



**November  
2021**

## **Executive Board Message / Year in Review:**

Greetings Neighbors and Members:

Our neighborhood is growing and changing just like the leaves! After 3 years we had a successful block party on September 4th. It was a wonderful time for all to meet new neighbors, reminisce with neighbors who have lived in the 16th Street footprint for a number of years, and to welcome new families to the 16th Street Neighborhood Association.

We highly encourage you to become a member and further encourage you to take on a position on the board. Why join? The 16th Street neighborhood association keeps everyone informed. During this pandemic and keeping socially distant, we hosted the Block Party, organized the Easter Egg Hunt, a Spring Plant Swap, and an afternoon of playing Lawn Games at Mosaic Church. These outdoor activities bridge our neighborhood and community. Additionally, we sponsor the neighborhood listserv to keep you informed, connecting you on local issues with relevant notices from city agencies and detail notes on the monthly ANC4C meetings. Finally, we have represented neighborhood concerns relating to trees, traffic safety problems, redevelopment of the Northern Bus Barn, and other construction projects in the neighborhood.

Through SSNA, our neighborhood has consistently kept a voice in our community. Please join today or renew your past membership and participate on our Board or on a committee. With your commitment and voices we can thrive as a stronger 16th Street Neighborhood Association!!

**Litter Cleanup Dates:** Meetup at 4517 – 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW (Cecelia's home) to spend one hour (11:00 AM – Noon) picking up neighborhood litter on the following Saturdays -- December 4, 2021, January 8, 2022, and February 12, 2022.

## **It's Election Time! Your Neighborhood Association Needs You!**

**SSNA December Election Meeting:** Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 PM when we will elect a new leadership team. This will be a Zoom Meeting which you can join using the Meeting ID- 820 2461 8062; and Passcode – 896004. You can dial-in to the meeting using the telephone number 301-715-8592. We will also share the link on the listserv the week before the meeting.

We need members to attend to ensure a quorum. The agenda will be primarily the election of officers for 2022 but include the opportunity for all to say what neighborhood activities they would like to see in the coming year. Voting will be by the Zoom's private chat feature or phone or text for those who don't use Zoom.

Please consider stepping up to serve in one of the four positions that will be up for a vote: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Vice-Chair Cecelia Waldeck and Treasurer Dot Walker are willing to serve again but would be happy to discuss shifting positions to accommodate your interest in serving on the Board.

Serving on the board is a terrific way to learn about your neighborhood and meet new neighbors. Depending on your interests you can help with neighborhood celebrations and/or tackle problems that impact us all. There are also non-elected committees (*i.e.*, Seniors, DDOT, Livability/ Development) that seek to address local issues that may fit your interests.

To vote or be eligible for office you must reside within the boundaries of the association (see below) and have paid your dues for the 2021-2022 year.

If you are considering running for any of the positions, please forward your name, address, and contact information to [ssnadc@gmail.com](mailto:ssnadc@gmail.com). You can also submit your candidacy on the night of the meeting. Any current team member would be happy to discuss with you your interest and answer any questions you might have. **Your help is needed!!**

## **Neighborhood Trees - DDOT Committee Report:**

We are in contact with the DDOT arborist responsible for the health of the trees located between the sidewalk and street. He has shared that the city is removing several of the large oak trees on Allison Street NW because they have symptoms of hypoxylon canker on the main stem and have had some branch failures that endanger nearby cars and homes. Successful treatment of the disease is difficult due to the progression of the disease.

On many blocks, our large older trees have been removed and replaced with new saplings. Some of these saplings have died or not thrived well. Our committee plans to inform the arborist about saplings that are not getting watered every two weeks or otherwise show poor health. Because newly planted trees are under warranty, they can be replaced within the warranty period if they are not thriving. We invite any interested neighbors to contact us if they can volunteer to track the health and watering of saplings on their block.

New trees are planted between October and April each year and, currently, there are thirty requests for new tree plantings in our neighborhood. You can find out if a new tree is planned for your block by accessing DDOT's tree requests map available online at [ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/tree-services#request](http://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/tree-services#request). Because there is an assortment of trees available for planting, let us or DDOT's arborist know if you have a particular tree preference for your block.



## **About the SSNA:**

We are the non-profit neighborhood association that promotes the civic and social welfare of residents living between Decatur and Upshur Streets NW (north-south direction) and 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets (east-west direction). Although membership and voting rights are limited to residents located in this area, we welcome nearby neighbors outside this area to participate on our listserv, in our meetings and at our social events.

## **Listserv and social media:**

To join the listserv or contact us about neighborhood issues, send us an email at [ssnadc@gmail.com](mailto:ssnadc@gmail.com). You can also join the listserv, pay your dues, and obtain information about us on our webpage at [www.ssna-dc.org](http://www.ssna-dc.org). Finally, we also maintain a Facebook Page at [Facebook.com/ssna.dc](https://www.facebook.com/ssna.dc).

**How to become a member:** Membership in SSNA is just \$30 per household/year; each adult 21+ residing in the household gets a vote. If you have not joined or renewed your membership for 2021-2022, you can join/renew online using PayPal on our webpage [www.ssna-dc.org](http://www.ssna-dc.org) or write a check payable to the Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association and deliver it to our Treasurer, Dot Walker, at 1519 Allison St. NW. If you wish to vote, you must join before the voting begins at our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

