

# Welcome to Uplake!

This is the brand new third edition of a get-to-know-the-neighborhood guide, courtesy of the Uplake Neighborhood Association. You're the first people reading it! We also have a mailing list, and a website:

http://uplakekenmore.org

We have photo galleries and upcoming events pages and discussion forums and all sorts of stuff like that. So come give it a look when you have time!

# What's this neighborhood association thing then?

The Uplake Neighborhood Association (UNA) was originally formed in 1956 to oversee and implement the



Uplake Terrace Restrictive Covenants for residences located in the Uplake Terrace plat, and that's still a function when lots are redeveloped and/or when there are covenant issues. But this is an unusual function in the modern era; more often, the Association's goals are to:

- Encourage and support a sense of community and sociability in the Uplake area.
- Encourage and support the improvement and beautification of our neighborhood.
- Generally keep people informed on neighborhood issues via the newsletter, meetings, website, and email list.

The Aqua Club, while located in the neighborhood and supported by many residents, is a separate entity.



# What weird things do I need to know that I don't even know I need to know?

Oooh, good question! Not too many, really. One is that the barricade separating NE 182<sup>nd</sup> Street from NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street (a.k.a. Goat Trail Road, a.k.a. the lane-and-a-half low-speed shortcut to Lake Forest Park) doesn't apply to residents in the Uplake Terrace plat. Most of us use it as a walking or biking road rather than a driving road, but we can drive it if we want; Uplake signed off on putting up the barricade with that as a condition, kind of like how Mercer Island residents get to use the HOV lanes whenever they want.

Really, if you count all the parts, that's three weird things that you now know! The barricade, the name Goat Trail Road, and the walking/biking shortcut to the Farmer's Market. Welcome aboard, eh?

# What interesting things do I want to know that I don't even know I want to know?

Another good question! Here are a few possibilities.

- The 4th of July Fireworks are set off just down the hill, at Log Boom Park, and you've got a great view.
- The Aqua Club hosts several meets a year in the summer, which means more cars and less parking on those days.
- The UNA has a few large meetings a year, with a Candidate's Forum some election years, a holiday wine tasting, a potluck, and a neighbourhood easter egg hunt.
- There's a very nice summertime Farmer's Market down at the Lake Forest Park Town Center shops, held Sundays in season from 10am-3pm; they also have an occasional Winter Market.
- Downtown Kenmore is being redeveloped; the recession put it on hold, but it's still a
  big deal. We're also getting a lot more sidewalks, but none in the neighborhood;
  fortunately, vehicle traffic is quite low, so it's not scary.
- There are a number of people interested in undergrounding utility lines via a Local Improvements District. Interested?
- You can walk, bike, and bus a lot more places than you think. But there are so many options, you need separate sections for them. See the next pages
- Occasionally, we get coyotes in the neighborhood. Not often, but occasionally.
   Also, watch for quail, deer, an occasional escaped wallaby from Lake Forest Park (no, really, a wallaby) and mountain beavers.
- But mostly, for your outdoor pets, we're talking about the coyote thing:



Coyote on NE 184th Street

# Wait, what's that Aqua Club thing?

It's a large, private, swimming and tennis club. Built originally by several Uplake residents in 1958, facilities include two tennis courts, a six-lane 25-yard-long pool with solar warming for an extended swimming season, and a large clubhouse which may be rented. The club offers swimming and tennis lessons, and participates in the Seattle Summer Swim League, hosting several events each summer. Currently, there are about 300 members, with a waiting list for membership. For more information, see the Aqua Club website, at:

http://www.aguaclub.org

# What are the closest parks?

Log Boom Park, down the hill on Lake Washington, consists of a wide section of Lake Washington Shoreline and the old Log Boom pier. It's the site of Kenmore's annual 4th of July Fireworks Display, which can be watched from Uplake itself. Facilities include daytime-only moorage on the log boom, a playground area for children, picnic tables, restrooms (as part of the Burke-Gilman Trail, which runs along the northern edge of the park), and a canoe-and-kayak rental and launch point onto the lake. A small parking area is also on site.



