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Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter February, 2011



FRANK TALKING!

President's Corner - Jerry Frank

The Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) board that you elected on Jan. 11, 2011 needs your input.

Before establishing specific objectives and creating and empowering committees to reach these objectives, the board wants to be sure their visions reflect yours. In other words: is the board focusing time and effort in the right places?

As examples: we believe keeping the public ways clear of trash is important (thus we pay an individual twice a week to augment efforts by the city). We think the neighborhood wants a stream of social activities, and we trust that representing the residents in licensing and zoning matters is a shared value.

NOW WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. What is important to you? What problems or issues is the UPNA board overlooking? Where should the association direct its efforts? Put your "oar in the water now," and let us know. Send your ideas and comments to: info@upna.org

Thank you,

Jerry Frank
President

ZAI Scheduled to Open this Spring Replacing Joe V's

As most of you know, Joe V's is moving in the very near future to a larger space in Brookline. That's not particularly good news for many of Jim Hammelberg's regulars.

But the good news is we won't have an empty space to look at for very long. Joe V's will be replaced with a restaurant called Zai. The owner is Kazu Aotoni and the manager will be Thaddeus Kuzniki.

The new restaurant will feature moderately priced yakitori (a combination of grilled meats and vegetables) - a kind of Japanese tapas.

The chef will arrive from Japan on a cultural exchange program and we can expect "special events" on a monthly basis.

While Zai will continue to operate within the limits of their license, the owner and manager are planning to offer both a lunch and dinner experience.

Renovations to the space are expected to begin in Feb., and an April or May opening is planned. Welcome to the South End gentlemen! We look forward to your arrival.

Next UPNA General Meeting

Tuesday March 8th at 7:00 PM
346 Shawmut Ave

UPNA 2011 Board Elections

On Jan. 11, 2011 the neighborhood convened to elect a board that will serve our residents in 2011.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Mary Bottella
Kevin Cole
James Alan Fox
Sue Ann Fox
Jerry Frank
Julie Hahn
Rebecca Kaiser
Kalun Lee
Vince Mayer
Bill McIntosh
Austin O'Toole
Barry Rock
Beverly Sky
Giovanni Tammaro
Corrie Yablon

Additionally, the neighborhood wishes to thank five individuals who served on previous boards but did not seek reelection this year. They are:

David Bonilla
Mark Denneen
Norm Knickle
Lisa Rindler
Bob Williams

To these neighbors we want to offer our sincere thanks for their efforts and accomplishments.

Become a Big Sister Natasha Threatts presented at January UPNA General Meeting

The Big Sister Association is looking for volunteers in the South End. You

Heavy Snow Opens the Gate to Union Park More Snow Due, Be a Thoughtful Neighbor

In an unprecedented fit of compassion (maybe pity is a better word) for the neighborhood parents who found their children house-bound because of the last heavy snowfall, the board of the UPNA decided to open the park all day on Thursday, Jan. 27th.

A deep blanket of new snow fell on Wed. night. This served to protect the ground in the park. Therefore, we could provide hours of entertainment for many of the young (and young at heart) who had a day free from school and work.

As a result of this experiment, we received many positive comments and one enterprising couple (Lauren & Jon @ 53 Union Park) created a memorial to their day of leisure at the Tremont end of Union Park. Their photo decorates our home page @ www.upna.org. Take a look!

This winter has put an unusual snow removal strain on the City of Boston and its residents. With more snow in the forecast, please be a considerate neighbor. Where to put the next batch of snow is indeed a challenge for all of us. But please, don't dump your snow in your neighbor's yard or parking space. This only doubles the amount of shoveling they will be faced with.

Crossing the street is a challenge. If you have any energy left, please shovel a path from your sidewalk to the street. It is also important to keep the storm sewer grates free of snow as well as fire hydrants. And be sure to check in on neighbors who may need assistance during the winter. Thank you and be safe.

will be matched with a Little Sister between the ages of 7 and 15. Commitment is for one year, once per week for the first 3 months, then twice per month thereafter. You and your Little Sister will decide when to meet and what activities you will enjoy together, such as going to a museum, playing sports, doing arts and crafts, or watching movies.

Contact: nthreatts@bigsister.org
More info: www.bigsister.org

Mayor's Youth Fund Summer Job Registration February 1st - March 4th

The Mayor's Youth Fund Summer Job HOPELINE Registration for all youth summer jobs with the City of Boston begins February 1st through March 4th. Any resident of the City of Boston who will be between 15 and 18 years old this summer must register to be eligible for a summer job with the City.

You can get complete details and the registration form at:
www.bostonyouthzone.com/teenzone/employment/byf/.



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Events

We need your help with future activities

Please meet on Sunday February 6th at 7pm - 28a Upton Street

We are looking for people who would be interested in volunteering for the planning, organizing and hands on help for our future neighborhood activities.

The meeting will be held at:

Home of Giovanni Tammaro
28a Upton Street (door under main stoop)
Sunday, February 6th at 7pm

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help with UPNA Events please e-mail us at info@upna.org

Young SouthEnders Beer and Wine Social

Wednesday February 9th 6:30 - 8:30 pm - The Gallows Restaurant 1395 Washington Street

Come meet other Young South Enders at a Beer & Wine Social at the new Gallows Restaurant. Visit their web site at www.thegallowsboston.com/

UPNA Wine Tasting

Thursday February 25th 7:00 - 9:00 pm 35 Upton Street #1

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

Hosted by Kevin Cole
Where 35 Upton Street #1

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



South American Wine Tasting held January 20th

We had a great turn out for the first Wine tasting of this year. Thank you Corrie and Patrick for hosting this wonderful event. Many of you have asked for a list of the wines we tasted there.

Jelu Torrontes 2010 San Juan, Argentina \$12.99
Tabali Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Valle Limari, Chile \$12.99
Tabali Carmenere 2009 Valle Limari, Chile \$14.99
Carlos Basso Reservado Malbec 2009 Mendoza, Argentina \$17.99

Save the Dates

Other great upcoming events

New Comers Party April, date TBD - if you are new to the neighborhood please send us your email and address to info@upna.org. UPNA hosts a party annually to welcome all new neighbors to the neighborhood. Come meet the UPNA board members and learn about local resources.

If you would like to help with UPNA Events please e-mail us at info@upna.org

Valentine's Drag Bingo - Hosted by South End Business Alliance and CLERYS

February 10 7-9pm

This ain't your grandma's Bingo! Your heart will race and your palms will sweat (in a good way) as wisecracking Trampolina hosts a wild and wacky version of everyone's favorite game of chance. Prizes galore await the winners! This will be a sure way to remember this Valentine's Day by giving back to the South End community while having a chance at winning a few amazing prizes with a house full of fun. **Must be 21 or older.** Buy your tickets now as this event is sure to sell out. Purchase tickets at POSH or etant Spa. Call Stacy Koppel 617-304-4421 or e-mail stacy@southendbusiness.com web site www.southendbusiness.com

Upton Street artist Beverly Sky at the Artworks Gallery, New Bedford

February 5th - April 3rd

The Surface Design Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has selected Beverly Sky's Fabric Collage titled I Remember Kyoto: Springtime, II for inclusion in it's juried show at the Artworks Gallery in New Bedford, MA.

One Passion, Many Voices
Artworks
384 Acushnet Ave
New Bedford, MA 02740

www.artworksforyou.org
www.beverlysky.com

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Other Business...!

Your announcements here

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:

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 July 14th so Mary Bottella Knickle can collect them. Or call for pickup at 617-262-1614 or email 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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