

PLEASANT PLAINS ANC UPDATE

RAT EDITION

1E06

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- **Rat Summary**
I've heard increased complaints of rats in the neighborhood, and I want to dedicate most of this issue to rat abatement options.
- **Neighborhood Petition**
We can sign a petition as a neighborhood to get the Department of Health to pursue rat abatement on multiple properties simultaneously. Interested in signing the petition? Please text or email me the following: *Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address*. Once we have enough neighbors on board, I'll contact you to find a time to collect your signature.

- **How you can help.** We'll need as many neighbors as possible to fill out the petition to have the biggest impact on reducing our rat population. I'm dropping off this newsletter with every neighbor, but not everyone reads it. You can help by asking your neighbors to email/text me their contact info. If each of us can talk to our next door neighbors, we'll be able to have a much bigger impact on reducing the rat population. See the backside for more information on other ways to help with rat abatement.

Hi, I'm Josh,

And I am thankful to represent our portion of Lower Georgia Avenue. The community elected me to serve another 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.

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 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

Rat and Trash Walk

Friday, 12/6: 12 - 1 pm
Launch from Sherman and Euclid

Join Josh, Department of Public Works, and Department of Health to walk through the neighborhood and discuss rat and trash issues. This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and raise issues related to illegal dumping and rats.

Bringing Bins Back In

- DC code requires that bins be placed for pickup no earlier than 6:30 pm the night before pickup and be brought back onto your property before 8 pm on pickup day. The Department of Public Works will occasionally ticket folks whose bins are left in the alley outside of those windows, so remember to bring your bins back in!

Marking Trash and Recycling Bins

- I have spraypaint and templates available for anyone who wants to mark which container is theirs. I am happy to swing by to help if you need it! And if you aren't sure which bin is yours, let me know, and I can follow up with DPW.

Other Ways To Reduce Rat Population

- **Composting food scraps:** Rats feed off of the food waste in our trash bins. Composting is a great way to reduce that food option. DC government has a composting pilot that may expand in future years. Check out my website for the link to indicate interest. Additionally, farmers markets throughout the city have compost drop off that you can utilize for free.
- **Report Illegal Dumping to 311:** Large items that are illegally dumped can become home or other food sources to rats. Use the 311 app to report illegal dumpings. And escalate issues to me if 311 is not responding.
- **Submitting 311 requests for rat abatement:** If you see rat burrows on public property or near sidewalks, you can submit a request to 311 to have the rat abatement team come out. You can also do this for your own yard, and this is the goal of the petition mentioned on the front page.

- **Neighborhood cleanups:** I am always happy to help neighbors organize cleanups and will likely launch a few more early next year after the holidays. I also have plenty of trash bags, gloves, and trash pickers that can be used. Feel free to knock on my door at 2605 Sherman if you ever want to borrow trash pickers! And please reach out if you want help organizing future cleanups - I am happy to advertise them via this newsletter and through social media for the ANC.

Other recent events

- I organized a Sidewalk Palooza event with several Howard students. We walked through the neighborhood documenting issues with sidewalks and speeding. There is a category in 311 for sidewalk issues, and I encourage you to submit any issues you find to 311. Additionally, if you are concerned about speeding in any area, please let me know, and I'd be happy to help submit a Traffic Safety Input request via 311 and escalate via the ANC.