



### Mayor's Message

To fellow residents,

Our Town is more than streets and buildings — it's our shared home, history, families, businesses, parks, and the treasures that make us proud to say we live here.

It's easy to point out what needs to be improved. Every Town has challenges. But strong communities aren't built by complaints alone; but, by neighbors who roll up their sleeves, lend a hand, attend meetings, volunteer, support local businesses, and look out for one another.

Progress happens when we move from, "Someone should fix this!" to "How can I help?"

Let us remember:

- Our parks are treasures.
- Our schools are investments.
- Our local businesses are lifelines.
- Our history is a foundation.
- And our people are our greatest asset.

Gratitude changes perspective. When we appreciate what we have, we're better stewards of it. When we work together, we strengthen it.

I invite each of you to not just to live in North Brentwood — but to build it.

Not just to critique it — but to care for it.

Not just to expect — but to contribute.

Together, we can preserve what makes our Town special and improve what needs attention. Community is not a spectator sport. It belongs to all of us. Let's pitch in. Let's

be thankful. And, equally important, Let's move forward — together.

As well, I hope you enjoy seeing Black History Month event photos, on pages three and four. It's always wonderful when the community comes together each February, to celebrate our shared history and honor those who who've paved the way... to enable towns, such as North Brentwood, to thrive.

A few more notes:



In March, as we honor women's impacts throughout history, let's also focus on the women in our lives,

ensuring every female in our community feels heard and supported. If you, or someone you know needs assistance, please contact PG County's health department. On pages eleven and twelve, we share info about Women's History Month events.

Also in this issue, you'll find info about:

- MD's 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election.
- The Together Program's resources.
- Events such as Joe's Emporium's annual gala.
- Your invite to African American Café's opening.
- Career development opportunities, including CreativeWorks' Apprenticeship Program and Goodwill's Pharmacy Technician Training Program.
- North Brentwood's Annual Scholarship program. This is a wonderful chance for qualifying residents to receive funds to further their education. I encourage all eligible students to apply!

## North Brentwood's Black History Month: Celebration & Reflection

As the first Black incorporated town in PG County, North Brentwood holds a responsibility to preserve and inspire Black voices — not just in February, but every day.

### 100 Years of BHM



This year's events honored Black History Month's 100th Anniversary theme "A Century of Black History Commemorations," about the evolution of Black culture, resistance and the impact of these celebrations. Each Saturday in February, at North Brentwood Community Center, we gathered with storytelling, activities, and music to celebrate Black resilience/collective strength.

### Memorable Events Brought Us Together

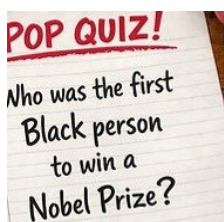
Our Black History celebrations featured a diverse lineup of events that engaged and educated the community.



**Echoes of the Motherland:** The Town sponsored this BHM kickoff event. Attendees enjoyed live performances, an African dance skit, raffles, refreshments, giveaways, and more!



**Annual Billion Pool Tournament:** This friendly competition brought the power of community. Wayne Butler took first place, with Edward Williams a close second. Sponsor: NBCC.



**Black History Trivia:** NBCA held a friendly round of Black history trivia, testing our knowledge, and sparking meaningful conversations about the contributions of Black artists, leaders, authors, scientists, and more.



### Honor. Reflect. Celebrate.

County Councilmember Wanika Fisher, M-NCPPC and the Town of North Brentwood sponsored the final event of our Black History Month celebration – with live performances by local artists, arts, crafts, and more.

### Municipal Tour @ North Brentwood



Mayor Monica Casañas, led a tour of North Brentwood with residents of Colmar Manor and members of MD Municipal League on February 21. The group posed in front of the 'We Endure' sign at Entrepreneur Park and toured Town sites including Sis' Tavern.

### BHM Every Day & Building the Future

North Brentwood spent this month learning the importance of 100 years of Black History Month: exploring the triumphs and hardships of those who came before us. By learning our shared history, we safeguard against repeating injustices, while building a future ingrained with equity and understanding.

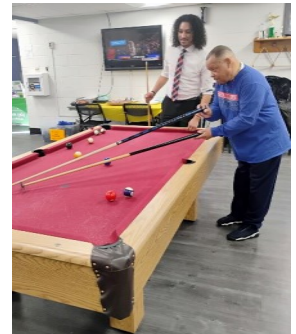
But, keep in mind, and your heart, we also strive for inclusiveness: embracing the diverse cultures now comprising in our Town. Let's keep momentum going and nurture a community where all voices are heard.

### Thank You to Our Sponsors

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our community partners: PG County Recreation and Parks, the Office of CC Wanika Fisher and North Brentwood Citizens Association for their leadership, and the many volunteers whose tireless efforts brought our events to life. Join NBCA today: [northbrentwood.com/nbca](http://northbrentwood.com/nbca).

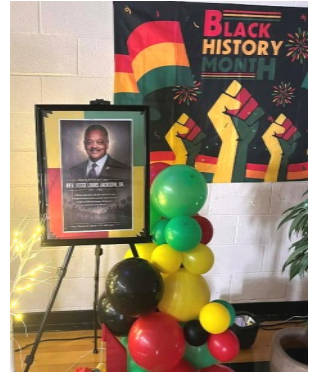
## Black History Month in North Brentwood

The Town's BHM Kickoff event, "Echoes of the Motherland," on February 7, showcased a drama about Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and Langston Hughes presented by Oxon Hill High School. The annual Billion Pool Tournament took place on February 14.



## Black History Month (BHM) in North Brentwood

The Town's final BHM month event, on February 28, was a time of reflection (e.g., honoring the late Rev Jesse Jackson), and celebration of 100 years of BHM. Attendees included Mayor Petrella Robinson, Park and Planning Director Darryl Barnes, co-host Wanika Fisher, and Delegate Diana Fennell. Entertainers included Maestro the Cellist.



