North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

October 2022

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

How did the yearly commemoration begin? It started as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries (now part of AstraZeneca), which developed the anti-cancer drug tamoxifen. Former First Lady Betty Ford, a breast cancer survivor, participated in the inaugural weeklong event promoting mammograms as the most effective tool for fighting this type of cancer. The pink ribbon symbol was developed by the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time to reflect, give back, or even celebrate. Yet, for many people, October is also a difficult reminder of their personal experience with breast cancer and the many lives we have lost to this disease. In 2022, an estimated 290,560 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the US, along with 51,400 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. An estimated 43,780 Americans will lose their lives this year to metastatic breast cancer.

In the US, about one in 8 women and one in 833 men will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. As of 2020, there were 2.26 million global cases, making it the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the world.

Breast Cancer Prevention

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

Building awareness is an effective way to decrease breast cancer-related deaths. Be aware of your family history, get frequent mammograms per your doctor's recommendations, and ask for genetic testing (to check for BRCA1/BRCA2 gene mutations) for the best opportunity of early diagnosis and life-saving treatment. The risk of developing breast cancer can be reduced through education and prevention, e.g.:

- Quitting smoking and avoiding other carcinogens.
- Developing healthy diet and exercise habits.
- Taking medications to treat precancerous conditions or prevent the onset of certain cancers.
- Limiting postmenopausal hormone therapy.

For more info visit: cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is also a time for domestic violence awareness: more than 12 million Americans are affected by some form of violence (physical, sexual, psychological, and/or neglect) each year. Everyone deserves healthy relationships! Leaving an abusive relationship is a highly personal, individual decision, but all survivors benefit from having trusted people during this time.

While domestic violence typically happens behind closed doors, in some cases it does happen in a public space, or around friends or family members... meaning others may witness or be aware of the abuse. When we overhear or see something that doesn't feel right, it can be difficult to know how to react. Those being abused are often isolated by their abusers, so find out how you can truly support a path to safety.

If someone you care about is in an abusive relationship, you may have an urge to intervene rashly. We often hear from people attempting help their loved ones by doing things such as: calling the police, criticizing the abusive partner's character, or giving their loved one an ultimatum to leave the relationship. Experts warn to tread lightly; leaving an abusive relationship quickly can be difficult or even dangerous.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, the best way to support a loved one in danger is by:

⇒ Providing a nonjudgmental space that allows your friend to open up if they feel comfortable doing so.

⇒ Develop a safety plan together.

⇒ Facilitate joint self-care activities, but don't pressure them to talk about their relationship.

⇒ Be there regardless of whether they leave the relationship or not, and even if they go back.

⇒ Respect the decisions they make, and continue to care for them.

Call 1.800.799.SAFE (7233)

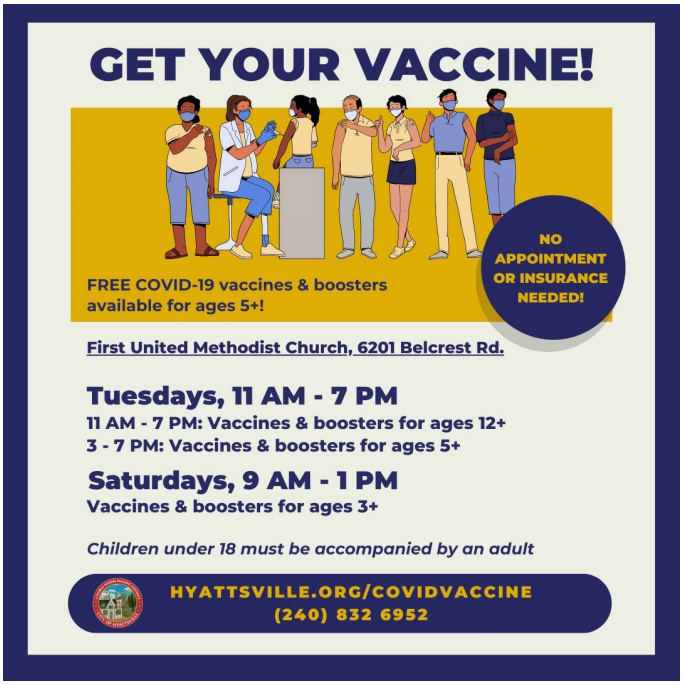
Chat Chat live now

Text Text "START" to 88788

Clean Up, Green Up

North Brentwood participated in the countywide community action event, Clean Up, Green Up this past October 15. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to beautify Sis's Tavern, which will soon be a gathering place to make wonderful memories!

