

**From the Executive Director**  
David MacDonald

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association's mission is to empower and connect residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Like you, we are navigating the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst all this uncertainty, however, some things are known— namely, that Hartford is home to committed community leaders, passionate non-profits, and generous business partners. In our city, we will work together to meet this crisis with compassion, confidence and creativity.

At AHNA, we have made immediate program adjustments to offer virtual online solutions for our current Committee meetings and new upcoming project meetings. Our Board of Directors has met via video conferencing to ensure we can conduct the business necessary for continued operations. We will communicate with our residents primarily through email and Facebook. AHNA has decided to cancel our April 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting to keep our residents and staff as safe as possible and comply with Governor Lamont's Stay Home order. We will plan to use video streaming to conduct our May General Meeting if the Stay Home order is still in place. If you need to receive our email updates and video meeting announcements, please email me at [exdir@asylumhill.org](mailto:exdir@asylumhill.org). Follow our Facebook page at Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association for updates about upcoming project meetings, our upcoming May General meeting to be held via video stream and how to participate, announcements about services available to residents in need, etc. Those details and updates will be shared in the days to come, but be assured that our primary concern at this moment is for the health and well-being of our residents and those in our community feeling most vulnerable right now.

AHNA staff is working remotely to help keep everyone safe. We will respond to your inquiries and needs as soon as possible, so continue to reach out to us in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Above all, stay safe and help care for others whenever and wherever you can.