

THE HEIGHTS

Spring is for renewal

Revived in 2015, our Association and our community spirit is ready to soar

It was just about a year ago that a handful of dedicated neighbors took it upon themselves to restart a long dormant Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA). I am extremely grateful that they did.

Because of their efforts, we have created new relationships that go beyond our Listserv connections, collaborated on important issues like crime and pop-ups, and rediscovered our love for a great block party.

In 2016 we will build on our progress by holding regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July, the meeting will be July 12, the second Tuesday).

We will hold several community events, some old and some new, starting with our



Easter Egg Hunt on March 19 (11 am - Noon, Upshur Park). Our print newsletter will be a regular feature with Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter editions. And, we will launch our online presence.

Finally, we will continue to champion our shared interest in a neighborhood that's safe, that welcomes all, celebrates diversity, and a neighborhood that continues to evolve, but remains true to its 100-year history.

I hope you too are excited about the reemergence of a strong Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, at our community events and in the neighborhood.

Jack Campbell
Chair

Mark Your Calendar

- **3/19 - SSNA Easter Egg Hunt**, 11 am - Noon, Upshur Park ★★
- **3/29 - CAUFS Monthly Mtg.**, 7 - 9 pm., WMATA Community RM, Bus Barn, 4729 14th ST NW
- **4/1 - SSNA April Fool's Day Happy Hour**, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Red Derby, 3718 14th ST NW
- **4/2 - Farmer's Market Opens for Season**, 9 am - 1 pm, 14th & Kennedy ST NW
- **4/5 - SSNA Monthly Mtg.**, 7:15 - 8:30 pm, Simpson-Hamline Church, 16th & Allison ST NW ★
- **4/27 - CAUFS Monthly Mtg.**, 7 - 9 pm, WMATA Community RM, Bus Barn, 4729 14th ST NW
- **5/3 - SSNA Monthly Mtg.**, 7:15 - 8:30 pm, Simpson-Hamline Church, 16th & Allison ST NW ★

Fire destroys home on Delafield Place

Residents of 40 years displaced for undetermined timeframe

On January 4, a two-alarm fire broke out on the 1400 block of Delafield Place at the home of Maureen Betton, her mother, four children and two grand-children.

A crew of over 15 firefighters battled the blaze for hours and extinguished the fire but not before the Betton family's home of nearly 40 years suffered significant damage.

Thankfully all escaped without injury, including the family pets, but the family home is no longer habitable.

A donation site has been set up to help the family recover. If you would like to make a donation to help the Bettons, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/bettonhousefire>.



What you need to know about DC's security camera program

On Feb. 17, the Mayor's office launched the Private Security Camera Incentive Program. The program provides rebates for the purchase, installation, and registration with MPD of a security camera system on the exterior of your residence.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 of the purchase price per camera installed with a maximum rebate of \$500 per residential address.

However, based on crime levels and public safety

indicators, only addresses within certain priority Police Service Areas (PSAs) can submit rebate applications before Aug. 1. After that date, addresses anywhere in the city can apply for the rebate for as long as the City's \$500,000 budget lasts.

Please note, PSA 404 which includes SSNA, is not a priority PSA. Therefore, our neighborhood is not eligible for the rebate program before Aug. 1. **For more info** go to: www.ovsjg.dc.gov or call (202) 727-5124.

Seniors & people with special needs outreach

The Association has created a committee to champion the needs of, and outreach to, seniors and people with special needs in our community who because of lack of internet access, mobility or other issues, are not able to fully participate in community life. The committee's Co-Chairs,

Sandra Lesesne (sandralesesne@gmail.com) and **Dot Walker** (dancindot1@aol.com), are conducting a neighborhood census to identify neighbors who might need the committee's services.

If you would like to help, please contact Dot or Sandra.

The SSNA Executive Team

Officers:

Chair: Jack Campbell, jackhcampbell@hotmail.com
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For Your Information

- **Join the SSNA Listserv:** Be in the know in real time, meet your neighbors, share info on contractors/handyman, find a home for that white elephant gift. To join, go to www.yahoo.com. Under "Groups" search for "16thStNA". Then, just send an email request to join the listserv to: 16thstna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Please include your full name and street address.

- **Annual Visitors Parking Pass (VPP):** The annual VPP used to be automatically sent to each home, now you must go online at www.vpp.dc.gov/vpp to apply for the pass. Or you can call DDOT's call center at (202) 671-2700.



- **Residential Street Cleaning:** Residential street cleaning begins anew Tuesday, Mar. 1 and continues through Oct. 31. DPW sweepers will clean residential streets at the posted days and times. Be sure to check your street for the cleaning times and adjust accordingly. A \$45 ticket may be issued for failure to comply.
- **Bulk Trash Collection:** Large and bulky items cannot be put out with the regular trash. DPW collects these items by appointment only. Call 311 to make an appointment for pick up. Or, take items to the Ft. Totten Transfer Station at 4900 John F. McCormack Drive, NE, M-F: 1 - 5 pm; Sat: 8 am - 3 pm.
- **Rock Creek Park Trail Reconstruction will Close Beach Drive into 2017:** The National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration and DDOT will begin repair of 3.7 miles of Rock Creek Park's trails in 2016. The trail rehabilitation will close Beach Drive for undetermined periods into 2017. It is unclear if this large scale construction project will affect traffic patterns in our neighborhood.

