



The Penn Brancher

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

Next Meeting: *Suspended until after the Public Health Emergency Lifted*
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington DC 20020, Fellowship Hall / Lower Level

President's Corner – April 2020



Dear Neighbors,

Although all of our lives have been upended by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still hope that

"this too shall pass."

Now, more than ever, we need to come together as a community to help each other stay safe, healthy, and informed. Call and check on your neighbor. While practicing social distancing, talk to each other from across the fence or across the street. Pick up extra food or supplies from the grocery store and share with a neighbor. Forward e-mails from the leadership teams about resources available in the community.

In this edition of the PBCCA Newsletter, you will find updates from the PBCCA Executive Board on future PBCCA meetings, Draft By-Laws, the 2020 Election, annual events, and other vital information impacting our community.

Do your part in staying informed and helping the community stay connected. Together, we will get through this pandemic and be stronger on the other side. If you have any needs, concerns, or ideas for how to continue to move the community forward during the pandemic, please send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org and let us know.

In the meantime, please visit: <https://www.dcpolicycenter.org/publications/covid19-emergency-legislation/> and read more about the COVID-19 DC Emergency Legislation that was passed on 3/17/2020. Also visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/> for the latest information on COVID-19. Stay safe and informed.

Jacquelyn Cannon,
President, PBCCA

PBCCA Business Impacted by COVID-19



On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the PBCCA Executive Board met virtually and voted unanimously on the following PBCCA business that's been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and Mayor Bowser's announcement of the DC Public Health Emergency. The dates below assume the Public Health Emergency

will be lifted by that time:

- 1. Monthly General Body Meetings** – *suspended until after the Public Health Emergency has been lifted. The PBCCA Newsletter and current distribution lists will be used as the primary means of communicating with the members. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address by sending an e-mail to info@pennbranchdc.org.*
- 2. PBCCA 2020 Election** – *execute Option 1 from the Proposed 2020 Election Timeline as presented in the March 2020 General Body Meeting. Visit: https://pennbranchdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/PBCCA_election-proposed-timeline.final_v1.03072020.pdf to download a full copy of the Proposed Election Timeline. Key Dates:*
 - a. September 15, 2020:** PBCCA General Body Meeting – the Nominating Committee will present nominees for all officer positions.
 - b. October 13, 2020:** PBCCA General Body Meeting - friends of the community who do not belong to PBCCA will administer the election of officers. All members in good standing who are present will vote to elect officers for all positions.
 - c. November 20, 2020:** PBCCA General Body Meeting – the current Board members will preside over the meeting and the Board -elect will shadow to ensure a smooth transition.

d. **December 8, 2020:** PBCCA General Body Meeting / Holiday Social – the new Board members will be sworn-in, jointly host the holiday event with the out-going Board, and prepare to preside over the January Meeting.

3. **PBCCA Draft copy of updated By-Laws** – timeline for getting the DRAFT out to the community has slipped. The Sub-Committee will use all electronic means and distribution lists available to distribute the DRAFT in the coming days. Everyone will have an opportunity to submit comments and feedback to info@pennbranchdc.org. A new date will be announced when members in good standing (*who have paid dues no later than May 7th*) will vote on the adoption of the updated Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. Visit: <https://pennbranchdc.org/pbcca-by-laws-proposed-changes-timeline/> to download documents relative to the PBCCA By-Laws.

4. **Yard Sale (June 2020)** – *suspended until after the Public Health Emergency has been lifted.*

5. **Community Day (August 2020)** – *suspended until after the Public Health Emergency has been lifted.*

6. **Red/White Paper: Signals for Help** – a new system was suggested and approved to help residents get the attention of neighbors and Block Captains when they need help. We are still fine tuning this system and will share more details in the coming days.

Food Options:




Serving hot meals at the SE Whitehouse 2909 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and giving away hygiene products, non-perishable items & face masks at the DC Dream Center located at 2826 Q St., SE, daily from 12-4 pm. Donate online: <https://dcdreamcenter.com/donate/>. Thank you to Executive Director, Ernest Clover, the partners, staff, and all of the DCDC volunteers for serving over 5K meals to community residents since 3/16/2020! What an awesome service! Call 202.575.3337 to volunteer.



On April 8th, The Nats Academy partnered with World Central Kitchen to add meal capacity to its “grab and go” program. Children within the program are given first priority. Now, every family can be distributed two adult meals. The program is operating on a first come, first served basis. Dinners are fresh, healthy, and cooked daily. Simply walk up to the front stairwell or ADA ramp at 3675 Ely Place, SE, Washington, DC and enter the Nats Academy front lobby door. Contact Coach Charlie via Charles.sperduto@nationals.com to reserve meals and pickup time (2-6 pm, M-F). Produce will be available as well. Thank you to Stephen Makle, PBCCA resident and Block Captain on Nash Street, for sharing this update with the community!

Ward 7 COVID19 Response Team – primarily focused on providing meal site locations and food delivery options to Ward 7 residents.

