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THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBORWORKS® SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

NeighborFest 2015 to be held in Nashua!



Los Amigos Park in Nashua is the target of the 2015 NeighborFest Community Cleanup. Residents, volunteers, community leaders and staff will be on hand to clean and mulch this great part of the community.

NeighborFest 2015 will take place this June 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Nashua for the second consecutive year. This event will once again take place in Los Amigos Park near the Nashua PAL headquarters, at 52 Ash Street in Nashua, and will feature a cleanup of a frequently used playground, and then spread to the Skate Park across the street for a neighborhood cookout.

This event is a part of a broader initiative organized with the assistance of members of the Nashua Advisory Committee, a team of individuals who attended the NeighborWorks® America Community Leadership Institute (CLI) in

Cincinnati last October. These community leaders are targeting improvement in Nashua's Tree Streets neighborhood, seeking to build pride within the neighborhood and helping residents demonstrate their love for their home to the broader community. The committee has done this through a variety of "I Heart the Tree Streets" promotions, which will culminate with the presentation of community-driven banners to local businesses this fall.

Our focus on the Tree Streets neighborhood stems from interactions we have had with local officials and community residents since we integrated the Nashua region into our footprint. In 2012, the City of Nashua published the Nashua Tree Streets Neighborhood Analysis and Overview, which highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of this historically impoverished area of the City. The report proposed various measures to improve the neighborhood, from collaborating with landlords to improving property maintenance, to increasing beautification and upkeep of local parks and public spaces. Many of the proposals from this report and the City of Nashua have guided our efforts, including our focus on Los Amigos Park.

NeighborFest will be a part of NeighborWorks® America's annual NeighborWorks® Week, an event where NeighborWorks® Charter members across the country mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers each year to promote neighborhood awareness and change through a variety of events and promotions.

For more information about this year's event, or to get involved, please contact Erica Rivera at (603) 626-4663 x. 1200 or erivera@nwsnh.org.

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support. I look forward to having you join us in our celebrations, as well as by our side in our continuing work to ensure good, affordable housing options and strong neighborhoods in Southern New Hampshire.


Robert Tourigny
Executive Director

Thank you to outgoing members of the Board of Directors

Debra Hallett, Lee Leblanc, and Anthony Poore recently completed their terms as members of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's Board of Directors, and were recognized at this year's Annual Breakfast. All have provided tremendous service and support in the governance of the organization over many years, initially as members of a committee and then as a member of the Board. As a Board member, Debra has directed the policies and efforts of the Credit Committee, which oversees lending activities related to our homeownership program. Anthony has spearheaded the Resource Development Committee, providing outstanding direction and organization as we came out of the Capital Campaign. We are very grateful that both Debra and Anthony will continue in a volunteer role with the organization. As a member of the Community Services Committee, Lee provided resident leadership that was critical in our initial neighborhood organizing activities related to our West Granite Revitalization initiatives, and the formation of a Nashua Advisory Committee to include Nashua residents.

Thank you Debra, Lee, and Anthony for your outstanding service to the organization and the community at large.



Debra Hallett and Carol Willoughby accept plaques honoring their service to the organization.



Anthony Poore accepts a plaque honoring his time on the Board of Directors.

New Volunteer Leadership!

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire recently welcomed Jason Rivers and Jennifer Czynsz to the Board of Directors. Jason, who is the Garden Coordinator at the NH Food Bank, is a resident of our Straw Mansion Apartments in Manchester. Jennifer is the Senior Regional Planner at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, filling a Government seat on the Board. Jennifer and Jason have been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors, working alongside current Board members to provide ongoing oversight and fiduciary responsibility for the organization.



Jennifer Czynsz



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Annual Breakfast 2015

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire hosted its 2015 Annual Breakfast on March 25th at Fratello's Restaurant in Manchester. Anna Thomas, Deputy Public Health Director for the City of Manchester, delivered a motivating presentation on the rising rate of poverty in Manchester, and the adverse effect it has on the health and welfare of those directly affected and the community in general. Thomas spoke to a crowd of over 100 donors, volunteers, community and government leaders, and key partners of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire, outlining the City's Neighborhood Health Improvement Strategy, a 71-page report that identifies the most pressing poverty issues in Manchester and methods to improve the health and living situations of our most vulnerable citizens.

For more information about the Neighborhood Health Improvement Strategy, visit <http://www.manchesternh.gov/Departments/Health/Public-Health-Data>, or contact Anna Thomas at athomas@manchesternh.gov or (603) 628-6003 ext. 341.

Outgoing Board members were recognized at the event, and new or renewing members of the Board were announced.

Thank you **Raymond James, Eversource Energy, BerryDunn, MSI Utilities, and Sprague** for generously sponsoring this year's breakfast!



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