

Town of Brentwood  
Sustainable Brentwood Green Team Tree Committee  
10/21/23 Meeting

Present:

Councilmember Rauk  
Public Works Department Lead Santiago  
Julia, co-chair Green Team  
Scott, co-chair Brentwood Native Plant Network  
Emily, co-chair Brentwood Native Plant Network  
Eliza, member  
Jason, member  
Jacob, member  
Pamela, member  
& a couple of younger residents

Emily gave the update for BNPN. The group certified 17 native spaces in Brentwood through this round of certifications. The design is with the printer. BNPN will determine how many signs to have printed with the allotted budget. Their winter meeting will outline coming spring certification, plant swap, workshop, spring garden tour, Pocket Park native garden, and budget for activities.

Public Works Department was represented by Mr. J Santiago. Mr. Santiago has experience from other Maryland cities and the county's Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement. He's dedicated to environmentally-friendly practices, transitioning the municipal fleet to e-vehicles, responsible tree care that focuses on safety (pedestrian/traffic and heat islands) and preservation. Mr. Santiago needs Tree Committee recommendations for tree removal around the public works yard. Mr. Santiago shares his contact info with residents: [jenchesky.santiago@brentwoodmd.gov](mailto:jenchesky.santiago@brentwoodmd.gov) and 240-756-3526

No report from Green Team or Tree Committee. Green Team will look into a mid-November litter pick-up along NW Branch of the Anacostia Trail. Tree Committee is planning a late November ivy removal.

Discussion about composting possibilities for the town, including contacting the county for a contract for composting services (CM Rauk reached out and will follow-up), looking into miXt offering composting services, providing compost barrels to residents with yards, etc. Concerns about wildlife entering the compost were discussed. Scott and Aliza are taking lead on compost recommendations to the town.

Discussion about tree care, how to address dead and dying trees. The members were encouraged to make a proposal to the town on practices.

Next meeting is Saturday, November 18, 2023. This meeting will be a river clean-up with Neighbors of the Northwest Branch and Hyattsville starting at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave Neighborhood Park.