- **Wallace Swamp Creek Park** can be reached by following Burke-Gilman Trail to the east. A largely undeveloped park, it has trails and salmon-spawning views.
- **Lyon Creek Park**, from us on Burke-Gilman, is a small lakeshore park in Lake Forest Park with sitting areas and a small, pedestrian-only pier.
- **Linwood Park**, to the north of Uplake, is a small neighborhood park with playground, open lawn area, and picnic tables.
- **Jack V. Crawford Skate Park**, at 68th (Aidine) and 182nd, is a skate park with ramps, banks, platforms, quarter pipes, rails, a kink ledge, and other features.
- **Saint Edward State Park**, which is in Kenmore city limits, is not actually in walking distance. However, it does host the Kenmore Summer Concert Series; look for that each year.

### Gas sure costs a lot! What can I walk to?

**Maybe more than you think.** You've moved into a more walkable area than one might expect in a suburb, even a just postwar suburb; that's because the areas on either side were both built out in the 1920s and 1930s.

#### **Heading West:**

NE 182<sup>nd</sup> Street, followed east, turns into Goat Trail Road (eventually, NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street), a one-and-a-half-lane very-low-traffic road to the Lake Forest Park Town Center Shops and summertime Lake Forest Park Farmer's Market. This includes a King County Library branch and a good bookstore, Third Place Books. This is a roughly 20 minute walk from most of Uplake, and is really quite pleasant.

This route also connects to a paved trail-and-sidewalks link all the way out to Ballinger (along Ballinger Way) and eventually to Aurora Village, if you're interested in a longer hike. (3 miles to Ballinger, 5 to Aurora Village.)

#### **Heading South** (towards the lake):

You're just up the hill from the Burke-Gilman Trail, a main artery for walkers and bikers, and Log Boom Park. You do have to cross Bothell Way to get to these attractions, but there is a signal at Cat's Whiskers (61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE) with pedestrian crossing lights.

There's also a small set of shops at Uplake Town Center, about 8 minutes away on foot at most. You don't have to cross any significant roads to reach these.

#### **Heading East** (towards downtown Kenmore):

In the not too distant future, NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street (a.k.a. Remington Drive), which leads to Downtown Kenmore, will be gaining sidewalks for safer walking. Adventurous walkers walk it now, but it's a little scary; watch that intersection at 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue/ Cat's Whiskers, it's dicey. In that direction lies the closest Post Office, the closest library branch (Kenmore Library), city hall, Ostrom's Drugstore, two groceries, Kenmore Violin, and many other local shops of interest.

### Okay, what can I bike or bus to?

Probably more than you think. Uplake is in the Seattle Metro area, and is treated as such by the transit system. The closest bus stop pair is at the intersection of Bothell Way and 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE (Cat's Whiskers Road) heading east, and by the Bothell Way entrance to Uplake, at 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and Bothell Way heading west. You're up the hill from the Burke-Gilman Trail, a major biking artery. There is also a continuous bike/walking trail-and-sidewalk path along Ballinger Way, going under I-5, and connecting to the Interurban Trail near Aurora Village Costco in Shoreline. Check out the tables next page for destinations and routes!



