

A wintery scene along Ft. Davis Drive SE earlier this week.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Relieving Cabin Fever



Stan Benton,  
PBCA President

As COVID-19 keeps trying all of our patience, we hope to relieve some of your cabin fever by having a panel of speakers at this week's meeting that'll talk about the parks and recreation in the area.

Hopefully, this will give you new ideas on things you can do safely outside the house.

The COVID vaccine rollout isn't going as smooth as it could be. Those that meet the requirements (65 and older and/or working in a health care setting in DC) should regularly check out DC's Coronavirus website at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> to see where they can sign up to receive the vaccine. I highly recommend everyone to go to that website and sign up for their alerts via email or text. This will help keep you up to date on the latest COVID issues for DC residents. Let's check in on our neighbors to see if they need assistance with those tasks.

As you know, the Block Captains are an essential part of our PBCA communications. If you don't know who your Block Captain is or if you are not receiving email updates from us, please let us know by dropping us a note at: [info@pennbranchdc.org](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org), or by giving me a call at 240-416-9221

And lastly, we have many new neighbors. If you're not a PBCA member yet, please either reach out to your Block Captain or get on our website at [pennbranchdc.org](http://pennbranchdc.org) to join.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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## PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

### Maintaining Ft. Davis, Ft. Dupont and Our Community Parks

During our General Body Meeting on Tuesday, PBCA will host a panel discussion about our area parks. Guest panelist will include: **Watani Hatcher, DC Parks and Recreation (DPR)**, **Trey Sherard, Anacostia River Keepers** and **Josh Burch with DC Office of Energy and Environment (DOEE)**.



### Ready To Play?

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation is soliciting feedback on their Ready2Play initiative. Each ward will have the opportunity to meet with the DPR to provide input on the needs for parks and recreation in our neighborhood. The ward 7 meeting will take place on **Wednesday February 10th, 2021 at 6:30pm**. Those interested in attending the virtual meeting should RSVP here: <https://ready2playdc.com/ward-meetings>. For those unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their thoughts to DPR with an email to [ready2play@dc.gov](mailto:ready2play@dc.gov).

**JOIN US! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://bit.ly/2YScIWw>

**TELEPHONE DIAL-IN #:** (301) 715-8592

**MEETING ID:** 834 4076 4341

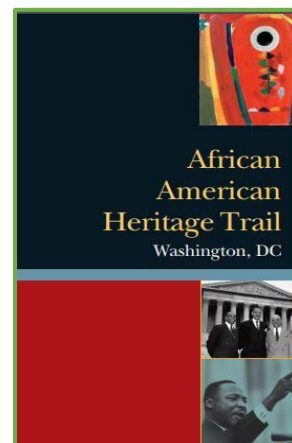
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## African American Heritage Trails

### Get out for some fresh air and take a stroll along DC's Neighborhood Heritage Trails

It's Black History Month! As you continue to practice social distancing remember to get out for some fresh air and check out **Cultural Tourism DC's Neighborhood Heritage Trails**--the official walking trails of Washington, DC. These self-guided walking tours provide a glimpse into the rich diversity of DC's neighborhoods, past and present. Each trail offers a one- to two-mile trek punctuated by large poster-sized markers that combine stories, historic photographs and maps to bring DC history and culture to life. There are 17 heritage trails throughout the city to choose from. Pick one, bundle up and get out there on the trails!

Download one of the 17 guidebooks here: [www.culturaltourism.org](http://www.culturaltourism.org)  
[culturaltourismdc.org](http://culturaltourismdc.org)



# Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church to Offer Vaccination Clinic Next Week

Your support is needed in helping to make sure DC residents 65 and older, especially those in Wards 5, 7, and 8, who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can get it.

**Here's how you can help.** The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church (PABC) is participating in a pilot to serve as a vaccine clinic for two days next week, **Thursday, February 11, and Saturday, February 13, 2020 from 10am - 4pm** both days. Please help your neighbors to get registered immediately!

## Registration Link:

<https://www.fivemedicine.com/request-a-appointment.php>



Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church located at 3000 Penn Ave SE.

## Additional COVID-19 Resources:

### Testing Locations:

<https://www.coronavirus.dc.gov/testing>

### Vaccine Information:

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>

## Volunteers Needed for PBCA Committees

Interested in volunteering for one of PBCA Committees. Send your email to [info@pennbranchdc.org](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org) to inquire about serving on one of our following committees:

- Membership
- Block Captains
- Legislative
- Public Works
- Hospitality
- Events
- Benevolence
- Nominating / Leadership Development

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### Calling all Cooks and Bakers!

#### We need your recipes for the Penn Branch Community Cookbook

The PBCA Board is putting together a Penn Branch Community Cookbook and we want to include you! Since we have fewer opportunities to plan in-person events and interact with families across the neighborhood during the pandemic, this is an opportunity for long-time residents and younger families to connect through cooking.



We will gather together the recipes into a document and post them on the PBCA website.

To submit your recipe, visit:

<https://forms.gle/aAPsqeTFki9KGNmFA>

#### Happy Birthday!

This month we wish a very happy birthday to the following Penn Branchers (and family):

- Frank Kendall of Highwood Drive
- Christopher, Corey E. and Matthew Morgan of 38<sup>th</sup> Street SE



### Got Community News? Send it to Us

We want to hear from you! Send us your announcements, including birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and acknowledgements to: [info@pennbranchdc.org](mailto:info@pennbranchdc.org)

[www.pennbranchdc.org](http://www.pennbranchdc.org)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PBCA Virtual General Body /

Community Meeting

February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://bit.ly/2YSciWw>

Meeting ID: 834 4076 4341

Passcode: 766049

Dial-in: (301) 715-8592

Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Program

**Deadline to apply - February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Residential property owners may be exempt from sidewalk shoveling enforcement fines if you live in your own home and are 65 years old and/or a person with a disability. To apply for your exemption, go to [Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Program - DPWSSE \(dc.gov\)](https://www.dpwsse.dc.gov)

Next PBCA Virtual General Body /

Community Meeting

March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00-8:30pm

This publication is being delivered to you by your local PBCA Block Captain.

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