



Church of the Redeemer's new priest, Father Patrick Campbell, demonstrates how your table might look at the Yard Sale.

## 2012 yard sale coming together

This year's SNA Yard Sale, set for Saturday, September 29, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Church of the Redeemer, 655 Hope St., is shaping up as a fun event as well as an opportunity to buy and sell treasures from the attic.

New this year will be entertainment provided through House Concerts Rhode Island, a Web-based community with hundreds of performers who enjoy live music in an intimate setting.

And what could be more intimate than neighbors getting together to offer for sale the household items or the no-longer-needed books, records or musical instruments that have been cluttering up their homes? All proceeds go to the sellers.

To join the fun, just fill out the form below or on the SNA web site and return it with a check to Summit Neighborhood Association, Box 41092, Providence, RI 02940.

Please indicate on the form if you want to reserve a table and an SNA representative will let you know if one is available; an additional \$5 fee will be collected at the event. Alternatively, you can bring your own table or a blanket to spread your offerings on the grass.

Refreshments will be available.

This will also be a chance to meet Father Patrick Campbell, the new priest in charge at the church. He will be circulating through the crowd getting to know his new neighbors.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please enclose check for \$15.

Do you want a table?  Yes  No

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# Summit News

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## Summit Music Festival Delights All Ages

By Kerry Kohring  
SNA contributing writer

Even the mayor came out to enjoy the music. Angel Taveras joined hundreds of Summit neighbors Saturday, Aug. 25 in Lippitt Park for the Third Annual

Sunny skies and warm temperatures graced the Third Annual Summit Music Festival after the prior week's rainout. Above, the younger set gets in the groove with Rock-A-Baby. Below, the audience enjoys performance by Mamadou.

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## Repaved At Last!

Early in August, construction crews involved in the massive sewer project rebuilt several neighborhood streets that had been torn up for weeks. Here they repave Overhill Road after having finished sections of Hope, Bayard and Eighth Streets.

## Music Festival Delights All *(continued from p. 1)*

SNA Music Festival, which featured four bands and a dance ensemble, a special corner for kids, a beer garden for adults and a generous helping of food vendors for everyone.

Add to that the morning farmers' market and craft tents plus the afternoon T-shirts and Zip cars, all set against the background of the park's playground and you have a splendid day in the neighborhood.

The City of Providence provided the stage and the electricity for bands Smith & Weeden, Moga, The Mighty Good Boys *(photo above, right)* and Mamadou, with a performance by the Jump Dance Company *(photo below)* providing a change of pace.

One of the most popular features was the kiddie section with performances by Rock-a-Baby that involved dozens of children – from toddlers to preteens – and their parents. There were also building blocks and face painting.

Food trucks offering everything from French cuisine to toasted-cheese sandwiches lined Hope Street along the park with ice-cream and Indian fare included in the heart of the festivities. Lemonade vehicles parked along Blackstone Boulevard on the other side of the park, where some of the early craft tents remained.



Beer and wine in a fenced section run by Trinity Brewhouse provided a tasty respite from the afternoon heat.

A raffle of prizes such as T-shirts, coupons for ice cream and even a birthday party for kids rounded out the day's activities.

Even after the bands stopped playing about 5 p.m., families lingered in the park, tossing balls, laughing with friends or just relaxing on the grass.

All in all, a perfect day in Summit.



## Coming Events

### Farmers' market also open Wednesdays

The Hope Street Farmers' Market, which has been a major attraction from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays in Lippitt Park for a long time, has increased its availability. It is now open on Wednesdays also, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The two-day-a-week offerings will continue until the end of October.

### Helping neighbors with snow shoveling

You may not be thinking about snow yet, but the Summit Neighborhood Association is. We are trying to organize a brigade of volunteers to help clear the walks of our elderly and disabled neighbors this winter.

If you would like to volunteer for this project, or if you or a neighbor will need assistance with shoveling, send email to Britt Page and Tom Schmeling at [SNAsnow@gmail.com](mailto:SNAsnow@gmail.com) or call Tom at 241-0242.

