladensburg Branch Library and Town of Bladensburg will host a captivating literature showcase, exciting giveaways, refreshments, and more. Saturday, Feb 10, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Bladensburg Library.



Council Member
WANIKA FISHER
 DISTRICT 2
 and
Town of
North Brentwood



Present:

BLACK
History
MONTH

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of Town of North Brentwood

AFRICAN AMERICANS & THE ARTS

Come celebrate Black History Month with Council Member Fisher
and North Brentwood, Prince George's County's First
African-American Settlement (1924)

Saturday
February 17, 2024
Noon to 3:00 pm

North Brentwood Community Center
4012 Webster St
North Brentwood, MD 20722

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
Entertainment, food and a good time!

For more information, contact:
(301) 952-4436
or councildistrict2@co.pg.md.us



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
COUNCIL

Carl, Thank You for Your Service!

North Brentwood unites to pay tribute to a remarkable individual who has dedicated 12 years of his life to helping run the Town of North Brentwood municipal office as City Clerk. As he embarks on this new journey into retirement, it's only fitting we take a moment to reflect on the impact he's had on all of us.

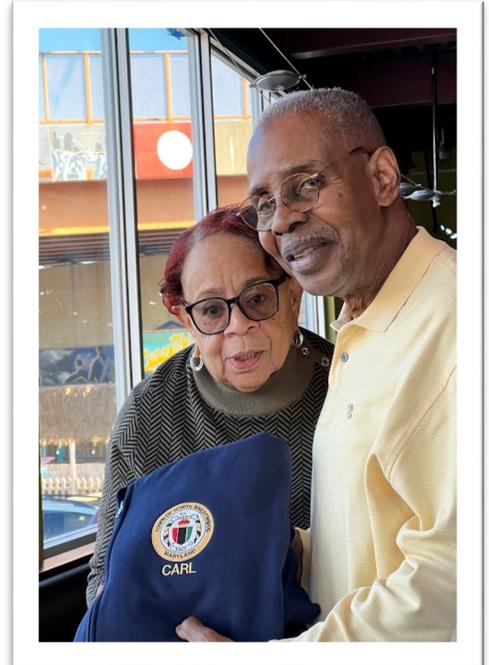
Throughout his more than a decade of service, Carl B. Jones has been an indispensable asset to the #IAmNorthBrentwood family. He brought his unwavering dedication, passion, and expertise to every project he's touched. Mr. Jones has consistently gone above and beyond, setting a standard of excellence that inspired us all to strive for greatness.

As we look back on our time together, it's impossible not to recall the countless memories we've shared with City Clerk Carl Jones. From handling Town permits, to editing the North Brentwood *Newswire*, and the many North Brentwood Days we've shared, he has left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds. Who can forget how dapper City Clerk Jones is every time he steps out with his bucket hats! These moments not only brought us closer together but also showcased the incredible character and leadership of the North Brentwood Family.

Beyond his professional achievements, City Clerk Carl Jones has also made a lasting impact on our community. His legacy will continue to inspire us long after he leaves the Town.

On behalf of everyone, North Brentwood expresses its deepest gratitude to Carl Jones.

Thank you for years of service, an unwavering dedication, and valuable contributions. You have touched the lives of countless individuals, leaving behind a legacy that will endure for years to come.



As you begin this next chapter in your life, know you will be dearly missed, but your influence will continue to guide and inspire us.



The North Brentwood Team surrounded City Clerk Carl B. Jones with love on February 6, 2024. He was presented with gifts that honor his service and the North Brentwoodian spirit.

President's Day: February 19

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; in 2024, it will occur on the 19th. The holiday was originally established in 1885 and celebrated on President George Washington's birthday (February 22). It became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and others, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all US presidents, past and present.

What's open/closed on President's Day? County government offices are closed, and some services are affected. Go to: princegeorgescountymd.gov/events/holidays-observed/2024/02/presidents-day.

Looking for a way to enjoy the day? All US National Parks will be free on President's Day, including Mt.



Vernon National Monument (pictured), Fort Washington Park and Greenbelt

Park. Go to: nationalparks.org/explore/parks.

Purple Line Light Rail Construction Notices



Purple Line construction is underway and projected to open fall 2026. For the most accurate, up-to-date info, visit purplelinemd.com, find "Construction" and click

"Subscribe for Updates" (choose to receive emails or texts). The construction hotline is 240.424.5325.