DC General Election Update



VOTE SAFE DC

REQUEST YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT TODAY

The Board of Elections is committed to providing a safe environment where every vote is counted. Voting by mail is strongly encouraged to protect the public and election workers. Voting by mail is safe, secure and simple. Visit our website to learn more about changes to the upcoming 2020 June Primary Election and Ward 2 Special Election at <https://www.dcboe.org>.

Visit <https://www.dcboe.org> to get the latest information.

Need HELP?
Call Center
202.688.5947

The Ward 7 COVID19 Response Team is focused on connecting seniors, children, and families with information and resources for the Coronavirus Crisis. By any means.
4/13/2020 @ 9:45 AM

COVID19 RESOURCE UPDATE: 4/13/20

FOOD LOCATIONS: DCPS SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 24TH!

DCPS Ward 7 Schools (10AM - 2PM)	DCPS Ward 8 Schools (10AM - 2PM)	Ward 7 Weekend Locations
April 13, 14, 15, 17	April 13, 14, 15, 17	Southeast Whitehouse (12PM - 2PM) 2909 Penn. Ave SE
HD Woodson SHS Kelly Miller MS Kimball ES Neval Thomas ES Ron Brown HS	Anacostia SHS Ballou SHS Hendley ES Simon ES Stanton ES	

UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TIMELY AND CONSISTENTLY!
Call center is live Monday-Friday from 9AM - 5PM

Resources Available ... (cont. from page 2)

Other Services:



MedStar Health

MedStar e-Visit – buried deep in an announcement from

Mayor Bowser on 3/25/2020 was information on MedStar's new e-Visit application. If you need to see a doctor right away, **READ ON...**

e-Visit is a faster, easier way to see a medical provider for basic express care needs. The service is a virtual/video visit with a medical provider offering consultation, diagnosis, treatment, and even prescriptions when appropriate. e-Visit is available 24/7 and **IS OPEN TO ANYONE** in the Med-Star service area which includes DC. This service can be accessed via the MedStar e-Visit app on a smartphone or tablet, or on a PC by going directly to <https://www.medstarhealth.org/medstar-health-evisit/>.

You **DO NOT** need to be a MedStar Health patient to access an e-Visit provider. Based on the outcomes of the e-Visit, patients may be referred for COVID-19 testing from an e-Visit provider to one of MedStar Health's testing sites with a physician's order. MedStar Health has two Urgent Care facilities in DC: one on Capitol Hill and one in Adams Morgan. Both facilities are open 7 days a week from 8 am – 8 pm and offer testing for COVID-19 if indicated with a doctor's order.

Some residents report using e-Visit and getting access to a doctor within 15 mins! How cool is that!!

DC Mutual Aid Network – Contact to report needs such as childcare, groceries, translators, hygiene products, etc. for Ward 7 and 8. Call 202.630.0336 for more info.

DC COVID-19 Information – For the most up to date information on COVID-19, please visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.

This publication is being delivered to you electronically to adhere to the COVID-19 social distancing and stay-at-home orders:

The PBCCA Block Captains will resume delivering the Newsletter once the Public Health Emergency has been lifted.

Thank you to the PBCCA members and Ward 7 Community Leaders for your support, concern, ideas, and efforts to keep the community moving forward.

*** PBCCA Membership Cards ***

If you joined PBCCA in 2019 or 2020 and never received your Membership card, please send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org to request your card.

PENN BRANCH HAPPENINGS

Get Well Soon: To all of our neighbors who may be recovering from recent illnesses, surgeries, colds/flu/COVID-19, stress or strain. Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery! Remembering you all in our thoughts & prayers.

Recent Births: *Omisa Mae Burton* (pronounced *oh-meh-suh*). Nicknamed Omi, meaning water. Born at home during a magical, planned, and safe home birth on 3/31/2020! Baby Omi and Mom, Dr. Jalan, are resting well. Big brothers and family are overjoyed. Congrats to the Burton family on their new bundle of joy!



Shout Out: To the Ward 7 Community Leaders who supported the request for getting funds for a Pennsylvania Avenue East Main Street and \$10 million dollar funding in Councilmember Vincent Gray's FY21 Budget. Although COVID-19 will significantly impact Councilmember Gray's and Mayor Bowser's final FY21 Budget, we appreciate the leaders coming together in solidarity to support a shared vision for our community. **Teamwork Always Makes the Dream Work! You All Rock!**



The DC Census 2020 is upon us! DC residents have three ways to respond to the census: [online](#), by [phone](#), or by mail. Visit: <https://dccensus2020.dc.gov/> to learn more and respond.



911 Memorial Park Clean-up: In the spirit of social distancing, we need volunteers to help beautify the park. Contact Alberta Paul at 202.575.2920, 202.316.9311, or pennbranch2005@aol.com to schedule volunteers for park clean-up best practices and specific task assignments.

Need a Face Mask? A Penn Branch neighbor has made a few to give away. If you are in need, please send an email to info@pennbranchdc.org to request yours today. Neighbors helping neighbors...that's what it's all about! Thank You! *Stay Safe and Stay Informed!*

DDOT related questions or concerns? Please contact Ciara Boderick, our Ward 7 Community Engagement Specialist, to assist. Ciara can be reached at (202) 286-5674 or ciara.boderick1@dc.gov. #