

Summit Neighborhood Association

Summit News

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Business Scene

The only new business we've noticed since the November newsletter is **Pitmaster BBQ**, at 835 Hope Street, next to Les Petits Fours.

Lower East Side Deli & Market at 774-6 Hope Street closed.

New federal regulations took effect January 1st requiring the replacement or removal of old gasoline storage tanks. As a result, **Al's Citgo Station**, at 820 Hope Street will only do auto repair and **Jerry's Sunoco** at the corner of Hope and Blackstone has closed.

Small Change completed its move to 727 Hope Street and **RanZan** Japanese Restaurant is now open at 1084 Hope.

North Main Street Revitalization Begins

Councilman Jackson's North Main Street revitalization project has begun to grow, literally. The sidewalks and median strip north of Cypress Street have sprouted trees and bushes. In the spring, the landscaping work will continue north to the Pawtucket line.

In recent years, North Main Street's apparent decline had begun to alarm residents. Long-time businesses closed, leaving behind vacant, boarded-up buildings. Colonial Motors, Ethan Allen, and most dramatically, the Anderson Little, Sears and Sears Automotive stores. Many of the buildings were purchased by Miriam hospital and left unused and off the tax rolls.

North Main Street's problems are further complicated by the fact that it's a state road. It is the State's responsibility to maintain and improve it. But North Main has remained a low priority in the competition for statewide Department of Transportation funds.

Last year Councilman Jackson received a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for North Main Street. He recently matched this amount

with \$50,000 allocated from the Third Ward's share of the \$50 million bond issue. Next year he plans to request an additional \$100,000 in CDBG funds (CDBG funds come from the federal government).

As the project continues, trees and bushes will be planted along the sidewalks and median strip of the northern part of North Main Street. Where the median strip won't otherwise support them, they'll grow in planters.

Smithfield Avenue (Route 126), which splits awkwardly just before it reaches North Main Street, will be the focus of next year's efforts. The City's Department of Planning and Development has recommended to the State that Smithfield Avenue be made two-way right up to its intersection with North Main Street. If next year's funding comes through, that intersection will be transformed.

North Main Street's sunnier future hasn't been lost on the business community. Gold's Gym, Pep Boys, Friendly Guy's Pizza - even before the trees started appearing, these businesses were attracted to our neighborhood. And coming soon, the old Beau James Restaurant will become a Shell Station, Sears Automotive will become a CVS Pharmacy and the NAPA Auto Parts Store will become Jazz Masters Jazz Club.

Tax Relief

If your Adjusted Gross Income is \$25,000 or less, you may be eligible for property tax relief. See Rhode Island Tax Form RI-1040-H. This applies to **renters** as well as property owners.

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Annual Meeting

6 pm – 7:45 pm

Monday, February 1, 1999

Rochambeau Library

708 Hope Street

Agenda

5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Welcome and Summary of Activities
6:10 Election of Officers and Board for 1999
6:15 Councilman Kevin Jackson
6:20 Representative Gordon Fox
6:25 Representative David Cicilline
6:30 Senator Rhoda Perry
6:35 Questions & Answers
7:15 Community Police Officers
7:45 Adjourn

Free and open to all

Memberships and SNA T-shirts available at the door

Members please bring \$10 dues for 1999

In the event of a major snowstorm the meeting will be rescheduled

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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Enclosed is \$10.00 for **1999** Individual Family Membership

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

I can leaflet _____