

Town of Brentwood Council Update

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Climate Action Plan update

Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Planning Assistance for a Municipalities and Communities (PAMC)

MNCPPC meeting on 9/18 with North Brentwood to see if we do a joint CAP approach and joint Placemaking.

Town of Brentwood withdrew from the Pepco Sustainable Communities grant due to conflicts with the MNCPPC planning.

Solar / Renewable Energy update

Resolution 2023-10 that the Town of Brentwood participate in the SolSmart program

- Meeting on 9/19 with SolSmart program coordinator – status update
- Criteria pathway is organized into five categories: Permitting and Inspection, Planning and Zoning, Government Operations, Community Engagement, and Market Development. Within each category are specific actions that municipalities, counties, and regional organizations can take to encourage local solar energy use.

Town Hall solar panels are functioning but need cleaning and energy use reduction

- Town Administrator is leading procurement for cleaning
- Building energy use / efficiency discussion at Strategic Retreat



Tree Committee update



Tree Committee meetings held 7/31 and 8/20

- **November 4th** invasive vine removal planned – will coordinate with Town Administrator and Public Works Department
 - Committee members are receiving training at Hyattsville events 9/30 and 10/14
- Contacted Chesapeake Bay Trust to learn about Maryland 5 Million Trees initiative participation
- Planning for updates to the 2021-22 Brentwood tree survey
- Planning for educational opportunities for residents on tree care
- Researching other municipalities for a Brentwood Tree Care policy or practices proposals for Town of Brentwood for municipal and residential tree planting and maintenance
- Planning for 2024 and 2025 Arbor Day event

Brentwood Native Plant Network update

October 1st 9:30AM native spaces maintenance at Thomas Stone Elementary pollinator garden – come learn about native plants!

Congratulations to resident **Lara Payne** on Webster Street – the winner of the design contest for the Brentwood Native Plant Network yard sign. We thank all artists for their submissions.

Through **October 8th**, native plant spaces certification. If you're a Brentwood resident or business owner request an appointment by contacting the BNPN at greensbrentwood@gmail.com and/or make an appointment on the calendar

<https://calendar.app.google/hBZBzKH84MHG12xV8>

Certifications will take about 15 minutes

Eligibility requirements include:

1. The yard must have at least 10 different species of native plants, and
2. The yard must have at least 25 total native plants.

The plants can be a combination of trees, shrubs, and perennials. Container plants can also count toward the two required criteria for small yards.

Don't have enough species or total plants? There will be other certification opportunities.



Green Team update

- Meeting on **Wednesdays at 6pm**
- Green Team Action Plan in draft
- **Zero Waste campaign**
 - Better Bag Bill / Bag It Right – resident and business education about CB-032-2023 in effect 1/1/2024 & outreach to provide residents with free, reusable bags
 - Single-Use Disposable Foodware – resident and business education about CB-014-2023 in effect 6/1/2023
- **Citizen Science for Responsible River Recreation Campaign**
 - Partner with Anacostia Riverkeeper to train residents on water quality testing at 38th Street Park
 - Resident education about responsible recreation in Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River
 - River litter clean-ups



UPON REQUEST

Reduce Single-Use Disposable Foodware

To reduce waste, as of June 1, 2023, CB-014-2022 requires all food service businesses in Prince George's County to provide single-use foodware accessories and condiments to customers **upon request** or at self-serve stations for ready-to-eat foods.

Food facilities that use a third-party delivery platform must customize their menu with a list of single-use accessories/condiments that customers can request with their order in person, on the phone, or online.

What Foodware Are Included:

Single-use items, including straws*, utensils, condiment cups and packets, cup sleeves, splash sticks, stirrers, and napkins, provided with ready-to-eat food designed to be used once and discarded.

Customers will have to verbally **request** that they want single-use items, or select items from self-service bins instead of having them automatically included with a food order.

Straws **Eating Utensils** **Condiment cups and Packets** **Cup Sleeves **** **Splash Sticks and Stirrers** **Napkins**

*compostable and paper straws are allowed under County law **Cup sleeves are permitted as deemed necessary by a business

Upcoming Events

September 24 at 10AM – Bartlett Park certification by BNPN

October 1 at 9:30AM native spaces maintenance at Thomas Stone Elementary pollinator garden

October 10 World Mental Health Day

October 12 Prince George's County Planning Board meeting on Climate Action Plan

October 21 at 9:00AM Sustainable Brentwood Green Team Tree Committee meeting

October 21 from 10AM – 3PM Prince George's County Green Summit at Driskell Park

November 4 Invasive vine removal on trees



Councilmember July-August recap

- Met with [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#) and [Anacostia Watershed Community Advisory Committee](#), which provides community input to the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, a consortium (led by MWCOG) of local, state, and federal agencies, environmental organizations, and private citizens working toward a cleaner, healthier watershed.
- Met with [Anacostia Riverkeeper](#)
 - Volunteer program that [monitors water quality](#) at 38th Street Park and [provides bi-weekly results](#)
 - Swim and fish responsibly. Don't swim 72 hours after a rain.
- Attended Maryland Energy Administration's inaugural [Solar Incentives Task Force meeting](#) – studying the impacts of solar energy in Maryland and making sure that the state meets the solar energy goals established in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard. ([more info](#))
- Attended Coalition for Smarter Growth's [conversation with Prince George's County Planning Board Chair Peter Shapiro](#)
- Attended Senator Malcolm Augustine's District 47 Leadership Breakfast with Q&A with new [Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent House](#)
- Participated in Nature Everywhere webinar (supports outdoor education)
- Attended Sustainable Maryland open hours

