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Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter April, 2010



FRANK TALKING!

President's Corner - Jerry Frank

Spring has sprung in the South End! The spectacular weather reminds us all of why we live here in our great City.

The UPNA's activities got a great kick-off last month with this year's first wine tasting and Young Southender Event. Stay tuned for upcoming events, including this month's wine tasting scheduled for April 29 at 15A Upton Street.

The warm weather also means that the neighborhood fundraising is in full swing. Don't forget that we rely solely on your donations to pay for important things such as the twice weekly trash cleanup on the neighborhood's streets and the neighborhood activities. So please give generously! And a big Thanks to those that have already donated. You can monitor the fundraising progress on the website - www.upna.org.

The City informs us that the Park fence restoration is almost complete. Only some limited painting is needed to complete the project and remove the temporary fence. The City tells us that completion is but a few weeks away.

Finally, with the weather breaking trash is on our mind. The neighborhood wide cleanup is scheduled for April 24 And for those of you that would like to freshen up on trash rules, please take a look at "Trash Tips" on our website (<http://www.upna.org/p4.html>).

See you around the neighborhood. And GO Red Sox!

Next UPNA General Meeting

Tuesday May 11th at 7:00 PM 346 Shawmut Ave

UPNA 2010 Fund Raiser

Goal \$15,000

We have already raised \$8000 so thank you all you early donors.

To every one else please help us hit our goal this year. Make a donation online at www.upna.org or send a check to UPNA PO Box 180750 Boston MA 02118

South End Boston Shines Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 24, 9 AM - 1 PM

Grab a broom, trash bags and join your neighbors in cleaning up our streets and sidewalks. The UPNA encourages you to participate in this clean up since we need to rid our streets of the winter grime! We will meet at the Shawmut end of Union Park. For more information, please contact Tabitha Bennett, tabitha.bennett@cityofboston.gov or call 617-635-3485.

www.cityofboston.gov/ons/pdfs/bostonshines2010.pdf



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UPNA Wine Tasting

Thursday April 29th 7:00 - 9:00 pm 15A Upton Street

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

Hosted by Sue & Jamie Fox
Where 15A Upton Street

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



Last Thursday of the Month 7-9PM
2. April 29th
3. May 27th
4. June 24th

Save the Dates

Other great upcoming events

UPNA Newcomers Party May 12th 7-9pm. Host: Austin O'Toole 35 Upton Street #2
UPNA Block Party June 19th 5-8pm

If you would like to help with UPNA Events please e-mail us at info@upna.org
Next Activities Committee meeting is April 14th 7pm at 11 Upton Street #3

Bio Lab Public Meeting

Wednesday April 28th 6:30 - 9:45 pm - Boston Marriott Copley Place

The NIH Blue Ribbon Panel to Advise on the Risk Assessment of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories at Boston University Medical Center is holding a public meeting to update the community on the status and proposed approach of the study.

The meeting program will include presentations providing an overview of the risk assessment process, as well as breakout sessions in which more detailed presentations and dialogue about the proposed approach will take place. Members of the public may, at any time, file written comments to the following address: NIH Blue Ribbon Panel, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, Mail Stop Code 7985, Bethesda, MD 20892-7985 or by sending an e-mail to: [nih_brp@od.nih.gov](mailto:.nih_brp@od.nih.gov). An agenda and slides for the meeting may be obtained prior to the meeting by connecting to nihblueribbonpanel-bumc-neidl.od.nih.gov/.

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Metropolis y Orillas Exhibition

March 18-April 21 La Galeria at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts

La Galeria at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts is pleased to present *Metrópolis y Orillas*, an exhibition of paintings by Ecuadorian-born and Providence-based artist Agustín Patiño. The exhibition will begin with an opening reception for the artist on Thursday, March 18 from 6-9PM. For *Metrópolis y Orillas* (or *Metropolis and Edges* in English), his first solo exhibition for La Galeria at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, Patiño presents highly imaginative and meticulously painted apocalyptic jungle scenes, littered with towers of cars and exotic plant and wild life. Admission is free. 85 East Newton Street.

