



October 2020

Meet the SSNA Executive Team

Officers:

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**Vacancies Open for:
Chair and Member Representative**

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How to become a SSNA Member!

SSNA is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization. Membership or yearly annual renewal is \$30 per household. You may pay online (paypal) at: www.ssna-dc.org/membership. Checks are payable to: the Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association and may be delivered to the treasurer – Dot Walker at 1519 Allison St. NW. Please ensure to provide an email for receipt.

How to become an Officer? Are you eligible to run for Office?

Any resident twenty-one years or older who resides within the boundaries of the 16th Street neighborhood Association and pays dues is a member of the Association and may run.

Elections will be held at the December meeting. If you wish to run for one of the officer positions, you can submit your name and contact information to the Association’s Secretary, Louis Eby (louiseby@hotmail.com). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the Annual Meeting.

**A Message from Our Vice-Chair
Chris von Kohn**

For those who may be new to the neighborhood, we welcome you to the 16th Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA).

What a year it has been! So many things have happened since our last gathering on March 3rd. I hope you and your families are doing well and have adjusted to the daily challenges that 2020 has presented so far. Please know that your neighbors and this association are here for you.

Unfortunately, we continue to not be able to meet in person at Simpson-Hamline Church, so we will start to meet virtually.

**Attend our Zoom meeting on
October 27 at 7pm.** All members and neighbors are welcome. Further information is provided below.

**Please continue to be safe and healthy!
We look forward to seeing you on
ZOOM – 10/27/2020 @ 7pm.**

How to join the SSNA Listserv!

SSNA is a catalyst for community engagement for the more than 500 households between Upshur Street and 16th Street on the south, Decatur Street on the north, 16th Street on the west and 14th Street on the east.

We maintain a listserv for neighbors to share information on issues, contractors, etc. To join, send an email with your contact information to 16thstna@gmail.com.

And find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ssna.dc/

16th Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA) first ZOOM Meeting!!

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Zoom Information:

Topic: 16th Street Neighborhood Mtg

Time: Oct 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81863961717?pwd=Z2ZjQjRGNEVSZzA2dTgrSU41WkpGUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 6396 1717 Passcode: 790452

Agenda

Welcome

Updates on Ward 4

Neighborhood Topics of Interest:

- Northern Bus Barn/Garage
- Webster-Varnum Green Space
- 14th/Webster/Arkansas Triangle Development

ANC Updates

Any new business

DC Election Info

For details on mail ballot instructions, candidates and issues, and in-person locations, visit: <https://www.dcooe.org/>

Early in-person Voting begins Tuesday October 27th

Community Topics of interest

Northern Bus Barn: WMATA is renovating the 100+ year old bus barn on 14th street. For direct updates, please go to wmata.com/NorthernBusGarage

A group has formed to stop the return of 150 diesel-fueled buses, a body shop and a spray paint booth to our residential neighborhood. Go to the Northern Bus Barn Neighbors website at cleanbus.org for more information or email admin@cleanbus.org to get on their mailing list.

Webster-Varnum Green Space: Neighbors are working to protect the green space with mature trees behind the houses on the 1400 blocks of Webster and Varnum Streets NW. Developers recently put on hold their plans to place 8 houses on this lot. To receive updates on efforts to protect this space email webster.varnum.green.space@gmail.com.

Proposed development at 14th/Webster/Arkansas Triangle. A developer is seeking a zoning variance to put a house on their 307 square foot (not a typo) lot in this space. Neighbors have raised a variety of concerns. Details, including architectural drawings and a topographical map are at bit.ly/trianglehouse.

Varnum Street intersection and traffic: The city recently made changes to attempt to calm the traffic at Varnum and Arkansas Ave NW. In addition, speed humps were installed on Varnum Street. It remains to be seen whether they are effective, and whether they push the problem to other streets in the neighborhood.

Information on all of these is distributed from time to time via the listserv.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2020

A zoom link will be sent on the neighborhood listserv.

Should you have any questions, please contact any member of the SSNA Executive Team.