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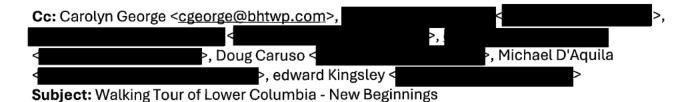
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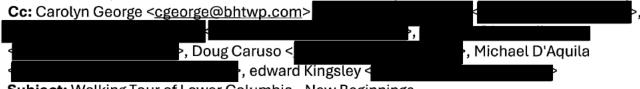
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General questions about the recent or future improvements can be asked but the conversation will <u>not</u> be considered official business. If a question or item needs to be discussed as official business you should follow the process you normally do as an elected official. <u>This tour is being given to you as Berkeley Heights/Mountainside residents and not in your respective elected official capacity.</u>
The tour should not take more than 30 - 45 minutes but I will stay as long as I need to answer questions. **Comfortable walking shoes, that you don't mind getting muddy, are required.** 

I hope to see everyone on May 10th.