Get Vaccinated



Harvest Festival
Gwendolyn Britt Senior Center

COME ONE, COME ALL! Join the Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center, on Monday, October 31, 2022, for a day of fun and activities. Enjoy games, music, great food, arts and crafts, bingo, dancing, and the chance to win lots of prizes. Registration required: a sign-up sheet is at the Center's customer service desk.

Rental/Mortgage and/or Utility Assistance

North Brentwood is accepting applications from residents for rental/mortgage and/or utility assistance. Our Residential Assistance program provides temporary relief to all eligible applicants who've experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.

Please complete the application included on pages 7-8 of this newsletter. It's also available in the Forms section of our website: northbrentwood.com/town-services. Drop off a signed copy at the Town office, during normal operating hours; or email to Councilmember Wiley (cwiley@northbrentwood.com) or Councilmember Dame (edame@northbrentwood.com). Any questions may be directed to either councilmember.

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

Human Monkeypox Vaccine Eligibility

Marylanders can now get the monkeypox vaccine (MPX), if they've had multiple sexual partners or if one of their sexual partners has been exposed to the disease in the last two weeks. Previously, the state health department recommended the vaccine only for people who may have been exposed to monkeypox in the past two weeks. To date, the state has seen 692 reported cases of monkeypox. Of the state's cases, Prince George's County has had the second highest percent of occurrences (32.2%), just below Baltimore City (32.5%).

The JYNNEOS monkeypox vaccine is given in two doses, 28 days apart. The first dose requires preregistration, the second dose is coordinated by your first-dose provider. The state has received more than 14,000 vials of the vaccine from the federal government: more than 7,300 Marylanders have been vaccinated at 24 local health departments. Anyone pre-registered for the vaccine (at health.maryland.gov), and who meets the expanded eligibility criteria, will be contacted. More than 2,800 Marylanders are pre-registered.

Notes: Mayor & Council Meetings

Resolution No. 2022-07 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland for a pay raise for the position of Treasurer.

Ordinance 2022-05 Enacting a new Chapter 176 to be entitled "Portable Storage Containers and Dumpsters" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland creating certain regulations, prohibitions, penalties and fines enforced as a municipal infraction regarding the Regulation of Portable Storage Containers and Dumpsters on Residential Property or Municipal Streets.

COVID-19 Updates

As of October 18, 476 Marylanders were recently hospitalized, and the positivity rate fell to 7.35%.

K-N95 masks are still available at the Town Office.

For a PCR or Rapid Antigen test, call Lotus Primary Care and Wellness Clinic in Hyattsville (6495 New Hampshire Ave #140) at 240.770.4177.

New Resident Welcome Package

Did you know... North Brentwoodians have access to a welcome package? It has essential info about: Town history, our form of government, waste collection services, a phone directory, community channel details, and more.

Even if you've lived in North Brentwood for years, you can pick up a copy at the Town office or check it out on our website's 'About' page.

Welcome Package Scan

Referendums On November 8 Ballot

Legalizing Cannabis

After a session-long debate about cannabis legalization frameworks this past spring, the Maryland General Assembly voted to put a cannabis legalization question on the ballot this fall.

If the referendum is approved, Maryland residents 21 and older can possess up to 1.5 ounces of cannabis starting January 1, 2023. More than half of Maryland residents support the legalization, according to a March 2022 Goucher College poll. Some advocacy groups, and activists, hope state cannabis legalization will alleviate the disproportionate impact of nonviolent drug convictions for Marylanders.

State Legislator Residencies

If Maryland residents approve Question Two on their ballots, on November 8, state legislative candidates will be required to maintain their *primary* residences in the legislative districts they represent (for at least six months before the date of an election or for as long as a district has been in existence).

According to Ballotpedia, currently, state legislative candidates must have residences in the districts they want to represent (at least six months prior to the election, or for as long as the district has been in existence); but, they do not have to maintain *primary* residences in those districts. The state constitutional amendment would also change the amended section to gender-neutral language. This ballot initiative will take effect January 1, 2024, if passed.