Report Streetlight Outages

Report streetlight outages quickly and easily, 24/7, on the PEPCO website, pepco.streetlightoutages.com, or by calling 800.735.2258.

Free Help with 2024 Tax Returns

- The IRS and Maryland began accepting all *Business* tax returns on 01/16/2024.
- The IRS and Maryland began accepting all *Individual* tax returns on 01/29/2024.

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return prep to qualified individuals.

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

- Generally make \$64,000 or less
- 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 volunteers who want to make a difference in their communities. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling 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.

Town of North Brentwood Job Opportunities

Town Clerk: Work Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 9 am to 1 pm. Must attend Town meetings.

Oversee maintenance of all official files, codes, etc. Knowledge of computers and software a must. Monthly stipend \$800.



Public Works I: (PT) 5 hours daily, Monday through Friday, and special events. Knowledge of Town vehicles/equipment. Heavy manual labor, street maintenance, leaf pickup, mowing, etc. Requires a valid driver's license. \$35,000/year.

See full job descriptions on Town site, northbrentwood.com, or email townmanager@northbrentwood.com.

National HEART HEALTH Month

Throughout February enjoy a variety of FREE healthy cooking demonstrations and fitness opportunities all over Prince George's County.

Mes Nacional SALUD CARDIOVASCULAR

Durante todo el mes de febrero, disfrute de una serie de demostraciones de cocina saludable y oportunidades para ponerse en forma GRATIS por todo el condado de Prince George's.

Parks & Recreation M-N-C-P-C
live more, play more
pgparks.com

Parks & Recreation M-N-C-P-C
vive más, juega más
pgparks.com

Crossing Guard Emergency Staffing & Job Opportunities

In response to the shortage of the Police Department's School Crossing Guards (SCGs) in the county, the Alsobrooks Administration has implemented a coordinated, comprehensive emergency crossing guard staffing plan, effective immediately. Prince George's County Police Executive Command staff, along with police officers, will temporarily staff uncovered locations until dedicated crossing guards are hired.

In addition, the SCG unit is launching a robust recruitment campaign: distributing bilingual hiring flyers, using social media, engaging the faith-based community, collaborating with County Council members, partnering with Prince George's County Public Schools, and promoting the job posting through Employ Prince George's. Learn more about the position: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/police/join-department/crossing-guards.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOW HIRING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Join our team!

HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- HOURLY RATE \$17.22 - \$26.93
- FULL-TIME BENEFITS
- PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR BREAKS
- WORK HOURS 7- 10 AM & 1:30 - 5:00 PM
- UNIFORMS SUPPLIED

APPLICANTS CAN APPLY ONLINE
Police Department, School Crossing Guard Department
For more information call 301.780.8175 or email Police_Recruiting@co.pg.md.us

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/police/join-department/crossing-guards>



There has never been a more exciting time for the Town of North Brentwood, under the leadership of Mayor Petrella Robinson, on the shoulders of the Town’s elected officials, past and present, and under the spiritual guidance of our ancestors, in 2024 we celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

All of us are proud to be part of a Town that remembers and will not forget this is a “Place of Distinction.” This ‘Diamond in the Rough’ was settled in 1924 by the first residents Henry Randall and his family. Throughout the decades, North Brentwood has been defined by and held together by its citizens, lifted by the Town churches and prayer warriors, and polished by time and adversity; it has endured and continues to shine.

June 2024 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland—from the initial settlement by African American veterans of the Civil War, in 1887, to its incorporation in 1924 as the first African American majority municipality in Prince George’s County.

North Brentwood’s unique place in America’s Story is a powerful reminder of our claim to the promise of this nation. Hence, our anniversary theme this year is “We Endure.” We will celebrate North Brentwood’s founding at the 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Martin’s Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. We invite you, your colleagues, and friends to support us through your attendance, and sponsorship, to help celebrate this significant occasion.

There are different levels of sponsorship and also individual tickets available. The launch date for purchase is January 15 at northbrentwood100.eventbrite.com. An Early Bird special begins on January 15, with individual tickets at just \$80. So, hurry, get your tickets now!

