



April 30, 2021

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 210-S  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

At the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> public hearing for Z.C. Case 20-21, opponents to the case testified about their perceived lack of engagement by POAH with Barry Farm residents throughout this process. There were several inaccurate statements made about POAH and our community engagement efforts. These statements include that POAH does not provide project updates to Barry Farm Residents and that POAH does not make themselves available to talk with residents. POAH would like to provide additional information to address these inaccuracies.

In addition to the 125 letters previously submitted in the case record, and to further illustrate our continued level of engagement and resident support, attached are additional letters from former Barry Farm residents that describe their level of engagement and interaction with the Barry Farm team. Also attached are the newsletters from the past few months that include project updates and resources.

We provide quarterly project updates to residents on project status (which have been virtual throughout COVID). Additionally, we have regular (monthly or bimonthly) events to keep residents engaged, build community, and share resource information; this has included meetings with other partners such as DC Housing Authority (DCHA), the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), Far SE Family Strengthening Collaborative. Our most recent Barry Farm Meeting was March 30<sup>th</sup>, a [Virtual Resource Fair](#) to connect residents with service providers. Some residents have communicated that being offsite and away from their former networks has been challenging, so the activities that our team hosts serve not only to keep POAH connected with residents, but also to keep residents connected with other residents. A great example of community building is our [Resident Virtual Holiday Party](#) that took place December 2020. We have also attached to this letter a list of the engagement events hosted to date with Barry Farm residents and other key stakeholders.

POAH has continued our engagement efforts, even during COVID, to ensure that all residents have accurate and up-to-date information about the redevelopment process. Our Community Impact Manager, Tanya Phillips, conducts outreach to residents to ensure they are receiving the resources they need while offsite and resources they need to prepare to return. Our efforts are geared to promoting stability, wealth-building and community-building, as we want ALL Barry Farm residents to be successful throughout and beyond redevelopment.

POAH views this redevelopment as more than just constructing new buildings – as an organization, we are committed to helping residents reach economic and social stability in their lives. We understand the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the community, and our team has been there over the past year supporting residents by providing food, personal protective equipment, laptops and/or tablets, and gift cards to ensure that residents continued to thrive during an unprecedented time.

We hope you see that the POAH team is fully committed to the Barry Farm Redevelopment and, more importantly, to residents returning to the site so that they can take advantage of the benefits that will result from this redevelopment.

Sincerely,



Rodger L. Brown

Managing Principal, Real Estate of Development  
Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)

#### Attachments

- Letters from former Barry Farm Residents
- Recent Newsletters
- List of Engagements Events



## Letters from Barry Farm Residents

April 8, 2021

My name is Monica Gassaway. I've lived at Barry Farms for about 14 years. I am interested in returning back to Barry Farm when the redevelopment finishes. It's important for the project to move forward because of the history. Also the ones who were there for a long time want to go back because there are a lot of problems where folks have been relocated. The history of Barry Farm is very important because our ancestors were there and built Barry Farm. I'm really interested in moving into a new home on the property once it finishes.

When I lived at Barry Farm I had moved from an apartment into a house, and I really liked living in a house where I did not have to worry about people sitting on my steps. I also liked the location of Barry Farm because it was really close to the metro station and made it convenient to catch the bus.

I've really liked the events I have been able to participate in that POAH has hosted, like the paint party.

Monica Gassaway  
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Monicagassaway64@gmail.com

April 6, 2021

My name is Debra Smith, and I was relocated from Barry Farms Road. Throughout this relocation process, the representative Ms. Tanya Phillips has been very responsive. You call her and she calls you back. I receive the newsletters and emails, and I have participated in most of the events that have been given. With their partnership with other organizations, they (POAH) have been great.

I plan on returning as a resident to the Barry Farm community when it's completed.

I think it would be great for the community – it needed to be redeveloped.

Debra Smith  
202-215-5323  
Debrasmith516@gmail.com

April 5, 2021

My name is Margaret Morton. I grew up in Barry Farm; moved there when was about 6 years old and lived there with mom until about 22 years. I have a lot of history in Barry Farms. There were a lot of big families there back then. Barry Farm was a place – you know where they say it takes a village to take a child – we had that in Barry Farm. At one time you could leave your doors open – it used to be a very safe place.

I moved back to Barry Farm in 2009 and then they relocated me due to the redevelopment. I was relocated to SE.

I am glad they are rebuilding because it was very run down and not just from people tearing it up. It was neglected and had been neglected. I think we all as human beings have a right to live in decent, healthy, clean environment. I'm a hard worker – I've been on my job for 30 years and I'm looking forward to moving back there. I have my hopes and dreams up very high because I am looking to retire because by the time they finish I should qualify for the senior citizen building. I deserve to live somewhere nice and modern. I want to retire, and I want to relocate to Barry Farms because I don't think it's fair for them to build it up and make it fabulous and beautiful for others around the city to enjoy and those who had to endure when it was ran down....we don't get the opportunity to be proud of homes. So I haven't gotten comfortable where I am – I'm in Southwest and I haven't gotten that comfortable here because I am looking forward to going back. I'm tired of admiring all of these other places that are beautiful – many other people are enjoying other beautiful places to live and now it's our chance. Even though I have heard in the past that some people didn't get to go back to their original home – that's is sad since some people were misled or tricked into believing they could come back and could not. Especially since a lot of folks are seniors – it's hard for older people. Being at Barry Farm, there were surrounded by people they were living among for years and there were people who would help them, whether they needed something from the store....they were more familiar with their surroundings.

Margaret Morton  
202-696-9314 (senior)  
[blessedlumpy@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedlumpy@yahoo.com)

**From:** pamela house <[pamela6935@yahoo.com](mailto:pamela6935@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 2:26 AM  
**To:** Tanya Phillips <[tpPhillips@poahcommunities.com](mailto:tpPhillips@poahcommunities.com)>  
**Subject:** Support letter

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To whom it may concern;

My name is Pamela House and I am a former resident of Barry Farms Dwellings, I am writing to inform you that P.O.A.H was very helpful to my family before, during and after my move. I was kept informed of everything that was happening, we received packing boxes,tape and all other materials plus on my moving date a moving truck showed up onetime and moved me to my new house with no problems. Once I got to my new I was called every couple of days with updates about meeting given information about what's was happening with the rebuild of the Barry Farm property. I would also receive newsletters in the mail about different events that would be happening throughout the city for former residents. During this Pandemic I received masks and a Mother's Day card through the mail and mad me happy being thought of by people not related to you. Ms. Tanya would call me for updated information about myself and my daughters....no matter what was going on from coat drives, Christmas parties back pack for children going to school we knew when all was happening and she would also say pass information on to our former neighbors.

