

THE HEIGHTS

SSNA Members Elect New Executive Team



Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours throughout the coming year. Happy New Year from the Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association. We hope to see you February 5, the first meeting of 2019.

On Tuesday, December 5, over 30 SSNA members came together at the annual meeting and potluck to choose a new Executive Committee (EC). Outgoing SSNA Chair Cecelia Waldeck conducted the proceedings with the able assistance of SSNA Treasurer Dot Walker.

SSNA members elected past Chair Jack Campbell to a third term (Jack previously served as Chair from 2016-17). Nathan Stokes was elected as Vice-Chair. Nathan has been an at-large member of the EC for the past three years. Pat Lute was elected as

Secretary (Pat, too, has been an EC at-large member for the past three years). Dot Walker returns as Treasurer for a second term. The term of office for the new EC runs through December 2019.

A special thanks goes to the outgoing Executive Team members for leading our neighborhood association for this past year. (*Bios for EC members can be found at ssna-dc.org, under "About US."*)

SAVE THE DATE: The 2019 Easter Egg Hunt is April 13



Participants get ready for the mad search for prized eggs at the 2018 SSNA Easter Egg Hunt, held annually at Upshur Park.

Always a crowd pleaser, the SSNA Easter Egg Hunt returns to Upshur Park (4300 Arkansas Ave. NW) on Saturday, April 13, from 11 am - 12 noon. There will be three hunts at 11 am, 11:30 and 12 noon. Each year, kids of all ages and their parents turn out in droves for this great family event. Mark your calendars now, arrive early and start making those Easter baskets!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: STUFF EGGS, DECORATE, ETC. Help make this a great event: Contact us at ssnadc@gmail.com

2019 Meeting Calendar

In 2019, the 16th Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA) will go to a new meeting schedule. We hope with fewer meetings, we can make them more impactful for our members. Our meetings will still be on the first Tuesday of the designated months (except where otherwise noted below). Our meeting place, Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church, 4501 16th Street NW (16th and Allison Streets) and our meeting time remains unchanged (7 - 8:30 pm). As always, children are welcome to attend all of our meetings. For more information on SSNA activities and events, like us on Facebook at: (<https://www.facebook.com/ssna.dc>)

Our 2019 meeting dates:

- **February 5** (First meeting of 2019)
- **April 2**
- **June 4**
- **September 10** (NOTE: Because of a conflict with Labor Day, we are meeting on the 2nd Tuesday)
- **November 5**
- **December 3** (Annual Meeting and Holiday Party)

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Good Neighbors Equal Good Neighborhoods

Why you should join/renew membership in SSNA

Good neighborhoods take time to grow. Good neighborhoods need good neighbors to commit time and resources for the benefit of the greater community. We are lucky here in our small corner of Sixteenth Street Heights, our neighborhood association has a legacy of more than four decades for community-building activity resulting in greater connectivity between neighbors, effective engagement with city leaders and civic activism when needed. Your membership in SSNA makes this possible.

A strong neighborhood is made possible in part by a strong neighborhood association. Maybe you can't regularly attend meetings. That's alright, but there are other activities of SSNA that you can support and take part in. The neighborhood Listserv is a SSNA product as are this newsletter and flyers alerting neighbors to important happenings. Our efforts regarding crime, zoning and trash are all important issues for the neighborhood you can support in various ways. Our block party and other gatherings are cherished social activities of SSNA. All of these are made possible by your membership. Join/rejoin SSNA and help continue this legacy. Membership in SSNA is only \$30 a year per household. To join or renew, go to: <http://www.ssna-dc.org/membership-membership-dues/>.



Be Prepared for Winter Weather

It's the snow season and who knows how much we will get this year! Whatever the amount, we all have responsibilities to keep the walkways, curb cuts and steps clear of snow and safe for all.

DC regulations state that within eight (8) hours of daylight after a snow event ends, residential and commercial property owners are required to remove snow from sidewalks around their properties. Property owners (or in the case of rental tenants assigned the task in their rental agreement) may be fined

\$25 for not clearing snow/ice within this timeframe. More importantly, it's the neighborly thing to do. Keeping your part of the public walkway clear makes it easier for all, to get around safely including the youngest and oldest of our neighbors.

The elderly and residents with disabilities may apply for assistance with clearing snow from their sidewalks and front walkways by calling **Serve DC at 202.727.7925**. You can also contact a member of the SSNA Executive team for help.

In Memoriam

- **Helen Davis** - a 40+ year resident of 16th Street Heights, Helen passed away in April 2018. In 1980, when crime was a growing concern in the neighborhood, Helen helped organize a march to the MPD 4th District precinct demanding action. She served as the Neighborhood Watch President and was interviewed by journalist Andrea Mitchell for the program Capitol View. Her home on Allison Street became early meeting place for SSNA. Helen served on the SSNA bylaws committee and was a regular attendee at neighborhood meetings and she will always be remembered as "The Fish Lady" for her delicious fried fish at the annual block party.
- **Dr. Janette Hoston Harris** - a long-term resident of 16th Street Heights and a 56-year resident of the District, Dr. Harris passed away in November 2018. Janette was a historian, civil rights activist, entrepreneur and educator. Her community activism included serving our neighborhood as a past Chair of SSNA. Her studies at Southern University in Louisiana were interrupted after she was arrested and expelled for leading a sit-in protest at a S.H. Kress & Company lunch counter in Baton Rouge on March 28, 1960. The U.S. Supreme Court heard her appeal in 1962, with NAACP attorney and future Supreme Court jurist Thurgood Marshall leading her cause. Janette won the appeal.

More information about the 16th Street Neighborhood Association is available at ssna-dc.org.

For Your Information

- **Annual Visitors Parking Pass (VPP):** The 2019 annual VPP is now available. You must go online at www.vpp.dc.gov/vpp to apply for the pass. Or you can call 311 or DDOT's call center at (202) 671-2700.
- **Fall Leaf Collection and Holiday Tree Pickup:**
 - The second scheduled fall leaf pickup collection date is January 14-19. Please rake leaves and place un-bagged leaves in the tree box (or at the curb if there is no tree box) the Sunday before the collection week.
 - Holiday trees and greenery will be collected between Jan. 14 and Feb. 2. Place trees and greenery where your trash and recyclables are normally collected. Trees and greenery collected during these three weeks will be composted. Please remove all ornaments and lights; do not put trees and greenery in bags.
 - After Feb. 2, place bagged leaves, holiday trees and greenery where your trash is collected. DPW will pickup these items with your trash as space in trucks permits. Unfortunately, leaves, trees and greenery collected after February 2 will not be composted.
- **Residential Street Cleaning:** Residential street cleaning resumes the beginning of March 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.
- **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 the ssna-dc.org homepage. You will need to include your full name and street address.

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