



Mayor's Message



Ah, a New Year! I wish us all a wonderful 2026. We've earned it.

Inside this issue we share photos from North Brentwood Historical Society's annual Holiday Luncheon.

On page three you'll find critical information about state laws that

went into effect on January 1, including changes to insurance coverage to help those with diabetes and cancer, and relief for home health workers.

As well, we have an important story about "brushing" scams on page ten, detailed info about the tech and tools PGCPSS provides students for learning on page eleven, and the full 2026 portion of the 2025-26 school calendar (with a list of inclement weather makeup days and early dismissal days) on page twelve.

A Few of the Commemorations In January

January is a month for vital awareness campaigns, most prominently: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, National Blood Donor Month, Cervical Health Awareness Month, and Glaucoma Awareness Month, alongside observances for Braille Literacy, Poverty Awareness, Stalking Awareness, and Birth Defects Prevention. If you're looking to donate funds or time, these causes are worth your investment.

Of course, Martin Luther King Day is January 19 this year. On page five, learn about Day of Service events for that day. **The Town is planning several Days of Service, in March and April (dates TBD), and we're seeking**

citizen volunteers: check for updates on Facebook and our website. Page five also has a sneak peak of local Black History Month (BHM) events, one of which begins in January! As BHM approaches, and through February, look on our website and Facebook and Instagram accounts for info about Town/area events.

National Day of Racial Healing, January 20, marks the 10th anniversary of The National Day of Racial Healing on the day after MLK's birthday. It serves as a national call for communities to connect, reflect on racism's impact, and build bridges for a more just world through storytelling and shared action. Find events, resources and programming details at dayofracialhealing.org, hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

And, January 27 is **Holocaust Remembrance Day**, an international holiday created by the UN: it's the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. (Note: while the 27th is the global day, Yom HaShoah, the Jewish day of remembrance, occurs in 2026 on April 13-14.) Visit ushmm.org for more info.

The final pages of the newsletter have resources for finding free food distribution/pantries near North Brentwood. Food insecurity is a pressure-filled issue for many in our Town, and throughout the country. If you need additional help finding food, please Call 211.

A little North Brentwood business... Mark your calendar: the next Town Meeting is on Tuesday, January 20, the day after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Lastly, I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season; let's try to keep the joy and kindheartedness alive year-around in North Brentwood!

North Brentwood Historical Society Holiday Luncheon

On Wednesday, December 10, the Historical Society held its annual holiday luncheon. The three-hour event was held at North Brentwood Community Center.



11 New MD Laws Going Into Effect On New Year's Day



Black-eyed Susans, the state flower of Maryland, bloom outside the State House in Annapolis. Photo by Bryan P. Sears.

Maryland General Assembly begins its new session on January 14; but, the bills below, which were passed last legislative session, will become law on January 1, 2026.

Tax Sale Protections for Homeowners, Heirs

House Bill 0059 expands protections for homeowners and heirs who risk losing their properties through tax sales. Beginning January 1, counties must withhold certain owner-occupied homes and properties lived in by heirs from tax sale — and create a registry that lets families formally flag their properties for protection.

The law also expands statewide rules preventing a low-balance tax debt from triggering a sale. It also updates notice and redemption requirements, so owners and heirs have clearer information and more time to resolve tax issues before losing their homes.

Domestic Violence Training: Barbers, Cosmetologists

Barbers and cosmetologists in MD must now complete one-hour-plus Department of Labor-approved *domestic violence awareness training* to become licensed. Trainings, online or in-person, must include guidance about how to: recognize signs of domestic violence, speak with clients who may be victims, and connect clients with resources and support groups for victims of domestic violence.

Homecare Worker Rights Act

The *Homecare Worker Rights Act* requires residential service agencies to classify personal assistance workers as

employees, not independent contractors. Caregivers may now receive state Medicaid reimbursement, and access wage protections, workers' comp, sick leave, and unemployment, in a bid to address a caregiving workforce crisis.

Preserving Access to Out-of-Network Specialists

Marylanders seeking specialty care receive protections under *House Bill 11* and *Senate Bill 902*. It requires medical insurers to cover some out-of-network services as in-network, when appropriate specialists are not reasonably available within the insurer's network. The legislation limits higher cost-sharing for patients and expands access to specialty care.

Expanded Hearing Aid Coverage For Adults

HB 1355 requires certain insurers/nonprofit health service plans/HMOs to provide coverage for medically necessary hearing aids for adults — if the hearing aid is ordered, fitted and dispensed by a licensed dispenser.

Anesthesia Coverage

House Bill 1086 requires medical insurers in MD to cover anesthesia costs for a procedure's duration, and before-/after-care related to anesthesia-delivery. Insurance carriers, including Medicaid, also may not impose time limits on anesthesia delivery.

Ending Fail-First Protocols For Diabetes, Metastatic Cancer Side Effects

This bill prohibits certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans and HMOs from requiring step therapy, or fail-first protocols, for Type 1, Type 2 or gestational diabetes, or for symptoms or side effects of advanced stage-four metastatic cancers.

