

Save the date! SNA Annual Meeting is April 23

The Summit Neighborhood Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00pm at The Highlands at 101 Highland Avenue in Providence. All are welcome to join us.

Our local elected officials will be on-hand for Q&A, you'll hear from the SNA about upcoming projects and events, we'll elect a new board and officers, and light refreshments will be served.

If you're interested in serving on the board and helping to strengthen the Summit neighborhood, please contact us at SNAProv@gmail.com.

Volunteer snow shovelers needed for next winter

This year's SNA volunteer snow shoveling crew can relax as spring arrives, and we thank them for their hard work keeping seven residents in need shoveled out this winter!

If you're a resident in who isn't able to shovel, and can't afford to hire a service, please contact us for next winter. We're always looking for new volunteers to help keep Summit sidewalks clear of snow for neighbors needing assistance.

Email SNAsnow@gmail.com to volunteer or request help.

Kerry Kohring: "Servant Leader"



SNA lost a valued leader and the neighborhood lost a great friend with the passing in December of Kerry Kohring.

In addition to his years of service as vice-president of

SNA and behind-the-scenes organizer of many events, Kerry was the force behind this newsletter, writing most of the articles and taking most of the photos.

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See upcoming events at www.SummitNeighbors.org



Music, food and fun brought out the crowds for last year's Spring Block Party.

There'll be fun for all ages on Hope Street Saturday, June 2

by Kim Clark, HSMA

The Hope Street Merchants Association is pleased to announce that our annual Spring Block Party will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from noon to 6 p.m. This fun, family-friendly event celebrates both the onset of spring and this wonderful neighborhood and community. During the event, Hope Street will be closed to vehicle traffic.

As always the event will feature art and craft vendors, food trucks, outdoor dining and information from community non-profits. There will be two live band stages, one geared towards kids and the other for the rest. There will be activi-



Mayor Elorza shares a high five with a youngster enjoying last year's Block Party.

ties for kids, a fashion show, and beer gardens among other highlights.

We're aiming for another strong turnout, and hope to see you here on Hope.



Caroling For A Cause: Spreading Cheer One Song at a Time

by Emily Spitzman

On a bitter cold December evening, about 50 people came out for the annual Caroling For A Cause, sponsored by SNA in cooperation with The Miriam Hospital. We kicked the evening off with hot chocolate and cookies at Miriam Hospital and before proceeding on our route, we had a moment of silence for Kerry Kohring, who had organized this event in years past. We will miss Kerry's cheerful personality, steadfast optimism and get things done mentality, among many other things.

There was no better way to celebrate Kerry's life than to walk through the neighborhood singing our hearts out and collecting contributions of peanut butter or cash from residents to benefit the St. Raymond's food pantry. If you were one of the 10 children with us, you took the opportunity to sprint ahead and run up the icy stairs to ring the doorbell or fall gleefully into the snow as we sang our holiday songs.

We strolled from Sixth Street to Bayard, then to Fifth, then to Summit and on to Fourth, ending at Seven Stars Bakery, stopping at every house we could along the way. One of my personal favorite memories from the evening was when an entire extended family and friend entourage came out on the porch to enjoy the singing; their smiles warmed us up. Thank you to Sandra Lee and Monica Anderson for your leadership of the event, making sure everyone had a cup of hot cocoa, a song book and a caroling spirit. Until next year!

Bring on the Bubbler!

The SNA is seeking community donations for a public drinking water fountain in Lippitt Park.

The park and adjacent Blackstone Boulevard path are among the most enjoyable and frequently used green spaces in the city. SNA hopes to reach a fundraising goal of \$15,000 to install a drinking fountain to help make our park a healthier and more attractive amenity for walkers, joggers, cyclists, playground users, farmers market attendees, and all park users.

Our fundraising has been generously seeded with a \$6,000 grant from The Miriam Hospital, but we need the neighborhood's help to raise the rest!

Please visit www.summitneighbors.org/donate to make your donation.

Kerry Kohring

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A number of Summit neighbors have posted their memories and tributes on the association web site: <http://www.sna.providence.ri.us/>

To honor his memory, SNA, with letters of support from local elected officials and park stakeholder groups, has petitioned the Providence Board of Park Commissioners to name the newly renovated park at the corner of Summit Avenue and Ninth Street **Kerry Kohring Park**. We hope that the naming will be approved by the time you are reading this newsletter.

Yes, I'm joining Summit Neighborhood Association today!

Enclosed is my member contribution of: \$15 \$25 \$35 \$50 Other: \$_____

Name: (please print clearly) _____

Street Address: (required) _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ (day) (_____) _____ - _____ (evening)

Email: _____ Yes, I can distribute newsletters

Family Membership - list information about other adults in your household who wish to be members:

Name: _____ Email: _____

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Please enclose a check made out to: **Summit Neighborhood Association**

MAIL TO: **SNA, P.O. Box 41092, Providence, RI 02940**

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