We also had a Zoom Christmas Party it was very fun my youngest daughter attended we had fun. So I would like to say thank you P.O.A.H for all you have done and continue to do for all of us in the Barry Farm Community.

Thank You

Ms. Pamela House

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** marquisha bowen <[mbowen0430@gmail.com](mailto:mbowen0430@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:06 AM  
**To:** Tanya Phillips <[tpphillips@poahcommunities.com](mailto:tpphillips@poahcommunities.com)>  
**Subject:** My appreciation!

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POAH has been an attribute within my household before and during this pandemic. I have always been provided with excellent customer service. I have maintained a relationship with Ms. Phillips who has a great personality and most of all her work ethic is always 100 percent. I'm am thankful to be apart of POAH.





## Barry Farm Engagement Events

## BARRY FARM ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



| Date       | Event                      | Location                 | Purpose  |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 7/2/2013   | Section 3 Program          | BFCC                     | Resident job opportunities   |
| 7/22/2013  | Resident Education Session | BFCC                     | Learning session and how to participate  |
| 8/20/2013  | Resident Education Session | BFCC                     | Learning session and how to participate  |
| 10/10/2013 | Steering Committee         | DCHA                     | Initial meeting and orientation to the project                                 |
| 10/24/2013 | Housing Sub-committee      | Excel Academy            | Neighborhood housing discussion  |
| 11/7/2013  | Housing Sub-committee      | Excel Academy            | Connectivity and community assets  |
| 11/16/2013 | Housing Sub-committee      | Bethlehem Baptist Church | Housing type, green space, streets and sidewalks                               |
| 11/20/2013 | Steering Committee         | DCHA                     | Tour of DCHA mixed finance developments  |
| 12/11/2013 | Housing Sub-committee      | BFCC                     | Summary of market study  |
| 1/23/2014  | Steering Committee         | DCHA                     | Review draft Master Plan and timeline  |
| 2/5/2014   | Youth Meeting              | BFCC                     | Educate the youth on redevelopment   |
| 2/18/2014  | Housing Sub-committee      | Excel Academy            | Charrette summary, PUD process, Master Plan update, soccer field and sidewalks |

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| Date      | Event               | Location              | Purpose  |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2/19/2014 | Educators Meeting   | Excel Academy         | Including education in transformation plan                       |
| 2/27/2014 | Steering Committee  | DCHA                  | Master Plan updates  |
| 3/27/2014 | Steering Committee  | DCHA                  | Master Plan updates  |
| 4/24/2014 | Steering Committee  | Excel Academy         | Master Plan updates  |
| 5/7/2014  | ANC Meeting         | RISE Center           | Present Master Plan  |
| 5/19/2014 | ANC Chair meeting   | RISE Center           | Present Small Area Plan  |
| 6/4/2014  | ANC Commissioners   | RISE Center           | Present Phase I Stage 2 PUD                                      |
| 6/26/2014 | ANC Chair meeting   | RISE Center           | Address concern regarding Phase I Stage 2 PUD and relocation     |
| 6/26/2014 | Steering Committee  | Excel Academy         | Phase I Stage 2 PUD updates                                      |
| 7/24/2014 | ANC Meeting         | RISE Center           | Respond to concerns regarding Phase I Stage 2 PUD and relocation |
| 6/1/2016  | ANC 8C Meeting      | RISE Center           | Human Capital Update   |
| 6/6/2016  | Barry Farm Resident | Barry Farm Rec Center | BFRC Exec Committee Update                                       |

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| Date      | Event                               | Location              | Purpose   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 6/15/2016 | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | Voucher Info and Readiness  |
| 7/5/2016  | Barry Farm Resident Council Meeting | Barry Farm Rec Center | BFRC Exec Committee Update  |
| 7/11/2016 | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | Compliance: Recertification and Payment Plan  |
| 7/19/2016 | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | How to successfully use the HCVP voucher, relocation phasing & resident return      |
| 8/3/2016  | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | How to successfully use the homeownership programs                                  |
| 8/9/2016  | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | Relocation Options: Public Housing, Private Unit or Homeownership                   |
| 8/17/2016 | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | How to be successfully in your job search, staying compliant & new community return |
| 9/14/2016 | Resident Meeting                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | Developing the return criteria  |
| 9/29/2016 | Relocation Meeting                  | Barry Farm Rec Center | Residents determine return criteria and   |

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| Date       | Event                              | Location              | Purpose  |
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|            |                                    |                       | vote on priorities   |
| 10/13/2016 | Relocation Meeting                 | Excel Academy         | DCHA report on the voting results and present return criteria      |
| 10/25/2016 | Business Summit                    | Barry Farm Rec Center | Present predevelopment briefing to the business community          |
| 10/26/2016 | ANC 8C Executive Committee Meeting | RISE Center           | Present predevelopment update in advance of the community meeting. |
| 11/2/2016  | ANC 8C Community Meeting           | RISE Center           | Present predevelopment update                                      |
| 11/9/2016  | DCHA Board Meeting                 | Barry Farm Rec Center | Agency Board Meeting held at offsite location                      |
| 11/30/2016 | Relocation Meeting                 | Barry Farm Rec Center | Present relocation and occupancy plan                              |
| 12/17/2016 | Holiday Fellowship                 | Barry Farm Rec Center | Holiday fellowship for residents                                   |
| 3/4/2017   | Information Session                | Excel Academy         | Review the GIN & EOB notice  |
| 3/16/2017  | Information Session                | Excel Academy         | Review the GIN & EOB notice  |
| 3/27/2017  | Resident Only Meeting              | Excel Academy         | Review the GIN & EOB notice  |

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| Date       | Event                   | Location   | Purpose   |
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| 4/5/2017   | ANC 8C Meeting          | RISE Center  | Director Todman to provide briefing on the start of relocation following the GIN              |
| 6/20/2017  | Phase I Design Workshop | Excel Academy  | Engage residents in the selection of certain unit and community amenities                     |
| 7/15/2017  | Resident Only Meeting   | Excel Academy  | Information session on the GIN & NOE  |
| 8/16/2017  | Resident Only Meeting   | Barry Farm Rec Center                                | Phase I Design Update   |
| 8/26/2017  | Barry Farm Day          | Barry Farm Pavilion                                  | Back to school event  |
| 12/14/2017 | Resident Only Meeting   | Matthews Memorial Terrace 2632 MLK Jr Ave SE (20020) | Demolition information session and new street naming interactive exercise.                    |
| 3/28/2018  | Resident Only Meeting   | Excel Academy  | Demolition update and to present potential employment opportunities through Section 3 hiring. |
| 8/25/2018  | Barry Farm Day          | Barry Farm Rec Center                                | Annual event to celebrate reunion of Barry Farm families and project update                   |
| 9/10/2018  | Resident Only Meeting   | Barry Farm Rec Center                                | Introduce new community engagement strategy and solicit resident participation                |



