



# North Brentwood Newswire

*A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold*

April/May 2018

## Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program

### 0% Interest Home Improvement Loans

The Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development has partnered with Housing Initiative Partnership and the PG County Redevelopment Authority to provide home improvement/repairs loans of up to \$60,000 to eligible homeowners.

#### Eligible Applicants

- Must own and occupy a home in PG County
- Must be current on mortgage payments, property tax and property Insurance
- Cannot have an “underwater” mortgage
- Total household income may not exceed program limits

# in Household	1	2	3	4	5
Max Income	\$61,8000	\$70,000	\$79,450	\$88,250	\$95,350

#### Eligible Repairs

- Health Hazards: Lead, mold and asbestos abatement
- Safety and Code Compliance: Roof, electrical systems, plumbing, flooring
- Energy Efficiency: Windows, insulation, sealing, siding
- ADA-related: Ramps, grab bars, railings
- Other Improvements: Considered

#### Loan Terms

- 0% interest, no monthly payments
- Maximum loan amount of \$60,000
- Must be repaid in full when house is sold/transferred

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### How to Apply

Call the Housing Initiative Partnership at 301.699.3835.



## Maryland Black Mayors Scholar Awards



The 2018 Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. (MBM) Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school graduate or college student matriculating to a college/university or technical school.

The application and guidelines are available at the Town Office and at [www.northbrentwood.com](http://www.northbrentwood.com). Please submit by May 4— Attn: MBM Scholarship, Town of North Brentwood, P.O. Box 196, North Brentwood, Maryland 20722.

The winning North Brentwood student will receive the scholarship at the MBM Annual Honors Gala, on June 1, at the Greenbelt Marriott. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person.

### Condolences

Mayor Roger (former Town of Brentwood Mayor) passed away March 31. May his soul rest in peace and his family find comfort at this difficult time.

Our sympathy to the Martin family for the loss of brother, father, uncle and friend George Martin, a longtime N. Brentwood resident. He will be missed.

**Town of North Brentwood**

**P.O. Box 196**

**4009 Wallace Road, North Brentwood, Maryland 20722**

**Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm**

**Office 301.699.9699 Fax 301.699.1824**

**Community Channels: Comcast 71 , Verizon 1983**

## Emporium's Summer Arts Learning



This year's Summer Arts Learning program is at Elizabeth Seton High School with Joe's Movement Emporium. There are two sessions: July 9 to 20 and July 23 to August 3 (both run Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm). Performance & Art Exhibitions are scheduled for July 20 at 4pm and August 3 at 4pm.

The two-week, full-day summer arts camp sessions are for students ages 7-13. Campers are divided by age into groups. Each session culminates with a performance showcase and art exhibition open to families. In addition, a "Special Family Creative Arts Night" will be held Friday night during the program, to allow parents to engage with the camp experience.

### Reminder!

Let's not forget **yard waste pick up** occurs *Mondays* only. Tree debris should be placed in lawn bags, while larger pieces may be tied in bundles of 40 lbs. or less.

While on the subject, **regular trash pickup** occurs Tuesdays and Fridays. **Bulk trash** is also picked up on Tuesday. Only four (4) items will be picked up at a time. Also, no construction materials, auto parts, or paint cans are allowed. The truck comes early on Fridays; we advise *you* to put trash and recyclables out on Thursday night or early Friday morning. Once your trash has been picked up, please do not leave empty containers in front of your house.

**Note: It is illegal to burn leaves and other materials outside. You will be fined!**

### **Important notice: Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program**

Under state law, you may be eligible for a substantial credit on your home's property tax bill. This program is available to homeowners of all ages; the credit is calculated on gross income. Contact 410.767.4433.

### **Do You Have All of Your Permits???**

Before beginning a project on your property, you must have all of the required county and Town permits in your possession. You should first check with Prince George's County for necessary permits before requesting a Town permit. All Town permits are \$25 and must be displayed in a front window.