Maryland Court of Appeals Name Change

If voters pass Question One in November, Maryland's Court of Appeals will be renamed the Supreme Court of Maryland; and, the Maryland Court of Special Appeals would become the Appellate Court of Maryland.

Maryland and New York are the only states which do not refer to their top court as the Supreme Court.

Voting Resources

The Maryland General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from 7 am until 8 pm. Early voting is from Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3, from 7 am until 8 pm.

North Brentwoodians are encouraged to use the ballot dropbox in Town, located at 4012 Webster Street just adjacent to the municipal office.

Early Voting Centers

College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20785

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

Election Day Poll Locations

Brentwood Town Hall
4300 39th Place, Brentwood, MD 20722

Colmar Manor Town Hall
3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, MD 20722

Northwestern High School
7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Waste Collection Services

Yard waste – Monday only

Regular / bulk trash (4 items only) – Tuesday only

Regular trash / recycling – Friday only

For more details about waste removal, go to our website: northbrentwood.com/town-services.

Halloween in North Brentwood

All across town, the Halloween spirit is ON!

One-time Student Loan Debt Relief

President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the US Department of Education announced a three-part plan, to help working and middle-class federal student loan borrowers transition back to regular payments, as pandemic-related support expires. This plan includes loan forgiveness of up to $20,000. Many borrowers and families may wonder, “How do I claim this relief?”

The Department of Education (ED) will provide up to $20,000 in debt relief to Federal Pell Grant recipients and up to $10,000 to non-Pell Grant recipients. Borrowers with loans held by ED are eligible for this debt cancellation, if their individual income is less than $125,000 (or $250,000 for households).

Step 1: Check if you're eligible

You're eligible for student loan debt relief if, in 2020 or 2021, your annual federal income was below $125,000 (individual or married, filing separately) or $250,000 (married, filing jointly or head of household).

Step 2: Prepare

Log in to your StudentAid.gov account and make sure your contact info is up to date. Updates will be sent by both email and text message, so sign up to receive text alerts. If you don't have a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID), create one to help manage your loans.

Step 3: Submit your application

The application is NOW AVAILABLE, on ed.gov, until until December 31, 2023. Loan debt cancellation could begin as early as October 23.

* A Wisconsin taxpayers group has asked the US Supreme Court to temporarily block the program. So, file your application asap, and stay tuned for updates!

Student Debt Relief Application

Church Services: *Most are held virtually*

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

Prince George's County
GREEN SUMMIT
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Meet Adoptable Dogs

Our Animal Services Division will have small and big dogs that are looking for their fur-ever home! Come out and meet what could be an addition to your family pack. You save lives when you Adopt, Don't Shop!

Saturday, October 22, 2022
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Ave, Landover, MD 20785

The event is free and open to the public but you must register at doesummit2022.eventbrite.com.

For more information, visit mypgc.us/greensummit

Sandbag Distribution

Sandbag distribution will occur at the dead end of Windom Road on October 29, from 10 am to 2 pm. North Brentwood's Mayor and Town Council invite all residents to pick up a sandbag, for stormwater flood prevention, while supplies last.

Remembering David C. Harrington

People across Prince George's County are mourning the loss of former Maryland senator and county leader David C. Harrington. He passed away on September 20, 2022; County Executive Angela Alsobrooks ordered flags flown at half-staff in his honor.

Mr. Harrington's impact started in the town of Bladensburg as the first African-American mayor. He later served in many levels of Maryland government, from state senator to county council, and ultimately retiring as president of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.

David C. Harrington Community Park in Bladensburg, which was dedicated to the community leader in 2017 after park renovations, is a testament to Harrington's love for being a transformational public servant. The park remains as a permanent tribute to his memory and the legacy he leaves behind.

Senator Harrington is survived by his wife, Cheryl, owner of Shortcake Bakery in Hyattsville, his sons, Stephen and Christopher, and young grandchildren.

College Park—Trader Joe's Grand Opening

The new Prince George's County Trader Joe's opens on October 27th! The new store is located at 4429 Calvert Road, just off of Baltimore Avenue as part of a housing and retail project called the Aster. Dedicated parking is available in a garage behind the store. Biking and walking to the store are highly recommended, especially during the first few months of opening.

As a part of the company's longstanding Neighborhood Shares Program, the new College Park Trader Joe's will donate 100% of products that go unsold (but remain fit to enjoy) to a range of non-profit, community-based organizations, seven days a week. The organizations receiving these items are based and active in Prince George's County.

