

January 2018 Council Committee Report

Submitted by: Councilwoman Rukiah Alwan

Inauguration- I would like to say a sincere thank you to all Chesilhurst Residents that came out to vote last November and particularly everyone that voted for me to represent our great boro another three years. I am honored, ready and willing to continue moving this boro forward in the right direction and will work hard to continue collaborating with Mayor & Council and the people to live out our motto, "On the Road to Progress." Finally, I want to congratulate my running mate Councilwoman Jamila Odom Garnett and newly elected Council President. I know she will also serve well in her new role as Council President.

Black History Celebration- Our annual Black History Celebration will be held on February 24, 2017 from 12-2 at the Arland Poindexter Community Center at 520 Edwards Ave. We are going to work with our local churches and our committee members to hold an awesome event in honor of our African Ancestors. Already, we are gathering dance groups, history speakers, food and music to enhance the program! One thing that will be different this year is the time! We will have the program for two hours and have very specific speakers and activities as there are other communities that hold this type of event. As always, if you have any ideas or would like to assist with this event please email me at councilwoman.rukiah.alwan@gmail.com.

Teenage Dance/Activities- Tentative date will be April 20th for High School Age Students and May 18th for Middle School Students from

8-12; The Athletic Director along with other council members will be working together to plan, coordinate and advertise for a fun, safe evening out for our children. We will have security through our adult volunteers to make sure everyone has a fun, yet safe time; we will have a DJ, Snacks and Positive Vibes. We look forward to having these dances and more information will be forthcoming in February and March!

Open Gym- Coach Kenny Athletic Director would like to have an Open Gym 1x per month for a few hours for our youth; To hang out, do homework, play basketball, etc. at the Arland Poindexter Community Center. Dates will be added to our Website once they are solidified and all the fine details are worked out.

Meetings New Time!- Caucus meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 7PM and the Regular meeting is the second Thursday of each month at 7PM; Planning Board is the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm; Historical committee meeting is the Second Tuesday of each month at 7PM!