



**- APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER -**

**Hello 16th Street Heights neighbors — welcome to spring!** Flowers and trees are coming into bloom and so is the neighborhood. We are excited to share some upcoming opportunities to come together as neighbors. We hope to see you at one or more of these events this season!

<p><b>Thursday, April 13</b> 7:00pm Axtondo 4724 14th St NW</p>	<p><b>SSNA Member Meeting</b> If you are currently a dues-paying member of the neighborhood association or want to learn about becoming a member, mark your calendar for <b>our next general member meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00pm</b>. We will hold this meeting in person at Axtondo. Come have a snack or a drink and chat about the neighborhood.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 30</b> 11:00am-1:00pm Upshur Park Playground 4300 Arkansas Ave. NW</p>	<p><b>Upshur Park community cleanup</b> On Sunday April 30 from 11:00am-1:00pm, join neighbors and local partners for a cleanup of Upshur Park Playground. Help beautify our local playground for the start of the season. Bags and gloves will be provided.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 30</b> 1:00-3:00pm Piney Spring Green (aka Webster-Varnum Green Space; enter on 15th Street between Varnum and Webster Streets)</p> <p><u>Rain date</u> Sunday, May 7 1:00-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>SSNA Spring Fling!</b> Immediately after the park cleanup, join us for a community picnic, egg hunt, and lawn games in Piney Spring Green (aka the Webster-Varnum Green Space). We'll have burgers and hot dogs for everyone, and contributions of side dishes, drinks, or desserts are warmly welcome.</p> <p><b>Help make this event happen!</b> Are you willing to stuff eggs in advance? Do you have plastic eggs to share? On the day of the event, are you able to help hide eggs, work the craft table, grill food, or be part of the clean-up team? Email <a href="mailto:ssnadc@gmail.com">ssnadc@gmail.com</a> to volunteer.</p>

## Upcoming community events

- **April 1-22: Rock Creek Extreme Cleanup**

The 2023 Extreme Cleanup will be a month-long extravaganza in April, anchored in a Community Day on Saturday, April 15. Help keep Rock Creek clean from stormwater pollution, enjoy time outside, and give back to this community treasure. <https://www.rockcreekconservancy.org/extreme-cleanup>.

- **April 22: Jobs Not Guns Recruitment Fair**

On April 22, the DC Business Gun Violence Prevention Coalition in partnership with Councilmember Janeese Lewis George will host a Jobs Not Guns Recruitment Fair at Coolidge High School (6315 5th Street NW). If you know someone looking for work, spread the word! Lunch will be provided. <https://bit.ly/jobs-not-guns>.

- **April 22: Petworth Porchfest**

Petworth PorchFest brings together the entire Petworth community to host local bands on their porch, where residents and visitors can enjoy live music together. See the full lineup of events at <https://petworthporchfest.org/>.

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## Become a member of SSNA

**SSNA members make our community events possible!** Become a dues-paying member to vote in neighborhood association elections and to support events like the Spring Fling. Dues are \$30 per household per year, and can be paid online at [www.ssnadc.org](http://www.ssnadc.org). Dues may also be paid by check, payable to the Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association, and delivered to Treasurer Dot Walker at 1519 Allison St. NW.

**Notes from February 16 member meeting** — At our February meeting, SSNA members reviewed the proposed budget for 2023's events and activities. We also requested feedback about existing event structures, and the frequency of SSNA meetings.

**Member meetings this year will take place bi-monthly on the second Thursday.** Those dates will be April 13; June 8; August 10; October 12; December 14 at 7:00pm.

## Stay connected

To join the SSNA community listserv or contact us about neighborhood issues, email [ssnadc@gmail.com](mailto:ssnadc@gmail.com). You can also join the neighborhood listserv, pay dues, and obtain information about us on our website at [www.ssnadc.org](http://www.ssnadc.org). If you do not have an email, please contact Dot Walker at 202-365-3853 or Cecelia Waldeck at 202-726-1187.