Application for Residential Assistance

APPLICANT NAME:
Current Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Primary Phone: Alternate Phone:

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

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

Race of Head of Household (Check One) - Optional
(This information is being collected to assure compliance with fair housing and equal opportunity rules.)

☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ Native American/Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic

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

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

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

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

Head of Household Signature Date	Spouse Signature Date

Overdue Bills

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

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

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

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

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Head of Household Signature Date	Spouse Signature Date

Courage
Endurance
Valor
Devotion
SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, November 11, 2022 11 am
Peace Cross Rededication
Mark your calendars for the rededication of the restored Peace Cross Memorial.
More information will be available at history.pgparks.com by September 1.
"I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."
To help with the restoration of the Peace Cross or to purchase a commemorative bricks, click here

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SPECIAL FINALE
LIVE PEFORMANCES - FOOD TRUCKS - AMUSEMENTS -
Featuring DJ Flava
FREE EVENT WEAR GREEN
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
3:00PM TO 7:00PM
BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK
4601 ANNAPOLIS ROAD, BLADENSBURG, MD 20710
www.BladensburgMD.gov
For event updates, follow @BladensburgMD

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OCTOBER 22 2022
To register for your FREE ticket, visit doesummit2022.eventbrite.com
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For vendor opportunities, contact bgarner@co.pg.md.us
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CONSTRUCTION
VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT
THURSDAY | December 16th 10AM TO 1PM
VIRTUAL LOCATION
https://bit.ly/3djdKBX
Are you interested in starting an in-demand career in construction?
Top employers in the region are seeking individuals to fill critical roles in Information Technology. Job vacancies include areas of:
• Carpenter
• Commercial Painter
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Collaboration:

THE First Baptist Church, INC. NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND

North Brentwood Citizens Association

Your help is needed!

Candy and Treat Drop-off Sites:

North Brentwood Community Ctr. | Mon. - Sat. 2 PM – 9 PM

North Brentwood Town Office | Mon. - Fri. 9 AM – 1 PM

FBCNB Church Office | Mon. - Fri. 11 AM – 3 PM

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Candy Donations are welcomed at the municipal office!

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

OPEN HOUSE

FACILITY TOURS	DEMONSTRATIONS	VENDOR BOOTHS
STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY	**LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**	**LEADING TOOLS & TECH**
Tour Plumbers Local 5's new Training Facility and learn about the program!	See the program in action through live demonstrations! Featuring the sandpit, CAD, welding & soldering demos.	Learn about the industry's leading tools and technology by visiting manufacturer & supplier booths.

In honor of National Apprenticeship Week, Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 5 will be hosting an Open House to celebrate our current apprentices and welcome future apprentices and partners!

LEARN MORE

Plumbers & Gasfitters
Local 5 Training Facility
5000 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20760

Chris Biondi, LU 5 Training Director
CBiondi@PlumbersUALocal5Training.org
(301) 552-3505

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Town Directory

Town Office: 301.699.9699

Mayor: Petrella Robinson x1225

Council Members
Aaron Baynes x1227
Charles Wiley x1222
Evan Dame x1229

Town Manager
Jacqueline Goodall x1226

Treasurer: Shelley Dorsey x1224
Asst Treasurer: Alana Hill x1224

Code Enforcement Officer
Martha Cuffie x1223

Town Clerk: Carl Jones x1221

Assistant Clerk
Cristian Ortiz-Romero x1227

Maintenance: Greg Butler

Prince George's County Police: 911
Non-Emergency: 301.333.4000

Park Police
Non-Emergency: 301.459.9088
Emergency 301.459.3232

Notaries
D. Edmonds 240.581.0838
S. Jones 301.922.2259
C. Ortiz-Romero 240.351.6302

Community Channel
Comcast 71 Verizon 1983

REMINDERS...

Upcoming Town Meetings: Monday, Nov.7 and Nov. 21

Meetings are conducted via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm.

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

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

North Brentwood Citizens Association: Next meeting will be on October 10. The call-in number is 774.267.2052.

North Brentwood Historical Society: Will meet on October 11 at 6:30 pm. Dial-in number: 774.267.2052.

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

If you have news to share, email asstclerk@northbrentwood.com, by the 4th Monday of each month with subject line "Newsletter."

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