We appreciate your consideration and generosity, and look forward to seeing you at the 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Anniversary Committee via email, at dawnrjames@verizon.net, or call the Town office 301.699.9699.

Sincerely,

Petrella Robinson,
Mayor

*Hurry, tickets are almost sold out!
You can still support North Brentwood’s
Centennial with an ad or sponsorship.*

Office of Social Equity and Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council Seeks PG's Members



Maryland's Department of Health has an Office of Social Equity and Cannabis Public Health. This body makes critical decisions to regulate the cannabis industry; it reportedly currently

lacks sufficient representation from Prince George's County on its Advisory Council.

The legalization and commercialization of marijuana has created hot button issues. Per *The Washington Post*, "While people overwhelmingly voted for legalization here, proposed rules are dusting up old associations with marijuana and invigorating an enduring debate about how to safeguard a reputation of prestige while meeting the growing needs of Prince George's County."

Tensions have also been high over opportunities for Black-owned cannabis businesses and anti-social-equity efforts to funnel new dispensaries away from high traffic retail locations. County Councilperson Wanika Fisher, and other dispensary advocates, say it was state lawmakers' promise of social equity measures that was a driving reason to pursue cannabis legalization.

As of January 2023, the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council was authorized by MD's General Assembly. Among other things, the Council studies aspects of cannabis use on those under 21, including behavioral health, and education impacts.

Want to make your voice heard in our county and state? Constituents are encouraged to apply to serve on the Advisory Council: govappointments.maryland.gov.

Sources: [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com), [msa.maryland.gov](https://www.msa.maryland.gov)

Our Deepest Condolences

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Arthur Clark, on Webster Street, who recently lost his wife Viola Clark.

County Housing Assistance Pilot Program for Seniors Launches in March

The Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program will give eligible seniors up to two direct rent payments (\$2,500 total). The County Council passed senior living assistance legislation in 2023 and is working with Housing and Community Development to launch the program in mid-March 2024.

The application for this new program will be online at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/social-services>.

Eligible seniors meet these criteria:

- Renter aged 65 or older
- Live in Prince George's County for 5-plus years
- Household income cannot be greater than 40% of the Area Median Income (AMI) <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/housing-community-development/resources/area-median-income-ami-limits>

It is our goal to make sure every resident of Prince George's County has safe, stable housing that allows them to thrive. That's why we are so excited to launch this all-new program to help our seniors. We encourage you to be on the lookout for more information once the application is live.

Yours in Service,

Angela Alsobrooks
PG County Executive



FREE Maryland Senior Call Check Service

Senior Call Check is available to adults 65-plus. Get an automated daily call at a time you set. 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 <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-callcheck.aspx>.

Volunteer Opportunities

To continue the topic of volunteer service, from the article about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (page 6), there are many opportunities to contribute to the betterment of your community, county, state, and beyond. You don't have to commit a lot of time, just 'giving back' promotes a sense of wellbeing and positivity around you!

North Brentwood Community Service Hour Opportunities

North Brentwoodian scholars in need of service hours may contact Town Administration: call 301.699.9699 or email townmanager@northbrentwood.com. Working at our municipal office will help participants to ensure academic success by building leadership skills and a deeper understanding of social issues.

Volunteering with M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation



Prince George's County has many ways to volunteer! Individuals and groups can join one-day projects or be ongoing volunteers.

Opportunities include: park police experiences, student service learning hours, summer volunteer groups, court ordered service and adopting a park/trail.

Call the Volunteer Services Office at 301.446.3324.

Summer Program Volunteer Opportunities: *Volunteer applications are accepted online March 1- May 1*

Youth may sign up to volunteer at only one Summer Playground or Summer Day Camp. Youth cannot volunteer at a site where younger siblings are registered participants. Youth volunteers must be the required age on/before May 31 to volunteer: Playgrounds 14 years-old and Summer Day Camps 15 years-old.

Youth volunteers ages 15 and older must complete a criminal background check. All youth volunteers must attend pre-service training in May/June. Volunteers are scheduled 12-15 hours per week; transportation is not provided. These volunteer opportunities are approved by PGCPD to earn Student Service Learning Hours.

