

The Brentwood Lamplighter



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TOWN SPECIAL ELECTION

Monday, March 17, 2008, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Brentwood Town Hall

4300 39th Place

COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES:

(Vote for ONLY one)

(CANDIDATO PARA CONSEJO)

Verron F. Bretemps

Jeffrey Clark

E. James Cooksey

Tina Fulp

The newly elected Council member will be sworn in on April 1, 2008 Workshop/Meeting.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

To be held at the Brentwood Town Hall

4300 39th Place

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

League of Women's Voters will be moderating.

OFFICE CLOSED

Town offices will be closed Monday, March 17,
for the Special Elections.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 19, 2008,

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Residents of Brentwood are encouraged to participate in "SPRING CLEAN-UP." This is the time to get rid of all that "stuff" you have been hanging on to for so long. It is also a good time to clean up your property—clean up, fix up, paint. While you are cleaning up, do the sidewalks and gutters around your property. Let's all work together to make our Town beautiful.

PARDON OUR DUST

The maintenance staff is in the process of painting the Town Hall that will take a few weeks to complete. Therefore, we ask for your patience while the work is being completed.

BRENTWOOD DAY

Brentwood Day is fast approaching and we need to start planning for the event. We always have some suggestions, but we need volunteers. The Town would love to put on a parade this year so we need your assistance. Please volunteer. Call the office at 301/927-3344 and let us know if you're interested in helping.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND SET FOR BARTLETT PARK

M-NCPPC's Department of Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Town of Brentwood to hold another Summer Playground in Bartlett Park from June 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The summer playground offers games, crafts, and other fun activities for Prince George's County residents only, ages 6-12. Children are free to come and go during the day and to attend some days and not others. Neither "Before Care" nor "After Care" is provided in conjunction with summer playgrounds. The fee is \$25 per child, whether a child attends six hours a day for all six weeks or select days and times only. Optional field trips and special events may be offered for additional fees. Children must meet the minimum age of 6 by August 31, 2008 in order to attend this program. For more information and/or registration call 301/864-1611.

The Town of Brentwood does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Hall at (301) 927-3344 or Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Looking for Talent

Do you play music? Have a band? Dance? Sing? Puppet act? We are looking for local talents to perform at Brentwood Day, Saturday, June 7, 2008. Send a 3X5 card with talent and contact information on it. If you sing/play music, you can submit a CD with written lyrics to the Town Hall, 4300 39th Place, Brentwood, MD 20722. For more information contact the Town Hall at 301-927-3344.

"Miss Brentwood"

We are looking for volunteers to help with the "Miss Brentwood" contest, tentatively scheduled for May 2008. Contact the Town Hall, 301-927-3344.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Interested in joining a Neighborhood Watch? Information may be obtained by visiting the web site brentwoodNW@gmail.com.

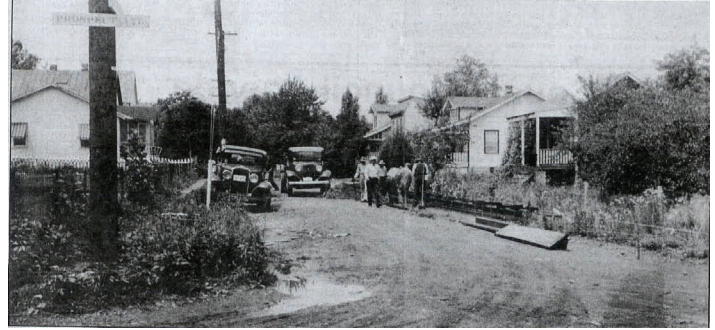
DISTRICT 1 ADVISORY COMMUNITY MEETING

The District 1 Advisory Community Meeting, March 27 at 6:30pm, Conference Room, . Contact Donna Engles (DEngles@co.pg.md.us) for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On Saturday, February 16, the Mayor and Council along with county dignities, staff, and fellow residents, a "Ribbon-Cutting" ceremony was held in Bartlett Park for our newly installed playground equipment. The equipment that once stood in the Park was donated to the Faith Outreach Church. We now have two play sets: one for children age 2-5, and another one for 5-12 year olds. The improvements for the Park started back in 2002 when the Town Council appointed a committee to present recommendations for the upgrade and renovation of Bartlett Park. Since that time residents have seen some of these recommendations become a reality, such as the Gazebo, new benches and tables, landscaping, and now the installation of new playground equipment. Thanks to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space, County Council member Will Campos, Kenneth Hankin, CEO of the Siena Corporation, and funding through CDBG, we now have a place for our children to play and have fun. The Mayor and Council wishes to offer a special thanks to Peter Ng & Johnny Lee (Ribs-n-Things), Johnny Cazahuatl (Fiesta Burrito) and Charles Hollins & Bonnie Mullins (Bon Ton) for their donation of food. But mostly we wish to thank the residents—and the children—of Brentwood for their patience during the installation of the equipment. We hope, with the installation of the new equipment, our children will be stimulated and active. Come out and enjoy the Park!

