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Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter June, 2010

Happy Father's Day



FRANK TALKING!

President's Corner - Jerry Frank

Are you ready for the summer?! The Celtics are in the championships, the Red Sox are getting as hot as the weather and the UPNA is having fun events - so it must be summer in the City! Here are some of the highlights of the neighborhood.

First, thank you to all those neighbors that helped plant the flowers in Union Park. Congratulations also goes to many Union Parkers for reigniting the old "Alley Cats," a rag tag group of residents that focus on keeping the alley between Union Park clean and safe. Let us know if you would like to join your neighbors in this great endeavor.

Second, for those of you that did not attend the last General Meeting, the application of 570 Market to obtain a beer and wine license was heard before the UPNA. By a slim margin, the UPNA voted to oppose the application. The UPNA encouraged 570 Market to obtain the approval of the residents living in the same building before re-applying.

Finally, this continues to be a busy time for UPNA events. May's Newcomers Party and Wine Tasting events were smashing successes. And everyone is looking forward to June 19th's Block Party! See you there!

Next UPNA General Meeting

Tuesday July 13th at 7:00 PM
346 Shawmut Ave

UPNA 2010 Fund Raiser Goal \$15,000

We have already raised \$13,820 which is a record but just shy of our goal of \$15,000. Many thanks to everyone who has already donated. There is still time to help us get to our goal. Make a donation online at www.upna.org or send a check to UPNA PO Box 180750 Boston MA 02118

Crime Report

The police continue to warn us that most car break-ins are for the purpose of stealing a GPS. The most noteworthy crime in our neighborhood last month was a break-in at 15 Upton Street. You can see the entire crime report at www.upna.org/files/May_2010.pdf.



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UPNA Block Party

Saturday June 19th 5pm - 8pm Upton Street *NOTE* Street Closed to traffic starting at 12 noon

- Live DJ
- Games for all, kids and adults - Face painting
- Food from local restaurants
- Popcorn, cotton candy
- Raffle & Bake you favorite dessert for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Stephanie's on Tremont.
- More fun than ever, come join us!

We need help with distribution of fliers and help on the day. Please e-mail us at info@upna.org

UPNA Wine Tasting - The Wines of France

Thursday June 24th 7:00 - 9:00 pm 39 Upton Street #1

Please join us for an evening of Wine, hors d'oeuvres and good company. This will be the last of four monthly wine tastings from the world's most prestigious wine regions.

Hosted by Bill & Rachel McIntosh
Where 39 Upton Street #1

Tickets: \$25 per person
Tickets may be purchased at www.upna.org
Or contact Sue Fox @ 617-450-0012



Note: July 8th a special additional wine tasting hosted by Peter King - SOLD OUT!

Stooping Season

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 6pm on

With the warm weather comes the Stooping Season. What better way to enjoy your great neighborhood and neighbors than with a relaxing drink after a long day. Step out onto your stoop with your friends and make new ones along the way. It doesn't take much, just a stoop.

Save the Dates

Other great upcoming events

Celebration of the Park Fence Restoration - TBD - Currently being coordinated with the City
Ice Cream Social - Sunday July 11th 1-2pm Union Park
If you would like to help with UPNA Events please e-mail us at info@upna.org

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Gay Pride Parade

Saturday June 12th 12 noon starting on Tremont Street

Tremont Street between Rutland and Berkeley will be closed to traffic from 7am as the parade sets up. Over 36 floats. Come join in the fun! More information at www.bostonpride.org/parade.php

MBTA Meeting on the Groundwater Leak

Tuesday June 15th 6pm State Transportation Building 10 Park Plaza

The MBTA is inviting interested parties to a presentation of their new plan to fix the leaks along the tracks in the Ellis Neighborhood. This affects our local historic buildings, which are virtually all supported on wood piles (which can rot when exposed to air), since the groundwater drawdown along this stretch of the transportation corridor affects a large area. This infrastructure has been leaking since the 1980s, and a number of local properties have already had to repair their piles at a staggering cost.

As a temporary measure, the MBTA has installed five recharge wells (using fresh water) between Berkley and Clarendon Streets to replace some of the groundwater leaking away. For the past two years, they have been planning a permanent system of recharge which would recycle the leaking groundwater. Recently, they changed direction to fix the leaks instead. While this direction seems ideal, the MBTA has been of the opinion for decades that these leaks could not be fixed.