## Moore & Miller File for State Reelection



Governor Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller officially filed for reelection in the '26 Gubernatorial Race. The two have held those positions

since January 2023. Currently, MD's race includes three Democratic candidates, including Moore, and eight Republican candidates, per the State Board of Elections.

Moore is Maryland's 63rd governor. He is also the state's first Black governor. Miller is the first immigrant and woman of color to serve as the state's lieutenant governor. "Today, Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller and I filed for reelection to continue the progress we've seen throughout Maryland to grow our economy, improve our public schools, and double down on record drops in violent crime," Moore said.

### Election Dates:

- Early Voting: June 11 – June 18, 2026
- Primary Election: June 23, 2026
- Gubernatorial General Election: November 3, 2026
- Voting Hours: 7 am – 8 pm

View the full list of Primary Candidates — including those for governor, attorney general, comptroller, and more: [elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primarycandidates/2026\\_GP\\_statewide\\_candidatelist.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primarycandidates/2026_GP_statewide_candidatelist.html).

## Cap Leak: Help for Plumbing Repairs



**Habitat for Humanity**  
Metro Maryland

WSSC Water and Habitat for Humanity Metro MD offer the CAP Leak Repair Program, which

supports income-constrained households via financial help for critical plumbing repairs.

Through CAP Leak, eligible customers may receive up to \$9,000 per year to fix leaks that may cause high water bills or property damage. By addressing these issues, the partnership aims to improve water efficiency, reduce consumers' financial burdens, and enhance living conditions for residents in need. Visit: [ow.ly/299R50V76jF](https://ow.ly/299R50V76jF).

## Together Program Resources



TOGETHER is a Rockville nonprofit offering tools and skills training for communication, problem-solving, stress management, and money management for straight and LGBTQ+ couples. Info: [togetherprogram.org](https://togetherprogram.org). The following is a list of resources to keep handy.

### Community Advocates for Family & Youth

- Phone: 301.390.4092 (normal business hours)
- 24/7 Helpline: 301.882.2002 / 888.249.6907
- Website: [cafyonline.org](https://cafyonline.org)

### 24-hour National Hotline

- Telephone: 800.799.SAFE (7223)
- TTY: 800.787.3224
- Website (Chat Online): [thehotline.org](https://thehotline.org)

### Prince George's Sexual Assault Center

- 3001 Hospital Dr, Cheverly, MD 20785
- Phone: 301.618.3154

### Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County

- 3601 Taylor St, Brentwood, MD 20722
- 24-hour Hotline: 301.731.1203
- Non-emergency Support call: 301.779.2100

### Prince George's House Men's Shelter

- 603 Addison Rd S, Capitol Heights, MD 20743
- Phone: 240.436.3183

## Parks & Rec Summer Camp Registration

On Saturday, March 7, registration for M-NCPPC's Summer Day Camp opens, at 9 am, for County residents.



Registration for Summer Playtime and Summer Teen Center begins May 13 (9 am).

2026 Summer Programs and Camps

Go to the summer camp overview: [pgparks.com/activities-events/summer-programs](https://pgparks.com/activities-events/summer-programs) and choose summer camp; search by each program's keyword.

## Honoring the Service of Jacqueline Goodall



After nine years of loyal service to North Brentwood, we extend sincere gratitude to Jacqueline Goodall as she embarks on a joyful, well-earned retirement.

Goodall first began working with the Town through the Circuit Rider Program,

supporting the Town of Colmar Manor and North Brentwood. Her commitment to public service and a deep understanding of municipal operations made her an invaluable asset to our community. Goodall later joined the Town of North Brentwood staff full-time, in November 2017; her leadership, knowledge and determination have helped guide the Town through a period of meaningful growth and progress.

Throughout her tenure, Goodall played a key role advancing many initiatives that strengthened our local government and improved the quality of life for residents. Her work supported key administrative improvements, including developing best practices for hiring and administrative procedures, that have made Town operations more effective and professional. She also partnered with the Mayor to improve Town facilities, including the renovation of the Municipal Office, ensuring our local government has a functional, welcoming space for serving residents.

What is more, Goodall championed projects to create and improve public spaces, helping bring the Windom Road Barrier Project, Entrepreneur Park and the renovation of Sis's Tavern to fruition. Her ability to identify opportunities and successfully secure grant funding brought important resources into the Town—enabling North Brentwood to pursue projects that may otherwise have remained out of reach.

Those who've worked alongside her know Goodall as a deeply knowledgeable public servant, a determined advocate for the community, and someone who approaches challenges with focus and resolve. She's

astute and steadfast, someone willing to stand up for what she knows is in the best interest of the Town.

Just as importantly, Goodall carries a guiding mantra throughout her work in public service: to lift others up and pass knowledge forward. She believes strongly in sharing what she's learned, mentoring colleagues and empowering others to grow in their roles. In doing so, Goodall not only strengthened the Town's operations, but she helped cultivate the next generation of leaders and public servants within our community.

Beyond the projects and policies, Goodall's legacy is reflected in the many relationships she built and the countless residents, colleagues and partners she supported along the way. Her work has touched many lives and helped shape the culture and inner workings of the North Brentwood we know today.

We thank Goodall for her years of service, leadership and unwavering commitment to this community, and wish her the very best in retirement — and hope this next chapter brings delight, fulfillment and rest. Jacqueline Goodall's contributions to North Brentwood will not be forgotten.

### Spanish Translation

Tras nueve años de servicio dedicado a North Brentwood, expresamos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a la señora Jacqueline Goodall mientras se embarca en una emocionante y merecida jubilación.

Goodall comenzó su trabajo con el pueblo a través del Circuit Rider Program, apoyando al municipio de Colmar Manor y North Brentwood. Su compromiso con el servicio público y su profundo conocimiento de las operaciones municipales pronto la convirtieron en un recurso invaluable para nuestra comunidad. Más tarde se incorporó al personal del municipio de North Brentwood, a tiempo completo, en el año 2017; su liderazgo, conocimiento y determinación han ayudado a guiar al municipio durante un periodo de crecimiento y progreso significativos.