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| Date       | Event                        | Location                    | Purpose  |
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| 9/13/2018  | Resident Only Meeting        | Capital Quarters Rec Center | Same as on 9/10/2018 held at a central location to reach residents that have relocated. (Ward 6) |
| 9/17/2018  | Barry Farm Community Meeting | Barry Farm Rec Center       | Provide redevelopment update and continue engagement activities                                  |
| 9/24/2018  | Barry Farm Community Meeting | Barry Farm Rec Center       | Provide redevelopment update and continue engagement activities                                  |
| 10/10/2018 | Barry Farm Community Meeting | Barry Farm Rec Center       | Provide redevelopment update and continue engagement activities                                  |
| 10/22/2018 | Barry Farm Community Meeting | Barry Farm Rec Center       | Provide redevelopment update and continue engagement activities                                  |
| 4/3/2019   | ANC 8C Meeting               | RISE Center                 | Demolition update and Street and Alley Application   |
| 8/10/2019  | Barry Farm Day               | Barry Farm Rec Center       | Annual event to celebrate reunion of Barry Farm families and project update                      |
| 9/4/2019   | ANC 8C Meeting               | RISE Center                 | Historic Preservation application update and project update                                      |
| 10/4/2019  | Resident Only Dinner         | Highland Dwellings          | Community building and project update  |





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| Date       | Event                                  | Location                                | Purpose   |
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| 10/16/2019 | Resident Only Dinner                   | Barry Farm Rec Center                   | Community building and meeting to discuss residents' concerns about the project.  |
| 10/16/2019 | Community meeting                      | Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center | Community and meeting to discuss residents' concerns  |
| 10/19/2019 | Resident Only Dinner                   | Barry Farm Rec Center                   | Community building and meeting to discuss residents' concerns about the project.  |
| 11/21/2019 | Community Holiday Party - Thanksgiving | Matthews Memorial Church                | Community Engagement - Dinner provided By POAH and FarSe.   |
| 12/21/2019 | Christmas Party                        | Matthews Memorial Church                | Community Engagement - Holiday Party/Toy Give-A-Way resident rec'd  |
| 5/2020     | Weekly Wednesday Conversation          | Conference Calls                        | Community Engagement - Residents join a weekly call with CIM and FarSE staff . This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources, discuss topics in the community and or events. |
| 5/1/2020   | Mother's Day Care Package              | Mailing                                 | Community Engagement - Covid - 19 informational care packages - Mother's Cards and PPE for residents and information to maintain safe in the community.   |
| 5/2020     | Community Impact - Wellness Calls      | Weekly One-on-One Phone calls           | Community Engagement - CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic and to encourage resident to stay safe.   |



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| 6/2020    | Community Impact - Wellness Calls         | Weekly One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic and to encourage resident to stay safe.   |
| 6/3/2020  | Weekly Wednesday Conversation             | Conference Calls   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with CIM and FarSE staff . This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources, discuss topics in the community and or events. |
| 7/2020    | Community Impact - Wellness Calls         | Weekly One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm residents | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the  |
| 7/1/2020  | Weekly Wednesday Conversation             | Conference Calls   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with CIM and FarSE staff . This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources,  |
| 8/2020    | Community Impact - Wellness Calls         | Weekly One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic and to encourage resident to stay safe.   |
| 8/2/2020  | Weekly Wednesday Conversation             | Conference Calls   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with CIM and FarSE staff. This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources,   |
| 8/21/2020 | Unity Day                                 | Matthews Memorial Church                                       | Community Engagement - Back to School Families received book bags, PPE and food.  |
| 9/2020    | Community Impact - Wellness Calls         | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents        | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic and to encourage resident to stay safe.   |
| 10/6/2020 | Barry Farm Re-Development Virtual Meeting | Virtual Zoom Meeting   | Community Engagement – Updates were shared with the Barry Farm residents about the project. All resident were informed about the event and encouraged to join via email and phone call.           |



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| 10/7/2020  | Community Impact - Wellness Calls | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents             | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a Bi-weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic, jobs, seek written support for the project and to encourage resident to stay safe.   |
| 10/12/2020 | Community Engagement              | Hand delivered flyers to residents on Wade Rd., Sumner Rd. and MLK. | Community Engagement - Provided residents on Wade Rd of the street closing for Sumner Rd.  |
| 11/6/2020  | Weekly Wednesday Conversation     | Conference Calls  | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with CIM and FarSE staff. This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources, discuss topics in the community and or events.   |
| 11/21/2020 | Thanksgiving Grab and Go Bags     | Matthew Memorial Church   | Community Engagement - All residents will receive a re -useable POAH bag with mask, hand sanitizer, food card and resources. All residents will be asked to complete an updated informational card. Informed residents of the zoning and asked for support by signing a letter stating they were in support of the zoning. |
| 12/1/2020  | Community Impact – Wellness Calls | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents             | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic, jobs, seek written support for the project and to encourage resident to stay safe.  |
| 12/3/20    | Weekly Wednesday Conversation     | Conference Call   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with CIM and staff. This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources, discuss topics in the community and or events.   |

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| 12/3/20       | Reminder of the Virtual Public Hearing Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. | Text Blast           | Sent to Barry Farm residents in effort to support the project. This event was for the Zoning commission public hearing for the proposed new Barry Farm zone. Resident were encouraged to call in to express their interest in returning home. |
| 12/15/20      | Toy Give Away   | Text Blast and Email | All residents were notified of the Goodman League Annual Toy Give away.<br>Saturday, Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> Noon- 3 p.m.<br>1922 MLK Avenue SE<br>This event was sponsored by the Goodman League.   |
| 12/18-19/2020 | Mailing of the materials for Virtual Party                              | Mailing or Delivery  | CIM mailed or delivered materials to each household for the holiday virtual party. Each household who registered received a box filled with painting materials, instructions and hot coco w/peppermint.                                       |
| 12/21/20      | Toy Give Away   | Text Blast and Email | All residents were notified of the Barry Farm Resident Council Toy Give away on Dec, 22, 2020.<br>1922 MLK Avenue.  |

