

# Rhode Island Has Early Voting

(Also known as the  
Emergency Mail Ballot)

by Anna Highsmith

Rhode Island's general election is on Tuesday, November 6th, but you can vote in person at City Hall starting in mid-October.

It's officially called an Emergency Mail Ballot, but the name can be a little misleading. It doesn't have to be a desperate situation, and it doesn't necessarily involve the mail. You can vote early at City Hall for any reason, and you can choose to mail your ballot in later or you can fill it out right there and leave it with the clerk. It tends to be a very quick process, and you can do it any time in the twenty days before the election.

The Board of Canvassers is in City Hall, and they're open 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. For more on different ways to vote, polling places, sample ballots, and more on Emergency Mail Ballots, visit the Secretary of State's Voter Information Center at [vote.sos.ri.gov](http://vote.sos.ri.gov).

If you'd rather vote at your local polling place on election day, remember to bring a photo ID. If you don't have an accepted form of voter ID with you, you can cast a provisional ballot, and then you have until the close of business the day after the election to provide information to the Board of Canvassers to help qualify your ballot.

Lots more information about voting procedures and locations can be found at [sos.ri.gov](http://sos.ri.gov)

## Ballot List

assembled by Laura Ramsey

**U.S. Senate:** Sheldon Whitehouse (D), Robert G. Flanders, Jr. (R)

**U.S. Congress District 1:** David Cicilino (D), Patrick J. Donovan (R)

**Governor:** Gina M. Raimondo (D), William H. Gilbert (Moderate), Allan W. Fung (R), Anne Armstrong (Compassion), Luis Daniel Munoz (I), Joseph A. Trillo (I)

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# Summit News

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See upcoming events at [www.SummitNeighbors.org](http://www.SummitNeighbors.org)



Neighbors awaiting SNA Yard Sale buyers at the Citizens Bank parking lot.

## SNA Yard Sale a success for the neighborhood and the planet

by Kathy Rourke

The weather gods were good to us, and the 2018 SNA Neighborhood Yard Sale was enjoyed by many buyers and sellers. Indie-Cycle reported good e-cycling traffic, and they are looking forward to being back in the neighborhood for the Hope Street Stroll later this year.

Thank you to all who registered to participate, and to all of you who turned out to find treasures on Hope St and in the neighborhood. It was a fun event!

We met some brand-new neighbors and reacquainted some long-standing neighbors with the mission of SNA. Some buyers came from communities outside of Providence, and even out of state. We ran out of maps early, and in the end handed out between 80-100 in total.

SNA Board members who made the event a success include Ethan Gyles who was very helpful with getting out news about the event, Britt Page who supplied yard sale history and helped us keep track of registrants, and Anneliese Greenier who helped to staff the SNA table at the Bank. Kim Clark of Rhody Crafts helped immensely with updating our beautiful posters.

So, start cleaning out what is left in the basement and the garage for the next yard sale event!



# Summit Neighborhood Community Garden shares fruits of labor

By Ethan Gilsdorf



Harvest time means ripe vegetables—tomatoes, zucchini, melons, beans. For the farmers of the Summit Neighborhood Community Garden, season's end can also mean an overabundance of the fruits of their labor. To solve this "problem," this September, garden members installed a wooden box so excess produce can be distributed to the masses.

The idea was the brainchild of an anonymous neighbor whose child wondered what happened to the unneeded, unpicked veggies, and worried they might go to waste. Now there's a box hanging from the fence facing the "tot lot," with a sign declaring "Free! Veggies from the Community Garden." The box is set high enough up that young ones can't reach in, and protected by a chicken wire lid to keep out critters and other bandits.

Thus far, whatever bounty gardeners have been putting in the box has been disappearing fast.

## New explanatory signage in the North Burial Ground

by Erik Christiansen

In September, staff from the Providence Department of Parks and Recreation installed six outdoor panels in various parts of the North Burial Ground. The panels, which were created by first year students at Rhode Island College, provide visitors with introductory text and images.

The two that are located at the main entrance and the marble steps entrance contain large maps and descriptions of several highlights of the 110-acre city property. Two signs placed near the pond introduce visitors to the natural environment. The remaining two relate the history of the Free Ground and the Potter's Field, the sections that lie adjacent to the Blackstone Canal in the back of the burial ground.



At the unveiling on September 15th, Dianne Mailloux of the Friends of the North Burial Ground and Randall Park spoke of the importance of protecting and maintaining historic and ecologically rich sites like the North Burial Ground. SNA Secretary Erik Christiansen, whose students at RIC made the signs, explained how many months of cooperation between the Parks Department, the NBG staff, the Friends of the NBG, RIC students,

faculty, and administrators, and ioLabs, which printed the signs, made the project possible.

The Friends' next event is the fourth annual Ghost Walk on Saturday October 27th from 4-7pm. See [facebook.com/northburialground](https://facebook.com/northburialground) for registration information.

# Nature in the Neighborhood

by Sharon Waldman

We often talk about our neighborhood parks, merchants, and events, but we often overlook another crucial aspect of our environment...the wildlife with whom we share our yards and streets.

It seems like I have been seeing more and a greater variety of wildlife in the neighborhood over the last few years. These include skunks, groundhogs, rabbits, birds of all types, and, of course squirrels. In fact, I have had to stop my car a few times recently to offer safe passage to a cute bunny hopping across the road. These animals all exist within the larger local food chain, of which the coyote I was surprised to see sauntering down my driveway a couple of years ago is at the upper level.



