Summit Neighborhood Association

Summit News

July 1996

Miriam Buys Trees for Neighborhood

The Miriam Foundation donated $2000 to the Mary E. Sharpe Street Tree Fund for two tree plantings in the Summit area.

The plantings were organized by Diana Jackson for Colonial and Camp Streets, and by Michael Crapa for the 10th Street and Highland Avenue area.

The more than two dozen trees were the first such donation from the Foundation and a gesture appreciated by residents.

Yard Sale a Success!

The Association's Fifth Annual Yard Sale in May was our most successful yet. Many thanks to Marjorie Beach, Ben Ingegneri, Swan Liquors and the many others whose donations made the sale a real treasure-hunter's paradise.

Thanks also to those who donated their time and labor to organize and run the sale. The yard sale is Summit Neighborhood Association's only fundraiser. The proceeds, along with membership dollars, are how we pay for our newsletters, the festival, candidates' night and all that we do.

Jewish Home Developments

At its May hearing, the Zoning Board of Review granted Hillside Health Associates a variance for the former Jewish Home for the Aged on Hillside Avenue. The variance allows increased occupancy, increased parking, and reduced landscaping at the site.

Neighbors opposed expanding the Home, which ranks 2nd in the state in size and is situated in a neighborhood of one- and two-family homes. Representatives of the developer convinced the board that the home cannot be profitably run without increasing the number of beds.

City law grants neighbors an automatic right of appeal on any zoning decision. Neighbors of the Jewish Home have chosen to exercise that right and move the zoning decision to the courts.

In June, the developer got approval from the state health department to operate the home, but with an important condition. It was noted that comparable homes in the state offer parking for 160 to 190 cars, but the zoning board required only 147 spaces for the Jewish Home site. And those spaces are for both the proposed 236-bed nursing home and the 39-unit assisted living facility. The health board conditioned its approval on Hillside providing 160 parking spaces for just the nursing home.

This apparently will force the developer back to the zoning board at the same time that opposition from neighbors to the earlier zoning decision is heating up.

History Project Goes Public, Needs Photos

The Summit Neighborhood History Project will have an information booth at the SNA's annual Festival on Sunday, July 14th. Stop by, talk to a volunteer and see what the project is about.

The project still needs old (pre-WW II) photos of the neighborhood. If you have any, consider loaning them to the project to help us illustrate and publicize our work. Call 331-1644.

Presenting the Fifth Annual

Summit Neighborhood

FESTIVAL

Noon - 4pm
Sunday, July 14
Lippitt Park
(Corner of Hope Street & Blackstone Boulevard)

– Music by –

Anonymous

Folk Guitarist Deb DoVale with Chris & Diane

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Pony Rides   Fire Truck
Food & Soft Drinks   Mounted Police

FREE ADMISSION

Rain Date: Sunday, July 21

Join The Summit Neighborhood Association

Complete this form and mail it to: *Summit Neighborhood Association, Box 41092, Providence, RI 02940*

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

❏ Enclosed is $10.00 for an ❏ Individual ❏ Family Membership (Make checks payable to *Summit Neighborhood Association*).

❏ I am concerned and would like to help with SNA activities. I am particularly interested in working on the following:

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