



# *What's U.P.*

Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter March, 2010

## FRANK TALKING!

### President's Corner - Jerry Frank

Three weeks to spring! It is hard to believe that by the end of the month another winter will be in the books and we will be furiously planning summer events for the neighborhood. In the meantime, there are several things going on in the neighborhood that are worth mentioning.

First, the City tells us that the renovation of the Union Park fence is almost complete. Optimistically, and weather permitting, the project will be finished and the temporary fence removed in April!

Second, our friends at the U.S. Census are in full swing. Census questionnaires are being mailed out this month and should be completed and returned by the end of April. All of us can monitor our participation levels through a website [2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/](http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/), so let's have great participation!

Third, the UPNA activities committee is in full swing. We have several exciting things planned for 2010, visit our website at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org) for our full calendar. First up is the Young SouthEnders gathering March 10th, 7PM at the Bombay Club. And the first Wine Tasting is March 25th 7-9 PM at 35 Upton Street #1. Visit [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org) to purchase tickets.

Fourth, those of you on Union Park, Tremont Street, and Shawmut Ave should have received a flyer recently about the phasing out of the small blue recycle bins. Soon the City will be providing some clear bags to use in their place. The change should make a big difference in helping keep the South End clean.

Finally, a number of other happenings are worth noting. The UPNA joined the City, Eight Streets Neighborhood Association and Ellis Neighborhood Association in objecting to Pops Restaurant's request for a seven day 1 AM closing time. House of Siam is requesting approval from the BRA for outdoor seating - the UPNA voted last September to support the request. And Mela is planning some renovations that include adding windows and a change of paint color to be more compatible with its neighbors. Mela reached an agreement with the UPNA to close the new windows no later than 9:30 PM. Thank you Mela!

See you around the neighborhood!

## Next UPNA General Meeting

Tuesday March 9th at 7:00 PM  
346 Shawmut Ave

### Agenda

1. Youth Shines Art Auction
2. Councilor Ayanna Pressley's Office
3. Boston Ground Water Trust
4. Educational Development Goup
5. Committee Updates

## Newsletter Distribution

If you wish to receive the monthly newsletter, What's UP, 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). For those who cannot receive the newsletter via e-mail a printed copy will be dropped at Tremont 570 Market, Joe Vs, The Buttery and Foodies.

## UPNA 2010 Fund Raiser Kicked Off

Help us hit our goal this year, make a donation online at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org) or send a check to  
UPNA PO Box 180750  
Boston MA 02118



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## Thank you Dr. Nore!

Your UPNA board wishes to publicly thank Dr. Joseph Nore, DDS of 586 Tremont St. for his recent investment in a new architectural iron fence at the Tremont end of public alley #701. This is a terrific example of how good neighbors can contribute to the improvement of our sidewalks, streets and public ways.

Thank you Dr. Nore.

## Crime Update

A concerned neighbor wrote to us... I wanted to add a crime update for the next edition of the newsletter. Someone tried (unsuccessfully) to break into our car while it was parked in the alley. I don't have a GPS and there was nothing in the car of value. No major harm done, but I wanted people to be aware and cautious.

## Trash Talk

Please see the newly released City of Boston brochure for helpful guidelines on trash removal and recycling. [www.upna.org/files/RecyclingFlyer.pdf](http://www.upna.org/files/RecyclingFlyer.pdf)

## YSE Beer & Wine Social

**Wednesday March 10th, 7:00-9:00PM Bombay Club 1415 Washington Street**

Come meet other Young South Enders at a Beer & Wine Social at the new Bombay Restaurant.

## UPNA Wine Tasting Fundraiser

**Thursday March 25 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 first of four monthly wine tastings from the world's most prestigious wine regions.