Durante su mandato, Goodall desempeñó un papel fundamental impulsando muchas iniciativas que fortalecieron nuestro gobierno local y mejoraron la calidad de vida de los residentes. Su trabajo apoyó mejoras administrativas clave, incluyendo el desarrollo de mejores prácticas para la

contratación y los procedimientos administrativos, que han hecho que las operaciones municipales sean más efectivas y profesionales. También colaboró con la alcaldesa Robinson para mejorar las instalaciones municipales, incluyendo la renovación de la Oficina Municipal, asegurando que nuestro gobierno local disponga de un espacio funcional y acogedor para atender a los residentes.

Además, Goodall impulsó proyectos para crear y mejorar espacios públicos, ayudando a llevar a cabo el Proyecto de la Barrera de la Carretera de Windom, el Parque Emprendedor y la renovación de Sis's Tavern. Su capacidad para identificar oportunidades y conseguir con éxito financiación por subvenciones aportó recursos importantes al municipio, permitiendo que North Brentwood pudiera llevar a cabo proyectos que de otro modo podrían haber permanecido fuera de su alcance.

Quienes han trabajado junto a ella conocen a Goodall como una servidora pública profundamente conocedora, una defensora decidida de la comunidad y alguien que afronta los desafíos con enfoque y determinación. Es astuta y firme, alguien dispuesta a defender lo que cree que es lo mejor para el Pueblo.

Igualmente importante, Goodall mantiene un mantra guía en toda su labor en el servicio público: elevar a los demás y transmitir conocimiento. Cree firmemente en compartir lo que ha aprendido, en guiar a sus compañeros y en empoderar a otros para que crezcan en sus roles. Al hacerlo, Goodall no solo fortaleció las operaciones del municipio, sino que también ayudó a formar a la próxima generación de líderes y servidores públicos dentro de nuestra comunidad.

Más allá de los proyectos y políticas, el legado de Goodall se refleja en las muchas relaciones que construyó y en los innumerables residentes, colegas y socios que apoyó a lo largo del camino. Su obra ha tocado muchas vidas y ha contribuido a moldear la cultura y el funcionamiento interno de North Brentwood que conocemos hoy.

En nombre del North Brentwood, agradecemos a Goodall por sus años de servicio, su liderazgo y su compromiso inquebrantable con esta comunidad. Le deseamos lo mejor en su jubilación y esperamos que este próximo

capítulo le traiga alegría, descanso y plenitud continuos. Las contribuciones de Jacqueline Goodall a North Brentwood no serán olvidadas.

## North Brentwood Scholarship Fund 2026

The Town proudly supports residents' educational and career aspirations. North Brentwood's scholarship fund honors academic and vocational advancement, and eases the financial burden of pursuing these goals. Investing in our residents strengthens our community and encourages lifelong learning and development.

### Scholarship Details

- **Award Amount:** Up to \$1,000, paid directly to the educational institution.
- **Eligibility:** Open to US citizens who are current or former North Brentwood residents, or those with historical family ties to the Town.
- **Academic Scholarship:** For high school seniors and college students; awarded for academic success, community service, and a 500-word personal essay.
- **Training or Vocational Programs:** For skills-based or certification programs, recipients are evaluated on personal statements, essays and recommendations.

### Application & Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee, a volunteer group of community members, manages selection process:

- Academic records (for academic scholarships).
- Community service involvement.
- Compelling 500-word essay.
- Two letters of recommendation from mentors, teachers, clergy, or counselors.
- Interviews for final award determinations.
- Academic scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA, or higher, to be eligible for continued support.

**We'll release the official package March 15** — on the Town website, via email request and hard copy at the Town office. **Completed applications are due April 30.**

Questions? Email [cityclerk@northbrentwood.com](mailto:cityclerk@northbrentwood.com) or call 301.699.9699. As well, Councilmember Morales can assist with inquiries: [jmorales@northbrentwood.com](mailto:jmorales@northbrentwood.com).



## CITIZEN'S SCHOLARSHIP 2026

North Brentwood Citizen's Scholarship supports local students pursuing higher education. Recipients are selected via a comprehensive review process based on:

- Academic achievements and grades.
- Personal Essay - share your career goals and aspirations.
- Extracurricular Involvement - highlight current and past activities.
- Recommendations - letters from teachers, clergy or guidance counselors.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained by contacting Town of North Brentwood's City Clerk (at 301.699.9699 or email: [cityclerk@northbrentwood.com](mailto:cityclerk@northbrentwood.com)) or email Council member Jacqueline L. Morales at [jmorales@northbrentwood.com](mailto:jmorales@northbrentwood.com).

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be enrolled (intend to enroll) in a college or university, or vocational training.
- Be a present, or former, North Brentwood resident and a US citizen.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2026 @ 5:00 PM**

**INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH TODAY BUILDS THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW**



## BECA DE NORTH BRENTWOOD 2026

La Beca para Ciudadanos de North Brentwood apoya a los estudiantes locales que cursan estudios superiores. Los beneficiarios se seleccionan mediante un proceso de revisión exhaustivo basado en:

- Logros y calificaciones académicas.
- Ensayo personal: comparte tus metas y aspiraciones profesionales.
- Participación extracurricular: resalte las actividades actuales y pasadas.
- Recomendaciones: cartas de profesores, clérigos o consejeros vocacionales.

### CÓMO APLICAR

- Las solicitudes se pueden obtener comunicándose con la Secretaria Municipal de la ciudad de North Brentwood al 301.699.9699 o por correo electrónico: [cityclerk@northbrentwood.com](mailto:cityclerk@northbrentwood.com) y con la Concejal Jacqueline L. Morales: [jmorales@northbrentwood.com](mailto:jmorales@northbrentwood.com).

