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Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter January, 2010

## FRANK TALKING!

### President's Corner - Jerry Frank

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet? Here at the UPNA we are looking forward to another great year. But first, I want to recap some major accomplishments from last year.

First, I can't help but mention that at this point two years ago the UPNA was faced with two challenges that seemed impossible to accomplish. They were finding common ground on Pine Street's proposed development on Upton Street and restoring the dilapidated Union Park fence. After many fits and starts, the UPNA was able to accomplish both! Congratulations to all that made them happen.

Second, every organization deserves to be judged in part by how much money is raised. And this UPNA can point to two straight record fundraising years. In fact, the UPNA was so successful at raising money in 2009 that the total income almost doubled 2007!!

Third, I want to congratulate the two 2009 Neighbor of Year Award recipients - David Wagner of Union Park and Joe Thailand of House of Siam. There are few neighbors that are as passionate as David about the neighborhood. And Joe has been a big help to the UPNA in co-sponsoring events and keeping his property clean. We are lucky to have both in our neighborhood.

This coming year the UPNA looks forward to its focus on issues such as trash, crime, and providing a democratic voice for the neighborhood on significant developments affecting the neighborhood. But please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like the UPNA to focus on specific issues. Constructive criticism is always welcome!

We are proud to nominate the following board of directors for the 2010 board election. The group collectively has countless years of contributions to the neighborhood.

David Bonilla Upton Street  
Kevin Cole Upton Street  
Mark Denneen Union Park  
James Alan Fox Upton Street  
Jerry Frank Upton Street  
H. Norman Knickle Upton Street  
Mary Bottella Knickle Upton Street  
Kalun Lee Shawmut Ave  
Bill McIntosh Upton Street

## Next UPNA General Meeting

Tuesday January 12th at 7:00 PM 346 Shawmut Ave

Agenda:

1. 2010 Board of Directors Election
2. Update on eliminating blue recycle bins from Union Park and Shawmut Ave
3. Committee Reports/Upcoming Activities

## Newsletter Distribution

Many of you have requested that we eliminate the door to door distribution of these newsletters in favor of electronic distribution. Based on your input, we are considering a combination of electronic and "hot spot" distribution. So, please make sure you have entered your email at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org).

## Union Park Fence Update

As you can see, the restoration of the Union Park fence is almost complete. The UPNA and the South End Historical Society has been working together to propose language for a new sign to be placed at the Park. The proposed language is on the website:

[www.upna.org/files/Unionparkfencesign.doc](http://www.upna.org/files/Unionparkfencesign.doc)

If anyone has any comments please send them to [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org).

## Board Nominations for 2010 Due NOW!

The DEADLINE for being considered for the 2010 UPNA Board is January 5th. Send an email to [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org) by the January 5th deadline. To learn

Austin O'Toole Upton Street  
Lisa Rindler Union Park  
Beverly Sky Upton Street  
Giovanni Tamara Upton Street  
Bob Williams Upton Street  
Corrie Yablon Union Park

more about the association see  
<http://www.upna.org/p3.html>.

### AE Rondeau Mourned

Al Rondeau, a pillar in the South End for decades, passed away on December 15th. Two memorial services are planned for him, one on January 9th and another on January 16th. For more details please see the South End News article on his passing at <http://www.mysouthend.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=100337>

### Crime Update

A presentation from the "Crime Stoppers" was made at last month's monthly crime meeting. The BPD asked us to highlight its initiative to promote anonymous tips to fight crime. You can see their notice at <http://www.upna.org/files/Crime.stopper.pdf>. Or call 1.800.494.TIPS to make anonymous tips.

The highlight in the December crime report was an assault on Upton Street on December 10th. An arrest was made and the individual charged was not from the South End.

See this month's crime report at:  
[http://www.upna.org/files/December\\_2009.pdf](http://www.upna.org/files/December_2009.pdf)



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### 2010 Property Tax Assessments

As most of us know by now, the 2010 City tax assessments have been delivered. Several of you have contacted us asking questions about the process.

Information relating to appealing the tax assessment (abatement) can be found at:  
[http://www.cityofboston.gov/TridionImages/2010\\_ABTPcedure\\_web\\_tcm1-4518.pdf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/TridionImages/2010_ABTPcedure_web_tcm1-4518.pdf)

The 2010 assessments are based on sales of 2008. A list of sales considered by the City in assessing your home can be found at:  
[http://www.cityofboston.gov/TridionImages/2008\\_CondoSales\\_tcm1-4690.pdf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/TridionImages/2008_CondoSales_tcm1-4690.pdf)

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## Other Business...!

Your announcements here

Looking for a unique gift? Check out [www.opaleen.com](http://www.opaleen.com) for a large selection of fashionable gold and sterling silver jewelry at affordable prices. Created by local residents, the site specializes in rings, pendants, earrings, and bracelets and offers free shipping within the US. Everything is trendy and elegant while maintaining the highest standard of quality.

- Judith Tanini

Someone from Union Park is looking for recommendations for snow removal of steps and surrounding areas. Please send an email to [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org) if anyone has a recommendation.

Have something to sell, looking for an unusual item or have an event you want to advertise? Send the information to [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org) and we will post it in the next newsletter.

## Help! Now easier to volunteer by registering online

Support UPNA by giving your time and expertise

Want to help out your neighborhood association but too busy to devote more than a few hours? That's OK. There are many ways you can help out without having to commit more than a few hours. We have now set up a list where you can register your willingness to volunteer. We need help in the following areas:

Newsletter and notices distribution - 1 hour  
Newsletter layout - 4 hours  
Contact list maintenance - 1 hour  
Activities Events setup and cleanup - 1 hour  
Mailings - stuffing and labeling - 2 hours



Please use the following link [Volunteer](#) and check off "Interested in helping out".

## Box Tops for Education



A free and easy way to help Hurley School

The Hurley School has raised \$150 from Box Tops for Education. Thank you to all who have participated. Keep up the good work. Please bring your tops to the next general meeting July 14th so Mary Bottella Knickle can collect them. Or call for pickup at 617-262-1614 or email [marybottellaknickle@yahoo.com](mailto:marybottellaknickle@yahoo.com)



The Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) is a non-profit association of all the residents of Union Park, Union Park and Upton Streets and adjacent cross streets. The purpose of the association is to act as a unified voice representing the interests of the residents with respect to issues and activities affecting our neighborhood. If you live here, you are a member of the association.

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