



# The Penn Brancher

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00 pm**

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

## President's Corner – January 2020



Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! As we say goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020, I want to pause for a moment to say "Thank You" to the PBCCA Board and Executive Board members, volunteers, neighbors, community leaders, presenters, friends and everyone who contributed to our success last year. We went through some tough times, but emerged focused and ready to move forward.

According to the current By-Laws, 2020 is an election year. PBCCA Officers are elected by ballot at the May meeting and serve a two-year term or until their successors are elected and qualified. The officers shall be elected by secret ballot. A majority of those voting are required for election. Those elected take office on June 1. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in any office. If you are interested in running for an office or joining the **Nominating Committee**, please contact Elson Nash, PBCCA Correspondence Secretary, at [elsonb13@gmail.com](mailto:elsonb13@gmail.com).

I challenge each of you to think about how you can get more involved in the PBCCA in 2020. Here are a few suggestions to ponder: run for an office, commit to a committee, participate in *Porchfest*, attend the *Annual Community Day*, sell at the *Annual Yard Sale*, become a Block Captain, help beautify the 911 Gateway Park and/or make a tax-deductible donation to the organization. <https://pennbranchdc.org/donate/>

We look forward to presenting a strong slate of candidates, your participation, and finishing the year strong.  
Jacquelyn Cannon  
President, PBCCA

## January EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Please join us at the January General Body Meeting for an Education Roundtable discussion. Special guests participating in the discussion will be:



**Moderator: Karen Williams**, President, DC State Board of Education. Karen Lee Williams was elected by Ward 7 constituents to serve as our representative on the DC State Board of

Education (SBOE) in November 2012 and was re-elected in November 2016. She is currently the Chair of the SBOE's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Task Force. Karen is also President of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.



**Eboni Rose-Thompson** – Chair, Ward 7 Education Council. Currently, Ms. Thompson works as a Program Specialist at Save the Children US, a leading organization that creates equity and opportunity for children globally. In her role with Save the Children, she oversees their early childhood and school-age literacy programs in the District and contributes to projects for their National Education and Health Team.



**Dr. Marla Dean** – Executive Director, Bright Beginnings. Earned her EdD from the University of Pennsylvania, has over 25 years' experience as a

teacher, principal, mentor, and leader who emphasizes whole child development, data-driven methodology, and community engagement. She began her career as a public-school teacher in her native Detroit. Since relocating to the DC area, she has held demanding leadership roles at some of the area's most challenging schools where she worked to combat some of the complex roadblocks that impede the education of children living in poverty.



**Representative** – Higher education

## Field Reservations Open for Spring Season!

Local sports, community, civic and other groups are encouraged to reserve time at [The Fields at RFK Campus](#) for the spring season, which runs March 1 - June 20, 2020.

Organizations that offer programming to young people who live within walking distance of The Fields are encouraged to apply. Such organizations may be eligible for the affordable Qualified Community Rate or a [fee waiver](#).

The application window for recurring users (multiple reservations throughout the season) ended on Friday, January 10, 2020, but unscheduled field time may continue to be reserved.

Individuals, families, community and other groups are also encouraged to use the fields for informal sports and recreational activities during Community Open Play times, which are shown on the website calendar. In addition to the turf playing fields, the complex is also home to a playground and shaded picnic area, a celebration pavilion, walking and biking paths, and other amenities.

You can [book a field](#) or contact [thefields@crispdc.org](mailto:thefields@crispdc.org) for more information. Article provided by representative from [buildingcreativdc.com](http://buildingcreativdc.com).

## 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](mailto: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

Jan 7, 2020 PBCCA Executive Board Meeting  
Jan 14, 2020 General Body Meeting, PABC 7pm  
Jan 15, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
Jan 16, 2020 ANC7B Monthly Meeting PABC 7 pm  
Jan 20, 2020 39<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Peace Walk + Parade  
<https://mlkholidaydc.org/>

## 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](mailto:itsstan@gmail.com). Thank you to Ms. Pat Hall for keeping us supplied with new baskets!

**Recent Deaths:** Jacquelyn Chandler, daughter of Bobbie & Doris Chander, and sister of Bobby Chandler, Jr. & Jeanarta McEachron. Our warmest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

**Heads-Up:** Penn Branch, Hillcrest & Ward 7 residents...We live in a **HOT** real estate market! Please be aware of individuals, ROBO calls, and mailers from individuals & brokers wanting to purchase your property. Recent stats indicate investors are buying 1 out of every 3 houses sold in these areas.

**DPW Leaf Collection:** Next collection date is 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>.



**Remember: The DC Census 2020 is coming! Stay Woke!**

**Yoga Classes:** Interested in practicing Yoga? Join Yolanda's class on Mondays at the Francis Gregory Library from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. For more info, go to: <https://www.dclibrary.org/node/61796>.

**Thank You!** To all who participated in the PBCCA Holiday "Potluck" Celebration. It was an event to remember!

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

**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.*