

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street
And Zoom online:
<https://zoom.us/j/96245939050>
Webinar ID: 962 4593 9050
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Facilitator: Carol Livingston

Recorder: Gretchen Platt

6:15 - Welcome and Food (Namaste Kitchen Express)

6:30 - Formal Start - project & review agenda

Introductions: name, street

Announcements: share events, meetings, activities of interest to Ward 1 community.

Ward 1 NPA Steering Committee: present Participation Guidelines; info from VJ Comai

6:45 - Speakout - an opportunity to raise concerns & appreciations about Ward 1 community

7:05 - School Commission update - Gary Golden and Matt Price

7:10 - City Council update - Carter Neubieser & Allie Schacter

7:30 - Ward 1 NPA Steering Committee - organizational steps for upcoming year

- Budget for 2025-26: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol
- Calendar for 2025-26: Gretchen Platt, Carol Livingston
- Future topics for NPA presentations - Carol Livingston

7:45 - Discussion with Chief Shawn Burke and Department of Public Works Chapin Spencer
Focus on pedestrian safety in Ward 1: crosswalks; challenging intersections; children walking to school; traffic calming options; role of BPD

8:30 Adjourn

Ward 1 NPA Steering Committee
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Participation Guidelines:

1. We are collectively responsible for following the NPA Meeting Agenda as closely as possible regarding both presentation/discussion topics and time.
2. Participants at the NPA will act in a positive, courteous manner that respects all of those present (both participants and presenters/guests) and their differing opinions, experiences and perspectives.
3. Any attendee requesting to speak who has not yet spoken at a meeting will be called on before others who have already had a chance to speak. Priority is given to Ward 1 residents.
4. Whenever speaking, please be sure to project your voice and use the provided microphone if provided.
5. If the facilitator feels the need to "redirect" activity in the room based on these guidelines, the facilitator will do so per point number 1 above.

Ward 1 NPA Calendar: 9/2025 - 6/2026
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SEPTEMBER

- Organization for year
- Present Ward 1 Budget for October vote

OCTOBER

- Vote on proposed Ward 1 Budget
- If November statewide elections - candidate forum

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- Legislators update - plans for upcoming session
- CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) - representative chosen

JANUARY

- Ward 1 Budget check-in
- Burlington School District budget presentation

FEBRUARY

- Candidate forum and Issues information for city-wide elections
- DPW planning for summer work? Sidewalk priorities/traffic calming

MARCH

- Steering Committee election

APRIL

MAY

- Legislators summary of session
- Lake Monster schedule update

JUNE

- Plans for the summer

JULY/AUGUST - no Ward 1 NPA meetings

List of potential additions for yearly checkins - to be determined with people's schedules

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