### Lippitt Park bench upgrades in the works

Parks Department director Bob MacMahon has discussed repairs and additions to the benches in Lippitt Park with SNA, which has funds available from Parents For Parks, The Miriam Hospital and its own money. The SNA board of directors approved discretionary purchase of benches after an assessment of the park layout is made.

### Candidates' forum in congressional race

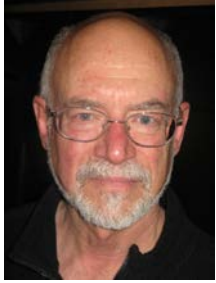
The SNA is sponsoring a public candidates' forum in the election for U.S. representative from the First Congressional District.

The candidates have agreed to present their views to neighborhood constituents at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Summit Commons, 99 Hillside Ave.

Questions for the candidates may be submitted in advance via email to [SNAProv@gmail.com](mailto:SNAProv@gmail.com) or you can ask your question at the forum.

# Author of new Miriam Hospital history explores institution's role in Summit & beyond

The Miriam Hospital, which for years has been a huge presence in the Summit neighborhood, recently commissioned a history of itself. Officials of the hospital turned to Brian C. Jones, a former reporter for The Providence Journal, who completed the



book in the latter part of 2011. *The Miriam Hospital: A Gift to the City* is available for sale in the hospital's gift shop for \$30. Here are some questions put to the author by SNA and his answers.

**Q. Why did Miriam ask you to write its history? What special skills or credentials did you bring to the job?**

A. Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner, president of the hospital in 2007, had been listening to a book-on-tape, *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, by James W. Loewen, which discussed how American history textbooks don't always portray events accurately. This got her thinking about the importance of history when it's done well, and that it was a good time for a history about The Miriam. "We have so many wonderful things going on here and so many wonderful people who have contributed to our success," she said. I had just completed a short history of the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, another Lifespan hospital, and she asked me to write the Miriam book. I was impressed by Dr. Hittner's willingness to have me look at the hospital's difficulties as well as its triumphs, and her confidence that, overall, the hospital had a remarkable story to tell.

**Q. As a result of your historical perspective on the hospital, what stands out most to you about the nature of the institution? Is there a persona that emerges? If there is, what part does its religious affiliation play?**

A. There is an ethical core that runs through the history of The Miriam Hospital, from its founding in 1925 to the present, and I suspect some of that is rooted in Jewish values. Some of the most inspiring events also have been the most controversial, such as when trustees, doctors and others decided in 1980 to briefly halt open-heart operations,

so they could revamp the program and improve patients' survival rates. This was a true profile in courage, prompted not by whistleblowers, regulators or lawsuits, but by conscience. Founded in part to counter anti-Semitism that physicians and other Jews encountered after coming to the United States, The Miriam pledged inclusion, as well as medical excellence. Those were promises kept.

**Q. How would you characterize the relationship between the hospital and its neighbors? How has that relationship evolved over time? Is there any impact of the large resident Jewish population?**

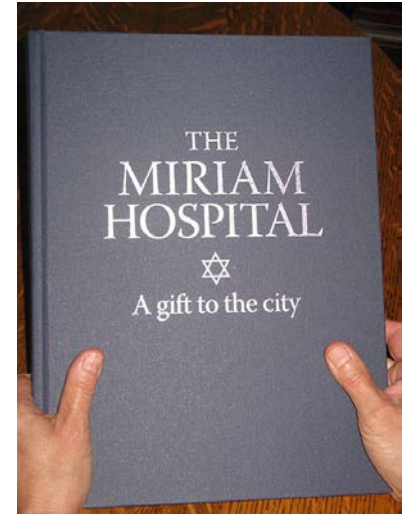
A. The longevity and depth of the dispute between the neighborhood and hospital surprised me. It went on for decades, with the hospital determined to grow and fulfill its mission; the neighborhood pledged to defend its residential character and livable scale. By the time I was writing the book, goodwill on both sides had prevailed, with the hospital and its neighbors making common sense decisions that benefited both. I'm not sure of the impact on neighbors who are Jewish, except that some are among the hospital's most eloquent critics – and its biggest fans.

