



Summit Neighborhood Association

Spring 2019

SNA Annual Meeting April 29

Summit Neighborhood Association members and neighbors interested in learning more about us are invited to the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 29th, at 7:00pm at The Highlands at 101 Highland Avenue.

Join us for pizza and beverages, a chance to catch up with neighbors, updates on future SNA plans and projects, election of new board members and officers, and Q&A with local elected officials.

Get ready for Spring Gardening

By Anna Highsmith

Some years, March can feel twice as long as any other winter month. But now April is upon us and May is right around the corner, and so is gardening season. Yard waste pickup will start in mid-April (the exact start date will be available on the DPW website once it's been determined). Put your leaves, sticks and other plant trimmings into paper yard waste bags, or use an open barrel labelled "Yard Debris Only" (stickers are available at the Department of Public Works at 700 Allens Ave). Please don't put yard waste in plastic bags. Leave your yard waste out with your trash and recycling on your regular collection day.

Once your yard is tidied up and ready for the season, you can think about what to grow this year. In Providence, our last frost date is usually around May 15, and most plants shouldn't be planted outside before that. Just in time for planting season, Mount Hope Learning Center is having their annual Plant and Bake Sale on May 12 and 13, Mothers' Day Weekend. They'll have seeds, annuals, perennials and hanging plants, as well as tasty baked goods.

If you run into gardening difficulties, or need help identifying a plant or insect in your yard, the URI Cooperative

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Little Library Art Contest

We are hosting an art contest to decorate the new Little Library in Lippitt Park. You probably noticed it near the playground. It's a bit dull at the moment, but we are hoping that some of our creative kids can help spruce it up!

We welcome design entries from all local kids, ages eighteen and under. The winning design will be painted onto the library, and other prizes also will be awarded.

We are accepting design ideas until May 15. Please submit your entries either electronically to SNAProv@gmail.com or by post to:

Summit Neighborhood Association
Box 41092
Providence, RI 02940

Good luck and we look forward to seeing all the talented ideas!

Drinking water fountain coming to Lippitt Park

By Ethan Gyles

Vibrant parks around the world feature public drinking water fountains, and Lippitt Park will soon be no exception. After a year securing funds and collaborating with Wendy Nilsson and her team at the Parks Department on design, SNA is pleased to announce that with the arrival of spring, construction will be underway soon!

The fountain will be a welcome amenity in warm weather for all sorts of park users, including runners, playground users, and farmer's market goers. The fountain will be bi-level, allowing use by all. We hope the fountain will help encourage health and enjoyment of our neighborhood's largest public space, as well as a reduction in the use and disposal of single-use plastic bottles.

A tip of the hat to former SNA board member Mark Tracy for coming to us with the idea. Enthusiastic thanks for funding go to The Miriam Hospital & Lifespan for their Community Investment Grant, to City Councilor Nirva LaFortune for securing Neighborhood Infrastructure Funds, to State Senator Gayle Goldin for a state senate grant for neighborhood beautification, and to the many individual neighborhood residents who have contributed to the project.

Summit Neighborhood Association volunteers have led a number of park and playground improvement projects over the years.

Things to do in Summit: Shanty Sing

By E.J. McQuade

SNA would like to share one of the best kept secrets for family fun in our neighborhood, the Shanty Sing. This sea shanty sing-along is led by the Providence-based (and mostly Summit-based) band Sharks Come Cruisin'.

Shanty Sing is held on the second Friday of every month (6pm-8pm). Guests of all ages eat, laugh and sing along to traditional sea shanties at the famed Summit Neighborhood venue, The Parlour (1119 N. Main).



Shanty Sing will be celebrating it's 5-year anniversary this May, so come out and be part of a tradition that has "clearly struck a chord with the community."

The Shanty Sing organizers have worked to create an atmosphere that welcomes people of all ages, genders, ethnicities and singing abilities. There is no charge for entry, the food and beverages are delicious, and the sea shanty singing abilities of your friends, children, or parents may shock you.

On top of all that, and reflecting Summit Neighborhood values, Sharks Come Cruisin' generously leverage Shanty Sing to raise awareness for community causes. All donations are given to a local charity or non-profit organization that is being championed at a particular Shanty Sing.

Join the Summit Neighborhood Community Garden in Celebrating Earth Day!

By Sophie O'Connell

Members of the Summit Neighborhood Community Garden held their annual meeting in early March to prepare for the 2019 growing season.

At the meeting, members discussed plans for the garden's first work day of the season. Community members are welcome to join garden members for this annual Spring clean-up and work day, which will be held during the City of Providence's Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Kerry Kohring Park at Summit Ave. and Ninth St.

Planned activities include preparing beds for the growing season, spreading wood chips, and cleaning up the park. There will also be a story time for children. Stop by to meet garden members, learn more about the garden, and help beautify our neighborhood park!

Block Party Season is coming!

One of the best ways to get to know your neighbors and enjoy the spring/summer weather is to host a block party. Luckily, Leadership Rhode Island has put together a handy PVD Block Party Guide, which can be found at our website: <http://www.sna/providence.ri.us/host-a-block-party>.