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| 4/7/21    | Community Impact | Weekly Conference Call | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative staff and CIM. This call is to keep engaged with the residents. During the call residents are provided with various resources, discuss topics in the community and or events. Job Developer informs residents of job opportunities. Mental provider is also on the call to talk about upcoming workshop. |
| 4/21/2021 | Community Impact | Monthly Newsletter     | CIM creates a monthly Newsletter. This newsletter included information about the redevelopment, community resources and events. This information is mailed, emailed and texted to all Barry Farm residents, and emailed to the other stakeholders on our email listserv.   |

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| 12/23/20 | Holiday Virtual Paint Party     | ZOOM Link   | Community Engagement – All registered residents received a Holiday Paint Box with painting materials and development updates. During this time residents received a brief update about the project and were engaged in step by step painting instructions on creating their own masterpiece. While sipping on Hot Coco, danced, sand along and listening to music with live DJ. All HOH were entered in to a raffle and received a gift. All gifts |
| 1/5/21   | Community Impact Wellness Calls | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic, jobs, seek written support for the project and to encourage resident to stay safe.  |
| 1/6/21   | Weekly Wednesday Conversation   | Conference Call   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with FarSE staff and CIM. This call is to keep engaged with the residents provided resources, discuss topics in the community and or events.   |
| 1/11/21  | January Newsletter              | Text and emailed  | All residents received a newsletter  |
| 1/12/21  | January Newsletter              | Mailed  | CIM mailed a hard copy of the newsletter to each resident.   |



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| 1/13/21<br>1/20/21<br>1/27/21 | Community Impact | Conference Call   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with FarSE staff and CIM. This call is to keep engaged with the residents. During the call residents are provided with various resources, discuss topics in the community and or events.   |
| 2/3/21                        | Community Impact | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents | Community Engagement – CIM calls residents on a Bi weekly basis to check-in, at which time is able to inform residents about resources during the pandemic, jobs and make referrals to local agencies to support the family. Resident has shared that they are dealing with grief as they have loss family members during the pandemic and not being able to visit them due to COVID-19. |
| 2/3/21<br>2/10/21<br>2/17/21  | Community Impact | Conference Call   | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with FarSE staff and CIM. This call is to keep engaged with the residents. During the call residents are provided with various resources, discuss topics in the community and or events. Mental provider is also on the call to talk about upcoming workshop.  |
| 2/16/21                       | Community Impact | Mailed  | Community Engagement – Each resident with an address on file received a copy of the newsletter.  |



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| 2/24/21                                 | Community Impact | Zoom Virtual Event                                      | Community Engagement – Residents joined a virtual zoom chat “Self Care and Self Love”. Resident were able to express what loves means to them. Residents listened to music as we chatted. Residents were excited to share and express what they will be doing to care for themselves more.  |
| 3/1/21                                  | Community Impact | One-on-One Phone calls with former Barry Farm Residents | CIM continue to reach out to families this month. Community Wellness Check-up is geared to help residents navigate during the pandemic. Resident are referred to agencies to help them with resources. CIM inform resident of the status of their storage unit. Resident are encouraged to visit their storage unit monthly.  |
| 3/3/21<br>3/10/21<br>3/17/21<br>3/24/21 | Community Impact | Weekly Conference Call                                  | Community Engagement – Residents join a weekly call with FarSE staff and CIM. This call is to keep engaged with the residents. During the call residents are provided with various resources, discuss topics in the community and or events. Job Developer informs residents of job opportunities. Mental provider is also on the call to talk about upcoming workshop. |
| 3/15/2021                               | Community Impact | Monthly Newsletter                                      | CIM creates a monthly Newsletter. This newsletter in loaded with lots of information about the redevelopment, community resources and events. This information is mailed, emailed and texted to all residents.  |



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| 3/18/21 | Community Impact | Virtual event<br>Open Mic                         | POAH partnered with Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative on this event. Residents signed up to show off their talent. Resident sang, recited poems, showed off their drawings and read from a book. Resident was engaged and enjoyed this event.   |
| 3/24/21 | Community Impact | Virtual event<br>"Let's Wrap it"                  | POAH partnered with Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FARSE) on this event. Resident watched a brief documentary about where head wraps, originated from. Residents were encouraged to bring any material to wrap their hair. Resident were taught to wrap their hair in various way using clothing.   |
| 3/30/21 | Community Impact | Virtual event<br>Resource Fair and Project Update | This event was to inform residents of the various resources that are available in the DC area. POAH connected with various resources; District of Columbia Housing Authority, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Martha Table's and Department of Human Resources. Resident were mailed a packet prior to the event with all information discussed at the resource fair. Any resident that attended this event name was entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. |



## Recent Barry Farm Newsletters



# BARRY FARM

*Continuing the Legacy*



## RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

April, 2021



### Development Update

**Infrastructure 1A Sumner Road** work continues to progress. The construction team

continues to install new pipes and structures for water/sewer and other utilities. This road will lay the foundation for the first two new buildings. The team is preparing financing applications and packages for the first building (**Building 1B**) as we are hopeful for a fall 2021 financing closing and construction start.

There will be a **Map Public Hearing on Monday, May 3 at 4 pm**. The Office of Planning has filed applications for Map/Text Amendment to create the Barry Farm Zone.

If zoning advances, we will reach out to general contractors, subcontractors and residents with employment opportunities for **Building 1B**. If you are interested in job openings and contracting opportunities, sign up for our Listserv by filling out the form on the Contact Us page on the website: [www.barryfarmredevelopment.org](http://www.barryfarmredevelopment.org) and selecting "job opportunities."



### Vaccinations

Beginning Monday, April 19, all DC residents 16 and older were eligible to receive the **COVID-19 vaccine** in Washington, DC. To ensure that DC is able to get the vaccine out as efficiently as possible, the Mayor is

calling on all DC residents to pre-register for a vaccination appointment on [vaccinate.dc.gov](http://vaccinate.dc.gov) or call **1-855-363-0333**

### Did you miss the Virtual Resources Fair?

POAH and local agencies provided residents with information about resources and services.



You can watch it online at:

[www.barryfarmredevelopment.org/meetings](http://www.barryfarmredevelopment.org/meetings)

### Job Opportunities



POAH has partnered with the **DC Housing Authority/ Section 3** for intake, training and employment opportunities for **Barry**

**Farm former residents**. Section 3 is a program offered by DCHA to contractors that offer employment opportunities to DC residents. Former Barry Farm residents can call Tanya Phillips, Community Impact Manager at 202-809-8369 or visit our website [barryfarmredevelopment.org](http://barryfarmredevelopment.org)

### DCHA and UDC Workforce

**Development Office** offer professional development trainings for DC residents at least 18 years of age for:

Medical Office Assistant; Leasing for Property Management; and Microsoft Word Expert Certification.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3rFHRbr>



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**Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative Community Impact Center at Barry Farm** is here to serve you. Mark your calendar for **Barry Farm Bag Day** (packet of assorted household supplies) **every 4th Monday from 10 a.m. to noon** at 2616 Martin Luther King Ave SE. Contact **Mrs. Gwen Adams** for more details at **(202) 450-7245**.

### Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative



"Where Family and Community Come First"  
Engage with us on-line!



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

@FarSECollab

### Need help paying back rent?

#### The Department of Housing and Community Development

has developed a rental assistance program to assist residents with paying their rent during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Go to: <https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/covid-19-rental-assistance>



**Barry Farm Phone Chat** is an opportunity for former Barry Farm residents to have a conversation with POAH and Far Southeast

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Call (425) 436-6346

Access Code: 81341



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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Development Update

With winter storms hopefully behind us, we are doing some spring cleaning on site! **Career Path** has rehung the banners at the landmarked buildings and worked to remove trash and debris from the site. Infrastructure sitework continues at Sumner Road SE as we prepare for Building 1B construction later this year.



To register for the Virtual Fair and the chance to win a \$50 Gift Card, copy this link into your computer's browser to access the registration form: [bit.ly/BFResourceFair21](http://bit.ly/BFResourceFair21)



### We want to hear from you!

Fill out the Barry Farm Resident Survey.

This will help POAH to better serve you as a former **Barry Farm** resident. To fill out the survey online, copy this URL into your browser: [bit.ly/BFSurvey21](http://bit.ly/BFSurvey21)



### It's Tax Time!



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Free tax return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>

**Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative Community Impact Center** wants to know how they can support you. Join their Evening **Phone Chat** every Wednesday from 6-7 pm.

Call:(425) 436-6346  
Access code: 813417

**BARRY FARM EVENING PHONE CHAT**  
*Let us share how we can serve you!*

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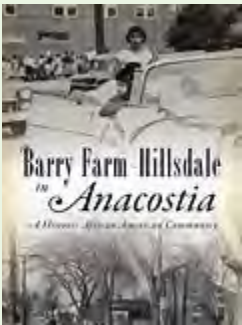




## DC Department of Aging and Community Living

The department has over 40 community dining sites across all eight wards of Washington, DC. Find a community dining site near you by logging on to

<https://dacl.dc.gov/page/community-dining-sites>



Congratulations to the winners of the book **Barry Farm-Hillsdale in Anacostia: A History African American Community** raffled off from last month's newsletter!

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## March Madness

Are you a basketball fan? Looking for some amazing healthy ideas for **March Madness Snacks**. Go to: <https://bit.ly/3qIDDQ0>



## Let's Get Fit!

Just because you're home, doesn't mean you can't get fit! Register for **Martha's Table Free Virtual Fitness Classes at**

<https://marthastable.org/fitness/>

## Workforce Development and Lifetime Learning at UDC

Visit: <http://cc.udc.edu>

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Happy February! Health and Wellness, Infrastructure, Black History Month, Community Resources

We hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy as we progress through the winter months. This month's newsletter features tips for maintaining health and wellness, a photo of the infrastructure work on site, **Black History Month** resources, and additional community resources and services.

*The POAH Mid-Atlantic Team*



#### Infrastructure Update

Infrastructure work on Sumner Road SE continues to progress. The crew onsite is beginning to install new underground utilities. This work will support the first two proposed buildings.

Black History Month honors the contributions of African Americans in U.S. history. Read more [here](#)

#### The Anacostia Community Museum Interviews

by *Alcione M. Amos*

Amos' newly released book "Barry Farm-Hillsdale in

Anacostia: A Historic African American Community" is out. Barry Farm-Hillsdale was created under the auspices of the Freedmen's Bureau in 1867 in what was then the outskirts of the nation's capital. Watch her talk [here](#) and read her account of the Barry Farm-Hillsdale history at: <http://cdi.anacostia.si.edu/2015/05/19/historic-barry-farm-a-place-of-pride-and-achievement/>

Enter the drawing to win the book by calling Tanya at 202-809-8369 to place your name by February 18. Drawing will be on Friday, February 19 and the winner will be notified.



#### Wellness Alert!

February is the month of love, and it's a great time to show love to one of the most important organs in our body – the heart! Here are some amazing heart facts to remind you of all the hard work that our hearts do for us!

Visit the [website](https://nutrienthealth.org/wellness-highlights/celebrating-heart-health-month-10-amazing-heart-facts/) for more details: <https://nutrienthealth.org/wellness-highlights/celebrating-heart-health-month-10-amazing-heart-facts/>







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VITA/TCE sites (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and The Tax Counseling for the Elderly) [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

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## Youth Summer Employment Opportunities

The **Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program** has opened and is accepting applications. Visit the [website](https://summerjobs.dc.gov/) to apply and find out about deadlines  
<https://summerjobs.dc.gov/>



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Barry Farm Resident Newsletter January, 2021

## Zoning Updates, Barry Farm Resident Virtual Holiday Party and Job Opportunities at Barry Farm

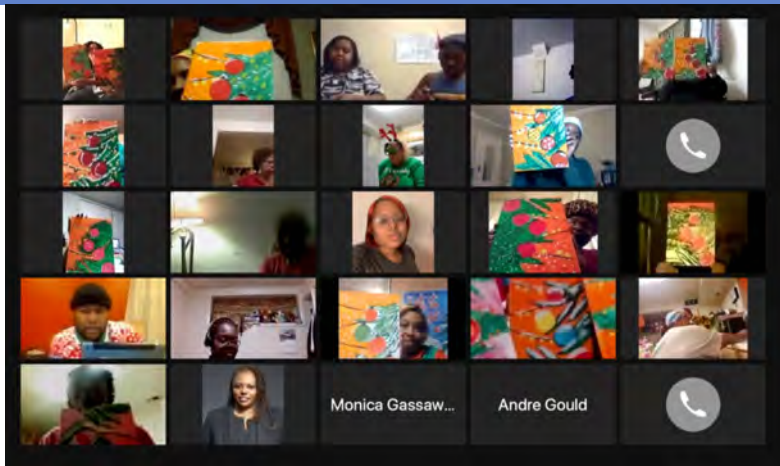
We bid farewell to a turbulent 2020 and wholeheartedly welcome 2021, POAH Mid-Atlantic looks forward to continued progress as we push to start construction on the senior building at Barry Farm this summer.

In case you missed it....

