

Town of Brentwood Council Update

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Climate Action Plan & Flooding and Stormwater Hazard and Risk Management Plan

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

Town of Brentwood will join with North Brentwood on the contract for Flooding and Stormwater.

Climate Action Plan will be just for Brentwood. MNCPPC Community Planning has determined the project meets the criteria for project approval, timing and funding availability, and will be recommending to the Planning Board that the project proceed in the 2024 fiscal year budget cycle.

The tentative date is November 2

National League of Cities & Local Infrastructure Hub

Town of Brentwood is participating in grant writing Climate Action “Bootcamp.” Experts are dedicated to helping our town overcome obstacles and enhance our success rates for federal funding applications



What can residents do?

- Get [prepared for emergencies](#)
- Help prevent water intrusion in your house by regrading around your house and [planting a rain garden](#) to absorb rainwater

Photos courtesy of residents' posts on Facebook

Clean Energy, Solar, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency

Resolution 2023-10 Town of Brentwood participating in the national SolSmart program

- SolSmart, ICMA exchanged emails with Prince George's County DPIE to understand the process for requesting permitting and inspection for solar panel installation. This will be in a "Sustainable Brentwood Online Resources" document and posted to Brentwood website.

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

- Town Administrator is leading procurement for cleaning
- At Strategic Retreat, discussed ways to reduce energy use in the town hall:
 - Including an energy audit within renovation plans
 - Reviewing and adhering to the established policies for energy savings:
 - [Resolution 2016-08](#) (PDF) - Renew Energy Policy
 - [Resolution 2016-11](#) (PDF) - Energy Efficiency Policy
 - [Resolution 2016-10](#) (PDF) - Petroleum Reduction Policy
 - [Resolution 2017-11](#) (PDF) - Sustainable Purchasing Policy
 - [Resolution 2018-02](#) (PDF) - Green Energy Policy



What can residents do?

- [Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar \(en Espanol\)](#) | U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- Get your home energy audit [Energy Assessments](#) | [Pepco](#)

Bag it right! Leave the plastic



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

What can residents do?

- Get a free bag from the **Prince George's County Green Summit at Driscoll Park, Hyattsville on 10/21**
- Bring your own bag when you go shopping & leave the plastic
- Bring your water bottle & leave the plastic
- Pick up takeaway food & leave the plastic

Town of Brentwood Tree Committee



- Met with [Defensores de la Cuenca](#) to talk about partnership. They can help us plant 50-100 trees and connect with our Latinx/o residents. Setting up a meeting with Engagement Outreach Coordinator and Defensores.
- Committee members receiving training at Hyattsville invasive removal events 9/30 and 10/14
- Sent an email to MDOT SHA re: US1/Rhode Island Avenue MOU.
- **End of November** invasive vine removal planned across from Public Works Department area. Will PWD be able to pick-up the weeds and dispose in yard waste?
- Planning updates for the 2021-22 Brentwood tree survey, proposals for Brentwood Tree Care policy and practices

What can residents do?

- Join the Tree Committee to remove invasive vines in November & learn about how you can do this without harming trees
- Would you like a tree(s) in your yard? Contact info@brentwoodmd.gov and let us know.

Brentwood Native Plant Network (BNPN)

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.

What can residents do?

- Contact the BNPN at greensbrentwood@gmail.com to get more information about planting a rain garden or pollinator garden
- [Plant a rain garden & get money back from the county](#) while absorbing rainwater, landscaping within drought conditions, reducing mosquitos, and supporting native bees and insects.



Upcoming Events

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

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September councilmember recap

- 9/16 Sustainable Brentwood Green Team Tree Committee gathering
- 9/19 Met with SolSmart & ICMA
- 9/21 Met with Defensores de la Cuenca
- 9/25 Attended Delegate Ivey's D47 Public Safety meeting
- 9/27 Attended Senator Augustine's D47 Quarterly meeting with MDOT
- 9/30 Attended Anacostia Watershed Walk with MD Department of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz & Delegate Ivey
- 9/30 Attended Bladensburg Festival del Rio

