



# The Penn Brancher

Newsletter Update for the Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association



**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:00 PM**

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

**Next PBCCA Meeting — Former Mayor and Councilman Vincent Gray** will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, January 12 PBCCA meeting. Gray, who is a long-time resident of Ward 7 and resident of our sister community Hillcrest, has previously addressed PBCCA during his tenure as mayor. Gray is returning for a friendly community chat.



**At our Tuesday meeting**, we will also discuss our goals and objectives for the next 5 months. Also, we want to solicit volunteers to help with our fundraising objectives. We are currently looking for a fundraising chair, as our former chairwoman, Kim Holt, is unable to continue serving as chair due to a family illness. We thank Kim for leaving us with a strong blue print for this year! We will try to wrap up early since the Presidential State of the Union begins at 9:00 pm.

**RISE Dance Performance: Brandye Lee**, (daughter of Jeanarta McEachron and granddaughter of **Bobbie and Doris Chandler**, all of



Penn-Branch,) is excited to return home next week with Collage Dance Collective in the 2nd

annual Washington, DC presentation of RISE. For those who came to the show last year, you'll recall having an awesome time. RISE 2016 will not disappoint, as the show aims to elevate artistic excellence, while honoring the great contributions that African-Americans have made to society. This is a terrific opportunity to introduce the entire family to ballet, as the show will include performances by students from Collage Ballet Conservatory, and Brandye's beloved dance alma mater, Jones-Haywood Dance School. [Fri, Jan 15 @ 7:30pm](#) and [Sat, Jan 16 @ 2:30pm](#) at THEARC [1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington DC 20020](#). **Tickets are \$25 General Admission and can be purchased by [thearc.org](http://thearc.org)**

**Empowering Males of Color (EMOC)** - Last year Mayor Muriel Bowser and Chancellor Kaya Henderson launched the Empowering Males of Color (EMOC) Initiative with the goal of assisting young men of color with their reading skills. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity is currently seeking community stakeholders to help complete the goal of 500 mentors for 500 students. Please complete the **EMOC application** by visiting [here](#) or call **Tina L. Fletcher**, Community Engagement Director, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity (202) 545-3068.

**Yard Sale:** Joan McKenzie and Susan Hormuth are already busy planning for the yard sale, which will take in May or June. Expect more details soon!

## Neighborhood News:

**Deaths:** We regret to announce the passing of long-time Penn Branch resident, **Mrs. Carrie Bell Freeman**. Mrs. Freeman is the wife of Bishop Freeman and lived on Nash Street. The wake is Sunday, January 17, 2016 - 6-9pm, the funeral is Monday, January 18, 2016 10:00am viewing, 11:00am services; both held at Spirit of Faith Christian Center, 2261 Oxon Run Dr. Temple Hills, Md.

We also ask that you remember and keep us informed about your neighbors who have deaths in their immediate family or are sick and shut in.

## Articles & Advertisements

Next month in February 2016, we will be sending out our quarterly installment of the *Penn Brancher*. We encourage you to send us your ideas and suggestions. Also, if there are any writers out there, now's the time to submit a story or to share something newsworthy with the Penn Branch community. Contributors for the December's PBCCA Newsletter update should contact Keith Lopes at the next meeting or send items for the upcoming *Penn Brancher* to [info@pennbranchdc.org](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org).

Also, please remember, you can advertise in the upcoming February quarterly edition of the *Penn Brancher* newsletter. Ads are \$25.00 for a quarter page (3.5"x4.75"), \$50.00 for a half page (7.5"x4.75") and \$100.00 for a full page (7.5"x10"). Images should be in a jpeg or pdf format. Please email [info@pennbranchdc.org](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org) or call/leave a message at (202) 525-5972. Keith Lopes will also be available at the General Body Meeting for questions and further information.

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**We'll see you at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 12. Please join us online: [www.pennbranchdc.org](http://www.pennbranchdc.org) and on Twitter at [@pennbranchdc](https://twitter.com/pennbranchdc). Don't forget to pay your membership if you have not already. Thanks for your community support!**