

**Town of Brentwood
Tree Committee
12/09/2023 Meeting**

Present:

Special guest: Kari Wurth, Maryland Forest Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Councilmember Lauren Rauk, chair Sustainable Brentwood
Councilmember Stefan Leggin, chair Public Works Committee
Nigel Dawson, co-chair
Savannah Miller, co-chair
Sara, member
Liz, member
Jason, member
Jacob, member
Amy, member
Anna, member
Alba, member
Gary, member
Megan, member
& a couple of younger residents

Next activity: Saturday, January 27, 10am invasive ivy removal from trees. Meet at the Public Works Department (4604 37th Street). Bring gloves and pruning tool(s).

MD DNR presented information on the 5 Million Trees initiative. They can help the town with planting, maintenance, forest management, seed collection. They can connect town to volunteer opportunities, grants, municipal and private citizen needs for trees.

- [Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee \(MUCFC\) Grants](#) helps community groups fund tree planting and education projects statewide to enhance Maryland's urban forest. Community tree projects may be organized via schools, service organizations, homeowner organizations or other volunteer-based groups. The tree planting/educational projects must be located on public lands in parks, metropolitan areas, cities or towns. The maximum grant awarded per project is \$1,000. Grant proposals are due to Grants Chair, with forestry board member original signature, by 4:30 p.m. on February and July 15.
- [Tree-Mendous Maryland](#) provides an agreement between a whole sale nursery to provide quality native trees to be planted on public land to assist local governments and community groups plant trees at a reduced cost to benefit every Marylander with free delivery to three locations across the state each Spring and Fall.
- Seed collection and tour to the [state tree nursery](#)
- Invasives removal with Patapsco Conservation Corps

Plans for 2024

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Due Date	Activity	Lead
January 27, 10AM	Invasive ivy removal from trees	Nigel
February	Info package on care and maintenance guidance for residents	Lauren
March	Tree health update walk and identification of replacement, pruning, removal, new planting	Savannah
April Last Friday	Arbor Day event Include possible tree replacement.	Gary, Savannah
Placemaking event	Community Survey	Sara
November	Seed collection day for kids	Gary
	Town code, care, practices – research	Jason/Jacob/Lauren
	Maintenance / tree care / education: Pocket Park forest near tennis court, Bartlett Park, municipal right-of-way	
	Tree planting grants – identify best fit and apply	
	Tree maintenance workshop, include right tree, right place guidance	