South End Historical Society 44th Annual Spring Ball

Saturday May 1 8pm - Benjamin Franklin Institute 41 Berkeley Street

Tickets are \$125.00 per person (\$62.50 is tax deductible) and must be ordered by April 23. To order call the SEHS office at (617) 536-4445 or by use the PayPal link on their website: www.southendhistoricalsociety.org/.

Creative Black Tie

Ball tickets include dancing, tapas, and dessert

Cash Bar available

United South End Settlements (USES) Presents "Brewers Helping Neighbors"

Thursday April 8, 7-9:30PM

Join USES for a Massachusetts beer tasting and gathering, including local brewers such as Sam Adams, Harpoon, Mayflower and Blue Hills. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of USES. Location: Harriet Tubman House, 566 Columbus Avenue. Admission \$40. For more information and tickets please visit: brewershelpingneighborsuses.eventbrite.com/

Music and Dance from Ecuador to be featured at Villa Victoria

Friday May 14 8:00 PM at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, 85 West Newton Street

The heartfelt melancholy of Pasillo, the celebratory drive of Churay, the earthy power of Yumbo and the jovial Bomba are some of the many musical traditions audiences will experience in this one-of-a-kind performance. Dancers from Yarina will also offer dance performances complementing selected pieces from the musical repertoire.

Despite a growing Ecuadorian community in the New England region, much remains unknown about this South American country. Noche Ecuatoriana opens a window to view the rich cultural life of Ecuador through music and dance. This event will feature an array of musicians, including the Boston premiere of acclaimed singer Mariela Condo and the leading Ecuadorian music and dance troupe Yarina.

Tickets

\$10 in advance at: WWW.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM/EVENT/96954 by May 10

\$15 At the Box Office on the night of the event

For more information: www.villavictoriaarts.org

South End Youth Baseball Opening Day

Saturday May 1st at 10am Luis Tiant Field 1200 Washington Street

Hosted for the 16th year by his honor, Mayor Thomas Menino and his guests, Red Sox President Larry Lucchino, Red Sox legend "Luis Tiant," New Hall of Famer Red Sox player Jim Rice, Governor Deval Patrick, US congressman Mike Capuano, State Representative Aaron Michelwitz, State Senator Sonia Chang Diaz, City Councilors, President Mike Ross, Bill Linehan, Felix Arroyo, P.A.L. Board and many others. Join us won't you for the festivities to follow, hot dogs, drinks, cotton candy, pony rides, raffles, and prizes!

For more info please contact Paul Rinkulis:
617.460.5686 or at Rinkulis@hotmail.com

Other Business...!

Your announcements here

Seeking volunteers to tutor new immigrants in English Language skills.

Educational Development Group (EDG) was established in 1991 to prepare new immigrants for success in American society by providing them with the English language skills and cultural awareness necessary to access educational and employment opportunities. EDG is seeking volunteers and local business owners to help with a variety of projects from tutoring students to conducting mock interviews. If you are interested in learning more about EDG volunteering opportunities please visit: www.community.net/NPOVolunteer.asp?547. For more information or questions please contact Samantha Pierre: samantha@edginc.org or call 617-357-5717.

Have you recently renovated your Great Room? Then HGTV is looking for you!

Home & Garden Television's (HGTV) BANG FOR YOUR BUCK is looking for fun and enthusiastic homeowners in the greater Boston, MA area RIGHT NOW! Renovations must have taken place within the past three years. Each episode will tour three similar remodels at similar price points in the same city. We'll bring in our design expert and real estate expert to determine how the renovation impacts each home's value. We'll also provide viewers with expert advice, answers on remodeling values, and inspiring ideas for design. Taping will begin shortly, so if you're interested, please apply immediately! Please send photos of your Great Room (Kitchen/Family Room) and request an application at: BSchledewitz@highnoontv.com Or Brooke Schledewitz at (303) 712-3168

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.

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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