### Barry Farm Resident Virtual Holiday Party

Nearly 80 residents of all ages joined POAH's **Virtual Project Update and Holiday Paint Party** on December 23rd. Hosted by **POAH Mid-Atlantic** and **Trap House Vybes**, residents received year-end development updates on the Barry Farm redevelopment as well as updates on upcoming job opportunities and resources available from our local partner, **Far SE Family Strengthening Collaborative**. Watch the [video](#).

In an event filled with music and holiday cheer, families used the art kits they received in advance for a guided painting exercise where they were able to showcase their holiday spirit. Residents were entered in a virtual raffle. See some of the work by our talented resident artists below. Thank you all who joined us! We look forward to more opportunities like this to partner with Barry Farm residents and local artists going forward!



### Barry Farm Resident Council Highlights

The **Barry Farm Resident Council** provided over 500 toys to **Barry Farm** families on Dec. 22 during their annual toy giveaway. A few changes were made this year due to **COVID-19**, during the event volunteers encouraged social distancing and curbside toy delivery to residents.

**Rhonda Edward-Hines**, president of the council, thanked **Toys for Tots**, **The Goodman League**, **Miles Rawlings** and **Ronald Moten** for helping make this event a success.





Thank you!

**POAH Mid-Atlantic** collaborated with **The Goodman League** to help provide toys to families in Southeast DC and would like to echo the thanks to **Mr. Miles Rawlings** for his continuous efforts to provide for families during the holiday.



## Zoning Commission:

The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the Text Amendment for the Barry Farm zone on December 7th. While several former residents and community members testified in support of the project, there were also several stakeholders who testified in opposition. **POAH's Managing Director, Real Estate Development Rodger Brown** also provided testimony to support the project moving forward through the zoning

process. The Zoning Commission elected to hold on taking action on the amendment until February, 2021 when the Map Amendment hearing occurs and at which point they are able to obtain additional information from the Office of Planning and City Council about the approval of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

## COVID-19 and social distancing

As we continue the fall and winter months it is important to follow the **CDC guidelines** on social distancing. What is social distancing? Also called "physical distancing," it means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household. To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.



**Click link for more details**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>



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Barry Farm Community Newsletter Nov 2020

## End of the year Message

As we near the close of 2020, POAH Mid-Atlantic is excited about the site work that is currently underway at **Barry Farm**. Infrastructure improvements have begun and will give way to new roadways, utilities, and walking paths while also laying the foundation for the new housing development. We are one step closer to bringing new housing opportunities to the **Barry Farm community**, and we hope you are also excited about the progress happening on site!



## Holiday Party and Resident Update in December

POAH Mid-Atlantic will host a **virtual holiday event and resident update** in December. This meeting will be held for **Barry Farm residents**

to come together, celebrate and look ahead to next year. Time and meeting details to be distributed closer to the date.

## Safe holiday event brings Barry Farm residents together!

POAH Mid-Atlantic welcomed nearly 200 former Barry Farm residents at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church for a Thanksgiving grab and go bag on Nov 21 to share project information, update contact details, and extend thanks and gratitude as we move into the holidays. Residents received holiday gift cards, tote bags, hand sanitizer, and face masks. Attendees complied with social distancing markers on the grounds during the outdoor gathering and residents expressed their appreciation for the safe opportunity to socialize and see one another.



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## Zoning Commission:

The Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Barry Farm zone on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:00pm. If you are interested in attending the meeting, visit <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/zcbza> or click on the calendar for more information about how to login.

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# BARRY FARM

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Barry Farm Resident Newsletter

October, 2020

## Virtual Resident Update Recap



Several Barry Farm residents and community members joined us for a **Barry Farm Resident Update Meeting** via Zoom on Tuesday, October 6. Thank you to all who were able to join in and ask questions. Next virtual meeting will be in December with information to be distributed closer to the date.

**Couldn't attend the meeting? Watch the replay video**  
Responses from the **Q&A** section are also available [here](#)



### Barry Farm receives \$250,000 grant from Wells Fargo for community impact services for residents

POAH Mid-Atlantic has received a \$250,000 grant from the **Wells Fargo Foundation** to support community impact initiatives at **Barry Farm** that includes career navigation, asset-building, digital literacy, health/wellness, and positive youth development. The grant will also help support community

historical and cultural programming commemorating the rich history of **Barry Farm** as DC's first African American homeownership.

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## Stay Safe this Fall

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Have you made a plan for voting this fall?

Check your voter registration status [here](#). If you're not registered, find out how to register [here](#). Then make a plan to vote by mail, in person or during Early Voting Days. This year, there may be long lines at the polls and possible slow mail delivery so consider taking advantage of Early Voting Days or drop your ballot in one of the [Ward 8 Drop Boxes](#) well before the 8 pm deadline on Election Day.

## Job Opportunities

With infrastructure construction work starting and work picking up on the site, we will begin job opportunity events and outreach. New job openings will be added monthly.

### Current job openings:

- Routine Site maintenance - landscaping
- Cleaning services
- Photographers/videographers



For more information on employment opportunities, **Barry Farm residents** can call **Tanya Phillips** at 202-809-8369 or visit our website [barryfarmredevelopment.org](http://barryfarmredevelopment.org)

## Zoning Commission:

The Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting where Barry Farm will be discussed on Thursday, October 15. Go to <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/zcbza> -or click on the [calendar](#). General info: DC Office of Zoning <https://dcoz.dc.gov/>

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# BARRY FARM

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Barry Farm Resident Newsletter September, 2020

## Project Updates, Unity Day and Road Closures

As the summer comes to a close, POAH is excited to share recent events and what's happening this fall at **Barry Farm**:



### Historic Preservation and Demolition on Site

In January 2020, the **Historic Preservation Review Board** voted to designate five buildings at **Barry Farm** as **Historic Landmarks**. Since the designation, the development team has worked to secure and stabilize the **five buildings** from further deterioration by boarding all openings, repairing damaged roofs and enclosing the buildings with fencing with locked gate access.

The **development team** will launch a **steering committee** in the fall of 2020 to begin discussions with the community on how to best integrate the **landmarked buildings** into the redevelopment in a manner that properly showcases the buildings and the historic **Barry Farm** community's contribution to the fabric, culture and history of the city.

Demolition efforts continue on the remaining 61 buildings that have not been landmarked. As of early September 2020, only two buildings remain to be demolished and that work is expected to be completed by November.

### Barry Farm Unity Day

On August 22, POAH coordinated a safe and socially-distant Unity Day for Barry Farm residents.

Families connected with the POAH team and received book bags and school supplies for the children along with face masks and hand sanitizer. In addition to distributing 130 backpacks, more than 150 hot meals were provided to residents.