For diabetes, the legislation prohibits medical insurers from requiring patients to try less expensive or insurer-preferred insulin options before covering the specific insulin prescribed by a healthcare provider. Maryland is the first US state to ensure state-regulated health plan beneficiaries will receive the optimal insulin therapy for them.

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USPS Rate Changes for 2026

The USPS proposed rate changes for 2026 focus on shipping services, with increases for Priority Mail (avg. 6.6%), Priority Mail Express (5.1%), Ground Advantage (7.8%), and Parcel Select (6%), taking effect January 18.

Flat Rate Examples: a Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope increases from \$11.90 to \$11.95 and a Small Flat Rate Box will go up, from \$12.60 to \$12.65.



What's Staying the Same for Now

First-Class Mail Stamps: The price of a standard stamp (\$0.78 as of mid-2025) will not increase in January 2026.

Mailing Services: No increases for marketing mail, periodicals, etc., are planned for January.

For specific prices, go to pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

Sources: axios.com, stonybrookmedicine.com

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For *advanced cancer patients*, the new Maryland laws expand coverage to symptoms and side effects. Existing law already prohibits step therapy for the treatment of advanced stage four cancer.

Coverage for Oncology Specialty Drugs

SB 975 prohibits certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans and HMOs from excluding coverage for specialty drugs administered or dispensed by an in-network provider of covered oncology services and for patients who meet state qualifications.

Cancer Screenings For Firefighters

The James "Jimmy" Malone Act, cross-filed as House Bill 459 and Senate Bill 374, requires counties that offer self-insured employee health plans to provide firefighters with coverage for preventative cancer screenings without co-pays/coinsurance/deductibles.



"Jimmy" Malone was a state delegate and career firefighter who died in 2024 of cancer. An American Cancer Society study found firefighters are at increased risk of mortality for skin, kidney and other cancers.

Ending Prior Authorization for Pediatric Transfers

HB 1301 prohibits insurers, nonprofit health service plans, HMOs, Medicaid and the Maryland Children's Health Program from requiring prior authorizations for

patient transfers to special pediatric hospitals. The law defines special pediatric hospitals as in-state facilities providing non-acute medical, rehabilitation, therapy or palliative services to patients under 22 (or those between the ages of 2 and 23) if they have co-occurring physical and behavioral health conditions.

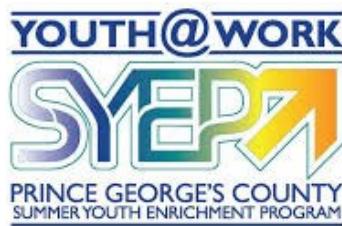
Sources: patch.com, maryland.gov

Youth Resources in Prince George's County

Learn about county resources for youth seeking employment, such as: how-tos (e.g., how to respond to a job offer); the minor work permit



application; and the Summer Youth Enrichment Program.



SYEP provides youth and young adults, ages 14 to 24, with enriching summer work experiences in community organizations, private sector companies and government agencies. The program typically runs from July 1 through the first week in August; applications are usually accepted from March 1 to 31st. More: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/human-resources-management/youth-employment-and-internships/summer-youth-enrichment-program/hired-youth-resources.

Upcoming January Awareness Events



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year, close to King's January 15 birthday. The holiday honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who played a pivotal role in the American civil rights movement. It's a day of remembrance and reverence of the progress made toward civil rights and equality.

The Walters Art Museum, in Baltimore is offering a free MLK Day celebration, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. This year's



program is curated and hosted by Unique Robinson (poet, professor, community educator) with performances by: Ray Winder (composer, instrumentalist, singer, songwriter); Lady Brion

(MD Poet Laureate and Black Arts District founder); and Davon Fleming (singer, songwriter, The Voice semifinalist). Info: 2368a.blackbaudhosting.com/2368a/MLK-Jr-Day-Celebration-17Jan2026.

MLK Day of Service

MLK Day is often designated as a "Day of Service" to engage in volunteer activities and service projects to give to communities in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to social justice.

The **City of Laurel, MD** will hold its 2026 MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 19 starting at 10 am. Attendees will assemble care packages for UM Laurel Medical Center cancer patients. For donation and signup info, go to cityoflaurel.org.

The **26th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Blanket & Toiletry Drive** is Thursday Network's annual event to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The January 19 event is a collaboration with Maya Angelou Public Charter School to assemble and deliver 2500 care packages to people in need throughout the

Greater Washington area. There will also be family friendly community service project stations. Info: [eventbrite.com/e/26th-annual-mlk-day-of-service-blanket-toiletry-drive-tickets-1978858786901](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/26th-annual-mlk-day-of-service-blanket-toiletry-drive-tickets-1978858786901).

