



The Penn Brancher

Newsletter Update for the Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:00 PM

in the **Pennsylvania Baptist Church** basement community room, rear parking area

On behalf of the PBCCA executive committee, I want to invite you to the next community meeting Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm. Community discussion will include block captains, volunteers for committees and committee updates. We will hear from several candidates who will be on the



ballot including **Vincent Gray, Councilman Robert White, and candidates for State Board of Education, Karen Williams and Marla Dean.**

Jimmie Williams, PBCCA President



Membership – We have officially launched our 2016-17-membership drive. **Your membership and donations help support this community!** Please use the membership form that is attached. The fee is a small amount to ensure our community stays strong. As a reminder the PBCCA is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

Lloyd D. Smith Foundation

The Lloyd D. Smith Foundation is a non-profit family foundation established to honor the memory and legacy of the late Lloyd D. Smith who was an innovative and highly successful community development leader in Ward Seven and Penn Branch resident. The Foundation primarily provides college scholarships to high school graduates who live in Ward 7. Applicants are evaluated on financial need, grade point average, leadership skills and extracurricular activities. Preference is given to students who wish to pursue a community service related career. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$50,000.00 in scholarships. Most recently, Penn Branch's very own, Rudolf Schreiber, Jr. received a \$2,500 award. The Foundation will be accepting applications during February and March 2017 for students who will be entering college in the fall of 2017. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 16, 2017. Students are encouraged to visit the Foundation's website: lloydsmithfoundation.org or email the Foundation at info@lloydsmithfoundation.org for more details on the application and the process of applying. If you would like to make a donation to this extremely worthy education scholarship

fund please send your check or money order, payable to the Lloyd D. Smith Foundation, P.O. Box 10473, Washington, DC 20020-9994.

Committee Updates:

Public Works Alberta Paul, Chair

9-11 Park Update: The public works committee thanks all who took time this past Saturday, September 24, 2016 to assist in conducting a fall cleaning of the community's 9-11 Memorial Park. Your efforts were more than appreciated.

Welcome Committee Toni Reeves, Chair

We like to welcome any new neighbors to the community. If you know of someone who recently moved to the community, please contact your block captain or send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org. Welcome new neighbors!

Dog Attack: Leash and ID Your Pet

A little over a month ago a neighbor's greyhound dog, Drusus, was viciously attacked. The owner of the attacking dog did not have his dog on a leash. Unfortunately, Drusus was seriously injured and required stitches. We strongly urge dog owners to be responsible, and to keep your dogs on a leash. We also urge that all owners cleanup after your pets, and please ID your animals. Luckily, 'Drusus' has recovered.

Penn Branch Shopping Center: New Owner

Many of you have asked for updates on the Penn Branch Shopping Center. **Jair Lynch, Real Estate Partners** is the new buyer of our community shopping center. We were told by a representative handling the shopping center auction that Penn Branch residents would be pleased with the new owner, and they are probably correct. Several members of Penn Branch community and members of surrounding areas have been participating on the Pennsylvania Avenue East Economic Development Committee for the past several months and working with city officials and others. A separate committee consisting of mostly residents not from Penn Branch recently announced its formation. Check back for more details, or follow us on Twitter @pennbranchdc or our website www.pennbranchdc.org.

Community Block Party

Many Penn Branch residents came out last month to attend our impromptu “new neighbors block party.” Neighbors who attended were treated to great music, delicious food, and a good time getting to know each other. We plan to do it again next year, on a much larger scale and with more notice!



New Penn Branch Committee: Seniors Health and Wellness Committee

In response to concerns raised by many of seniors; neighbors Belinda Pauls Anderson and Venice Adams have agreed to co-chair the *Seniors Health and Wellness Committee*. The committee work to help address the special needs of our seniors, such as security, home repair assistance, senior activities, and create a network focused on seniors. During the last meeting, the chairs of the newly formed committee distributed a survey to get community input and seek members for the committee. If you're interested, please send an email to [info@pennbranch DC](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org) or contact your block captain.

Security Cameras: Time is Running Out



If you plan to purchase an outside security camera for your home, you should hurry if you want to qualify for a rebate. Funds will run out soon. The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants is currently offering rebates of up to \$200 per camera and \$500 per residence for the purchase and installation of security cameras. Christopher Dyer, communications and performance officer gave a great update at the last PBCCA meeting, September 13th, 2016. He encouraged residents of Penn Branch to move fast, while funds are still available. <http://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program>.

Nuisance Housing

Tired of empty houses, disrespectful neighbors with frequent noise, police calls and disturbing incidents? We have had some recent success and will continue to work with District agencies to address your concerns. It is very important that you call 311 to

ensure that there is a record of your complaints. Also, take photos and keep a log of the issues. You can also send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org. We continue to work with MPD, and government agencies to address your concerns.

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

Deaths – We regret announcing the passing of long-time Penn Branch resident, [Robert Paul Dickey](#), MD. According to reports, he was riding a bike in a crosswalk near the 4600 block of Paint Branch Parkway when he was hit by a car. Dr. Dickey is the husband of Penn Brancher Michelle L. Fennell Dickey.



Reminder – “Of many we are One” and we need your help to keep PBCCA informed about your neighbors who are sick, shut-in, or who have passed.

ARTICLES & ADVERTISEMENTS

We are putting out a call for Penn Branch writers to submit a story or to share something newsworthy with the Penn Branch community. We would like contributors for the next PBCCA Newsletter. Please send stories to info@pennbranchdc.org.

Please remember, if you're a Penn Branch resident or want to get attention for one for your businesses, you are encouraged to advertise in our newsletter. Email info@pennbranchdc.org or call/leave a message at (202) 525-5972.

This publication update has been brought to you by:

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A special thank you to Keith Lopes for newsletter design, and to Joan McKenzie for her support!

We'll see you at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Don't forget to pay your membership if you have not already. Thanks for your community support! Email us at: info@pennbranchdc.org

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Annual Membership Form

September 1, 2016 - September 1, 2017

Mail this form with your payment to:

PBCAA

Post Office Box 6730
Washington, DC 20020-2325



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Street Address		City		Zip Code	
E-Mail			Tel.	() ()	Home Cell
E-mail 2			Are you interested in volunteering to help PBCCA? <small>(Circle Your Answer)</small>		Yes No
Annual Membership Fee: \$20.00 per household		Payment Info: (Check Number)			

Keeping checking our website: Soon you can make membership payments on line at www.pennbranchdc.org

Don't forget you membership entitles you to discounts at Penn Branch Shopping Center and area merchants. Check our website for the additional of new merchants.

Don't forget that PBCCA Community Meetings are held at **7:00 pm** on the **second Tuesday of every month at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church at 3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE**



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