If you fail to obtain permits, you're subject to: heavy fines, an order to stop or tear down/remove work done, and a court appearance requirement.

So, why not do the right thing and follow the rules?

If you have questions, contact the Town's Code Compliance Officer at 301.699.9699. Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm.

### **First Baptist Church Scholarship**

Applications for First Baptist Church of North Brentwood's scholarship are available in the church office (4000 Wallace Road). The form deadline is Friday, April 20 following Worship Service. Please submit grades and special recognitions by Sunday, April 25 to the church office. Info: call 301.277.4742.

### **Approved Resolutions**

**Resolution 2018-01:** approved March 19, 2018. Supports the PG County Municipal Collaboration FY2018 MEA EmPOWER LMI Community Grant Application and DHCD Sustainable Community Legacy Grant Applications.

**Resolution 2018-02:** approved March 19, 2018. Establishes a wrongful termination avoidance policy, and relates to employment matters/fair practices.

## Weatherization Grants for PG Co Homeowners



The Bladensburg Police Department, COPS program, and Cities and Towns in Prince George’s County, Maryland are providing weatherization upgrades to homeowners (who qualify) *at no cost*.

This program is funded by grants from Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) and DHCD, with the aim of making Maryland homes more comfortable and energy efficient. Weatherizing your home will reduce the cost of energy and save money!

To qualify, Prince George’s County homeowners must meet income criteria (see table below) and be willing to provide documentation (pages 1 and 2 of Federal Income Tax Return).

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Less than
1	\$65,700
2	\$75,050
3	\$84,400
4	\$93,750
5	\$100,300
6	\$108,800

Upon meeting the income criteria, your home will be inspected to see if there are problems that will render your home ineligible (e.g., mold, standing water in the basement, major plumbing issues, hoarding, and roofing leaks) for weatherization under this program.

North Brentwood residents may apply by picking up the “Affidavit of Income” form at the Town office. This is a very simple form to complete. It must be filled out and sent to Lieutenant Jim Flynn by fax 301.209.7152 or by email to [jflynn@bladensburg.net](mailto:jflynn@bladensburg.net) for processing, ASAP.

## Energy Assistance Still Available for DC/MD Residents

Energy Assistance is still available to help Pepco customers pay for winter energy bills. Through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LAIHEAP), you could receive up to \$1500 in grant support toward your energy bill that **does not have to be paid back**.

Maryland’s income eligibility requirements:

- \$21,105 (one-person household)
- \$28,420 (two-person household)
- \$35,735 (three-person household)
- \$43,050 (four-person household)

## Maryland’s New Smoke Alarm Law

Our state law changed and many are unaware. Here are the new smoke alarm requirements (which took effect January 1, 2018):

1. Replace all BATTERY-ONLY operated smoke alarms with units powered by sealed-in, 10-year long-life batteries.
2. All smoke alarms have expiration dates. Both hard-wired and battery-operated smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years. If your smoke alarm hasn’t been replaced since 2007, it’s time!
3. Location, location, location – smoke alarms are required to be located outside of each sleeping area and on every level of your home including basements (finished or unfinished).

For homes built since 1994, smoke alarms have been required *inside* all sleeping rooms. For maximum protection, fire officials recommend installing smoke alarms in sleeping rooms regardless of the year of construction.

4. Homeowners must comply with the new law. For assistance call 3-1-1 and for more information, or to learn about a FREE Home Safety Program, visit: [www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe](http://www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe).

## Hiring Event

Attend the hiring event at American Job Center, 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 120, Largo, MD, on Tuesday April 10, 2018 from 10am to 3pm.

Now Hiring: Group Leaders, Site Directors, Summer Camp Counselors and Membership Service Representatives. Bring your updated resume.

For more info, visit [www.mwejobs.maryland.gov](http://www.mwejobs.maryland.gov).