Plan Ahead: BHM Events

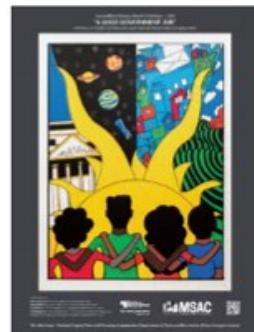
Pages of History Vintage Black Magazine Exhibit: This exhibit, featuring a community member's personal collection of Black magazines from the 1960s to today, will be held on Saturday, February 14, from 11 am to 4 pm at Oxon Hill Library.

Book Event: Author Nikesha Elise Williams will discuss and sign her novel, *The Seven Daughters of Dupree*, on Wednesday, January 28 at Mahogany Books at National Harbor.

Annual Black History Month Luncheon: Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) will host its national luncheon Saturday, February 28, in Washington, DC, celebrating the century of commemorations theme.

M-NCPPC Black History Program: Jan 26 to Mar 7

PG County Parks and Rec's Black History Program has its annual BHM exhibition at Harmony Hall Arts Center. For 40-plus years, the Black History Program has preserved, and celebrated the county's rich heritage.



Explore stories from our past, illuminating challenges and triumphs of the African American community.

Open: Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm / Sat 9 am - 4 pm

Cost: FREE

Place: Harmony Hall Arts Center
10701 Livingston Rd, Fort Washington, MD

Tel: 301.203.6070 (Call to verify exhibit hours)

Email: harmonyhallarts@pgparks.com

* A Public Exhibit Opening Reception is being held on February 1 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are free!



CELEBRATE

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HISTORY MONTH

Please join us to commemorate the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history.

These events are currently being planned. Please check the Town's Facebook and Instagram accounts, and our website, for updates.

PLACE: NORTH BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

feb 07 **THEMES:** Town of North Brentwood
@ 1 PM and Echoes of the Motherland

feb 14 Annual Billion Pool Tournament
@ TBD

feb 21 North Brentwood Citizens Association:
@ TBD Live Trivia Event

feb 28 Councilmember Wanika Fisher:
@ TBD Celebration of Black History



Code Officer Cuffie's Corner

NOTE: Christmas tree pickup will go until the second week in January.

January weather can be dangerous!

Please follow the Town's Snow and Ice

Procedures for snow removal and parking, so plows can get through. The procedures document, which includes odd/even parking info per street, is on our website: northbrentwood.com/town-services.

Yard waste pickup is on January 7 and the 21st. Christmas trees should be put out by the 15th. Yard waste trucks do not come after January 15 (service resumes in April).

You may take live cut trees to Brown Station Rd Recycling Center, Upper Marlboro: Mon-Sat, 7 am to 6 pm.

And, to **address citizens' concerns about fireworks** being set off in/near North Brentwood, please read the article on pages eight and nine of this newsletter. In PG County, use or possession of illegal fireworks is fined **up to \$1,000 per device**; repeat offenses mean higher penalties.

Shakespeare in the Park Auditions

The MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Arts and Cultural Heritage Division is casting for its 2026 Shakespeare in the Parks summer production.

Talented actors of all levels of experience are welcome to audition for the "As You Like It" tour. Auditions are: **Sun,**



**January 25
from 10 am to
6 pm at Publick
Playhouse.**

Actors must be 18 years, or older, and be willing to work outside and

tour parks throughout PG/ Montgomery counties. Actors don't need to be county residents.

Auditions are by appointment. Get a slot for an in-person audition, or get the info to send a video link, bio and

headshot, at pgparks.com/event_list/shakespeare-in-the-parks-auditions.

2600 Jobs Coming to DC Area

AstraZeneca, a global pharmaceutical company, is investing \$2 billion to expand its Maryland operations, one of the largest private investments in the state's history. The expansion covers Frederick County, Gaithersburg, and Rockville and strengthens Maryland's role as a national hub for biotechnology and pharmaceutical innovation.

Key Highlights:

- Frederick County – Expanding biologics manufacturing to nearly double production.
- Gaithersburg – New clinical manufacturing facility for medicines in clinical trials.
- Rockville – Ongoing cell-therapy production for advanced cancer treatments.

The projects are expected to support 2,600 jobs, including skilled manufacturing and construction roles. "This historic investment reflects Maryland's growing leadership in life sciences," said Mayor Petrella Robinson. "It supports workforce development, economic growth, and the advancement of life-saving medicines."

Christmas Yard Decorating Contest

North Brentwood displayed its holiday cheer in December! Here are the winning residences:

- 1st prize (\$100): 4501 40th St
- 2nd prize (\$50): 4502 40th St
- 3rd prize (\$35): 3903 Webster St

Honorable mention:

4508 41st Avenue



Thank you to all citizens who participated in the Town's annual contest by lighting up our vibrant community with holiday spirit!

Fireworks, Safety & Community Responsibility

In recent weeks, and as holidays have come to an end, residents in North Brentwood have voiced concerns, as unexpected explosions and bright flashes interrupted evenings meant for rest, prayer and time with loved ones. What is intended by some as celebration has, for others, become a source of anxiety and disruption.

