



What's U.P.

Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter September, 2009

FRANK TALKING!

President's Corner - Jerry Frank

Happy September everyone! This is my favorite time of year. The weather is beautiful and the neighborhood is sparkling with activity.

Speaking of activity, by now you have noticed the temporary fence around Union Park. The long anticipated restoration of the fence has begun! The process should take about four months. Thank you goes out to Councilor Bill Linehan and those UPNA members and officers that made this a priority over the past two years. All of us are now reaping the rewards of your hard work!

Our activities committee has been hard at work the past month scheduling another great Wine Tasting for September 10th, an Ice Cream Social and Jazz Quartet in the Park (September 26th) and a fundraiser for the Park at the Buttery (October 8th) to name just a few. See the calendar below for all our fun events!

Finally, we are discussing the Trash Committee's recommendation to replace the blue recycle bins with clear plastic bags on Union Park, Union Park Street, and Shawmut Ave. The small blue bins have led to gobs of trash strewn about the neighborhood and this effort should make quite a dent into the trash problem. Beacon Hill recently adopted these changes and has indicated a significant improvement. As you can see by the September 9th General Meeting Agenda, there will be a vote by the members whether to approve this recommendation.

Have a great September!

Crime Update

August saw a rash of assaults with knives and guns in the South End, including two prominent incidents, one a stabbing reported in the South End News (www.mysouthend.com/index.php?ch=blog&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=95008) relating to Pine Street, and the other a robbery at 5AM on the corner of Milford and Shawmut. Unfortunately, the Pine Street Inn continues to play a significant role in crime in our neighborhood. You can see the full crime report at www.upna.org/files/August.2009.pdf. And don't forget that you can see crime incidents in real time at www.crimereports.com and type in 02118.

Family Resources

With the last few months of the year approaching here are a few things worth checking out:

- * South End Business Alliance (SEBA) has many links to shops, restaurants, etc www.southendbusiness.com/
- *Bike paths in Massachusetts www.massbike.org/bikeways/boston_path
- *Outdoor parks - local.yahoo.com/MA/Boston/Recreation+Sporting+Goods/Outdoor+Parks
- *Boston Public schools - www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/205
- *Boston MCAS scores - www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/

Next UPNA General Meeting

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

Agenda:

- Mela Architectural Modification Proposal (Vote)
- Proposal to Abolish Blue Recycle Bins on Union Park and Shawmut (Vote)
- City Council Candidate Tomas Gonzalez
- Pine Village Preschool
- Kevin McCrea
- Committee Reports/Upcoming Activities

Friends of Union Park Fundraiser

October 8th 6:30-8:30 PM at
The South End Buttery

Come support the maintenance of the park!

UPNA Holiday Party Saturday December 5th

We have a location for the Holiday Party. Planning meeting 9/17/09 7pm at 45 Upton Street. Come help us plan for the best night of the year! Contact Mary Bottella Knickle @ 617-262-1614 or email info@upna.org



Upcoming Events

UPNA Wine Tasting

Down Under - September 10th 7-9PM 598 Tremont Street

Celebrate the wines of Australia and New Zealand. Please join us for our next evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and good company presented by Zach Olsen. This will be the last of our monthly wine tastings for this year.

Hosted by Julie Hahn 598 Tremont Street

Tickets: \$25 per person per event / \$40 for two people (\$5 discount if ordered before September 9)

Tickets may be purchased online at www.upna.org or contact Sue Fox @ 617-450-0012

UPNA Ice Cream Social

September 26th 1PM Union Park

Make a sundae and meet your neighbors. Ice Cream kindly donated by Emack & Bolio's.



Evening in the Park

September 26th 6-8 PM Union Park

Come enjoy an evening under the stars with music and your picnic basket

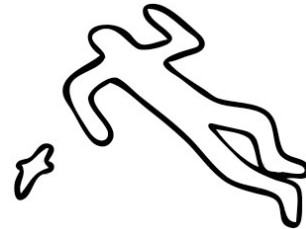
"The Unfreedom Trail": A walking tour of Boston's infamous crime sites

October 4th 5-7 PM - Fundraiser to benefit UPNA

Meet in front of closed Bennigan's Restaurant at corner of Charles/Stuart

Tour stops:

1. Coconut Grove conflagration
2. Combat Zone
3. Garden of Peace
4. Clark Rockefeller's home
5. Home of the Boston Strangler's last victim
6. The Parkman murder
7. Liberty Hotel, the transformation of the Charles Street Jail and a place for a tour-ending nightcap (Free for those who donate to UPNA)



Vote! Vote! Vote!

Several opportunities to meet the candidates

MassVote Boston Mayoral & City Council At Large Forums - For more information or to be an event volunteer, please contact Cheryl Crawford: ccrawford@massvote.org.

Mayoral Candidates - Thursday Sept. 17, 2009 - 6:30-8:00 p.m. English High School, Jamaica Plain

City Councilors at Large - Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 - 6:30-8:00 p.m. UMass-Boston, Boston

Mayoral Candidates - Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Faneuil Hall, Boston

The Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees will be sponsoring a Mayoral Candidates Forum on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. The location of the event is still to be determined.

Boston Municipal Preliminary Elections, Tuesday, September 22, 7AM-8PM - Vote to narrow the field for City Councilor at Large, which has 15 candidates vying for 4 seats and the Mayor, which has four candidates. For more information and polling locations please visit: www.cityofboston.gov/elections/.

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South End Yoga, 111 West Concord Street, is hosting a free week-end of yoga **Saturday September 26th 12noon - 6PM and Sunday September 27th 9:30AM - 4:45PM**

This will give the neighborhood a chance to explore the various types of yoga. For more information go to www.SouthEndYoga.com or e-mail southendyoga@gmail.com or call 617-947-8892

South End Historical Society 41st Annual House Tour **Saturday, October 17th**

Save the date.

SoWa Open Market **Every Sunday 10AM-4PM**

The SoWa Open Market is open every Sunday through October 25 and offers a unique shopping experience - hand-crafted accessories, original art, indie designer clothing or fresh produce and baked items - you'll find painters, sculptors, photographers, clothing and jewelry designers, milliners, handbag designers, house wares, florists, bakers, local farmer's produce and much more every week! Located at 540 Harrison Avenue.

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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