Residents also updated their contact information and received information about the upcoming closure of Sumner Road, SE. See more photos at

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmQxof1j>

**Thank you to the Barry Farm families and our partner Far SE who participated in and supported this event!**



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# Street Closure of Sumner Road, SE

**Sumner Road SE between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and the Barry Farm Recreation Center** will be closed for an extended period due to infrastructure work slated to begin onsite this fall. Residents and the surrounding community received street closure notices mid-August, and road closure and detour signage will be installed next week. All businesses located along **Sumner Road SE** will remain open during the street closure.



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We are excited to launch the first phase of construction at **Barry Farm**, and we hope you are, too! Stayed tuned for updates in next month's newsletter. We will also host a virtual project update in late September and more information about that event will be shared in a couple of weeks.

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Barry Farm Resident Newsletter July 28, 2020

## NOTES from the District:

The **COVID-19 crisis** is still having a major impact on families across the city. The needs will be increasing as the crisis lingers. **Washington, DC** is in **Phase Two** and we encourage residents to continue to follow the **Mayor's guidelines**. Visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo). Stay Safe at Home.



**District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)** – reminds you if you have any questions regarding your housing needs to call (202) 535-1000.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

**HAVE TO GO OUT?** Keep 6 feet of distance between you and others whenever possible.

**WHY DOES IT MATTER?** It can help limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

**WHAT IS IT?** Remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding large crowds & gatherings.



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### Antibody Testing

## FREE ANTIBODY TESTING

at two locations:

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| <b>Canal Park:</b><br>200 L Street, SE | <b>Takoma Recreation Center:</b><br>300 Van Buren Street, NW |
|--|--|

By appointment only  
Call 1-855-363-0333 to register for an antibody test.

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## Senior Alert:

The Department of Aging and Community Living's hotline is operational, and seniors who need information or assistance should call (202) 724-5626. The call center will conduct a quick assessment and connect you to the appropriate service. For **Food Resources**, go to:

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/publication/attachments/DACL%20COVID19\\_Agency%20Public%20Announcement%20of%20Service%20Changes\\_UPDATED%203.22....pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/publication/attachments/DACL%20COVID19_Agency%20Public%20Announcement%20of%20Service%20Changes_UPDATED%203.22....pdf)

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## Community Safety 101

A few safety tips to keep your family safe



- Watch your children when they are outside playing.
- Avoid texting or talking on your phone while walking in the community.
- Avoid wearing earphones with loud music playing.
- Pay attention to the people who are around you.
- Take walks in well-lit areas.
- Remember to always tell someone where you are going.
- Pay attention when crossing the street.



## Ward 8 Farmers Market

**The Market** is starting a little later than usual, and things will look a little different. The Market Team is taking extraordinary measures to keep you safe. Please support them in this difficult season, eat healthy and stay safe! **Farmers Market** takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm at 3200 6th Street SE.

## Census 2020 - Get Counted!

### Have you completed your Census 2020?



The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape your community's future because the numbers determine where the money goes. Your participation can make a difference. Call the Census response hotline at 1-844-990-2020 or visit <https://2020census.gov/>



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## The Junk Yard Band: A Pioneer Go-Go Band in Washington DC

The Junk Yard Band was formed in 1980 by children, ranging in age from 8 to 13, living in the **Barry Farm Housing Project**. They were inspired to play after witnessing the performances of local **Go-Go bands** in their neighborhood.

Not having resources to purchase traditional instruments, the children instead scoured their neighborhood in search of objects that could emulate the sound of real instruments: hubcaps, plastic buckets, crates, cans, and discarded pots and pans. These type of Go-Go bands were called "**Bucket Bands**".

After a few informal performances in **Barry Farm Public Housing**, the group was dubbed the Junk Yard Band by locals. This is perhaps a reference to the animated television program, **Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids**, whose band "**The Junk Yard Gang**" also performed on improvised instruments. This band is still performing today and recently presented at an **Anacostia Community Museum** program. Go to <http://junkyardband.us/>



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Barry Farm Resident Newsletter June 16, 2020

Dear Barry Farm Residents,

During the last few weeks our communities has faced trying times. **POAH Mid-Atlantic** wants you to know we are here for you and your family.

Please stay encouraged during these trying times. And now that DC is opening up in phases, we encourage you even more to follow DC's recommendations for your safety. **POAH Mid-Atlantic** would like to thank our health care heroes and all the workers who risk their lives daily during the COVID-19 crisis to help families meet their basic needs.

Sincerely,  
**POAH Mid-Atlantic team**  
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### NOTES from the District:

- If you have any questions regarding your housing needs, Please call the **District of Columbia Housing Authority** (DCHA) at (202) 535-1000.
- Stay informed of the **COVID-19 recommendations** by visiting <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> for the latest updates.
- **DCWater.com** - If you pay for water as a renter in DC, you can apply for reduction in the CRIAC fees on your bill. You could save up to \$65 per month. Please go to [dcwater.com/cap](http://dcwater.com/cap) to apply.



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## Personal Notes:

Congratulations to **Trayon White Sr.** on his reelection as Councillor for Ward 8.

Our deepest condolences to the **Sanker** family upon the passing of **Asberry Sanker** (left), a beloved Barry Farm community member who will be greatly missed.

**Happy Father's Day** to Barry Farm Dads June 21!



## Congratulations Class of 2020!

This has not been an easy year, especially the last few months. **We would like to celebrate your family member's accomplishments as a 2020 graduate in our next newsletter** so please share their story.

Call **Tanya Phillips**, Community Impact Manager, 202-809-8369 with the graduate's name, what school they graduated from and their future plans.

## Census 2020 - We all count!



### Have you completed your Census 2020?

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape your community's future because the numbers determine where the money goes. Your participation can make a difference. Call the Census response hotline at 1-844-990-2020 or visit <https://2020census.gov/>



## Herb Feemster of Herb and Peaches fame was a Barry Farm resident

**Herbert Feemster** was born in **Barry Farm/Hillsdale**. He sang in church and neighborhood groups as a child. **Herb** used to sing around the neighborhood and worked in a local record store where he met record producer Van McCoy who signed him to Columbia subsidiary Date Records. [read more](#)



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March 17, 2020

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Dear Barry Farm Residents,

**POAH-Mid Atlantic** will be sharing information with you throughout the next weeks to help you protect your family and yourself. Although these are uncertain times, please know that we will be monitoring the situation daily and will share information you need to know to deal with it. The **Barry Farm community** is a family that supports and helps each other and, while we cannot come together in person for a while, we look forward to the day when we can share good times and friendship. In the meanwhile, please read and follow the advice below.