### CRITERIOS DE ELEGIBILIDAD

- Estar inscrito (tener intención de inscribirse) en un colegio o universidad y/o centro de formación profesional.
- Sea residente actual o anterior de North Brentwood y ciudadano Estadounidense.

**FECHA LÍMITE DE SOLICITUD: 30 DE ABRIL DE 2026 A LAS 5:00 P. M.**

**INVERTIR EN NUESTRA JUVENTUD HOY FORMA LOS LÍDERES DEL MAÑANA**



# DISTRICT 47'S SENIORS QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING AND INFO SESSION



Senator Augustine



Delegate Fennell



Delegate Ivey



Delegate Tavaras

In partnership with Lenora Harper

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



We are waiting for you at

*Kentland Community Center*

**2413 Pinebrook Ave., Landover,**

**MD 20785**

***Seating is limited!!***



**Must be 55 years & older**



**CALL THE OFFICE OF  
DELEGATE FENNELL TO  
RSVP @ 410-841-3478 NO  
LATER THAN 3/12/2026**

# Women's History Month



## Women's History Month 2026

This year's "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" theme highlights women's critical, diverse roles creating lasting, sustainable change across environmental, economic and social justice areas. For events, go to [womenshistorymonth.gov/events.html](https://womenshistorymonth.gov/events.html).

### Women's History Month Luncheon

On **March 26**, County Executive Braveboy hosts the 40th Annual Women's History Month Luncheon — welcoming 1,500-plus trailblazers, elected officials, entrepreneurs, county employees, celebrity guests, and influential women at Gaylord National Harbor, at 11 am. Tickets: \$150. Get info and tickets: [pgcdc.com/events?category=Lunch](https://pgcdc.com/events?category=Lunch).



### Women's History Month Tea

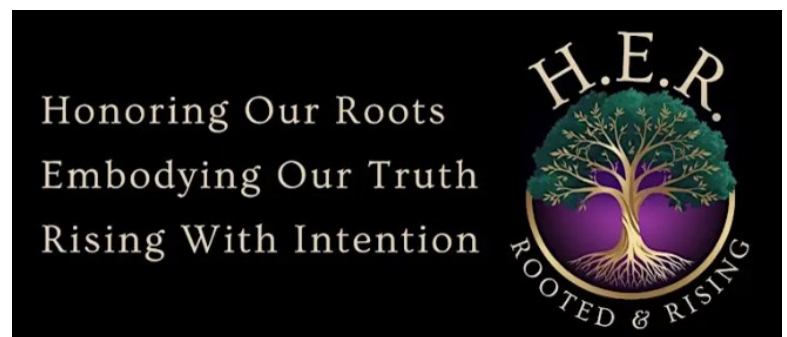
On **March 28**, discuss influential MD women while sharing afternoon tea fare — from 2 to 4 pm at Montpelier Historic Site & Museum in Laurel. Ages 14-plus. Tickets: \$41 for Montpelier members or \$44 non-members. Call 301.377.7817 to register.



### Honoring HER:

#### A Women's History Month Luncheon

Also on **March 28**, join 100 women gathering in legacy, connection and celebration. Inspirational speakers, gourmet meal from The Big Bean Theory. Ages 16-plus. 1 to 5 pm; doors open at 12:30 pm. Mt. Zion Church of Baltimore (3050 Liberty Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215). Tickets: \$55.20. Get info: [eventbrite.com/e/honoring-her-a-womens-history-month-luncheon-tickets-1982458935041](https://eventbrite.com/e/honoring-her-a-womens-history-month-luncheon-tickets-1982458935041).



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**MARCH 2026**

## 02 MONDAY

### Teen Action Group: Women's History Month

March 2 at 4:15 pm  
Glenarden Branch Library  
Teens

## 03 TUESDAY

### Lunch and Learn: "You Only Get What You're Organized to Take"

March 3 at 12 pm  
Virtual Event | Adults

### Writers' Group: With Pen in Hand

March 3 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual Events | Adults

## 04 WEDNESDAY

### Writers' Group: The Write Time — Write Like A Woman

March 4 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual Events | Adults

## 05 THURSDAY

### Make a Card for an Amazing Woman in Your Life

March 5 at 4 pm  
Glenarden Branch Library  
All Ages



### Tail Waggin' Tutors: Women's History Month

March 5 at 4:30 pm  
Laurel Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

### Kids Create: Female Artists

March 5 at 4:30 pm  
Surratts-Clinton Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

## 07 SATURDAY

### International Women's Day: Women Make History

March 7 at 11:30 am  
Bladensburg Branch Library  
Teens and Adults

### Craft and Create: Women's Inspirational Quotes

March 7 at 2 pm  
Accokeek Branch Library  
All Ages

## 09 MONDAY

### Independent Film Series: "Fly with Me" (TV-14)

March 9 at 7 pm  
Hyattsville Branch Library  
Adults



## 10 TUESDAY

### Film Discussion: "Hidden Figures" (PG)

March 10 at 1 pm  
South Bowie Branch Library  
Adults

### STEM Fun: Celebrating Women of NASA

March 10 at 5:30 pm  
Largo-Kettering Branch Library | Ages 5-12

## 11 WEDNESDAY

### Movie: "Lady Sings the Blues" (R)

March 11 at 1 pm  
Oxon Hill Branch Library  
Adults



## 12 THURSDAY

### Discover: Prince George's County Women

March 12 at 4:30 pm  
Bladensburg Branch Library  
Teens

## 14 SATURDAY

### Ready 2 Read Storytime

March 14 at 10:30 am  
Bladensburg Branch Library  
Ages 3-5

### Movie: "Hidden Figures" (PG)

March 14 at 1:30 pm  
Accokeek Branch Library  
Kids to Adults

## 16 MONDAY

### Kids Create: Art of Yayoi Kusama

March 16 at 4 pm  
Laurel Branch Library  
Ages 5-12



## 17 TUESDAY

### Game On: Josephine Baker Spy School

March 17 at 4:30 pm  
Spauldings Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