Park Police Community Volunteer Academy: *Offered annually, one night a week for 8 weeks*

The Volunteer Academy informs participants about the functions of the Park Police and the law. Students receive instruction from experienced Park Police officers, Park Police Volunteer Association members, prosecutors, and others who work in law enforcement or public safety. Topics of discussion include: crime scene management, the role of the prosecutor, current drug trends, gang awareness, and traffic and criminal law. Those who complete the training receive a certificate of completion. Academy participants can also obtain first aid and CPR certifications.

Park Police Volunteer Association — After successfully completing the Volunteer Academy, graduates may become members of the Park Police Volunteer Association (PPVA). Volunteer opportunities include: bike and foot patrol, fingerprinting, and assisting at festivals and bicycle rodeos. The volunteers have proven to be a great asset to the Park Police Division!

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**
4037 Webster Street / 301.927.7698
Rev. Samuel Whittaker
Sunday School: Live Facebook service 10 am
- ◇ **St James Pentecostal Church**
3925 Allison Street / 301.277.4376
Rev. Carolyn Dildy
Sunday Service: 11:30 am

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 old with a government-issued photo ID. Cost \$2. See front desk staff during hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Please call 301.699.1238.

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.



Test & Treat COVID-19 & Flu at Home

HÔME TEST TO TREAT PROGRAM

Home Test to Treat offers, to those eligible, free tests and free treatment for COVID-19 and Flu at home 24/7. No insurance, no appointments!

This program is funded by NIH, which seeks to better understand how tech (e.g., at-home tests and telemedicine) can improve healthcare access for individuals across the country.

Findings will be used to inform future public health programs for Americans. Any data shared with researchers will be limited to what's necessary to evaluate the program and will not include information which can identify you.

When You Sign Up, You Get:

- Access to free COVID-19 and flu telehealth visits with a healthcare provider.
- COVID-19 and flu treatment, if prescribed, delivered free to your home or pharmacy.
*dispensing fees may apply
- Free at-home tests for COVID-19 and flu, if eligible, delivered directly to you.

For assistance (and to find out if you're eligible), call 800.682.2829 or visit the website: test2treat.org/s/?language=en_US.



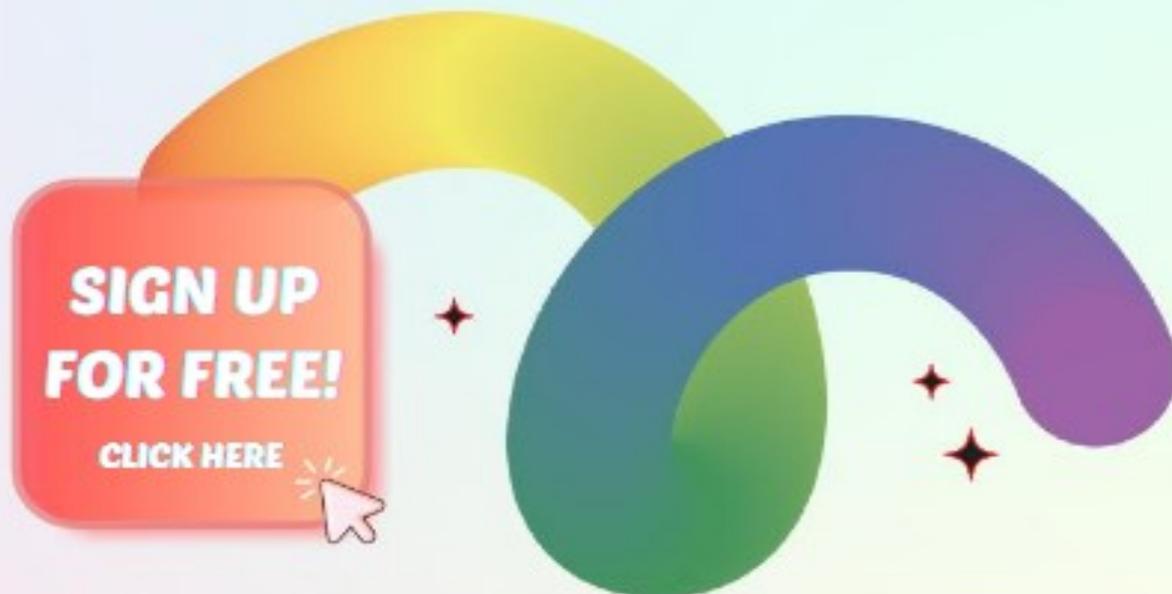


TOGETHER PROGRAM



WORKSHOP for LGBTQ+ Couples

Strengthen your relationship & finances.



VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
JOIN TOGETHER

New workshops launch monthly*

Six Workshop Sessions

DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES

- Enhance constructive communication
- Reduce stress & resolve conflict
- Improve money management



SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SCIENCE
In partnership with the **Prevention Research Center**

Couples can earn up to \$160 in gift cards

www.togetherprogram.org

Call (+1) 877•432•1669

In partnership with Rainbow Families, Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce, & University of Maryland Prevention Research Center. *TOGETHER is a University of Maryland research project.

The production of this flyer was supported by Grant #90ZB0004 from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Its content are solely the responsibility of The TOGETHER Program and do not necessarily represent the official views of ACF. The TOGETHER Program is a research project with the University of Maryland.

The #1 Exercise to Do as You Get Older



It's not just about getting off of the sofa! *Squats* are a very beneficial exercise for seniors, but it's essential to use caution and a proper technique.

Squats help improve lower body strength, flexibility, and balance. Here are some considerations and tips for incorporating squats into your exercise routine:

1) Get in position. If you're new to squats, choose a spot where you can hold onto the kitchen counter, a table or another steady surface. Holding on for stability makes it easier to focus on your form without worrying about your balance, says fitness expert Denise Austin.

Set your feet about shoulder-width apart or a bit wider. (If you have hip issues, it's OK to have your legs a little farther apart.) Toes should face slightly outward.

2) Lower into a squat. Keeping your back straight, chest up and heels planted, push your hips back like you are sitting in a chair.

Try to keep your weight evenly distributed on both feet as you do the exercise, with your weight mostly on your heels (not your toes), says the founder of Lori Michiel Fitness, which specializes in senior fitness in the home.

Make sure knees do not extend forward over your toes, which can hurt your knees. If you have knee/hip issues, don't need to do a deep bend. Per Austin, the coming-up part of the exercise is what really builds strength.

3) Repeat. Aim for two sets of eight to 10, at a tempo of two seconds down, two seconds up. Inhale on the way down and exhale on the way up. As your body tires at the end of the set, make sure not to hunch over or let your knees cave in. For the best results, do the exercise two or three times a week.

Source: aarp.org

9 Essential Chair Exercises For Seniors

Upper Body Chair Exercises

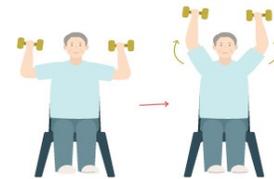
1 Banded Chest Press



2 Seated Bicep Curls

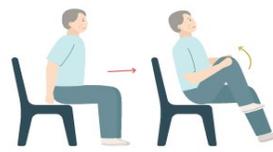


3 Seated Shoulder Press

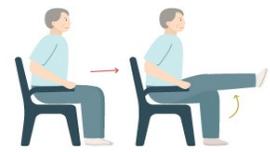


Core Chair Exercises

4 Knee-To-Chest



5 Extended Leg Raises



6 Tummy Twists



Lower Body Chair Exercises

7 Modified Squats



8 Toe Taps



9 Seated Calf Raises





Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

FACING EVICTION?

Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance

If you are facing eviction due to delinquent rent and you have a court summons, court judgment, or warrant of restitution, you may be eligible for the Prince George's County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).



For assistance, call the ERAP CALL CENTER at (301) 883-6504, then press 9

and a customer service representative will help you with obtaining an application.



If you're eligible for assistance:

ERAP may be able to pay up to 18 months of late rent.

If you have already been evicted:

ERAP may be able to assist you with security deposit and up to the first three months of rent once you secure a new rental unit.

NOTE: The Emergency Rental Assistance Program has opened for eviction prevention purposes. Funding is available for eligible renters with a pending court-filed eviction and households with total household income at or below 50% AMI.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0202, awarded to Prince George's County, MD Government by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



The **10** Most Frequent Code Violations in Prince George's County

These and other violations of County Code may result in a fine or other consequences.