Then



June 1937, Fenwick Street (now Webster Street)

And Now



January 2008, Webster Street (then Fenwick Street)

If you have any "Then and Now" Brentwood scenery pictures, the Town would like permission to copy and feature them in a future issue of the Lamplighter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Town of Brentwood has adopted municipal codes (laws) specifically designed to address blight, nuisances, and to maintain a clean environment for all residents in our community. The Town does this by working in partnership with the people of Brentwood. The Code Enforcement Officer's duty is to enforce these codes in a fair and impartial manner.

Noise Complaints: With the good weather more and more residents are going to come outside. Remember, if another resident and/or business has loud music from their homes/cars, screaming and/or yelling going on, call the police at 301/333-4000. You can call anonymously if you wish, but please call. If only one person calls, the police may not take the complaint seriously. If they are receiving numerous calls about a particular address, they will know it is something to investigate.

Battle Ready



After a grueling day battling the day to day trash of town, Brentwood employee Don Mathews prepares to take off his armor and relax.

BROWN SANITATION LANDFILL

The Brown Sanitation Landfill accepts items such as fire extinguishers, cleaning products, insecticides, photographic chemicals, computer monitors, televisions, fuels, household batteries, car batteries, pesticides, propane tanks, varnishes and paints, oil based paints, automotive fluids, acids, fertilizers with herbicides, driveway cleaners and pool chemicals. Residents can take all these items to the landfill on Sundays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For future information call 301-952-7621.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

APPROVED: Appointment of Dottie Varnado as Consultant to the Chief Judge, Special Elections.

APPROVED: Compensation of \$6 p/h for Consultant, Special Elections

APPROVED: Purchase of 6 file cabinets not to exceed \$600

APPROVED: Funds for Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, February 16, not to exceed \$400

ADOPTED: Minutes of January 2, 2008.

APPROVED: Waiver and Release of Liability form, Faith Outreach Church

APPROVED: Advertising for Town Treasurer

APPROVED: Removal of 2 trees on Perry Street not to exceed \$4,200

APPROVED: Executive Session to discuss Town Treasurer's position

Next Workshop March 4, 2008, next Council meeting, March 18, 2008.

Community Police Stats

The following are the monthly stats for the Community Police Officer: 57 traffic stops; 30 verbal warnings; 15 written warnings; 7 state citations; 5 state repair orders; 3 arrests; 6 field interviews. Information provided by Cpl Kenworthy.



REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS

(Richard Welch, Supervisor)

On Mr. Welch's tour of the newly formed Environmental Protection Board's recycling facility he obtained information useful to the Town. Here is a list of what those "resin" codes (found on the bottom of plastic containers) BTW mean and they cannot be recycled.

PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) is oven-ready meal containers, water bottles, and fizzy drink bottles;

HDPE (High-density polyethylene) is milk bottles, detergent bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners, and grocery, trash and retain bags;

PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) is cling film such as plastic food wrap, vegetable oil bottles, loose-leaf binders, and construction products such as plastic pipes;

LDPE (Low-density polyethylene) is dry cleaning bags, produce bags, trash can liners, bread/frozen food bags, and squeezable bottles such as mustard, honey;

PP (Polypropylene) is ketchup bottles, medicine bottles, yogurt containers, aerosol caps, and drinking straws;

PS (Polystyrene) is compact disc jackets, grocery store meat trays, egg cartons, aspirin bottles, packaging Styrofoam peanuts and plastic tableware; and

Miscellaneous is three- and five-gallon reusable water bottles, certain kinds of food containers and Tupperware.

Sadly the only plastics recycled by the Prince George's County facility are #1 and #2, and there are no plans to recycle #3-7 anytime soon. So when you start sorting your "recyclables" look for #1 and #2 on the bottom and put them in for recycling; the others are to be put in the regular trash. The containers used for motor oil, drain cleaner, antifreeze or other hazardous liquids CANNOT be recycled and should be taken to the landfill and disposed of properly. DO NOT throw them in the trash. The plastic shopping bags used by food stores (Giant, Safeway, Fresh Food, etc.) can be taken to Giant or Safeway and put in their recycling bin. Paper and cardboard (newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, junk mail, colored paper, computer paper, paper grocery bags, glossy printer paper, wrapping paper, paper board, corrugated cardboard, books, cereal boxes, white office paper) can ALL be recycle and should be placed next your recycling bin. You do not need to sort it; just place all of it into the bin and place on the curb.

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Council Wrkshp 7pm	5	6	7	8 Set Clocks ahead 1 hr at midnight
9 Daylight Savings Begins	10	11 Candidates Night 7pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 SPECIAL ELECTION 7am-8pm Town Offices Closed	18 Council Mtng 7:30pm	19	20	21	22
23 Easter	24	25	26	27 District 1 Advisory Mtng 6:30 pm	28	29
30	31				* All Bingo at the Bunker Hill Fire Station has been suspended. For more information, 301-985-5400.	



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301-927-2887

Roger E. Rudder
301-927-0351

Margaret G. Terry
240-296-5243

Vacant

CARRIER ROUTE
PRESORT

Postal Customer
Brentwood, Maryland 20722

Brentwood Town Hall 301-927-3344

Police
911 - Emergency
301-333-4000
301-699-2630

Brentwood VFD 301-985-5400

To join the Brentwood Online Community

Group List, please go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BrentwoodMD>