



The Penn Brancher

Monthly Newsletter for Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association
"A Community on the Move"

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 7:00 pm

**Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington DC 20020, Fellowship Hall / Lower Level**

BOARD NEWS - October 2019

Dear Neighbors,

The Penn Branch Executive Board received the resignation letter from President, Shannon Thomas. Her resignation is effective at the conclusion of the October 8, 2019 General Body Meeting. According to the PBCCA By-Laws, Vice President, Jacquelyn Cannon, will then become President.

The Executive Board would like to sincerely thank our outgoing President, Shannon Thomas, for her vision, leadership, hard work, and support in helping us move this community forward. We wish Shannon the best in her future endeavors.

LOOKING AHEAD

DID YOU KNOW?

CVS PHARMACY IN
THE SHOPS AT PENN BRANCH ...

3240 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SE

PLAN TO LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY!

CURRENT LEASE EXPIRES IN JUNE 2020!

*Attend the next PBCCA General Body meeting to get an update on **CVS** and to voice your concerns about how the planned move will impact YOU and your family!*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mayor Muriel Bowser will be our featured guest speaker at the next PBCCA General Body Meeting on October 8, 2019.

Come hear more about Mayor Bowser's recent



"Order directing the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to identify

potential relocation properties in Wards 7 and 8 neighborhoods when considering office space for District government agencies. The order focuses on the District government as a powerful tool for investing in the economic vitality of communities currently experiencing underinvestment and needing retail, including grocery stores." For more information from the article that was published on Thursday, September 5, 2019, go to the following link: <https://cfmb.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-prioritizes-government-leasing-east-river>. Please submit your question(s) in advance to the PBCCA Secretary, Kyle Murphy, at kyle.murphy@kolabnow.com.



A representative from Jair Lynch will also present an update on *The Shops at Penn Branch*.

Come get an official update on the:

- Status of the existing building renovation
- Office and retail leasing development
- Rear parking lot re-development

World Renowned Pastor, Retiring after 46 yrs.



On Saturday, September 14, 2019, our very own, Pastor Willie F. Wilson, hosted a retirement fellowship and a yard artwork unveiling at his residence in Penn Branch. As was written in the August issue of

Essence Magazine, Pastor Wilson is about to retire after 46 years as pastor of the Union Temple Baptist Church in Anacostia. He is passing the torch to his daughter, Rev. Dr. Anika Wilson-Brown, who just completed her PhD work at Loyola University.

Many family members, neighbors, friends, and distinguished leaders from around the city attended the unveiling of the spectacular piece of artwork. The distinguished artist from Ghana presented the artwork after giving a historical, cultural, and motivational account of its significance. Drive by and marvel at the statue's beauty when you get an opportunity.

Let's all congratulate Pastor Wilson on his upcoming retirement and wish Rev. Dr. Anika Wilson-Brown much success in carrying the torch forward! Both are long time residents in the Penn Branch community.

Featured Article in Essence:

<https://www.essence.com/feature/anika-wilson-brown-union-temple-dc/>

Purchase tickets to Pastor Wilson's Retirement Celebration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/retirement-celebration-for-pastors-willie-f-wilson-and-mary-l-wilson-tickets-61590192925>

Membership News

Membership dues are still being accepted. Go to: <http://www.pennbranchdc.org/membership> to join or renew your membership.

If you would like to join the PBCCA Mailing List, go to: <http://www.pennbranchdc.org>, scroll to the "Subscribe to our Mailing List" box, enter your email address, and hit **Subscribe**.

**** Membership Card Replacement ****

If you have an existing PBCCA Membership card and are current with your dues, your membership card will be replaced starting in November 2019. We are aware that old membership cards had the wrong expiration date stamped on them. Our goal is to standardize on one card going forward.

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

New Neighbors: We extend a hearty **"Welcome"** to our new neighbors in the 3400 Block of Carpenter St., SE. May you find joy, peace, and delight living in the Penn Branch community.

PENN BRANCH UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8, 2019 General Body Meeting

November 2, 2019 Pope Branch Park: Walk-thru and Ribbon Cutting – (stay tuned for more details)

November 12, 2019 General Body Meeting

December 10, 2019 Holiday Social

Coming Soon!



Seabury Connector provides free transportation for Washington, DC residents age 60 years and older to wellness centers, adult day care, and for group shopping trips. If you would be interested in utilizing this service, please contact the PBCCA Treasurer, Towana Banks, at towana.banks@pennbranchdc.org and express your interest.

This publication is being delivered to you by your local PBCCA Block Captain:

The PBCCA Executive Board would like to thank the Block Captains for being the backbone of this community and helping to keep everyone informed.

If you don't know who your Block Captain is, please contact, Stan Benton, PBCCA's Block Captain "Captain", at itsstan@gmail.com. Your Block Captains want to stay in touch and hear from you!

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