



# *What's U.P.*

Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter April, 2011



## **FRANK TALKING!**

### **President's Corner - Jerry Frank**

Dear Neighbors,

I've never found the early spring months in Boston to be particularly invigorating, in fact, they border on being downright depressing. But I think I've finally found the root cause of my emotional condition.

It's because everything looks so...really..."bad". Trees and shrubs are bare, grass areas are brown, and gardens are filled with fallen tree branches and the dried remains of last year's foliage. And the leaves that fell to the ground in 2010 are still found in every nook and cranny, even as we approach May of 2011. Now throw in the man-made trash. All of this is now exposed by the departed ice and snow. It's everywhere...in our yards, on our sidewalks, streets, alleys and gutters.

However on Saturday, April 30th volunteers from your neighborhood will mobilize to turn things around.

The city provides the tools, trash bags and pickup. We supply the labor. The UPNA will support the volunteers with coffee, muffins and other refreshments.

So please save the date...Saturday, April 30 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. And please encourage your friends and neighbors to pitch in. I can guarantee that the neighborhood will be much improved by the end of the day.

We'll supply more information as the 30th draws near.

Regards,

Jerry Frank

## **Next UPNA General Meeting**

**Tuesday May 10th at 7:00 PM  
346 Shawmut Ave**

## **Beware of the Towtruck** **Street cleaning began on Friday April 1**

Our streets will be swept clean on a rotating basis from April 1 through the end of November. Vehicles must be moved per the schedules that are posted throughout the neighborhood. If you are in violation it is virtually assured that you will get a ticket and be towed away. Expect the total cost to be between \$150 and \$200. This is where being forgetful becomes expensive.

## **Friends of Union Park**

### **A History of Union Park**

We found in our files, a concise and very interesting document titled: "A History of Union Park in the South End". It was written by John Neale back in 1998. John once owned a home on Union Park. John is a local realtor and also serves as the Historian for the South End Historical Society.

This is a "great read" for all and should be of particular value to many residents who are new to the neighborhood.

This document is now posted on the UPNA website and can be accessed it at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org).

A very,very belated thanks to John.



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## Events

### UPNA Wine Tasting

**Thursday April 14th 7:30 - 9:00 pm 45 Upton Street #1**

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

Hosted by Mary Bottella  
Where 45 Upton Street #1

Tickets: \$25 per person / \$40 for two  
Tickets may be purchased at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org)  
Or contact Sue Fox @ 617-450-0012



### New Comers Reception

**Wednesday April 20th 7:00 - 9:00 pm 43 Upton Street #1**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet board members and your new neighbors. We welcome all of you, and look forward to answering questions you may have about your new neighborhood.

Invitations will be sent out, but there are still some of you whose names and addresses we do not have. Please contact us via e-mail [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org).

Hosted by Jerry & Leslie Frank  
Where 43 Upton Street #1

### Spring Cleanup

**Saturday April 30th 9:00 am - Meet on Union Park**

Save the date for the South End Spring Clean Up which has been scheduled for April 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the clean up. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and Public Works Department provides tools and trash pickup on that day, and we will send out additional information when we receive it from the Mayor's Office.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate in the clean up to help beautify the neighborhood after this long winter. Join us at the Shawmut end of Union Park at 9am. Help make our neighborhood beautiful!

### Save the Dates

**Other great upcoming events**

**UPNA Wine Tasting - May 26th** - Hosted by Giovanni Tammara  
**Block Party - Saturday June 18th**

If you would like to help with UPNA Events please e-mail us at [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org)

## Talk To Aaron

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz is starting up his "coffee hours" beginning this Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the Appleton Street Bakery at 123 Appleton St. His entire schedule for the spring is listed below. He asks that: "if you're around, please stop by and say hello."

Saturday, April 2nd  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
Appleton Street Bakery, 123 Appleton St.

Saturday, April 16th  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
Grill 705, 705 Mass. Ave.

Saturday, May 14th  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
Berkeley Perk, 69 Berkeley St.

## South End Youth Baseball Opening Day

**Saturday, May 07 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Luis Tiant Field at Peter's Park Washington Street**

Hosted for the 17th year by his honor, Mayor Thomas Menino and his guests, Red Sox President Larry Luchinno, Red Sox legend "Luis Tiant", Governor Deval Patrick, State Senator Sonya Chang Diaz, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, City Council President Stephen Murphy, District Councilors Bill Linehan, Felix Arroyo, Ayanna Pressley, D4 Police Captain Paul Ivens, PAL Board and many others.

Please join us for the festivities to follow; hot dogs, drinks, cotton candy, pony rides, raffles and prizes.

Sponsored this year by South End's newest bank, Mt. Washington Bank.

If you would like to help support South End Baseball, please visit [www.southendbaseball.com](http://www.southendbaseball.com) to make a contribution by clicking on the donation icon.

## More News available by e-mail ~ Join Our Mailing List!

If you wish to receive the extended monthly newsletter in color we will now require your e-mail address, as we are no longer distributing a printed version door-to-door. You can register your e-mail address online at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org). Because of the need for timeliness, certain notices, such as crime warnings, are only sent out by e-mail. By using the link above or by visiting our website at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org) you can manage how you want to be contacted and what you want to be contacted about.

## Other Business...!

**Your announcements here**

### **PARKING SPACE WANTED**

Garage or parking space in (or close to): the UPNA neighborhood. Send details or contact information to [info@upna.org](mailto:info@upna.org).

### **LANDSCAPER RECOMMENDATION**

Your neighbor Kathleen Stone at 16 Union Park has asked us to pass along the name of her landscaper. His name is Bob Ginn of R.L. Ginn Landscape. His company is based in Braintree and he can be reached at 781-335-4494.

Kathleen wrote: "He designs gardens and walkways, and does the planting and brickwork. He's reasonably

priced, thorough and honest. Anyone in the neighborhood can call me for more of a reference." Kathleen can be reached at 617-536-2880.

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:

Event notices distribution - 1 hour  
Newsletter layout - 4 hours / month  
Contact list maintenance - 1 hour / month  
Website maintenance - 1 hour / month  
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 so Mary Bottella can collect them. Or call for pickup at 617-262-1614 or email [mbottella@yahoo.com](mailto:mbottella@yahoo.com)



The Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) is a non-profit association of all the residents of Union Park, Union Park Street, Upton Street 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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