### Solidarity Stories: "Red at the Bone"

March 17 at 6:30 pm  
miXt Food Hall | Adults

## 18 WEDNESDAY

### Ready 2 Read Storytime

March 18 at 12:15 pm  
Greenbelt Branch Library  
Ages 3-5

### Coffee and A Classic: "Adam's Rib" (NR)

March 18 at 1 pm  
Bladensburg Branch Library  
Adults

### The Write Time Workshop

March 18 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual Events | Adults

### Research and Explore Women's History

March 18 at 6 pm  
Hillcrest Heights Branch Library  
Teens and Adults

### Painting Outer Space

March 18 at 6 pm  
Upper Marlboro Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

### Book Discussion: "Circe"

March 18 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual Events | Adults

## 23 MONDAY

### True Crime Book Discussion: "The Con Queen of Hollywood"

March 23 at 12 pm  
Upper Marlboro Branch Library | Adults

### Sonia Delaunay Sponge Painting

March 23 at 4 pm  
Beltsville Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

## 24 TUESDAY

### Film Discussion: "Little Women" (PG)

March 24 at 1 pm  
South Bowie Branch Library  
Adults



## 25 WEDNESDAY

### Veterans Information and Resource Session

March 25 at 1 pm  
Virtual Events | Adults

### Craft and Create: Georgia O'Keefe

March 25 at 3 pm  
Hyattsville Branch Library  
Teens and Adults

## 26 THURSDAY

### Ready 2 Read Art: Space Shuttles

March 26 at 11 am  
Baden Branch Library  
Ages 3-5



### Ready 2 Read Storytime

March 26 at 11 am  
Fairmount Heights Branch Library | Ages 3-5

### Kids Create: Her Story Edition

March 26 at 4 pm  
Hillcrest Heights Branch Library | Ages 5-12

## 28 SATURDAY

### Ready 2 Read Storytime

March 28 at 11 am  
New Carrollton Branch Library  
Ages 3-5

## 30 MONDAY

### Homeschool Hangout: Women's History Jeopardy

March 30 at 1 pm  
South Bowie Branch Library  
Kids to Teens



## 31 TUESDAY

### Kids Create: Who Am I Booklets

March 31 at 3 pm  
Bladensburg Branch Library  
Ages 5-12

### Film Discussion: "Till" (PG-13)

March 31 at 4:30 pm  
Oxon Hill Branch Library  
Teens and Adults

### Book Discussion: "Such a Fun Age"

March 31 at 6 pm  
Surratts-Clinton Branch Library  
Adults



VISIT THE WOMEN'S HISTORY HUB!



## Mayor Robinson in Mt Rainier Day Parade



On Saturday, May 16, from 11 am to 4 pm, Mount Rainier celebrates the City's 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Festivities kick off with the Mount Rainier Day Parade. **North Brentwood Mayor Petrella Robinson will join other luminaries in the parade**, which departs from City Hall as the festival opens and makes its way to the Nature Center.

Like North Brentwood Day, Mount Rainier Day is their largest annual celebration—a joyful gathering that brings neighbors together and welcomes visitors for a full day of connection, activity and community pride.

This beloved tradition is a chance to enjoy family-friendly fun (e.g., free entertainment), and support local artisans and businesses at a Festival Market of 50-plus food and merchandise vendors from near and far.



## St Patrick's Day Fun



St. Patrick's Day 2026 falls on **Tuesday, March 17**. Parades, and special events in Prince George's County, and the DMV area, are scheduled throughout the surrounding weekends:



**Annapolis St. Patrick's Parade:** Sunday, March 8, from 1 to 3:15 pm with a new West St. route. Info: [stpatricksweekend.com/annapolis-st-patricks-day-parade](http://stpatricksweekend.com/annapolis-st-patricks-day-parade).

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**Bowie Senior Center:** Friday, March 13 (12:30 to 1:30 pm) St. Patrick's Day Party. DJ Rob, dancing, and light refreshments. Tickets: \$5. Go to Senior Center front desk to pre-register.

**Chesapeake Baysox Buffet:** Saturday, March 14 St. Paddy's Feast, at Baysox Stadium's Diamond View Restaurant. \$40 for unlimited buffet and beer/whiskey. Book at [caterchesapeake.com/store](http://caterchesapeake.com/store).

**Skate Zone in Crofton:** Tuesday, March 17, wear green for a St. Paddy's themed "Half Day Skate" (3 to 5 pm). \$4 admission, \$5 rentals and half-price snacks and arcade. Music, games and prizes.

**Dave & Buster's in Silver Spring:** On March 17, kids and adult St. Paddy's packages. Starts 11 am. Email [morgan.harrod@daveandbusters.com](mailto:morgan.harrod@daveandbusters.com) or call 301.273.2706.

**Limerick St. Patrick's Festival in Wheaton, MD:** March 13 to 17th. Parade and celebration at Limerick Pub on Tuesday, March 17. Event website: [limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival](http://limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival).

**Free Sober Rides:** March 17 to 18, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) offers free Lyft rides (up to \$15) to prevent impaired driving: DC, PG County and Montgomery County. 4 pm to 4 am.

## Joe's Annual Gala: Bourbon St. Soirée



### A Night Painted in Jazz and Joy

The artists are in! Take a look at the packed performance roster and get tickets for this swanky fundraiser: [joesmovement.org/gala](https://joesmovement.org/gala).

**Saturday, March 28, at 6:30 pm**

**General Admission Ticket Price: \$50**

Step into the vibrant spirit of New Orleans at Joe's Movement Emporium's Bourbon Street Soirée! This unforgettable gala may transport you to the heart of

The Crescent City with dazzling colors, lively music and the irresistible energy of Bourbon Street. It's an evening of festive entertainment, exquisite cuisine and spirited dancing—all while supporting the transformative arts programs that empower our community.

