



North Brentwood Newswire

A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold

February 2017

\$50K Awarded for Sis's Tavern Project

The Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HCDC) was awarded a \$50,000 grant (by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, and by Maryland Historical Trust). The grant is for the renovation and rehabilitation of Sis's Tavern, a former night spot with a rich past: acts included Pearl Bailey and Duke Ellington during Sis's Tavern's heyday.

The HCDC and eight other recipients received grants through the African American Heritage Preservation Program in December 2016.

Cited as a model partnership, the Town of North Brentwood and HCDC began fundraising and planning the Sis's Tavern project two years ago, and have budgeted and raised \$303,000.

Other funding comes from a State of Maryland Bond Bill, Prince George's County Façade Improvement Grant, a MD Community Legacy Grant, National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Community Development Block Grant from Prince George's County, and budgeted funds from the town of North Brentwood.

Excerpts taken from the HCDC press release 1.6.17

To learn more about Sis's Tavern <http://hycdc.org/sisstavern>

Mayors Get Together about Flood Insurance

Mayor Robinson attended the Mayor's meeting January 6th. Ms. Espinoza, County Council Deni Taveras' chief liaison, is heading the effort to obtain revised elevation certificates and flood insurance at a lower cost for residents of Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood, and Laurel.

The idea is to get everyone together, including the surveyors, the FEMA people, the insurance representatives, and the communities with a focus on low cost flood insurance for our residents.



Pictured center right to left: Maryland's LT. Governor Boyd Rutherford; Stuart Eisenberg (who led the grant effort for Sis's Tavern); and Mayor Petrella Robinson. Others not identified were present during the grant presentation, at the Maryland State House.

The Mayor's Message

We are aware of the recent activities and comments made after the Presidential election. Since Inauguration Day, it's become evident which direction the President is taking the country. Immigrants from certain countries are no longer allowed and we will probably see mass deportations. Programs affecting the wellbeing and welfare of vast numbers of Americans will be rolled back. This will occur intentionally or as a result of ineptitude.

The Mayor and Council in the Town of North Brentwood support diversity. With the help of law enforcement, we intend to protect our citizens from vandalism, intimidation and discriminatory actions. Regarding the rollback of those sacred programs, we have to do more than just vote. We must become active: "Democracy is not a spectator sport." We cannot sit on the sidelines and hope things will be okay. We will strive harder to ensure the town stays peaceful, pleasant place to live.

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Announcements

Community Market Place

The Capital Area Food Bank's community Marketplace is open to all PG County residents who qualify for low-income assistance.

This market (located at 3600 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785) is open year-round every third Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm. It serves the community with fresh, seasonal produce available at no cost to qualified patrons. It also has recipes for healthy and affordable meals. A community service provider will be onsite with helpful information about services available to you.

For information about the Marketplace schedule, or for notices of inclement weather cancellations, call the information line at (202) 769-5612.

Dinner and Movie: "Birth of a Nation"

Spend your evening enjoying a catered dinner and a viewing of the movie *The Birth of a Nation*. Set against the antebellum South this film follows Nat Turner, a literate slave and preacher, whose financially-strained owner accepts an offer to use Nat's preaching to subdue unruly slaves. As he witnesses countless atrocities against himself and his fellow slaves, Nat plans an uprising in the hopes of leading his people to freedom. Rated R. Parental guidance is a must! Advance registration required.

Age 18 and up

Friday, February 10 | 6-9 pm

Fee: \$10/person

Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover 20785
(301) 583-2582

Christmas Yard Contest Winners

Winners of North Brentwood Citizens Association's 13th annual decorating contest:

- 1st Place: 4009 Webster Street
- 2nd Place: 4007 Webster Street
- 3rd Place 4501 40th Street

Thank you to all contestants and our judges!

Thank You NBCA!

The North Brentwood Citizen Association distributed Christmas poinsettias to the sick and shut-in persons over 80. Flowers were also delivered to previous Mayors, the current Mayor, the Council and the President of the association. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

Movie Night @ NBBC

4012 Webster Street, North Brentwood, MD:

- **Harlem Nights, 2/11/2017 @ 7:30 pm**
18 years of age or older, Popcorn and Drinks
- **Amazing Race, 2/25/2017 @ 12pm**

Note: Movies may be live streamed.