- 1. Operating a business out of a residence.** You may not operate a restaurant or café, prepare or serve food for pay, sell goods, store imported products or operate a hair or nail salon or barber shop. These actions pose fire and safety hazards.
- 2. Performing automotive work on a driveway or street.** You may not work on cars on residential streets or in driveways. NO automotive shops may operate on residential streets, in driveways, inside garages or behind houses or apartments.
- 3. Doing unpermitted residential or commercial construction.** Construction projects such as erecting a deck, finishing a basement, remodeling a bathroom or kitchen, building an addition or adding a driveway require permits and inspections from DPIE.
- 4. Placing trash or discarded items to be picked up at the curb days before a scheduled pickup.** Trash and items to be picked up by County trash, bulky trash, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc., may not be put out before 7 p.m. the night before the pickup.
- 5. Parking commercial vehicles in driveways or on residential streets.** Commercial vehicles should be left at the workplace, not in residential areas.
- 6. Parking vehicles on unpaved surfaces.** You may not park operating or broken vehicles on grass or unpaved areas behind houses or in front yards.
- 7. Failing to adequately maintain a property.** Homeowners or renters are required to cut grass and weeds, prune plants, pick up fallen branches and clear debris from properties on a regular basis. Grass and weeds over 12-inches tall are a code violation!
- 8. Allowing a property to fall into disrepair.** Residents or property managers are required to repair peeling paint, loose siding, ragged gutters, sagging downspouts and broken windows and doors immediately as needed.
- 9. Accumulating junk on residential or commercial properties.** You may not store untagged vehicles, old vehicle parts, junk cars or motorcycles, old appliances, building materials, furniture or garbage on residential or commercial lots. Boats must be tagged and legally parked.
- 10. Leaving abandoned properties unsafe and unsecured violates code.** Buildings must be secured, grass must be cut, other plants pruned, lots cleared of litter and trash removed regularly to prevent accumulation.

Make sure your property complies with County Code!

For more information, visit the DPIE website at <http://dpie.mypgc.us>.



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



Melinda Bolling
Director

DPIE Inquiries



Do you have questions about permits, licenses, fees, inspections, plan reviews, or application requirements? Sign up for DPIE Connect for a FREE one-hour meeting with Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement experts. Visit: <https://ow.ly/I5b450Qth8v>.

Community Overdose Action
Town Hall Series
VIRTUAL STATEWIDE SUMMIT
Come share your ideas for how we can do more to address the overdose crisis!
Tuesday
February 20, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm
[StopOverdose.maryland.gov/town-halls](https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/town-halls)
Hosted by Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

Maryland's Office of Overdose (MOO) Response

The Office of Overdose Response is visiting each of MD's 24 local jurisdictions to hear from community members about how MOO can do more to address the overdose crisis. Town halls will feature presentations from state and local government officials. Participants will have opportunities to share their ideas for increasing support, for those with substance use disorders, and ways to prevent overdoses in our communities. You can also share your thoughts by emailing StopOverdose@maryland.gov.



Pepco Notice

Pepco is performing routine System Reliability and Improvements work in North Brentwood, including:

- Replacing old wiring with new wiring
- Reconductoring
- Replacement of some poles



If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Alberto Zegada at azegada@pepco.com or via cell at 202.763.4937 at your earliest convenience.

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

Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest is its oldest ambassador program. The 24-year-old contest educates fourth graders (and teachers) about municipal government and the role of a mayor. The 2024 essay contest info has been mailed to all schools, and municipalities, and is available on MML's website.



Please note a new and much earlier essay contest deadline of March 8. Now is the time to build awareness around this long-standing program. Here's how:

- Encourage your local 4th grade teachers to visit the Essay page: <https://mml.memberclicks.net/mayors-essay-contest>.
- Essays are stronger when students hear from the municipal officials who run their cities and towns. Though students love to hear from the mayor, any municipal official can make a school visit. **Ready, set, visit!**

Key Dates to Remember

- March 8 all digital essay submissions due
- March 13 annual essay reading day
- April 26 Essay Ceremony honoring district winners (cash prize and Governor's Citation)

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Easton at sharone@mdmunicipal.org.



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: **Open position** x1221

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.333.4000

Park Police:

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries:

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel:

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 & Monday, March 4, 2024

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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

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

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Meetings are at 6:30 pm.

Next meetings: February 12 and March 11. Call-in: 774.267.2052.

NBCA's 2024 membership is on! Look for an envelope in your mail.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Next Dates: February 13 & March 13 | 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."

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