



The Penn Brancher

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:00 pm**

3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington DC 20020, Fellowship Hall / Lower Level
<https://pennbranchdc.org>

President's Corner – December 2019



Neighbors,
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukka, and Season's Greetings!

During this holiday season, please take advantage of local businesses, neighbors or other locations where your packages can be safely dropped off and stored for pickup. There have been many instances reported and caught on camera where packages have been stolen off neighbors' porches. Don't let this happen to you. Keep your packages safe, secure and away from the would-be thieves.

To help you get in the holiday spirit, please join the community on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 am – Noon to decorate the 911 Memorial Gateway Park located at the corner of Carpenter & O Streets, SE. Rain date: Saturday, December 14, 2019, same time.

In case you were unable to attend the November General Body Meeting, it was announced that due to personal reasons, the candidate for Vice President rescinded her nomination for the position. With no other candidates to select from and no one volunteering during the meeting to step into the role, our current Secretary, Kyle Murphy, volunteered to fill this role as Acting Vice President until new officers are elected in 2020. Thank you, Kyle, for stepping up and standing in the gap!

Wishing everyone a safe holiday and blessed New Year!

Jacquelyn Cannon
President, PBCCA

LOOKING AHEAD



If you are planning on coming to the December General Body Meeting and **Holiday "Potluck" Celebration**, please consider bringing a holiday dish to share with everyone. Contact Towana Banks at 202.316.7706 or Ericka Bellamy at 562.243.3031 to let them know what dish you will be bringing. We want to have a good variety of dishes to taste and share. Call Towana or Ericka today and get on the list. Go here to donate to the event: <https://pennbranchdc.org/donate>.



2020 is a PBCCA Election Year! According to the current PBCCA By-Laws, a **Nominating Committee** will be selected in January by the Executive Board. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to present at the April meeting a slate of at least one candidate for each office, whose consent has been obtained and who is a member in good standing of the Association. If you are interested in joining the Nominating Committee, please contact the PBCCA Correspondence Secretary, Elson Nash at elsonb13@gmail.com.



DC Census 2020 is coming! In May of 2019, Mayor Bowser kicked off the District's 2020 Census by stating, "getting an accurate count is critical for DC to get resources it needs to give everyone living in our city a fair shot." Let's do our part and respond to the Census Questionnaire that's coming in March 2020. Each District household should receive a postcard with instructions to go on-line (*for the first time*) and fill out the Questionnaire. You will also be able to respond by phone or via paper. Census data is used to update Ward and ANC boundaries. DC Government agencies rely on the data for budgeting, planning and decision making. Go to: <https://dccensus2020.dc.gov/> for more information. Help Complete the Count for Ward 7!

My School DC EdFest 2019



The Penn Branch community is growing! We have more families with school age children than ever before. If you have a child and are looking for a school for the 2020-2021 school year, you may want to check out the

upcoming *My School DC Ed Fest 2019* event on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:00 am at the DC Armory, 2001 East Capitol Street, SE.

Go and explore the city's many public school options (PK3 – grade 12) for your child and meet with representatives from each of the DC Public Schools (DCPS) and charter schools. With the launch of the public school lottery application on December 16, 2019 for the 2020-2021 school year, EdFEST is a timely event to help you make informed choices. For more info and to RSVP, go to: <https://www.myschooldc.org/events/edfest>.

PBCCA will host an Education Forum at our January General Body Meeting.

Membership News

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

Have a question about your Membership? Contact, Veronica Beverly, Chairperson, Membership Committee, at veronica.beverly14@gmail.com.

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

Please bring your current membership card to the January 2020 General Body Meeting. It will be replaced with a current Membership Card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 7, 2019 Financially Fit DC Benning/Dorothy Height Library, Ward 7, 11am-1pm, **RSVP Required**

Dec 10, 2019 General Body Meeting & Holiday "Potluck", 6:30pm

Dec 14, 2019 My School DC EdFEST 2019 Stadium Armory, 11am-3pm, 2001 East Capitol St., SE, **RSVP Required**

Dec 9, 2019 Mayor Muriel Bowser's Holiday Reception, 5pm, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 1st Floor, **RSVP Required**

Jan 1, 2020 #FITDC FRESH START 5K Anacostia Park, 9am

Jan 14, 2020 General Body Meeting & Nominating Committee Activated, 7pm

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

New Neighbors: 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. Thank you to Ms. Pat Hall for keeping us supplied with new baskets!

Sick & Shut-in: Please remember Mrs. Thetus Boyd in your prayers. We hope to see her at the Holiday "Potluck" Celebration.

Lost Dogs: Please help us find their rightful owners or file a *Lost Report* immediately by calling (202)576-6664. For more information, go to <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/lost-and-found-animals>.

DPW Leaf Collection: Scheduled for Dec 2 – 7. Next collection Jan 20 – 25, 2020. Please rake your loose leaves into your tree box (or at the curb if there is no tree box) the Sunday before your scheduled collection week. For more information, go to: <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-and-holiday-tree-collection>.

Pope Branch Trail: Enter at corners of Branch Ave & M Streets, SE or Texas Ave & Nash Streets, SE. From one entrance to the other is ~ 1 mi. Go on out and get your hike on during the holiday season!

Chess Club: Interested in playing or learning how to play chess? Check out local Chess Master, David Bennett, on Wednesdays from 7 – 8 pm at the Francis Gregory Library. Players of all ages & abilities are welcomed.

Thank You! To all who participated in the Fall 911 Gateway Park clean-up. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

By-Laws: The Sub-Committee is making progress! Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

Welcome: Ericka Bellamy has joined the Hospitality Committee as the Chairperson. Welcome to the PBCCA Executive Board Ericka!

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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