Now Hiring	Job Order
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| • Group Leaders                     | #810770  |
| • Summer Camp Counselors            | # 810758 |
| • Site Directors                    | #810791  |
| • Membership Service Representative | #810779  |

## Profile: Evan Dame, Councilman and National Kidney Foundation Speaker



Evan Dame has been battling chronic kidney disease since the age of seven and kidney failure since he was 27. He was on dialysis for nearly six years before receiving a transplant (at George Washington University Hospital), which completely transformed his life.

However, the journey from dialysis to now (one year post-transplant) has not been without its challenges, including dietary and weight requirements. Evan battled obesity most of his life: at his heaviest, he weighed 350 lbs. Learning from his doctors and dietitians that his weight not only increased his risk of dying while on dialysis, but dashed any hopes he had of ever receiving a transplant, Evan took matter into his own hands. As of today, he has lost 150 lbs.

Evan is the healthiest he has ever been, and he is always eager to share his story, hoping it will inspire others.

## 100 Black Men Annual Brunch

100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc. will hold their 7th Annual Community Brunch, at the newly opened *The Hotel at University of Maryland*, on May 19 from 11am to 1pm. The VIP Reception, hosted by journalist and 2018 NAACP Award winner Roland Martin, will be from 1pm to 3pm.

This year's brunch theme is "Empowering Voices of Our Youth." Last year, they sold out at the MGM National Harbor with more than 750 attendees.

Brunch tickets: \$125 / VIP Brunch tickets: \$175

For additional information visit: [www.100princegeorges.org](http://www.100princegeorges.org)

## Medicare: New Card and Scam Warning

This is important for those with Medicare, and for adult children helping parents with Medicare. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends.

### New Medicare Cards

On April 1, Medicare started a year-long project to replace all beneficiaries' current Medicare cards with cards using alphanumeric IDs. Currently, the ID number is your social security number. The new Medicare card will come in the mail. You don't need to request it.

### What's the Scam?

Someone calls and says they're from Medicare. They tell you that you're getting a new Medicare card; but, until it comes, you'll need a temporary card for a fee of \$5 - 50. They'll ask for personal information, and a bank account or credit card to "process" your temporary card.

### Things to Remember

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to. All Medicare communications are by mail. Don't believe anyone who says they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to."

### Protect Yourself from this One

Spread the word. Call-screen with your answering machine; don't answer unknown numbers. If you do get scammed, take action to protect against identity theft.

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CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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“SPRING FLING”



NORTH BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

4012 WEBSTER STREET

NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

10PM - 2AM

MUSIC BY DJ DEE

DOOR PRIZES

SETUPS PROVIDED

\$20 IN ADVANCE

\$25 AT THE DOOR



For more information call:

240.422.6411 or 301.633.4410

# Announcements

## NBCA Membership Drive

North Brentwood Citizens' Association (NBCA) is conducting its membership drive. Letters have been sent requesting \$15 from each North Brentwood household. This modest membership fee includes all persons living in your home.

Your fee defers costs—NBCA sponsors many of North Brentwood's favorite community events:

- Spring Fling
- North Brentwood Day
- National Night Out
- Black History Month
- Summer Fun Learning Program
- Back to School
- Poinsettia Distribution for the sick/shut-ins.

You are encouraged to send your donation, check or money order, in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided with your letter. We need your help to ensure activities are fully funded each year.

Please do not hesitate to give more if you can.

## 50-year Celebration

New Saint James (founded Saturday, May 25, 1968) celebrates 50 years as "a household of faith" on **Saturday, May 26, 2018** and Sunday, May 27, 2018.

In an invitational letter to Mayor Robinson, the church stated they are planning a celebration banquet to be held on **Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt, MD at 1pm**. They asked that this information be shared with the community at large.

Feel free to contact their coordinators: Carmencita Stewart-Dildy (202.487.7607) or Cortezz Dildy (202.725.7325). They welcome the fellowship.



## Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 28, 2018

10:00 am

## Veterans Memorial Garden

Allison & 40<sup>th</sup> Street,  
North Brentwood, Maryland

*Come join the Mayor, Council, local, state and federal Representatives, and Town residents in honoring our Veterans.*

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## Church Services

◇ First Baptist Church, 4000 Wallace Road  
Pastor Duane T. Kay, 301.277.4742  
Sunday Service 9am  
Saturday School 10am



◇ AME Zion Church, 4037 Webster Street  
Rev. Brandon Pennix, Sr., 301.927.7698  
Sunday School 9am, Sunday Service 10am

◇ St James Pentecostal Church, 3925 Allison Street  
Rev. Carolyn Dildy, 301.277.4376  
Sunday Service 11:30am

# **Town of North Brentwood**

## **Notice of Elections | May 7, 2018**

The Town of North Brentwood will hold an election on Monday, May 7, 2018. Polls will open at 1pm and close at 7pm at the Municipal Center, 4009 Wallace Road, North Brentwood, Maryland. Use the side entrance of the building.

All registered voters of North Brentwood will vote for (2) two council members for Wards I and III to represent the Town. If you are registered to vote with the Prince George's County Board of Elections, and live at a North Brentwood address, then you are registered to vote in Town elections.

Absentee ballots will be accepted. Those who will be absent during the election or who cannot appear to vote at the polls on Election Day (because of illness or physical disability) may apply to vote by absentee ballot. An application or letter stating the need for an absentee ballot (including the reason why you will not be able to appear) must be received at the Town office by April 24 cob/close of business, which is 1pm. Your request will be reviewed and, if granted, you will receive an absentee ballot. The completed ballot must be mailed in a sealed envelope and received in the Town's office by Friday, April 27, cob, 1pm.

### **Petitions for Candidates**

In order for a candidate's name to appear on ballot, he or she must have resided in the Town for at least one year, immediately preceding the election, and be a qualified voter. Each candidate for a councilmember seat must submit a petition with 10 signatures of registered Town voters (it's advisable to get more than 10).

Petitions may be obtained at the Town's office or at [www.northbrentwood.com](http://www.northbrentwood.com). Your candidacy petition must be delivered to one of the judges no later than Monday, April 9, 2018, cob, 5:30pm. An election judge will certify each petition.

### **Election Judges:**

Connie Alexander, 4518 40th Street

Paulette Price, 4519 39th Place

Yvonne Howard, 4546 41st Avenue

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## Town Directory

**Town Office**  
301.699.9699

**Mayor Petrella Robinson Ext. 225**

**Council Members Ext. 222**

Aaron Baynes  
Charles Wiley  
Evan Dame

**Town Clerk Ext. 221**

Carl Jones

**Town Manager Ext. 226**

Jacqueline Goodell

**Treasurer Ext. 224**

Shelley Dorsey

**Code Enforcement Ext. 223**

Martha Cuffie

**Notary**

Mayor Robinson  
Donna Turley-Edmonds  
240.581.0838

**Maintenance**

Greg Butler

**Prince George's County Police**

Non-Emergency 301.333.4000  
Emergency 911

## REMINDERS...

**The next Town meetings** will be held on:

- April 16<sup>th</sup>
- May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>th</sup>
- June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>

**All meetings begin at 7:30pm.** Come to share your ideas and concerns, and learn what's happening in North Brentwood and surrounding municipalities. We look forward to seeing you!

**Produce for Seniors is scheduled for Tuesdays:**

April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am. Time subject to change.

**We now give out free produce: second Friday of each month @ 11:30am at the Community Center.**

**North Brentwood Citizens Association** will meet

April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at North Brentwood Community Center. President Tiffany Jones.

**North Brentwood Historical Society** will meet April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at North Brentwood Community Center.

**SHARE** orders for April are due by the 9<sup>th</sup> and pickup is on April 21<sup>th</sup>. For May, place orders by the 7<sup>th</sup> and pick up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Call Deborah Curry @ 301.464.9810.

## Remember: Vote May 7, 2018

We're on the Web:

[www.NorthBrentwood.com](http://www.NorthBrentwood.com)



Town of North Brentwood-Prince George's



North Brentwood Resident