



The Penn Brancher

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:00 pm**
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington DC 20020, Fellowship Hall / Lower Level

President's Corner – March 2020



Dear Neighbors,

Happy March! Happy Spring!
And, most importantly, Happy Daylight Savings Time (*starting on Sunday, March 8, 2020 @*

2:00 am)! Although time is moving rather quickly in 2020, there is still time to join the PBCCA Nominating Committee and run for an officer on the PBCCA Board. All Committee Members and Nominees must be members in good standing who have met the requirements of membership and have paid all dues or other fees due. All Nominees must consent to running and to accept nominations from the floor. Contact Elson Nash elsonb13@gmail.com for more information.

We also still have time to influence the Mayor's FY21 Budget cycle. The Mayor wants to hear from us to learn more about our values, priorities and ideas for a better community. We have a short window of time to make our voices heard. Take a few minutes and complete the **Pennsylvania Avenue East Revitalization Survey** located at: <https://pennbranchdc.org/take-the-survey/>. Tell us what's most important to you. On March 3, 2020, the **Survey** caught the attention of writer LizO from East of the River magazine. It was published on the magazine's News site. Check it out at: <https://eastoftheriverdcnews.com/2020/03/03/complete-survey-on-pennsylvania-ave-revitalization/>.

Lastly, plan on attending one of the upcoming City Council Public Budget Hearings between March 23 – April 9, 2020. This will be another great opportunity to voice your opinion. **YOUR VOICE Matters!**

Jacquelyn Cannon
President, PBCCA

Guest Speaker:



Tomas Talamante, *Mayor Bowser's Deputy Chief Of Staff*

Join us at the March General Body Meeting to hear the preliminary results of the Pennsylvania Avenue East

Revitalization **SURVEY** and to learn more about the Mayor's priorities for the FY21 Budget. Mr. Talamante will provide remarks and host a Q&A with the community regarding the Budget.



Through 4/15/2020, meet with a qualified AARP tax aide to get FREE help in answering your tax questions and preparing your 2019 income tax filing. Visit: <https://www.dclibrary.org/incometax> for more information.



Remember to scoop your dog's poop as you stroll thru the neighborhood. We are getting complaints from residents about poop not being scooped. Let's be courteous to one another and scoop it up!



Senior Wellness Center – 3000 Alabama Ave., SE offers FREE, HOT, and nutritious lunch daily at 11:30 am Mon-Fri. Join and become a member thru DACL. Visit: <https://dcoa.dc.gov/page/food-meals-and-nutrition> for more info.



At 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004. Now Open for field trips, birthday parties, fun classes, exhibits, & lots more things for young children of all ages. Visit: <https://nationalchildrensmuseum.org/> or call 202.844.2486.



Want to get some FUN in the SUN? Remember Pope Branch Park Playground at 1401 34th St., SE for the kids and Pope Branch Hiking Trail for the Adults (*Branch & M St, SE*).

Community Spotlight

In case you have not heard, The Highlands café and restaurant is coming to The Shops at Penn Branch! On Friday, February 14, 2020, BISNOW broke the news in the following press article:

<https://www.bisnow.com/washington-dc/news/mixed-use/jair-lynch-lands-restaurant-office-tenants-at-southeast-dc-shopping-center-redevelopment-102999>

We are delighted to have a quality, sit-down, restaurant coming to our neighborhood. Another huge WIN for the community.

Thank you, Chef Moe Garay, Anthony Startt and the entire Jair Lynch team for listening to our priorities and closing the deal. We look forward to patronizing The Highlands when it opens this summer and sharing a good meal with our family and friends. For a look at The Highlands menu, visit: <http://highlandsdc.com/>

Election Corner (important dates)



June 2, 2020 DC Primary Election 7am - 8pm EDT

- Early Voting: 5/16/2020 – 5/29/2020
- Voter Registration Deadline:
 - Post Received by Tue 5/12/2020
 - In-Person, Received by Wed May 13, 2020
 - Election Day Registration & Voting Tue, 6/2/2020 8:00pm EDT
 - Last Day to Change Party Affiliation Tue 5/12/2020
- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: Tue 5/26/2020
- Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot: Tue 6/2/2020 8:00pm EDT

Nov 3, 2020 DC General Election 7am – 8 pm EST

- Early Voting: 10/17/2020 – 10/30/2020
- Voter Registration Deadline
 - Post Received by Tue 10/13/2020
 - In-Person, Received by Wed 10/14/2020
 - Election Day Registration & Voting Tue, 11/3/2020 by 8:00 pm EST
 - Last Day to Change Party Affiliation, Fri 11/13/2020
- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: Tue 10/27/2020
- Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot: Tue 11/3/2020 8:00pm EST <https://dcboe.org/>

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

Get Well Soon: To all of our neighbors recovering from recent illnesses, surgeries, colds/flu, stress or strain. Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery! Remembering you all in our thoughts & prayers.

Recent Births: Cameron Ward Chavous, born to Kevin & Ashley Chavous. Idris Ali Duree, born to Tad & Samia Duree. Congrats Moms & Dads as we welcome the little ones to the neighborhood! More babies on the way!



Shout Out to Penn Branch residents Bettie & daughter Anna Elizabeth Martinez-Graham for recent feature article in East of the River Magazine (*January 2020 Edition*). Anna is a 5th grader at John Tyler Elementary School and was selected as the 1st place winner in the national “Kids Flaunt It” contest. Congratulations Anna! Great job and beautiful artwork! Read articles at: <http://www.donthideitflauntit.com/the-life-inside-you-by-anna-elizabeth-g-martinez-graham-age-10/> and <https://eastoftheriverdcnews.com/2020/01/14/ward-7-student-places-first-national-art-contest/>

Porchfest DC - Southeast Edition: Coming to a street near you on Sunday, May 17th! Want to volunteer or be a Host Home? Contact Ayanna Smith ayannacanty@gmail.com for more info.



Remember: The DC Census 2020 is coming 4/1/2020! You Matter. Be Counted!

Temporary part-time positions available. Apply at: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

Community Service Hours Available: Know a youth who needs community service hours? Have them send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org expressing their interest in serving the community.

*** PBCCA Membership Cards ***

Please bring your old/expired membership card to the March General Body Meeting. It will be replaced with a current Membership Card if you are current with your dues. If you joined PBCCA and never received your Membership card, contact Veronica Beverly, Membership Chair, at veronica.beverly14@gmail.com

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