



Message from the Executive Board

August 2022 — Hello neighbors! It's the peak of summer and we hope you are staying cool in the hot weather. Read about what's coming up in this edition of the 16th Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA) print newsletter.



Mark your calendar! The annual summer block party will be Saturday, August 27. We can't wait to spend a great afternoon together! Email ssnadc@gmail.com to volunteer.

Fundraiser for Gedera Market

Our local corner store Gedera Market caught fire on the night of July 4th and sustained serious fire damage. Friends of the business have created a GoFundMe to support the business owners with their recovery. SSNA pledged a \$500 matching donation, and more than a dozen neighbors stepped up. In total, neighbors donated \$1,330. Combined with SSNA's matching funds, **we raised a total of \$1,830** for this community business. Thank you to everyone who contributed! If you want to join the effort, donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gedera-market>.

Thanks for a great Spring Fling!



Our Spring Fling in April was a fantastic time! Neighbors spent a beautiful morning and early afternoon in the Webster-Varnum Green Space, at our first in-person spring event in over two years. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun event in glorious spring weather.

Neighborhood development

The WMATA Northern Bus Garage development on 14th Street is proceeding in its environmental remediation phase. As part of that, WMATA is offering residential and commercial property owners within 200 feet of the site free building inspections, both before and after demolition and/or construction activities. Such owners will be receiving a certified letter in August with information on how they can schedule a free inspection. Anyone with questions about this program can call Jim Ashe at 202-400-1550. The project's next Community Engagement Meeting is September 13, 2022.

Introducing ANC 4E

Every 10 years DC completes a redistricting process for both Ward-level boundaries and ANC-level boundaries. That process completed this spring, and nearly everyone in our neighborhood will be in a new ANC starting next year. See the map of the new boundaries: <https://bit.ly/2023-ancs-w4>.

DC Health Now Offers At-Home COVID Testing

DC residents who have difficulty leaving home can now receive at-home COVID testing from DC Health. Appointment requests can be made by calling the DC Health COVID Call Center at 855-363-0333. A registered nurse will arrive at the resident's home with both PCR and rapid-antigen testing options and assist with tests.

Mark your calendar: SSNA member meeting on Thursday, October 6

If you are currently a dues-paying member of the 16th Street Neighborhood Association or want to learn about becoming a member, mark your calendar for our next general member meeting on **Thursday, October 6 at 6:30pm**. We hope to hold this meeting in-person outdoors in the Varnum-Webster Green Space.

We will consider several items of business at this meeting, including:

- Updates to the Association's bylaws in regards to budgeting and expenditures
- Updates to the Association's membership structure

Proposed changes will be sent to SSNA members by email by Thursday, September 22, for review. We will plan to vote on proposed changes at this meeting.

This meeting is open to everyone but only dues-paying members will be able to vote. Anyone who lives within the SSNA boundaries (between 14th and 16th Streets, from Upshur to Decatur) can become a member before this meeting at <https://bit.ly/ssna-membership>. You may also become a member at the meeting.

SSNA Executive Committee: Alberto Rivera, Chair; Alex Dodds, Vice Chair; Dot Walker, Treasurer; Cecelia Waldeck, Secretary; Louis Eby, Member Representative

Stay connected

To join the SSNA community listserv or contact us about neighborhood issues, email ssnadc@gmail.com. You can also join the listserv, pay member dues, and obtain information about us on our website at www.ssnadc.org.