Dress to impress in your most glamorous Mardi Gras inspired attire and prepare for a night of celebration, connection and impact. Together, we'll raise funds to keep creativity moving forward.

The arts should be accessible to all! Joe's invites you to contribute to support their programs and strengthen the organization's long-term sustainability.

Links to the soiree and other Joe's events: [joesmovement.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket](https://joesmovement.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket).

# Bourbon Street Soirée

*A NIGHT PAINTED IN JAZZ AND JOY*



FEATURING LIVE PERFORMANCES BY  
BELLYDANCERS OF COLOR COLLECTIVE  
BLACK LEAVES DANCE COMPANY  
KATHERINE SMITH CONTEMPORARY  
DANCE ENSEMBLE  
LE' PETITE BOULETTE  
NORROSHA  
PAUL STEWART  
SAIDAH HARDWICK  
SOUL IN MOTION  
TARATIBU YOUTH ASSOCIATION



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 · 6:30-9:30 PM  
[WWW.JOESMOVEMENT.ORG](http://WWW.JOESMOVEMENT.ORG)

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Opportunities for Job Seekers & Employers

Joe's Movement Emporium's CreativeWorks Digital Media Apprenticeship Program is a DOL-registered initiative empowering young adults with hands-on skills and career pathways in digital media. The program connects aspiring creatives with DMV employers for a year-long apprenticeship: [joesmovement.org/creativeworks-apprenticeship](http://joesmovement.org/creativeworks-apprenticeship).

For creatives, the program offers paid, full-time experience, industry certifications, portfolio-building opportunities, and mentorship. Employers spend less to find fresh, work-ready digital media talent in social media management, video production, graphic design, content creation, videography, animation, and more. Startups, nonprofits and established organizations benefit from skilled, motivated apprentices ready to contribute from day one – with financial support available to employer partners.

Attend a free virtual Employer Info Session, on March 26th to learn how the program works, hear success stories from local employers, and get all of your questions answered. Email Apprenticeship Coordinator Ebony Pleasants, at [ebony@joesmovement.org](mailto:ebony@joesmovement.org), for a link to register for the Zoom session.



# SKILLED TALENT, ZERO GUESSWORK



## MARCH 26 | 11AM

 **LIVE STREAMING**    

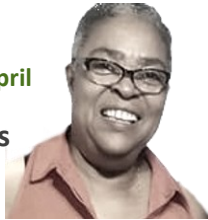
Learn how **CreativeWorks Digital Media Apprentices** can support your multimedia and marketing needs!

## Code Officer Cuffie's Corner:

Reminder: Yard waste pickup resumes in April

### Understanding Permit Requirements

Hello North Brentwood residents,



As your Code Enforcement Officer, I work to keep our community safe, organized and thriving. Part of that responsibility is making sure residents know when a permit is required for property improvements/changes.

Getting a permit isn't just a formality — it helps ensure work is done safely, up to code, and in a way that preserves property values and community standards. Let's break down what projects require a Town permit and how to obtain one.

#### Projects Requiring a Permit

- **Structural Work:** Decks, roofs (repair or replace); steps; porches; and additions (a county permit is required for some).
- **Exterior Improvements:** Siding, gutters, patios, driveways, walkways, and fences over 6 feet (some also need county permits).
- **Property Management:** Tree removal, pouring cement, concrete repair, and dumpster placement.
- **Temporary or Storage Structures:** Sheds and PODs.
- **Community Activities:** Yard sales.
- **Energy and Efficiency Updates:** Solar panels (county permit required).

#### What Doesn't Require a Permit

- Window or door replacements.
- Outside or inside painting.

#### Permit Costs and Application

- **Fee:** \$50 per project.
- **Where to Apply:** Town Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### Why Permits Matter

Skipping a permit may seem like an easy way to save time or money, but it can cause bigger issues down the road. Unpermitted work leads to fines, complications when selling your home, and even safety hazards.

By following the permit process, you protect your property and contribute to North Brentwood's overall safety and beauty. If you're unsure whether a project requires a permit, please don't hesitate to reach out — I'm here to help guide you through the process.

Let's work together to keep North Brentwood a wonderful place to live, grow, and build. Stay safe and take pride in your homes!

### Free Pharmacy Technician Training

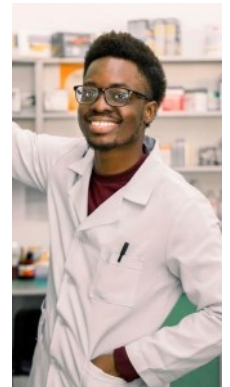
Goodwill, in partnership with CVS Health, offers an 18-week pre-certification program, where individuals complete all of the prerequisites to sit for Maryland's Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE).

The program: CPR training, Pharmacy Calculations and Theory courses, followed by a 160-hour Pharmacy Technician Clinical externship provided by CVS Health. This in-person course is for residents within Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake's region.

- Enrollment Closes: April 10
- Program Begins: May 4
- Program Ends: August 14

Classes at Goodwill's Career Center (222 East Redwood St, Baltimore) are from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Thursday. **Eligibility requirements:**

- High school diploma/GED.
- Ability to pass educational assessment at 10th grade level and a medical screening.
- COVID-19 vaccination.
- No criminal background. Training applicants cannot have any criminal convictions and must pass a drug urinalysis screening and The Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment.



For more info and to apply, visit the Goodwill website, [goodwillches.org/programs/pharmacy-technician-program](https://goodwillches.org/programs/pharmacy-technician-program), and complete the form at the bottom of the page. Questions? Email [intake@goodwillches.org](mailto:intake@goodwillches.org) or call 443.827.2736.



## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

**Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, in conjunction with Baltimore City Community College, is proud to offer a FREE Pharmacy Technician Program!**

**This 18-week program runs Mondays-Thursdays from 9am-1pm. It includes:**

- Pharmacy Calculations
- Pharmacy Theory
- CPR Training
- Pharmacy Tech Certification Exam (PTCE)
- 160 Hour Clinical Externship (M-F 9am-5pm)

**PROGRAM BEGINS 5/4/26**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants must be 18 or older with a HS Diploma/GED and no criminal background.
- Must also pass TABE assessment, urinalysis and PPD screenings, and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Students must pass all course requirements to obtain the Maryland Board Pharmacy Technician Certification.

**For more info, email [intake@goodwillches.org](mailto:intake@goodwillches.org) or call 443.827.2736**

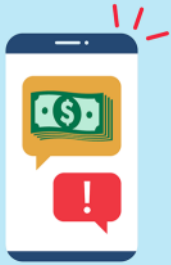
## Protecting Our Community: National Consumer Protection Week

National Consumer Protection Week • March 1-7 #NCPW2026

Did you get an unexpected call or text asking for money or personal information?

**Stop.** It could be a scam.  
Talk to someone you trust.

Spot and avoid scams: [ftc.gov/ncpw](https://ftc.gov/ncpw)



This year, during National Consumer Protection Week, March 1-7, it's essential to focus on safeguarding older adults, who are often more vulnerable to financial abuse and exploitation. Understanding the risks and knowing how to prevent them can make a significant difference in protecting the well-being of our senior residents.

**Why Are Seniors More at Risk?** Older adults may be targeted due to cognitive/physical decline, accumulated savings, and increased reliance on others for assistance. Scammers and unscrupulous individuals may exploit these factors, using manipulation and deceit to access personal and financial information.

### Common Scams & Fraud

- **Phone and Email:** Fraudsters pose as government officials, lottery reps, or family members in distress.
- **Charity and Sweepstakes:** Requests for donations to fake charities or claims of prizes with upfront fees.
- **Home Repair and Utilities:** Scammers offer unneeded services or pose as utility workers to gain home entry.
- **Identity Theft:** Using stolen personal information to open credit accounts or access bank funds.

### Ways to Protect Yourself and Loved Ones

- 1) **Stay Informed:** Learn about common scams and share that knowledge with friends and family. The more you know, the harder it is for scammers to succeed.
- 2) **Guard Personal Information:** Never share Social Security numbers, banking details, or other sensitive

info over the phone or online, unless you initiated the contact and are sure of the recipient.

- 3) **Use Trusted Contacts:** Appoint a trusted advisor or family member to help manage finances and to review suspicious requests.
- 4) **Screen Calls and Emails:** Use call blocking or let unknown calls go to voicemail. Don't click links or open attachments in unsolicited emails. Check the 'from' address; if it's suspicious, delete it.
- 5) **Verify Before You Act:** If someone claims to represent a company or government agency, hang up and call the official number to verify.
- 6) **Secure Important Documents:** Keep credit reports, bank statements, and other sensitive documents in a safe place. Shred papers before discarding.

### Local Resources and Support

Residents can access free resources and guidance through reputable organizations. MD Department of Aging, [ow.ly/Ugu850UHKzM](https://ow.ly/Ugu850UHKzM), has tools and info about preventing and responding to financial exploitation. Additionally, North Brentwood's local senior services are available to provide assistance and education — reach out to the Town office for more details.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Problems with any of these?  
Report it.  
[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)



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Did you share personal information with a scammer?  
Find out what to do next:  
[IdentityTheft.gov](https://IdentityTheft.gov)





# AFRICAN AMERICAN CAFÉ

LIFE BEGINS WITH REAL FOOD



# Grand OPENING

Come Celebrate the Grand Opening of the First  
African American Café in the Historic Town of  
North Brentwood, Maryland.

March 21, 2026

1 pm-6 pm

Free Food, Drinks, Music, and Fun

4514 Rhode Island Ave. North Brentwood Maryland 20722

## Tax Season is Here: What Maryland Residents Need to Know

April 15 is coming fast... It's tax season—a time to get financial documents in order and prepare to file income taxes. For Maryland residents, it's important to be aware of key deadlines, resources, and updates to ensure a smooth, stress-free tax filing process.

### Key Deadlines

- **Start of Filing Season:** The IRS and the Maryland Comptroller's Office typically begin accepting tax returns in late January.
- **Tax Filing Deadline:** The deadline to file federal and Maryland state taxes is **April 15, 2026**. Be sure to file on time to avoid penalties.

### Steps to Prepare for Tax Season

1. **Gather Your Documents:** Collect all paperwork, e.g., W-2s, 1099s, interest income statements, and receipts for deductions and charitable donations.
2. **Check for Maryland Tax Updates:** Visit the state Comptroller's website for any changes to state tax laws or credits for this tax year.
3. **Choose Your Filing Method:** Maryland offers several ways to file your taxes:
  - **Online.** Use Maryland's free iFile system or commercial software.
  - **By Mail.** Submit paper tax returns to the address listed on your tax forms.
  - **With Assistance.** Consider hiring a tax pro or go to a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

### Maryland Tax Credits & Deductions

Take advantage of state-specific tax credits and deductions, to maximize your refund/reduce liability:

- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):** For eligible low- and moderate-income families.
- **Homeowners' Tax Credit:** Provides relief based on income and property taxes owed (see page eight).
- **Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit:** For qualifying Maryland residents with student loan debt.

### Free Tax Preparation Resources

- **VITA and TCE Programs:** If your household income is \$60,000 or less, you may qualify for free tax prep services via Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.
- **CASH Campaign of MD:** provides free tax prep for individuals/households making \$64,000 or less.
- **Maryland Comptroller's Office:** Access free filing options and resources at [marylandtaxes.gov](http://marylandtaxes.gov).