Dog Walkers

Do dog owners really need to be told to clean up after their dogs? The Mayor will talk to Parks and Planning about posting signs in the park. However, the town cannot put signs up everywhere.

"Scoop up your dog's poop"

It is against the law ...

- To openly burn leaves or any debris.
- To block your neighbors driveway, you can be fined and/or towed.

Black History Month

Sacred Cows by Imar Hutchins

Chocolate Cities curated by Martina Dodd

The opening reception for these presentations is Friday, February 10, 2017, from 6-9 pm at the Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center (4519 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood, MD 20722).

Sacred Cows adorned in elaborate jewelry and colorful symbolism. Imar Hutchins' portraits are not only decorated in fanciful garb but cloaked in honor. Runs from February 8, 2017—May 19, 2017.

Chocolate Cities presents the history, legacy and sustainability of the African American Urban Enclave. It runs from February 8 through September 26, 2017.

For more information, contact the museum.

Windom Road Barrier

The Town of *North* Brentwood and the Town of Brentwood are collaborating to revitalize the barrier at the end of Windom Road. The barrier has a significance in history of the two towns.

If you have artistic ideas to make the barrier more attractive, please email them to the town clerk of North Brentwood. The address is on back of this newsletter. If you do not have email, please write your suggestions on paper and place it in the suggestion box at the downstairs entrance of the office.

It has already been decided that the historic barrier will not be removed. "Citizens put on your thinking caps!!"

History of Town of North Brentwood

North Brentwood was a part of a farm owned by W. A. Bartlett, a captain of a "colored" regiment in the Civil War. Captain Bartlett dedicated the land to the ownership of black people in memory of the regiment. He allocated land for homes, churches and a school.

In 1924, the Town of North Brentwood became the first African-American incorporated municipality in Prince George's County— under the leadership of Jeremiah Hawkins, the town's first Mayor. In the 1940s, the town had many privately-owned businesses. Among these were a dairy, beauty and barber shop, ice houses, grocery store, restaurants, shoe repair and a private school.

Today, the town has approximately 610 residents, a community center, a tennis court, three churches, and a park. We celebrate town history every year with a festival on the third Saturday of June.

Church Service Announcements

First Baptist Church | 4000 Wallace Road

Pastor Duane T. Kay, (301) 277-4742
Sunday Service 9 am, Saturday church school 9 am



AME Zion Church | 4037 Webster St
Rev. Brandon Pennix, SR
(301) 927-7698

Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Service 10 am

St James Pentecostal Church | 3925 Allison St
Rev. Carolyn Dildy, (301) 277-4376
Sunday Service 11:30 am

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Town Directory

Town Office Number

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Council Members Ext. 222

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Charles Wiley
Markel Day

Town Clerk Ext. 221

Carl Jones

Treasurer Ext. 224

Shelley Gaylord

Code Enforcement Ext. 223

Martha Cuffie

Maintenance

Greg Butler

Prince George’s County Police

Non-Emergency
301.333.4000
Emergency 911

Park Police

Non-Emergency
301.459.9088
Emergency 301.459.3232

REMINDERS:

The next 7:30 pm Town meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday February 21th
- Mondays March 6th and March 20th
- April 3rd

Come hear what’s happening in North Brentwood and surrounding municipalities. We look forward to seeing you!

Produce for Seniors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st and March 21st@ 10:30 am.

Time is subject to change.

North Brentwood Citizens Association will meet

Monday, February 13th and Monday, March 13th @ 6:30pm at the North Brentwood Community Center. President Tiffany Jones.

The North Brentwood Historical Society will

meet Wednesday, February 8th and March 8th @10am at North Brentwood Community Center.

SHARE — Orders for February are due by the 13th should be picked up 25th. For March, as well, placed orders are due by the 13th and picked up on 25th. Call Deborah Curry – 301.464.9810.

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www.NorthBrentwood.com

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