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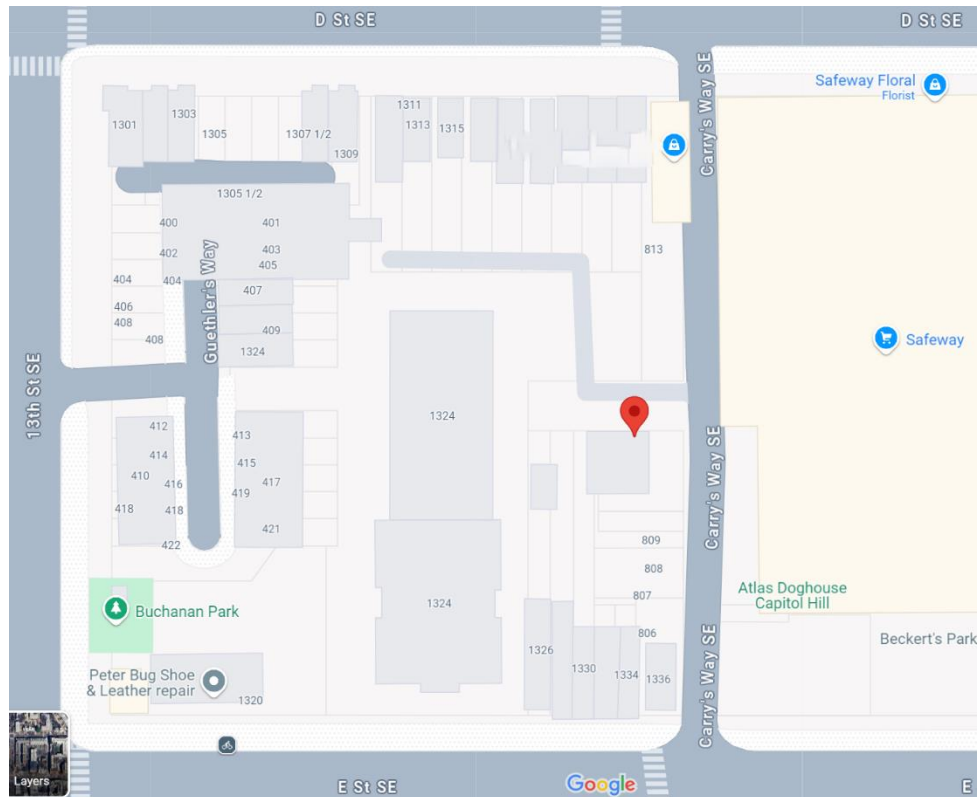
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RE: Guethler's Court SE Signage

One block north of DDOT's Capitol Hill sign shop, there is a tiny alley that needs a street sign. For your convenience, here is a link to the DC zoning page of that tiny alley – <https://maps.dcoz.dc.gov/zr16/#l=19&x=-8570200.422296647&y=4704990.722023485> – and here is a screenshot of Google's map of that tiny alley.





The red pin on that map shows 1331 Guethler's Court SE, home of the Wolff family. It's the only home in DC that has the legal address of "Guethler's Court." The problem is, the only way you'd ever know it is if you were already standing next to their house. As this photo shows, DDOT installed a nice sign about two inches away from their yard.



But again, by the time you see that sign, you're already home. The rest of the alley, which has absolutely zero buildings on it, is labelled Carry's Way at the south (E St) end, as this photo shows. There's no sign at the north (D St) end.

To make things even more confusing, if you walk around the corner to 13th St SE, you'll find about twenty homes with the almost-but-not-quite-identical alley name of Guethler's WAY. There is no official DDOT sign for Guethler's Way, perhaps because it's a private drive, but the residents installed their own, seen here.



Perhaps because it's twenty homes versus one, most private mapping software – including Google Maps – assumes that Guethler's Way must also be the correct address of the Wolff family at 1331 Guethler's Court SE. As you might imagine, this means that the Wolff family spends a lot of time dealing with lost delivery drivers and missing packages. Indeed, the Wolff family tells me that "DOT, DMV, and the Recorder of Deeds all recognize different spellings of our street's name, and the USPS uses a fourth."



ANC 6B suggests a simple solution. At the intersection of D & Carry's Way, and at the intersection of E & Carry's Way, there should be an additional street sign indicating that Guethler's Court SE is located down Carry's Way. DDOT has used this sort of solution to provide wayfinding for other "double alleys" in Capitol Hill, such as the sign seen here, showing how Archibald Walk is a sub-alley of F Street Terrace.

Installing street signs like this for Guethler's Court SE would be a cheap and easy way for DDOT to help everyone find an otherwise hard-to-find home. We look forward to hearing back from you soon, and hopefully seeing street signs go up soon as well.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Ryder".

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Vince Mareino, ANC Representative for district 6B07