

From the Executive Director

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AHNA wishes you and your family a happy New Year. Our first General neighborhood meeting of 2020 will take place on Monday, January 6th at 6:15pm at the 224 EcoSpace on Farmington Avenue. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm. The agenda for January includes presentations on the renovation of the campus of St. Joseph's Cathedral, in addition to the standing items such as public safety report, committee reports, and Voices of our Neighborhood.

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association's mission statement is that AHNA empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill. Our Strategic Plan has 4 high-level objectives. We will begin 2020 with a review of these objectives and an updating of our Strategic Plan:

1. Increase Public Awareness of AHNA and increase AHNA's capacity to accomplish our mission;
2. Economic Development – Asylum Hill will have a vibrant small business district on Farmington Ave and will experience economic development throughout the neighborhood that produces jobs, prevents blight and creates a sense of community;
3. Public Safety – Asylum Hill will be a safe, pedestrian friendly and inviting neighborhood and will be perceived as such;
4. Education – Asylum Hill will have an array of high quality schools and job training resources.

We need your help to update our Strategic Plan. If you are interested in helping any of those goals to become reality, then please attend Monday's meeting to sign up for one of the Working Groups. You will also be able to sign up for the work groups on our website, but we encourage you to attend our General Meeting so that you can sign up and meet your neighbors who are also interested. AHNA is gearing up for a major effort on updating and implementing our Strategic Plan. We need your help and input, so please join us on Monday to learn more.

We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the General Meeting on January 6th and to help us launch our new year of activity for 2020 with a focus on updating our Strategic Plan and our efforts to revitalize Farmington Avenue in conjunction with the Farmington Avenue Alliance.