A community meeting with the T's General Manager will be held on Tuesday June 15th at 6 pm in the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza - the security desk can direct you to the meeting room (a picture ID is required to enter the office areas). The purpose of this meeting is to communicate the T's new plan for the long term solution, and the reasons why the MBTA is changing direction.

Please attend, and sign in, to reinforce our collective concern. And please pass this notice along to your neighbors. It would be great to see a lot of families in attendance - bring the kids - even if you can't stay long, since this issue affects our futures.

South End Business Alliance (SEBA) Pride Drag Bingo

Thursday June 12th 7-9 p.m. Villa Victoria Center for the Arts 85 West Newton Street

This ain't your grandma's Bingo! Join the SEBA for a heart racing and fun evening as wisecracking Trampoline hosts a wild and wacky version of everyone's favorite game of chance. Prizes await the winners! Buy your tickets now at POSH on Tremont or Etant Spa. Admission is \$25 for six rounds. Must be 21 or over. For more information please visit: www.southendbusiness.com or contact Stacy Koeppel: stacy@southendbusiness.com or call 617-304-4421.

SOWA Open Market

Sundays Through October 10am - 4pm - 460 Harrison Avenue

The South End Open Market is now open and will continue every Sunday through October. The market will host a wide variety of vendors, including art, clothing, jewelry, hand crafted accessories, florists, bakers and local farmers' produce. Admission and parking are free. For more information please visit: www.southendopenmarket.com or call 617-481-2257.

South End Historical Society to host William Bulger

Thursday June 10 at 6pm - Union United Methodist Church 485 Columbus Avenue

On Thursday, June 10 at 6pm, the South End Historical Society is holding its Annual Meeting. This year's speaker is Mr. William Bulger. Mr. Bulger will be discussing his new book about Mayor James Michael Curley. Books will be available for purchase. The event is being held at Union United Methodist Church at 485 Columbus Avenue in the South End.

****Interested in attending? Call the Historical Society at 617-536-4445 or email Hope at admin@southendhistoricalsociety.org to RSVP. We hope you can join us!****

Golden Age of Latin American Bolero Celebrated at Villa Victoria

Friday June 11 8 - 10:30pm

Homenaje a Los Panchos, a concert celebrating the Golden Age of Bolero music, which is considered "the most romantic music in the world." A musical tribute to the iconic Latin American musical group, Trío Los Panchos, this first-time Boston production will feature three outstanding trios from the region.

Efraín Salgado's Trío Alma Latina, Grupo Yagua and Trío Los Bohemios will honor the most important Bolero group of all time. Trío Los Panchos had a career that spanned over four decades with highlights that include: selling millions of records, touring the world, collaborating with some of the greatest Latin music stars, and appearing in over 50 movies. Homenaje a Los Panchos, will be an evening filled with luscious ageless songs, as these three groups perform melodies immortalized by Los Panchos, original compositions and arrangements that will move your heart.

Tickets

\$10 until Monday June 7, 11:59 pm at: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/106453

\$15 at the Box Office on the night of the event, June 11

For additional information please visit: www.villavictoriaarts.org!

Other Business...!

Your announcements here

From Felix Arroyo Boston City Councilor at-Large

Every member of the association should know that my office is looking forward to hearing from them on the issues and concerns that arise in our neighborhood. My contact information is listed below and I hope that you will feel free to send an email or call the office at any time.

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From Jerry Frank - UPNA President

The UPNA is frequently asked to recommend various service providers. I would like to report exceptional service from four companies:

Di Pierro Building & Remodeling You can reach Gerry Di Pierro at (617) 592-6447 or

gdipierro62@Comcast.net

JCN Painting, inc. You can reach Johnny Neto at (781) 354-4764 or jcnpainting@verizon.net

Roxy Cleaning You can reach Roxana Martinez at (781) 526-3993 or Roxyjf64@hotmail.com

Schiff Architectural Detail (mostly antique iron work) You can reach Jeff Schiff at (617) 887-0202 or sandra@schiffarchitecturaldetail.com

Review of The House of Siam by David Houde - See coupon below

Great food. Fresh ingredients. Beautifully prepared and served. Step out of your comfort zone and try something different. We had the Vegetable Triangles and the Chicken Pik-King. Deliciously spicy with a mild curry sauce. And for the less adventurous they will customize your meal to your taste. Highly recommended and 10% off for UPNA residents through July 15.

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

Save
10%

House of Siam on the corner of Upton and Tremont.

We will take 10% off your entire bill when you present this coupon.

Offer Expires: July 15 2010

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



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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