### Tips for a Stress-free Tax Season

- **File Early:** Avoid the last-minute rush; filing taxes early also reduces the risk of identity theft.
- **Double-Check for Accuracy:** Ensure personal info (such as Social Security numbers and banking details) is correct before submitting your return.
- **Plan for Payment:** If you owe taxes, consider setting up a payment plan through the Comptroller's Office.

Stay organized and use resources, to make the process clear-cut. For info, go to the IRS website, [211md.org](http://211md.org) or call the MD Comptroller's Office for help.

**CASH CAMPAIGN OF MARYLAND**

## File Your Own Taxes FOR FREE

with assistance from IRS-certified volunteers

- Get access to completely free tax prep software for your federal and state returns
- Connect with CASH Campaign of Maryland staff and volunteers when you have questions
- Access free resources to help you navigate your tax prep process
- File your taxes quickly and safely from your computer, tablet, or phone

Visit [cashmd.org](http://cashmd.org)/  
**prepare-your-own-taxes**  
to get started!

2025 household income must be below \$89,000 to access free tax prep software.

# Miller Farms Celebrate Agriculture Festival

Come out and help us celebrate  
National Agriculture Week!



**Sunday, March 15, 2026  
12pm-4pm  
Rain or Shine!**

**Touch a Tractor, Kettle Corn\*, Petting Zoo,  
Pony Rides\*, Kids Crafts, Live Music, Local  
Agriculture Resources, Ask a Farmer Table,  
Product Sampling, and more!**

Free Admittance!  
All Ages Welcome!  
Family Friendly!



**Mawmaw Miller's Kettle Corn** \*Additional fee required **MILLER FARMS**

**Miller Farms Produce Market**  
10140 Piscataway Road Clinton, MD 20735



## PG County Disability Services

The M-NCPPC Disability Services Team offers community recreation programs for disabled county residents e.g.:

- Adapted aquatics
- After-school programs/summer camps
- Art, nature and sports programs
- C.H.O.I.C.E.S
- Fitness/health/wellness programs
- Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies (Vets)\*
- Parents Night Out
- Performing Arts Club\*
- Special events
- Teen and Adult Social Clubs\*
- Therapeutic riding and TRIM (Therapeutic Recreation in Motion)

\*Membership programs

Learn more: [pgparks.com/activities-events/disability-services](http://pgparks.com/activities-events/disability-services).



## Old Maryland Farm Story & Craft: Spring

**Tuesday, April 21 @ 11 am - 12 pm**

Come on down to the farm (in Watkins Regional Park) for a spring-themed story and craft, followed by a garden tour!

**Cost:** \$4 PG County Resident, \$6 Non-resident

**Ages:** 2-10

**Get Tickets:** [pgparks.com/event\\_list/farm-story-craft-spring](http://pgparks.com/event_list/farm-story-craft-spring)

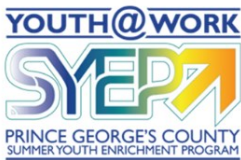
**Phone:** 301.218.6770 | **Email:** [oldmarylandfarm@pgparks.com](mailto:oldmarylandfarm@pgparks.com)

**Location:** 351 Watkins Park Dr Kettering, MD 20774

**Website:** [pgparks.com/parks\\_trails/old-maryland-farm](http://pgparks.com/parks_trails/old-maryland-farm)



County Executive Aisha N. Bravley  
**Elevate**  
 PRINCE GEORGE'S  
 One County United  
 ELEVATE YOUR VOICE | ELEVATE YOUR COMMUNITY



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SUMMER JOBS!

### About Us

The Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) provides opportunities for young people, ages 14 to 24, across the County to receive career development, job readiness training and employment.

- Earn money
- Explore a career field
- Learn new skills
- Meet new people

### Get Ready

**Application Dates:**  
 March 1 - March 31, 2026

**Program Dates:**  
 July 6 - August 14, 2026

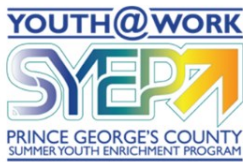
**Pay:**  
 Hourly and stipend opportunities are available

@ PGCSYEP

✉ SYEP@co.pg.md.us

🌐 syep.mypgc.us

☎ (301) 883-6200



# CONDADO DE PRINCE GEORGE ¡TRABAJOS DE VERANO!

## Quiénes somos

El Programa de Enriquecimiento Juvenil de Verano del condado de Prince George ofrece oportunidades a los jóvenes de 14 a 24 años de todo el condado para recibir desarrollo profesional, capacitación laboral y empleo.

- Gane dinero
- Aprenda nuevas habilidades
- Explore un campo profesional
- Conozca gente nueva

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## Prepárese

**Fechas de presentación de solicitudes:**

1 de marzo – 31 de marzo de 2026

**Fechas del programa:**

6 de julio – 14 de agosto de 2026

**Paga:**

Se ofrecen oportunidades por hora y con remuneración



## Town Directory

**Town Office:** 301.699.9699

**Mayor:** Petrella Robinson x1225

**Council Members:**

Aaron Baynes x1227

Jacqueline Morales x1222

Evan Dame x1229

**Town Manager:**

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

**Treasurer:** Shelley Dorsey x1224

**Code Enforcement Officer:**

Martha Cuffie x1223

**Town Clerk:** Carletta Lundy x1227

**Assistant Clerk:**

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

**Maintenance:**

Greg Butler/Anthony Avents

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

Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

**Park Police:**

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

**Notaries:**

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

**Community Channel:**

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

## REMINDERS...

**Upcoming Town Meetings: March 2, March 16 & April 6**

\* Meetings are conducted via ZOOM and at NBCC in person. 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!

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

**North Brentwood Historical Society:** Meets **March 11** at 6:30 pm at Sis's Tavern. Dial-in: 774.267.2052.

**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](mailto:asstclerk@northbrentwood.com).



**Boletin En Español**

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[www.facebook.com/northbrentwood](http://www.facebook.com/northbrentwood)  
[www.instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd](http://www.instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd)  
Town of North Brentwood  
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