**Q. Do you see any reciprocal effect on the quality of care in the hospital and on the property values and quality of life in the neighborhood? Have the institution and the residents benefited from each other?**

A. As an outsider, I thought that the neighborhood benefited from having one of the best hospitals in Rhode Island on its doorstep – an institution that is both humane and high quality. I also felt that The Miriam gained by being in a gentle neighborhood, which added immeasurably to one of its major selling points: its small town persona as a place where medical care authentically is delivered on a human scale.

**Q. Based on the history of the hospital, what do you see for its future? Will it stay in Summit?**

A. Writers are out of their depth when they make predictions. Based on what



was going on when I finished the book, with the hospital moving to upgrade aging buildings and institute programs such as a sophisticated orthopedic center, it seemed to me that leaders of The Miriam, Rhode Island Hospital and Lifespan intended a long future. Personally, I hope it flourishes. I came to regard The Miriam Hospital as one of Rhode Island's gems, right up there with Narragansett Bay, religious freedom and the Fourth of July in Bristol.

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## Fall bake-off eyes pumpkins

It's that time of year again: the Summit Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a fall bake-off contest.

This year's theme will be pumpkins and we welcome everyone to participate. Come with your best pumpkin recipe and your game face on.

This year we will have a panel of 'celebrity' judges, as well as a people's choice award, with prizes for the winners.

The event will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Seven Stars Bakery, 820 Hope Street. There also will be wine tasting and entertainment.

For further details, see the SNA web site, [www.SummitNeighbors.org](http://www.SummitNeighbors.org).

# Summit Business Profiles

By Howie Gladstone, SNA contributing writer

## Groundwork Providence

Groundwork Providence, with headquarters at 8 Third St., offers environmental job training programs to unemployed Providence residents, with certification in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, Confined Space Entry, Construction Safety, Lead and Asbestos Supervising, Indoor Air Quality and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid. Successful graduates of Groundwork's training programs can move into the organization's social venture landscaping business, called GroundCorp, for paid, hands-on experience.



GroundCorp is directed by George Harvey, an arborist and landscape architect from Rhode Island School of Design. He is an expert in designing and implementing landscapes using sustainable urban-environment techniques and innovative technologies. Harvey also teaches design/build at The Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (The MET).

Groundwork began as Keep Providence Beautiful in 1983 and in 2000 joined the Groundwork network of environmental trusts in order to access national resources and expertise in support of local sustainability projects.

Aside from GroundCorp and Adult Green Job Training, Groundwork Providence also offers Trees 2020 (a residential tree-planting program seeking to increase the urban tree canopy) and Green Teams (a summer youth employment program). All programs overlap with the common goal of creating educational opportunities for underserved members of urban communities, and putting these individuals to work rejuvenating the communities in which they live.

To learn more about Groundwork Providence, go to [groundworkprovidence.org](http://groundworkprovidence.org).

## Main Street Martial Arts

A different concept of commercial venture is here in our neighborhood—Main Street Martial Arts.

The business at 1282 North Main St., operated by Summit residents Sherry Waldman and Michael Werth, was originally downtown but has been here for almost six years.



They say their goal is to create not only a “dojo” for the martial arts taught by certified instructors, but also a community center for the entire family to meet, play or just chill. There is a special youngsters’ room, designed by Werth’s mother, who also did the overall space, for families to experiment. “I hope that people give themselves the opportunity to try something new” says Waldman.

The owners say they want to bring art and life together with specific programs geared for adults, teens, women, children, families and fitness, as well as after-school activities. Waldman and Werth say MSMA is dedicated to creating peace, health and safety. They encourage drop-ins or inquiries at <http://www.mainstma.org/> or (401) 274-7672 and offer free trial programs. The facilities are also available for private parties or special events on Sundays, Saturday afternoons and evenings.

In addition to their dojo, Werth teaches math and computers at Classical High School and Waldman does consulting as well as volunteers at Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Main Street Martial Arts is a wholly owned division of the Kids’ Action League of Martial Artists, Inc.

## Join SNA or renew your Membership!

I enclose my 2012 membership contribution of  \$15  \$25  \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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