In North Brentwood, a Town shaped by close community ties and shared responsibility, the holiday season holds special meaning. It's a time when neighbors check in on one another, when seniors and families spend more time at home, and when peace and safety are especially valued. This is why the use of fireworks during this time has raised renewed concern.

In Prince George's County, including the Town of North Brentwood, consumer fireworks are illegal. This includes firecrackers, rockets, Roman candles, sparklers, and any device designed to explode, launch or emit sparks. Only permitted, professional displays conducted by licensed operators are allowed under county and state law. These rules exist not to limit celebration, but to protect residents, property and first responders.

The risks associated with fireworks are amplified during the holiday season. Dry leaves, winter decorations, and crowded residential streets increase the chance of fires and accidents. Each year, fireworks cause serious injuries, including burns

and eye damage, often in a matter of seconds. Children and pets are particularly vulnerable, and loud explosions can be distressing for seniors, veterans and individuals with sensory sensitivities.



Residents have also expressed concern about the lasting effects of fireworks. Noise late into the evening disrupts sleep. Pets panic or run away. Debris is left behind in yards and streets, long after the celebration has ended. In a community where homes are close together, one firework can affect many households.

There are safe, legal ways to celebrate the season without putting neighbors at risk. Professional fireworks displays and community-sponsored events provide beauty and excitement without danger. Holiday concerts, tree lightings, block parties, and light-based displays featuring LED decorations offer festive alternatives that bring people together while promoting safety.

The holiday season is about joy, peace and looking out for one another. In North Brentwood, that spirit has always guided how the community comes together.

By choosing legal and thoughtful ways to celebrate, residents can ensure this season closes out brightly, safely, and with respect for everyone.



ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

TO REPORT THE USE OF FIREWORKS, PLEASE GO TO 911.MYPGC.US OR DIAL THE NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH NUMBER AT 301-352-1200.

TO TURN IN FIREWORKS WITHOUT FEAR OF ARREST OR FINE, CALL THE PGFD WATCH OFFICE AT 301- 583-2200.

PLEASE DO NOT DIAL 911 UNLESS YOU ARE REPORTING AN EMERGENCY.

Fuegos Artificiales, Seguridad y Responsabilidad Comunitaria

En las últimas semanas, y tras la finalización de las vacaciones, los residentes de North Brentwood... han comenzado a expresar su preocupación, ya que explosiones inesperadas y destellos brillantes interrumpen las noches dedicadas al descanso, la oración y el tiempo con sus seres queridos. Lo que algunos pretenden como celebración se ha convertido, para otros, en una fuente de ansiedad e interrupción.

En North Brentwood, una ciudad marcada por estrechos lazos comunitarios y responsabilidad compartida, la temporada navideña tiene un significado especial. Es un momento en el que los vecinos se preocupan mutuamente, cuando los mayores y sus familias pasan más tiempo en casa, y en el que la paz y la seguridad son especialmente valoradas. Por eso el uso de fuegos artificiales en esta época ha despertado una renovada preocupación.

En el condado de Prince George, incluido el municipio de North Brentwood, los fuegos artificiales de consumo son ilegales. Esto incluye petardos, cohetes, velas romanas, bengalas y cualquier dispositivo diseñado para explotar, lanzar o emitir chispas. Solo se permiten exhibiciones profesionales y realizadas por operadores con licencia según la legislación del condado y del estado. Estas normas no existen para limitar la celebración, sino para proteger a los residentes, las propiedades y los primeros intervenientes.

Los riesgos asociados a los fuegos artificiales se amplifican durante la temporada navideña. Las hojas secas, las

decoraciones invernales y las calles residenciales abarrotadas aumentan la probabilidad de incendios y accidentes. Cada año, los fuegos artificiales causan lesiones graves, incluyendo quemaduras y daños oculares, a menudo en cuestión de segundos. Los niños y las mascotas son especialmente vulnerables, y las explosiones fuertes pueden ser angustiantes para personas mayores, veteranos y personas con sensibilidades sensoriales.



Los residentes también han expresado su preocupación por los efectos duraderos. El ruido hasta bien entrada la noche interrumpe el sueño. Las mascotas entran en pánico o huyen. Los escombros quedan en los patios y las calles, mucho después de que la celebración haya terminado. En una comunidad donde las casas están cercanas, un solo fuego artificial puede afectar a muchos hogares.

Existen formas seguras y legales de celebrar la temporada sin poner en riesgo a los vecinos. Los espectáculos profesionales de fuegos artificiales y los eventos patrocinados por la comunidad ofrecen belleza y emoción sin peligro. Los conciertos navideños, la iluminación de árboles, las fiestas de barrio y los espectáculos iluminados con decoraciones LED ofrecen alternativas festivas que unen a la gente mientras promueven la seguridad.