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Wash your hands, cover your cough or sneeze, clean and disinfect surfaces in your home, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

[read more](#)



## Limit your contact with others

Avoid contact with others - especially if you are a senior citizen- staying inside if that's what's recommended. Help limit the spread of germs by avoiding crowds or gatherings.

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January 14, 2020

## 150 Barry Farm residents enjoy a festive holiday party

One hundred fifty **Barry Farm** residents enjoyed a fun and festive **Holiday Party** Dec. 21 at **Matthews Memorial Baptist Church** sponsored by **Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)**. Many new faces joined the packed house for the first time! The food trays were empty at the end of the day – a testament to the deliciousness of the food!



WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A

HAPPY  
*Holidays*  
AND  
*New Year*



The children reveled in the toy giveaway brought to us by the **Resident Council's** collaboration with **Toys for Tots** and the **Coast Guard**. The photo booth and photos with **Santa** were very popular, with many families using it as an opportunity for a family portrait.

**You can view and order your photo booth images, compliments of POAH, here:**

[hp s://gallery.hotpinkphotobooth.com/preservaonof\\_affordablehousing](https://gallery.hotpinkphotobooth.com/preservaonof_affordablehousing)

## Historic Preservation Review Board meets Jan. 30 to vote on Barry Farm designation

### Time TBD

For more information and to join us contact **Tanya P. Phillips** or call 202-809-8369.



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## Historic Preservation Review Board in favor of POAH's continuing progress on Barry Farm legacy plan - next meeting is in January

**POAH** and the **District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)** went before the **Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)** Dec. 5 to advance the redevelopment of **Barry Farm**. The focus was on identifying pathways to continue the project which will recognize the strong cultural legacy of **Barry Farm** and bring significant public and private investment and new affordable housing that is safe, secure and accessible to low to moderate-income families.



**Photo: Tony Waddell, POAH's Vice President, Real Estate Development Mid-Atlantic, answered the board's questions**

The **Board, POAH** and **DCHA** are in agreement that there is a need for appropriate designation and representation of the historical importance of **Barry Farm**. **POAH** and **DCHA** presented site concept plans that create a "cultural district" at **Barry Farm**, and tie the development into the **Hillsdale/Anacostia heritage trail** – reconnecting it to the history of the larger original **Barry Farm** community and **Anacostia**.

These plans were developed in consultation with the **State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)** and with additional input from the community - expanding upon previous plans that have been vetted and developed in consultation with the **Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum** and other community stakeholders over the past two years. Included in those plans is a process in which the history of **Barry Farm** is permanently recorded in the annals of the **Library of Congress**.





The **HPRB** provided directional guidance and asked that plan details be worked through and presented at the **January meeting**. This is another successful step in moving the process forward and moving closer to returning **Barry Farm** residents to the

community with supportive services geared toward creating stability and economic mobility, and bringing economic growth opportunities to **Ward 8** and the **District of Columbia**.

Following the **Historic Preservation Review Board** hearing, **POAH and DCHA** are pleased that the Board has recognized the joint efforts **POAH and DCHA** have made to strengthen historic preservation at Barry Farm while also protecting the residents' rights to safe, secure, accessible and affordable housing.

**POAH and DCHA** will continue working with all stakeholders, including the residents of **Barry Farm**, community organizations, cultural historians and DC's preservation office to find innovative ways to celebrate the history and legacy of Barry Farm. **POAH and DCHA** look forward to bringing the redevelopment plan to reality ensuring a vibrant community as soon as possible for residents who are eager to return home.

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## Storage units expiring soon!



**Some storage units will expire soon. Look for your notice with details in your email or mailbox. If you have questions call (202) 809-8369.**



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November 6, 2019

## News You Can Use

### Historic Preservation Review Board postpones vote on Historic Landmarking of Barry Farm to December 5

**Dear Barry Farm Residents and Friends,**

At its Oct. 31 meeting, the **Historic Preservation Review Board** decided to postpone the next action on the redevelopment of Barry Farm to December 5.



POAH's community-backed plan was put on hold when the **Barry Farm Tenants and Allies Association** and **Empower DC** filed a request with the Board to designate the remaining buildings at the site as historic landmarks.

**Historic designation would result in delays in the return of Barry Farm residents to their homes and a cut in the number of affordable housing apartments that will be created.**

***Photo: Barry Farm residents were in the audience to show their support for moving the redevelopment forward. Tony Waddell, POAH's Vice President, Real Estate Development, Mid-Atlantic, explained how historic landmarking would delay the project.***

The history of Barry Farm is important, and its legacy will be preserved and honored in the plans for the redevelopment **but it should not be at the**

**expense of the residents' rights to return as quickly as possible to safe, secure, affordable, and accessible homes.**

The board directed **POAH, DCHA** and other interested parties to continue working on the existing plan to produce the highest number of affordable and public housing units while highlighting the history of the original Barry Farm **before the next board meeting on December 5.**

## We want to hear from you.

With this latest news about the board decision, we want to hear your thoughts. In the coming days, residents will receive an invitation from **POAH Community Impact Manager Tanya Phillips** to a **lunch series** at POAH's office downtown.



See the schedule [here](#). Call or text **Tanya at 202-670-2548** at least two days before the lunch date to reserve your place.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**POAH** will be hosting a **Barry Farm Resident Thanksgiving Dinner** on **Thursday, Nov. 21** from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church. Transportation will be provided. Details [here](#). **You must call or text**

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A lot is happening at the Barry Farm site right now and we're looking forward to more exciting things to come. Here are some important items you might be interested in.

## Landmarking Application Delays Redevelopment of Barry Farm

You may have heard that the **Historic Review Planning Board** is considering Historic Designation Landmarking on **October 31** which would prevent or delay the rest of the buildings from being demolished. We want residents to return quickly but **Historic Landmarking would throw the project into uncertainty.**



## Show Your Support for Moving Forward

Plan to join us at the DC Historic Preservation Review Board meeting Thursday, Oct. 31. Call 240-437-3340 for the time and other details.

Learn more on [www.barryfarmredevelopment.org](http://www.barryfarmredevelopment.org) and sign the online petition to support the Barry Farm redevelopment plan.

## You asked - we listened.

We know how difficult relocation can be. We want to be sure that all Barry Farm residents receive timely information regarding the Barry Farm redevelopment plan.



Join us at a Chat & Chew - check your email or contact [rslamin@poah.org](mailto:rslamin@poah.org) or call **240-437-3340** to find out when the next one will be held.

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