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President Donald J. Trump announced today his intent to nominate Kenneth J. Braithwaite of Pennsylvania to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway. Mr. Braithwaite, a distinguished 27-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserve, currently serves as Group Senior Vice President for Vizient, a healthcare strategy and performance improvement company. [Read more.](#)



Embassy opens doors to new neighbors

On Thursday, August 25, 2017, the U.S. Embassy in Oslo opened its doors to its new neighbors for a chance for them to have a look around, chat with embassy employees, and enjoy cookies, ice cream, and coffee. The U.S. Embassy in Oslo moved to Makrellbekken in May 2017 after having been located for 58 years in the Oslo city center. This was the first chance for neighbors to see the inside of the embassy. [Read more](#)



How a Passport Can Help You Fly in the U.S.

The Real ID Act requires all state-issued identification documents (IDs) to meet a set of minimum security standards. IDs that do not meet these minimum security standards won't be accepted for federal purposes, including as ID for boarding domestic flights. The U.S. passport book and U.S. passport card are both accepted by TSA as ID for domestic flights. [Read more](#)



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Daniel Pearl World Music Days is a global network of music events held in October to promote tolerance and understanding through the universal language of music. On Thursday, October 12, the band Diplomatic Immunity, consisting of, among others, Artur Wilczynski, Canada's Ambassador to Norway, and Jim DeHart, Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy, performed at the Stopp Pressen music venue. [Read more](#)



Know Before you go

The Department of State's Travel website provides Country Specific Information for every country of the world. You will find the location of the U.S. embassy and any consular offices, information about whether you need a visa, crime and security information, health and medical considerations, drug penalties, localized hot spots and more. This is a good place to start learning about where you are going. [Read more](#)



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You can vote from here. Register today

Regardless of where you are in the world, it is important to know that you can vote. It only takes a few quick steps to make sure your vote is counted. Start by registering with the new Federal Post Card Application. The [Federal Voting Assistance Program \(FVAP\)](#) or [Overseas Vote Foundation](#) website offer an online assistant that will walk you through the process. [Read more.](#)

Notarial Services Abroad



Did you know that notarizing officers at any U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad can provide a service similar to the functions of a notary public in the United States. [Read more](#)

Travel to European Countries in the Schengen Area

Entry into any of the 26 European countries in [the Schengen area](#) for short-term tourism, a business trip, or in transit to a non-Schengen destination, requires that your passport be valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure. [Read more](#)



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