La temporada navideña es alegría, paz y cuidar los unos a los otros. En North Brentwood, ese espíritu siempre ha guiado cómo se une la comunidad. Al elegir formas legales y reflexivas de celebrar, los residentes pueden asegurarse de que esta temporada termine de forma brillante, segura y respetuosa para todos.

Todos los fuegos artificiales son ilegales en el condado de Prince George.

Para denunciar el uso de fuegos artificiales, visite: www.911.mypgc.us o llame al número de emergencias no urgentes al 301-352-1200.

Para entregar fuegos artificiales sin temor a ser arrestado o multado, llame a la oficina de vigilancia del Departamento de Bomberos del Condado de Prince George al 301-352-1200.

Receive a Package You Didn't Order? USPS: Don't Fall Victim to Brushing Scams



A "brushing scam" may be happening if you get mystery packages you didn't order, often cheap items. Basically, third-party sellers send unsolicited household goods or gadgets to inflate product ratings by using real addresses to create fake "verified purchases" and post positive reviews.

This signals your info may be at risk: used to create fake reviews, attract spam emails and potentially compromise bank accounts.

New Tactic: Scammers are adding "quishing" (QR code phishing) to these packages; scanning codes leads to malicious sites.

So what's the harm accepting free items? Receiving these mailings shows cybercriminals have your name, address, and likely your phone number, making you vulnerable to identity theft or financial fraud.

What to Do if You've been "Brushed"

These mailings may be precursors to identity theft:

- **Don't Engage.** Do not contact the sender or post reviews; this validates your address.
- **Delete QR Codes.** Do not scan any QR codes inside or on the package; these can install malware on your phone/device.
- **Secure Accounts.** Change passwords for online shopping, banking and email.

Signs of a Brushing Scam



You receive packages you didn't order

They're usually cheap, small and light, and popular third-party sellers often deliver them.



The packages don't have a return address

The scammers don't want these items back — they want to use your name and address.



Your name appears on reviews for these products

These sellers use your information to post reviews as "verified" buyers to increase sales.



The packages contain a QR code

Scammers will include a QR code to trick you into scanning it and sharing your personal information.

- **Report It.** File a report with the US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS): uspis.gov/report.
- **Keep/Discard.** You are not required to return the item; you can keep it, throw it away or donate it.

Protect Yourself Every Day

- **Monitor Accounts.** Check bank, credit, and online shopping accounts for suspicious activity.
- **Treat Data Like Cash.** Be careful with your personal information online.
- **Use Strong Passwords.** Use unique, complex passwords for each account (email, banking, shopping) and change these passwords often.
- **Use Password Managers.** A password manager helps create and store strong passwords.

Sources: usps.com, uspis.gov

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY WHEN YOU SEE IT



PGCPS Tech Resources & Educational Supports



Are you familiar with all of the essential tech and tools PGCPS provides to students for learning? These resources are listed in one hub at pgcps.org/schools/pgcps-online-campus/student-resources.

Direct access to Canvas, StudentVUE, Clever, student Gmail, the school calendar and student device (Chromebooks) info and management is on the PGCPS hub above. Other resources — Google Tools, coding platforms (Scratch, Code.org), and educational sites such as BrainPOP and Prodigy are available via school portals, and sometimes specific school websites.

General support and password help is offered at me.pgcps.org and through school IT technical staff.

Key Platforms & Portals

- **Canvas:** assignments, class resources and messaging
- **StudentVUE (SSO):** check grades and attendance
- **ParentVUE:** parent communication
- **Clever:** one-click sign-on to learning apps and testing
- **Gmail:** student email portal
- **Google Workspace (Drive, Docs, Drawings):** Used for creating and collaborating on projects.

Learning & Skills Development Tools

- **Coding:** Scratch, Code.org (Hour of Code)
- **Reading/Math:** BrainPOP, Prodigy Math, Raz Plus, Khan Academy

Creative Tools

- **Google Drawings:** graphic design and publications
- **Canva:** graphic design and publications
- **SketchUp for Schools:** intuitive modeling tools

Devices & Fees

- **Student Device Use:** Chromebook/tech guidelines
- **Pay a Technology Device Fee:** handled via **MySchoolBucks**

Getting Help & Support

- **Chromebooks:** Contact school's IT tech or visit your school's tech page for help
- **Passwords:** Use me.pgcps.org or reset via Ctrl+Alt+Delete (Windows)
- **General Support:** Check your school's website (e.g., Central High's Tech Help page pgcps.org/schools/central-high/departments/tech-help) for specific resources and contacts

Assistive Technology

For special needs students, Assistive Tech services are available via Special Education: pgcps.org/offices/special-education/special-education-support-programs-and-related-services/assistive-technology

Additional PGCPS Supports (pgcps.org/students)

Study Support

- Digital learning parent resource site
- Library catalog
- **Sora** (ebooks on any device)

College & Career

- SAT/PSAT/ACT
- Graduation requirements and course planning
- College readiness, CTE, dual enrollment, 3D scholars, scholarships

Student Well-Being

- Evening counseling centers
- Mental health services
- SEL and school counseling
- Bullying/harassment reporting

Prince George's County Public Schools Calendar

Below are remaining dates for the 2025-26 school year.

2026	
January 1	New Year's Day – Schools and Offices Closed
January 2	Winter Break – Schools and Offices Closed
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools and Offices Closed
January 26	End of Second Quarter (46 days)
January 26	Grading & Reporting Day Q2 for Teachers – Early Dismissal for Students
February 13	Teacher Planning Day – Early Dismissal for Students
February 16	Presidents' Day – Schools and Offices Closed
February 18	First Day of Ramadan* (starts sunset of 2/17)
March 18	Last Day of Ramadan*
March 20	Eid al-Fitr* (starts sunset of 3/19)
March 20	Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students (Potential inclement weather make-up day ¹)
March 27	End of Third Quarter (42 days)
March 27	Grading & Reporting Day Q3 for Teachers – Early Dismissal for Students
March 30- April 2	Spring Break – Schools Closed
April 1- 9	Passover* (starts sunset of 4/1)
April 3 & 6	Spring Break/Easter Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
April 22	Teacher Planning Day – Early Dismissal for Students
May 8	Last Day for High School Seniors (only)
May 25	Memorial Day – Schools and Offices Closed
May 27	Eid al-Adha* – Schools and Offices Closed (Potential inclement weather make-up day ¹)
June 12	Last Day for Students¹ and End of Fourth Quarter (47 days) – Early Dismissal for Students
June 15, 16 & 17	Potential Inclement weather make up days that may be used if instructional days need to extend the year ¹
June 16	Last Day for Teachers ¹
June 19	Juneteenth – Schools and Offices Closed

IMPORTANT CALENDAR NOTES – There are 180 student days and 192 teacher days (195 for new teachers). Last days for students and teachers are subject to change. 10- and 11-month employees can refer to Bulletin M-1-23 for clarification on workdays.

1INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS –If the school year is disrupted by emergencies and schools are closed, dates identified as possible make-up instructional days include: October 2, 2025, and March 20, May 27, June 15, June 16, June 17, 2026. If no emergency closure days occur, the school year will end for students on Friday, June 13, 2026, as shown.

Please note that if more emergency closures occur than there are available make-up days and/or there are a significant number of delayed openings and/or early dismissals used, the school calendar also may be adjusted appropriately to meet the minimum required student days AND the required number of student hours.

2EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS – There are grading and reporting days and planning days throughout the school year. On these days (September 12, October 31, December 19, January 26, February 13, March 27, April 22, and June 12), our students are dismissed early so our school professionals can complete other duties. Please follow the table below for your early dismissal time.

REGULAR DISMISSAL TIME	EARLY DISMISSAL TIME
If your regular dismissal time is...	Then your early dismissal time will be...
1:40 pm	10:45 am
2:10 pm	11:15 am
2:40 pm	11:45 am
3:10 pm	12:15 pm
3:40 pm	12:45 pm
4:10 pm	1:15 pm

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

FREE
EVENT

E-WASTE and HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



January 24, 2026

Largo Government Center
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rain or Shine

March 14, 2026

Prince George's Stadium
4101 Crain Hwy
Bowie, MD 20716

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rain or Shine

April 25, 2026

Accokeek Library
15773 Livingston Rd
Accokeek, MD 20607

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rain or Shine

**KNOW
BEFORE
YOU GO**

- Vehicles must be in line by 1 p.m. to receive service.
- Drop off any accepted electronic and household hazardous waste items.
- View the list of accepted items at mepgc.us/clearthecurb
- Open to County residents ONLY (ID may be required).
- Commercial vehicles and commercially generated items are not permitted.



For more information, visit
mepgc.us/clearthecurb

PGCPS Food Distribution



Free Family Food Market

Templeton Elementary School

2500 Kenmoor Drive Landover, MD 20785

Come out for a PGCPS Free Family Food Market, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Families may pick up free food while supplies last. Mark your calendar with these dates:

- Monday January 26, 2026
- Monday February 23, 2026
- Monday March 16, 2026
- Monday April 20, 2026
- Monday May 18, 2026
- Monday June 2, 2026

PGCPS Meal Benefits

Did you know... if your household income changes — including changes due to a furlough or other employment adjustments — you may apply for Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) for your student at any point during the school year?

Even if your student automatically receives free breakfast and lunch at a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, PGCPS encourages you to complete a FARMS application to access additional benefits, including:

- Waived testing and activity fees
- Discounted internet service
- Access to community programs and resources

Complete the application online (myschoolapps.com/application) for the quickest processing, or request a paper form from your child's school.

Housing Counseling & Education

SEED doesn't just offer food for those in need, it has a pre-/post-purchase housing counseling. The goal: increase homeownership and decrease foreclosures, while providing financial education for all PG residents.



Go to: seedinc.org/prince-georges-county-md.

