



The Penn Brancher

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 7:00 pm

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

President's Corner – November 2019



Dear Neighbors,

It is a pleasure to serve my community. Living in Penn Branch reminds me of living in NC where I grew up. Neighbors go out of their way to be neighborly. Except for an occasional loud siren, the only noise you hear late at night are the loud crickets. I sit in the swing on my front porch during the summer, drink my lemonade and enjoy the warm, summer breeze. I refer to my home as my "little country house in the city!" I truly believe that Penn Branch is still "the best kept secret" in Washington, DC!

As the Penn Branch Community Civic Association (PBCCA) Board shifts and refocuses its attention on serving through June 2020, I ask the neighbors to do the same. I encourage you to get involved on one of the committees, lend us your voice, skills, creativity, and passion so we can continue to drive positive growth in our community.

Thank you to Meagen LaGraffe for stepping up to run for the open Vice President position. She was the only candidate who submitted a Nomination Form prior to the October 31, 2019 midnight deadline. Check out her Bio on page 2 of the Newsletter.

For those who have concerns or ideas to help improve the community at large, we ask you to present those concerns and ideas to the PBCCA Board. We want to engage the right resource(s) to help resolve the issue or review your request. Contact info for the Board members can be found at: <https://pennbranchdc.org/officers/>.

My philosophy is, "It's a TEAM effort." If everyone plays their role on the team, we have a better chance at winning, influencing, and keeping our community one of the best places to live in Washington, DC.

Jacquelyn Cannon
President, PBCCA

LOOKING AHEAD



The *PBCCA Holiday Social* is coming on December 10, 2019! Prepare your favorite holiday "potluck" dish and bring it to the December General Body meeting for all to enjoy.



Congratulations to the Washington Nationals 2019 World Series Champions! It feels awesome to have a winning team in our own back yards! Let's keep that winning spirit going.



Census Sabbath DC – November 8-10, 2019 to encourage the faith community

to spread awareness about the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. Let's Get Counted!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Please join us for the November General Body Meeting with a focus on senior services. The following organizations will participate:



Mr. Wesley P. Harvey II, Director, from Seabury Resources for the Aging.

For 95 years, Seabury has provided programs and services which wrap around our area's fragile older adults. Seabury meets the needs of vulnerable older adults and provides reassurances and support that families need to make the most important decisions about their future.



Ms. Alice Thompson, Lead Community Outreach Specialist, from DC Office of Aging and Community Living (DACL), will share updated information on services provided by DACL. Visit

<https://dco.dc.gov/> for more information on DACL.



DC Fire and EMS will be on-hand from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm to perform **FREE** Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screenings. Come early to get your screening done before the meeting starts.

PBCCA Vice President Nominees

Nomination from the following individual was received prior to the October 31, 2019 deadline:



Meagen LaGraffe

Meagen has lived in DC for almost 15 years and in the Penn Branch neighborhood for the past 2 years. She feels a strong sense of community in Penn Branch. Meagen would like to

ensure that we are the best advocates for our community and that our priorities are rooted in a full understanding of who lives here and what we envision for Penn Branch in the future. She intends to help reinforce the PBCCA values of civility, inclusion, and above all else, respect.

Previously, Meagen served as the Chairperson of the PBCCA Communications Committee and as Co-Block Captain. Prior to moving into the Penn Branch community, Meagen served on her condo board and helped ensure the residents who were aging in place had access to advocates and resources. She oversaw modernization efforts in their National Historic landmark building.

Meagen enjoys running, reading, and walking around the neighborhood with her almost 2-year-old child.

Membership News

Membership is growing! Thank you to those who joined PBCCA in October 2019. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Interested in joining, but have not done so yet, go to:
<http://www.pennbranchdc.org/membership>

Thank you to our new Membership Committee Chairperson, Veronica Beverly, for stepping up! Contact her at v.beverly@icloud.com.

***** Membership Card Replacement *****

Please bring your current membership card to the November 2019 General Body Meeting. It will be replaced with a current Membership Card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4, 2019 DPW Fall leaf collection starts
November 12, 2019 General Body Meeting
November 13, 2019 Senior Spa Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center, 501 Riggs Rd, NE 10am-2pm
December 10, 2019 Holiday Social

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

New Neighbors: We extend a hearty *“Welcome”* to our new neighbors in the 3800 Block of Pope St., SE. May you enjoy the tranquility and neighborly spirit while living in the Penn Branch neighborhood.

If you are a new neighbor and have not received your official PBCCA Welcome Basket, please contact our Block Captain “Captain”, Stan Benton, at itsstan@gmail.com.


Condolences: Our deepest condolences to Ms. Janet Strickland in the recent passing of her sister. May the comfort of the Lord be with her and her family during this time.

Sick & Shut-in: Ms. Carolyn Ray & Ms. Gladys Dorn are both recovering from recent illnesses. We pray for their speedy recovery.

Beating the Odds: Congratulations to our neighbor Debbie on Texas Ave., SE for completing her last round of chemo! Stay strong Debbie!

Pope Branch Trail: Thank you to all the neighbors, friends, & community leaders who participated in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on 11/2/19. A new trail is now available for us all to enjoy.

Deer Population: Please be aware of the seemingly increased deer population that may be lurking in your back yard and on our neighborhood streets.

Survey:  If you have not done so already, please download the PBCCA survey from <https://pennbranchdc.org/pbcca-survey-message-from-the-board/> and let us know how we can serve you and this community better. Your input and feedback matters!

Kids’ Corner: Being considered for our Monthly General Body Meetings. Stay tuned for updates.

Thanks! To all the volunteers who helped make our October General Body Meeting a success! We appreciate your support.

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.

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