



What's U.P.

Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter September, 2011



FRANK TALKING!

President's Corner - Jerry Frank

Dear Neighbor,

Elections for your City Council representation are just around the corner. When looking at the history of turnout for these elections, it is painfully apparent that the public places too little importance on voting.

In terms of "importance," I maintain that these elections fit well into the category of "very important"...certainly on par with our Commonwealth and National elections. Why so? Simply because, with a small number of citizens voting-your vote is meaningful and the winning candidate can make a real difference in your quality of life and the well-being of your neighborhood.

These elected officials take your calls. They return calls. They are always receptive to "face to face" meetings. They work for you and your opinion is important to them. And of course, City Councilors influence city departments, governmental decisions and where and how your tax dollars are spent.

However my plea is not just "get out and vote." My plea is for you to study the candidates, look at their records, learn their positions and (of premier importance) - know what their vision is for the future of your neighborhood. Know what you are doing when you pull the lever.

Jerry Frank

Neighborhood News

Happy end of summer everyone! I hope all of you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend. September is an especially busy month in the neighborhood as people come back from long vacations, a new school year begins, and we have numerous fun events planned.

First, last month we celebrated another one of our favorite and most popular events - Evening in the Park! ([Click here to see photos from the evening.](#)) More than 100 neighbors brought their friends, lawn chairs, and blankets to Union Park and listened to a great jazz band play for more than two hours. For those of you who missed it, have no fear! We are planning another one on September 17th. See you there!

Also, speaking of events, we have another wonderful wine tasting scheduled for September 22nd, and our world famous Crime Walk on September 25th. The Crime Walk is a can't miss and is provided by the venerable criminologist and UPNA board member James Alan Fox.

Second, while the hot weather is winding down, we need to be vigilant about reducing crime and calling 911 when appropriate. As you may have heard, there have been two disturbing homicides in the area, one near the Pine Street Inn in August and another over the weekend at or near 652 Tremont Street. According to a story in the Boston Globe, the most recent shooting was motivated by the fact that the victim identified himself as being from Villa Victoria. Thankfully, there have been arrests in both cases.

Finally, on a most somber note, we would be remiss if we did not mention the passing of our good friend, Paul Rinkulis, at the young age of 53. Most of us on the UPNA board met Paul several years ago when the neighborhood was involved in some controversy over a real estate development. Instead of being judgmental, Paul reached out to us at the time and offered to help facilitate a resolution. While we never took him up on his offer, none of us forgot his efforts to help the neighborhood. But most people of course knew Paul for being THE South End Baseball. The UPNA is

Next UPNA General Meeting

**Tuesday September 13th
7:00 PM
346 Shawmut Ave**



Evening in the Park Saturday, September 17th 6 - 8pm

Bring your blanket, pack a picnic dinner, and listen to live jazz music.

Chocolate ice cream generously provided by Emack & Bolios.

Sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association.

For more information, contact us at info@upna.org or 617.262.1614.

Wine tasting begins in September

Please join us for the first wine tasting of the fall on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM. Hosted by Julie Hahn, 598 Tremont Street, Number 2. Colin Quinn is our presenter. \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple. [Please visit the website to sign up or email \[sueannfox@comcast.net\]\(mailto:sueannfox@comcast.net\).](#)

Please consider hosting a wine tasting. You will receive free admission for you and a friend and our sincere gratitude.

City Council Boundaries Redistricting Discussion

Councilor Linehan will hold a discussion on the redistricting process with his South End constituents on Monday, September 19th from 6-8 pm at the Franklin House, 11 East Newton Street.

For questions contact timothy.brown@cityofboston.gov

proud of its continued support of South End Baseball and especially proud of its partnership with Paul. The South End News recently described him as a hero. We would also describe him as a Giant in the South End. We will miss him dearly and those of us that knew him are convinced he is irreplaceable. Rest in peace old friend, we will miss you.

Norman Knickle

Notification of Mayor Menino's Boston Bikes Dartmouth Street Bike lane installation Fall, 2011

The City of Boston would like to inform you that it will be installing bike lanes this fall on Dartmouth Street.



What are bike lanes? Bike lanes are sections of road designated for exclusive use by cyclists. Paint or thermoplastic plus accompanying signage demarcates the bike lane. Green paint is occasionally added for emphasis on select segments.

Why install bike lanes? Dartmouth Street is a primary corridor for cross city cyclists trying to access the Charles River Path and the South West Corridor. These bike lanes will increase safety for all users of the road.

What are the project limits and scope? Installation will begin this fall. Lanes will be installed from Washington Street in the South End to Beacon Street in the Back Bay.

What is involved with installation? Installation typically takes place during the day, but not always. Parked cars may need to be moved during the striping process.

Will parking be impacted? The addition of bike lanes will not remove any parking.

Will traffic be impacted? The addition of the bike lanes will not cause an increase in traffic and does not remove any travel lanes.

Will the city support the bike lanes? Yes, the city is preparing materials to educate drivers and cyclists about the new lanes. The City is also working with BPD to enforce proper rules of the road.

[Boston Bikes](#) is part of Mayor Menino's vision for a vibrant and healthy city that benefits all its citizens. It seeks to make Boston a world-class bicycling city by creating safe and inviting conditions for all residents and visitors. For more information please call Nicole Freedman, Boston Bikes, 617-918-4456.

Upcoming Elections for Boston City Council

Two important local elections are coming up, and UPNA urges you to participate.

Tuesday, September 27: A Preliminary Municipal Election to select candidates for District City Councillor

Tuesday, November 8: The Municipal Election to pick all City Councillors, in each of the 9 Districts, plus 4 At-large Councillors who represent the entire City.

[Click here to register to vote or vote by absentee ballot.](#)



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Events

Save the Dates - other great upcoming events

Sunday, September 25th, 4 pm - 6 pm

"The Unfreedom Trail," A walking tour of Boston's infamous crime sites. Led by renowned criminologist and crime writer, James Alan Fox. (*Donations to benefit UPNA*)

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

Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

Presents

ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 6PM TO 10PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH NOON TO 10PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH NOON TO 8PM

Live Greek Music on Saturday and Sunday!

Three days of food, music and fun on the grounds of Boston's Historic Greek Community. Rain or Shine. Come and enjoy a little bit of Greece in Boston.

FEATURING CHURCH TOURS AND BAZAAR.
15 UNION PARK STREET

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
617-536-5692

South End Historical Society South End House Tour

The South End Historical Society's 43rd Annual South End House Tour is fast approaching. This year's tour is Saturday, October 15th, from 10 am to 5 pm. It is a self-guided walking tour of several South End rowhouses. Interested in history, old houses, preservation, interior decorating, or just plain curious? This event is for you.

Both general tickets and sponsor tickets are now on sale. For additional details about ticket purchase or the event, please visit our website at <http://www.southendhistoricalsociety.org/programs.htm> or call Executive Director Hope Shannon at 617-536-4445. Tickets can be purchased by credit card online through the link above or by check by calling Ms. Shannon.

Interested in volunteering at the House Tour?
We need house sitters! Call 617-536-4445 or email admin@southendhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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. 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 you can manage how you want to be contacted and what you want to be contacted about.

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 so Mary Bottella 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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