Good Intentions Foundation, Inc.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

2413 PINEBROOK AVE, LANDOVER, MD 20785
STARTING AT 10:00 AM, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Our Food Distribution Schedule:

Every third Thursday of the month (no Jan-Feb; includes Mar 2026)

- Sep 18, 2025
- Oct 16, 2025
- Nov 20, 2025
- Dec 18, 2025
- Mar 19, 2026
- Apr 16, 2026
- May 21, 2026
- Jun 18, 2026



Feeding with Hope

Good Intentions Foundation, Inc.

301-877-3766

HELP@GOODINTENTIONSFOUNDATION.ORG

MASTER'S TOUCH

FOOD BANK

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 11:30AM-12:30PM

TUESDAYS 11 AM - 1 PM

RESTORATION CENTER
119 CENTERWAY GREENBELT MD 20770

RCC
RESTORATION CENTER
GREENBELT

For more information please contact:
301-345-0007 or outreach@rccgrestorationcenter.org

Prince George's County Food Programs

If you need help finding food, please Call 2-1-1.

Fresh Food Market in Calverton



Kingdom Care Center's Fresh Food Market offers free food assistance, including fresh produce, protein and shelf stable items, to residents from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties.

Their administrative office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

from 8 am to 3 pm, and Fridays from 8 am to 5 pm. Call 301.679.1111 with questions.

Visiting the Kingdom Care Fresh Food Market is simple and welcoming. A photo ID, and proof of residency, will be required on the day of shopping. Check in at the reception desk and let staff know you have an appointment.

You may schedule appointments to shop once **every 16 days** after each visit. The Market is open 8 am to 3 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. [Ask staff about time slots on Thursdays and Fridays, which don't currently show up in the appointment-setting app SignUp Genius.]

Appointments are made online ([signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EAFAA2FAAF49-52461746-fresh#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EAFAA2FAAF49-52461746-fresh#)) or by texting MARKET to 240.201.3300. Slots fill quickly.

To Create an Account on SignUpGenius, open a browser and go to [signupgenius.com/register](https://www.signupgenius.com/register) via email or Facebook.

Food & Friends

Food & Friends (foodandfriends.org) provides freshly prepared, home delivered, Medically-tailored meals, medically-tailored groceries, and medical nutrition therapy at no cost to individuals and their families living with serious illnesses.

Determination of eligibility is entirely health-based; there are no income or specific insurance requirements. Go to



foodandfriends.org/how-to-get-meals, to download the intake/physician referral form; fax completed forms to 202.635.4261. [Note: the form is comprehensive and does ask for income and household info, as well as medical diagnoses.]



EMERGENCY FOOD & DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

The SEED Food Distribution Center provides emergency food monthly.

Prince George's County, MD
P. (301) 458-9808

KINGDOM CARE CENTER

FRESH FOOD *Market*

DAYS OF OPERATION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays

8:00am - 3:00pm

**Serving Prince George's County,
Montgomery County, and
Howard County residents**



To Register

- Scan QR Code
- Text Keyword 'Market'
to 240-201-3300



Reservations open August 17, 2025

**Photo Identification and
Proof of Address required**

For more information call 301-679-1111

11700 BELTSVILLE DR., CALVERTON, MD 20705 | WWW.KGCD.C.ORG



Fresh, seasonal produce available at no cost!

First Baptist Church of Glenarden - 3600 Bright Seat Road, Landover, MD 20785
EVERY THIRD SATURDAY 1/16 | 2/20 | 3/20 | 4/17 | 5/22 | 6/19

Begins at 9am

The Capital Area Food Bank's MD Community Marketplace is open to all residents in need of food assistance. We will distribute pre-packed bags or boxes of fresh produce.

For information about the Marketplace schedule or for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather, please call the information line at (202) 769-5612.



Help us keep our Community Marketplace safe with our new DRIVE-THRU!!

- Please enter through Brightseat Rd and follow the directional signs
- Wearing a mask or other face covering is required
- Keep windows rolled up until volunteers approach your vehicle
- Do not attend if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or cough.

Please bring your keycard!*

*Keycard not necessary for participation



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Together we can solve hunger.

¡Frutas y verduras frescas temporada disponibles gratuitamente!

First Baptist Church of Glenarden - 3600 Bright Seat Road, Landover, MD 20785

CADA TERCER SÁBADO DEL MES 1/16 | 2/20 | 3/20 | 4/17 | 5/22 | 6/19

Comienza a 9am

El Mercado Comunitario (Community Marketplace) del Banco de Alimentos de la Zona de Capital (Capital Area Food Bank) está abierto para todos los residentes que necesiten asistencia alimentaria. Se distribuirán cajas o bolsas preempacadas de frutas y verduras a familias.

Para obtener información adicional sobre el horario del Mercado Comunitario o avisos de cancelación debido a mal tiempo, llame a la línea de información: (202) 769-5612.