Here are some things to consider in your planning:

WHO

- Recruit neighbors to help with the planning, so that folks can volunteer equipment, resources, and skills as needed.
- Invite neighbors to attend via phone calls, emails, or printed flyers delivered to each door. Think about natural boundaries, such as parks or major streets, so you can be inclusive but keep it manageable

WHEN

- Weekends or holidays tend to work best.
- Three-hour time frames that include a meal ensures plenty of time to hang out.

WHERE

- The easiest place to host a neigh-
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A hint of things to come as you get ready for

Spring Gardening

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Extension can help you out. They have trained Master Gardeners ready to answer questions, and they also offer pH testing of soil.

Yard Waste Pickup Info

<http://www.providenceri.gov/public-works/>

Plant and Bake Sale

Mount Hope Learning Center

140 Cypress St

9:00-3:00 May 12

9:00-12:00 May 13

URI Cooperative Extension

(401) 874-4836 (March-October)

gardener@uri.edu (year-round)

web.uri.edu/coopext/services/

Stay in touch with SNA

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! www.summitneighbors.org/become-a-member or see page 4.

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter!
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A Refreshed Look for SNA



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By Read Porter

SNA has exciting news: we have a new look for our logo and website! Over the years, the look and feel of SNA's website and logo began to feel outdated and in need of attention. This winter, members of the SNA board worked on both issues. First, the board considered a number of proposals for whether and how to revise the logo. Based on this discussion, the board voted to adopt a new logo -- now seen on this issue of the newsletter! The new logo takes elements of the old, but in a simpler and more graphic-friendly format.

The SNA website was the next order of business. The existing website was old enough that it was no longer able to keep up with modern needs, and a complete overhaul was needed. The new website contains all the great content you're used to seeing, but in a more visually appealing and organized way. As part of the redesign, SNA also launched an e-newsletter for interested members of the community - visit the website and sign up today at www.summitneighbors.org.

The website also has a new on-line form through which you can conveniently renew your SNA membership using your credit card or PayPal account.

Local Political News

The newly elected Ward 3 Democratic Committee consists of 11 volunteers who want to improve communication throughout the ward, increase knowledge about political events and happenings, and assist the Ward 3 neighborhoods to continue to thrive and grow.

As part of the Providence City Democratic Committee, we represent Ward 3 on a city level in the Democratic party. While our primary function to assist the Democratic candidates running for City Council, our vision is work throughout the year promoting informed voters.

We are working hard to reach out to each individual in the ward. We are also building a webpage. Check out our calendar to see upcoming political and social events. Learn more about community groups in the neighborhoods. Find out what our local elected officials are doing. Link to the Secretary of State to register to vote. See when potholes and sidewalks are scheduled to be fixed. And last, but most importantly, learn how you can become more involved.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us at pvdward3dems@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sara Dorsch, Chair; Mike Czaplicki, Treasurer; Ruth Breindel, Secretary

Committee Members: Helen Dukes, Bret Jacobs, Pamela Hughes, Thomas Spann, Marissa Lopes, Lee Clasper-Torch, Marty Mann, Patricia Kammerer

Block Party Season is coming!

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- neighborhood gathering is to use driveways or backyards.
- If you'd like to block off the street, you will need a permit and may be subject to some fees. See <http://www.providenceri.gov/act/public-events-permit-application/> for more information, including the contact information of city employees who can assist in your planning. Keep in mind that you will need to apply at least 90 days in advance, so start planning now for your summer gatherings!
 - Potlucks are classic, but you could also hire a caterer if you have the funds.
 - Plan a few basic activities, like games or crafts, to keep the little ones entertained. Consider appointing a couple of responsible teenagers in charge of these activities so parents can relax.
 - Nametags can really help new or shy neighbors jump into the action.

SUPPLIES

- Ask neighbors to bring tables, chairs, coolers, trash cans, speakers, or any other necessary equipment. Have masking tape and a sharpie



Did you know?

A Summit Fact submitted by

Anneliese Greenier

The portion of Ninth Street between Summit Avenue and Hope Street was called Mulvey (or Mulvay) Avenue until 1913. Until then Ninth Street came up the hill from North Main and stopped at Summit, with a large, triangular-shaped lot lying along the east side of Summit Avenue.

Similarly, until 1900 the name Hope Street went from Fox Point only as far as Olney Street. It then became East Avenue north to the city line (and on into Pawtucket as it is today).

Submit your own Summit Facts to SNAProv@gmail.com.

Join the SNA today!

Your membership makes you a voting member of the Summit Neighborhood Association for the coming year. Your contribution makes possible this newsletter and the other projects we undertake to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

If you prefer, you may create your membership and pay electronically at <http://www.sna.providence.ri.us>

Name (Please print) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*We will not share your information with any other organization without your permission.

_____☐ YES! Sign me up for the new SNA e-newsletters (coming soon).

Membership Type: _____Individual _____Household

I enclose my annual membership contribution of _____\$15 _____\$25 _____\$50 _____\$100 Other \$_____

Individual membership \$15 (or more). Household memberships \$25 (or more).

Please enclose a check payable to: Summit Neighborhood Association

Mail to: SNA, PO Box 41092, Providence, RI, 02940

Other adult household members (please print):

Name _____ email _____

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