

PLEASANT PLAINS ANC UPDATE

1E06

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Hi, I'm Josh,

And I am thankful to represent our portion of Lower Georgia Avenue. The community elected me to serve a two year term for 1E06 representing ~2,000 people. Our district is bounded by Georgia and Sherman from east to west and Fairmont to Barry from north to south, including the Howard Plaza Towers.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **Better Sidewalks**
I continue to put in sidewalk improvement requests and was glad to see DDOT grind down sidewalks with trippign hazards due to water and gas meters. If you see any sidewalk issues, please submit a 311 request and flag for me!
- **New Middle School**
DCPS plans to open a new middle school at the Old Banneker building in Fall 2028. This will be the new home for Cardozo middle school students. There will be more community engagement in the coming years.

- **Howard student killed by speeding driver.** I was saddened to hear that Mohamed Samura died after being hit by a driver on April 11 at the corner of Fairmont and 6th. I am working with the DC Vision Zero office to schedule a site visit to discuss safety improvements on that corner and along other stretches of Georgia Ave. I am frustrated that our mayor has not kept her promises on Vision Zero, and I will continue to push the District to improve safety for all road users. Please reach out to me if there are any traffic safety needs you identify.

What are ANCs?

ANCs are your voice in DC government for matters that affect our neighborhood, such as housing/zoning, transportation, business licenses, and public amenities.

DC voters elect 345 unpaid commissioners to 2-year terms, with Georgia Ave's 1E Commission consisting of 7 single-member districts. ANC 1E is brand new as of Jan 2023.

ANC 1E Meeting Calendar

January 24	June 26
February 28	July 24
March 27	Sept 25
April 24	Oct 23
May 22	Dec 4

Additional info:
anc1e.org/calendar

Community Cleanups

Saturday, 5/18: 11 - 12 pm

AND

Saturday, 6/15: 11 - 12 pm
Launch from 2605 Sherman

Join Josh and other community members in a cleanup! Fresh scones will be provided. Text/email Josh to RSVP or check out the Eventbrite on the website!

Free Naloxone

- On 2/2, a man unfortunately died from an opioid overdose outside on the 700 block of Fairmont. Overdose deaths are rising in DC and are preventable. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can be used to reverse opioid-related overdoses. I have some on hand, and I encourage neighbors to get free doses from DC. Check this link for more information:
anc1e06.com/naloxone

Submitting 311 Requests

- Did you know that you can request a variety of services from the District government using 311? Check out 311.dc.gov for requests to fix sidewalks, pickup illegally dumped trash, and more. Feel free to reach out to me if you need help escalating any of your requests!

Recent Successes

- Retaining Wall fixed:** After months of advocacy, DC finally fixed many of the gaps in the retaining wall behind Meyer Elementary (west side of 2500 Sherman). This was a potential danger to pedestrians, so I'm happy to see this addressed.
- Cracking down on dangerous drivers:** I asked a question at the mayor's public safety forum on 3/2 around booting and towing of vehicles frequently speeding and endangering lives. I know many in our community have had close calls with reckless drivers. I was glad to hear that the District is opening up another tow lot to manage capacity issues, and I will continue to press the mayor on booting dangerous vehicles.
- Cleaning Alley behind Fairmont:** I worked with residents to document the illegal dumping and damaged vehicles in the alley behind Fairmont/Georgia. It took several follow up requests, but DPW eventually dealt with the vehicles and some of the trash.

- Holding vacant building owners accountable:** After many months of follow ups with Dept of Buildings, 2623 Sherman was marked vacant appropriately and taxes were reassessed, finally leading to repairs/construction for the building.
- Community cleanups:** Thanks to everyone who has participated in recent months! We have collected ~15 bags of trash from cleanups this year so far.

How did Josh Vote?	Brown	Footer	Gallagher	Jacobson	Lancaster	Newland	Wray
ANC Items + Sponsor							
Sherman Ave Traffic Safety Requests (Jacobson)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supporting Columbia Bus Priority Project (Jacobson)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Requesting Mobile Barriers for Open Streets (Jacobson)	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
Supporting Reggae in the Capitol & Ethiopian Day (Brown)	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
Supporting Africa on the Ave Event (Brown)	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
Supporting Bruce Monroe Disposition (Wray)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Enhancing KC Lewis (Footer)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supporting Bruce Monroe Disposition (Wray)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supporting Zoning Exception for 440 Irving (Wray)	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
Urging Congress to Protect Local Democracy and Autonomy (Newland)	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y