Some semi-urban areas, such as the Brighton neighborhood of Boston, have seen an influx of wild turkey flocks in their yards, which may be related to an effort to eradicate the local coyote population. Closer to home, numerous wild turkeys can be seen sauntering among the trees and gravestones at Swan Point Cemetery.

Greg Gerritt, our local environmentalist and naturalist, recently shared a video on the SNA e-mail listserv of a North American bald eagle soaring over the local cemetery. What a surprise to learn that we have bald eagles in our neighborhood! Greg kindly shares many excellent videos and photos he takes of the local fauna, and offers to help others experience wonders such as the spring tadpoles emerging in our local ponds.

While there is so much to enjoy where we live, it's also good to remember our natural neighbors and how we co-exist.



# Families enjoy outdoor movie night

by Erik Christiansen

Movie nights were back in Lippitt Park this summer and fall. SNA teamed up with the Providence Children's Film Festival, the Neighborhood Performing Arts Initiative, Cricket Cinema, and the City of Providence to bring two family movie nights in August and October. This still-new tradition continues to draw fans of animated and live action children's films, with dozens of attendees.

Look for more movie nights in 2019!

## Election Ballot List (cont from p 1)

**Lt. Governor:** Daniel J. McKee (D), Joel J. Hellmann (Moderate), Paul E. Pence (R), Jonathan J. Riccitelli (I), Ross K. McCurdy (I)

**Secretary of State:** Nellie M. Gorbea (D), Pat V. Cortellessa (R)

**Attorney General:** Peter F. Neronha (D), Alan Gordon (Compassion)

**General Treasurer:** Seth Magaziner (D), Michael G. Riley (R)

**State Senate District 3:** Gayle L. Goldin (D)

**State Representative District 4:** Rebecca M. Kislak (D), Aryeh Yisrael Rosenfield (I)

**Mayor:** Jorge O. Elorza (D), Jeffrey E. Lemire (I), Dianne S. Witman (I)

**City Council Ward 3:** Nirva R. LaFortune (D)

## Stay in touch with SNA

[www.SummitNeighbors.org](http://www.SummitNeighbors.org) has lots of information on the neighborhood and links to citywide resources.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SummitNeighborhood/>  
Join us on Facebook for news, pictures and a chance to put in your (always polite) comment

Join SNA!

<http://www.sna.providence.ri.us/get-involved/become-a-member/> or see page 4 for details.



## Three Sisters Working Together

by Anneliese Greenier

Next to one of our favorite ice-cream/breakfast/lunch places -- "Three Sisters" on Hope Street -- is a small vegetable garden. It contains corn, green beans and squash. Attached to the fence is a plaque with the following description:

### Native American Farming

Corn, beans and squash, known as the "Three Sisters" formed the core of the Native American diet.

Planted efficiently in small, tilled mounds, corn provides a climbing stalk for the beans and rambling squash leaves shades out weeds and keeps soil moist.

According to the manager of "Three Sisters", the owner who named the place after his three daughters got the inspiration for his garden when he saw the "Three Sisters" garden at the Roger Williams National Memorial on North Main Street.

Based on the information from the Roger Williams National Memorial, corn, beans and squash were the main crops of the Native Americans in New England. This interdependent, mutually beneficial relationship of "planting together" yields an efficient and highly productive harvest.

When cooked together these vegetables are the basis of Succotash.



Membership in the Summit Neighborhood Association (SNA) is open to all neighbors who would like to support our ongoing efforts to build community.

- We advocate for the neighborhood on city government matters including walkability and traffic, zoning and planning issues, public safety, and quality of life matters.
- We work on neighborhood improvement and beautification projects, including playground upgrades in Kerry Kohring Park and historic restoration efforts in Lipitt Park.
- We organize events including political candidate forums, speaker series, the annual SNA Yard Sale, and outdoor family movie nights.
- We publish a newsletter three times yearly and deliver it to every household in the neighborhood.
- We maintain active social media groups and an e-mail listserv that foster important dialog among our residents as well as provide a venue for sharing valuable information about local services and vendors.
- We maintain an informational website and Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram outlets (@snaprov) where we consistently publish information on neighborhood concerns.

Your membership contribution makes these efforts possible



## Do you love our neighborhood?

*by SNA President Ethan Gyles*

The Summit Neighborhood Association (SNA) is an all-volunteer organization with a mission to expand citizen engagement and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. We love this neighborhood and contribute our time and energy to it.

Drawing upon neighborhood survey feedback, the SNA board of directors has developed a series of priorities for 2018 and beyond. These projects, programs, and events, ranging from social programming, to neighborhood beautification, to bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, to public art, to community sports and wellness initiatives, to voter drives, to job training, to small business outreach and more, will serve to further our mission in a variety of ways.

But our board members can't do it alone. Every initiative we undertake needs volunteer leaders and team members who devote the energy and time to make it happen. So consider this a call to service! If you feel inspired to serve our community, in big ways or small, please come to our next meeting to learn more about how you can contribute. We meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Summit Commons at 99 Hillside Avenue. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

## Join SNA or renew your Membership!

Go to [SummitNeighbors.org](http://SummitNeighbors.org) and click on JOIN SNA. Fill out the membership form and submit your contribution securely with your credit card or PayPal account. Or, fill out the form below and mail it to us.

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