Ayúdanos a mantener seguro nuestro Mercado Comunitario con nuestro nuevo DRIVE-THRU !!

- Ingrese por Brightseat Rd y siga las señales direccionales
- Se requiere el uso de barbijos o tapabocas.
- Mantenga las ventanas enrolladas hasta que las voluntarias se acerquen a su vehículo.
- No vaya si está experimentando síntomas gripales o tos.

¡Tenga lista su tarjeta de acceso!*

*Tarjeta de acceso no necesaria para participar



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CLEAR THE CLUTTER

FREE Mobile Document Shredding, E-waste, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal



Rain or Shine
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Bring **UP TO FIVE (5)** boxes of paper per vehicle (*non-commercial ONLY*).

Please remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings.

E-WASTE and HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop off any accepted electronic and household hazardous waste items.

Vehicles must be in line by 1 p.m. to receive service.

View the list of accepted items at
mypgc.us/clearthecurb

November 1
Dr. Henry Wise High School
12650 Brooke Lane
Upper Marlboro

September 27
Surrattsville High School
6101 Garden Drive
Clinton

October 25
High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville

November 8
Largo Government Center
9200 Basil Court
Largo

January 24, 2026
Largo Government Center
9200 Basil Court
Largo



Open to County residents ONLY (ID may be required).
Commercial vehicles and commercially generated items are not permitted.

For more information, visit mypgc.us/clearthecurb



DESPEJEMOS EL DESORDEN

Eventos móviles de destrucción de documentos, reciclaje de artículos electrónicos y eliminación segura de residuos peligrosos del hogar.



DESTRUCCIÓN DE DOCUMENTOS

Lleve **HASTA CINCO (5)** cajas de papel por vehículo (SOLO para uso no comercial).

Retire todos los sujetapapeles, grapas y otras encuadernaciones.

Llueva o truene
De 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.



ARTÍCULOS ELECTRÓNICOS Y RESIDUOS PELIGROSOS DEL HOGAR

Residentes pueden dejar residuos peligrosos del hogar (HHW, en inglés) y artículos electrónicos aceptados.

Los vehículos deben estar en la fila antes de la 1:00 p. m. para recibir el servicio.

Consulte la lista de artículos aceptados en mypgc.us/clearthecurb

1 de noviembre

Escuela Secundaria Dr. Henry Wise
12650 Brooke Lane
Upper Marlboro

27 de septiembre

Escuela Secundaria de Surrattsville
6101 Garden Drive
Clinton

25 de octubre

Escuela Secundaria High Point
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville

8 de noviembre

Centro de Gobierno de Largo
9200 Basil Court
Largo

24 de enero del 2026

Centro de Gobierno de Largo
9200 Basil Court
Largo



Abierto SOLO para residentes del condado (es posible que se requiera una identificación)
No se permiten vehículos comerciales ni artículos generados comercialmente.

Para obtener más información, visite mypgc.us/clearthecurb



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

Jacqueline Morales x1222

Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager:

Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224

Code Enforcement Officer:

Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carletta Lundy x1227

Assistant Clerk:

Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance:

Greg Butler/Anthony Avents

Prince George's County Police: 911

Non-Emergency: 301.352.1200

Park Police:

Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088

Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries:

D. Edmonds 240.581.0838

S. Jones 301.922.2259

C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel:

Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Next 2026 meetings: Monday, Jan 5 and Tuesday, Jan 20 (holiday Mon).

* Meetings are conducted via ZOOM.

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

All Town meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Join and share your ideas and concerns. We look forward to hearing from you!

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Meetings are at 6:30 pm. Next meeting: **Monday, Jan 12.** Call-in: 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: **No Meetings in December or January.** Scheduled meetings start at 6:30 pm. Dial-in 774.267.2052.

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

NBCA Membership

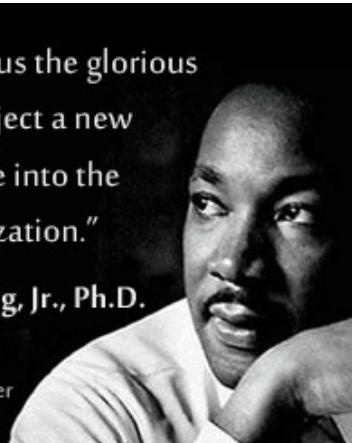
The annual drive has begun! This organization plans most Town activities. Look for membership info in your mailbox. Membership dues: \$15 per household. Send funds by cashapp \$NorthBrentwoodCA. Please join the meetings each month. Your volunteer help is NEEDED!!!

"We have before us the glorious opportunity to inject a new dimension of love into the veins of our civilization."

Martin Luther King, Jr., Ph.D.

(1929 –1968)

Civil Rights Activist, Minister



We're on the Web and social:

www.NorthBrentwood.com

www.facebook.com/northbrentwood

www.instagram.com/northbrentwoodmd

**Town of North Brentwood
Prince George's County, MD**

North Brentwood Resident