Hosted by Kevin Cole  
35 Upton Street #1

Tickets: \$25 per person per event / \$80 for series (all 4)

Tickets may be purchased at [www.upna.org](http://www.upna.org)

Or contact Sue Fox @ 617-450-0012



Last Thursday of the Month 7-9PM

1. March 25th
2. April 29th
3. May 27th
4. June 24th

## Save the Dates

### Other great upcoming events

UPNA Newcomers Party April 20th 7-9PM

UPNA Block Party June 19th 5-8pm

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

### **Taste of the South End**

**Tuesday, March 9, 7-9:30 PM**

Sample culinary creations from some of the best kitchens in Boston and get a taste of how delicious a night out in the South End can be. Attendees will enjoy bite-sized versions of dishes taken directly from the menus of their favorite restaurants, plus live cooking demonstrations, a silent auction and raffle, extensive wine tasting and beer sampling. Proceeds will benefit the Aids Action Committee. Admission is \$95 (VIP \$150). For tickets and more information please visit: [www.aac.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events\\_taste](http://www.aac.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_taste)

### **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](mailto:tabitha.bennett@cityofboston.gov) or call 617-635-3485. [www.cityofboston.gov/ons/pdfs/bostonshines2010.pdf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/ons/pdfs/bostonshines2010.pdf)

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### **Citizen Connect**

**New iPhone app - David Wagner reports**

You may have seen the Globe story about the city's new iPhone app, "Citizen Connect," by which citizens can report problems via GPS-enabled photos from an iPhone ([www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/02/residents\\_use\\_iphone\\_to\\_report\\_street\\_level\\_woes/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/02/residents_use_iphone_to_report_street_level_woes/)). I downloaded the app and tried it -- it worked beautifully. I took a photo of graffiti that had been on the side of the building behind the Butcher Shop for several years; I'd reported it to the city and the local D-4 graffiti officer many times without result, but after taking a GPS picture and reporting it via the iPhone app, it was gone in a matter of days!

### **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 Galería 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.

**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/](http://brewershelpingneighborsuses.eventbrite.com/)

**Bio Lab Community Liaison Committee (CLC)  
Three positions open**

The Executive Committee of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) is seeking applications for membership to fill three positions on the Community Liaison Committee (CLC). Membership terms are for two years. The CLC is comprised of six members whose role is to provide outreach and feedback to facilitate communication and information flow between the NEIDL and the community and to ensure transparency in the operations of the laboratory.

CLC members meet bi-monthly and serve on a volunteer basis for staggered two-year terms. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application via mail, e-mail or fax.

To get an application or for more information, contact Carla Richards, Director, Community Relations, Boston University Medical Campus, 85 East Newton Street, M-421, Boston, MA 02118. Phone 617-638-8627\* Fax 617-638-8044 \* [biolab@bu.edu](mailto:biolab@bu.edu). You may also download the application at: [www.bu.edu/neidl](http://www.bu.edu/neidl)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
5:00 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010 TO BE CONSIDERED

**Family Resources**

**Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Assoc Book Scholarship**

High School Senior?      South End Resident?

College Bound?      Book Prices Causing Sticker Shock?

Apply Today For One of Our College Book Scholarships

BLACKSTONE/FRANKLIN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Download the application from their website: [www.bfsna.org](http://www.bfsna.org)  
and return by May 1, 2010

**Save the date - 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 Lucchinno, 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](mailto:Rinkulis@hotmail.com)

### **Other Business...!**

**Your announcements here**

#### **Parking Space Available**

One of two very roomy spaces in Alley 701 behind 15 Upton. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact James Fox by e-mail ([j.fox@neu.edu](mailto:j.fox@neu.edu)) or phone (617-450-0012).

#### **Rindala Awad Wagner private architectural practice**

Union Park neighbor Rindala Awad Wagner is pleased to announce the launch of her private architectural practice, Rindala Design LLC ([www.rindaladesign.com](http://www.rindaladesign.com)). Rindala is a ten-year veteran of famed Cambridge architect Moshe Safdie & Associates, where her work included complex cultural buildings (such as the recent Peabody-Essex Museum expansion). Her local practice will range from residential and commercial renovations to larger projects, and she would welcome any inquiries: 617-517-4886, [rindala@rindaladesign.com](mailto:rindala@rindaladesign.com).

#### **Historic house painting services**

I specialize in historic, imitative and innovative decorative paint techniques and color palette consulting for interiors as well as exteriors. My services include traditional wall glazing, stained, patterned and stencilled wood floors and borders, imitative wood graining and mabelizing, gold and silver leafing as well as custom color staining and painted finishes for furniture. I can be reached via email, [paul\\_dzine@verizon.net](mailto:paul_dzine@verizon.net), or at 617 884 3999 to show a portfolio. Thank you, Paul Cavanaugh.

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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