# **Getting Around, By Destination**

Destination	Bus Routes and Trails	Bus Frequency
Eastern Kenmore Main Street Bothell UW Bothell/Cascadia Woodinville	Metro 372 Sound Transit 522 Burke-Gilman Trail Sammamish River Trail	Weekdays, six to ten busses per hour. Weekends, ST522 only, every half hour.
Kenmore Park-And-Ride Downtown Kenmore Lake Forest Park LFP Farmer's Market	Metro 312, Metro 331, Metro 372, Sound Transit 522, Burke-Gilman trail	Weekdays, eight to 10 busses per hour. Week- ends, Sound Transit 522 and Metro 331 only.
Ravenna University Village University of Washington University District	Metro 372, Burke-Gilman Trail	Weekdays only, every 15 minutes most of the day, more frequently during peak hours.
Ballinger Shoreline Transit Center Costco and other shops	Metro 331 Trail along Ballinger Way and NE 205th Street, link to Interurban Trail	Weekdays and Saturday, every half hour. Sunday, hourly.
Sand Point Downtown Redmond Microsoft	Burke-Gilman Trail, Sammamish River Trail, I-405 trail links	No single-bus service; two routes required.
Downtown Seattle	Sound Transit 522, Metro 308, Metro 312, Burke- Gilman to Interurban Trail	Every half hour all day, much more at peak times.
South Lake Union, First Hill	Metro 309	Commute-time-only bus.
International District	Sound Transit 522	No worse than every half hour, generally more often.
Lake City	Metro 306, Metro 372, Sound Transit 522	Weekdays, seven to 10 busses per hour. Weekends, ST522 only, every half hour.

### **Nearest Park and Rides:**

- Bethel Church Parking Lot Park and Ride: all hours except Sunday morning; on NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street (Remington Drive), one block east of 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE (Cat's Whiskers Road)
- **Kenmore Park and Ride:** all hours park-and-ride, near 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE on Bothell Way.

The parking lot at Lake Forest Park Town Center is NOT a park-and-ride and they'll get very cross if you use it as one.

# **Getting Around, By Bus Route Number or Trail**

Bus Route	Destinations	Frequency
Metro 308	Downtown Seattle, Horizon View, via Ballinger Way	Very infrequent commuter route, weekdays only.
Metro 309	South Lake Union, First Hill (a.k.a. Pill Hill)	Infrequent commuter route, weekdays only; a.k.a. the Amazon bus.
Metro 312	Lake City, Downtown Seattle	Express weekday commuter route; every 10 minutes in mornings towards Seattle; every 10 minutes in evenings from Seattle, weekdays.
Metro 331	Kenmore Park and Ride, Lake Forest Park, Ballinger, Shoreline Costco and Transit Center, Shoreline Community College	Weekdays and Saturdays, every half hour; Sundays, hourly.
Metro 372	Woodinville, UW Bothell, Main Street Bothell, Ken- more, Lake Forest Park, Lake City, Ravenna, U. Vil- lage, UW, University District Light Rail, Campus Blvd.	Weekdays only: every 15 minutes most of the day, more during peak times.
Sound Transit 522	Woodinville, UW Bothell, Main Street Bothell, Ken- more, Lake Forest Park, Lake City, NE 85th Street, Downtown Seattle	Full-time express to and from downtown Seattle, every half hour, much more often during peak hours.
Trail Name	Destinations	
Burke-Gilman Trail	Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, along the eastern shore of Lake Washington to Sand Point Way, Ravenna, University District, Gasworks Park, Wallingford, Lake Union, Fremont (Adobe Software), Ballard, Ballard Locks	
Ballinger Trail (Unofficial)	Not officially a trail, but functions as one; follows Ballinger Way through Lake Forest Park to Ballinger, then along NE 205th to Shoreline and Aurora Village, where it meets the Interurban Trail. Large portions are sidewalk.	
Sammamish River Trail	Intersects Burke-Gilman Trail in Bothell; heads east to Woodinville, then south along the river to Downtown Redmond, Lake Sammamish. From there, intersects with I-405 trail links to Microsoft.	

# Enough already! I need foods! Where are the nearest shopping districts?

### Close enough to walk:

• Downtown Kenmore is centered around Aidine (68th Avenue NE) and Bothell Way, on the north side; Bothell Way was the old Kenmore main street, once upon a time but Remington Drive/NE 181st Street is going to become the new main street as redevelopment starts. That's where you'll find a large local drug store (Ostroms), a grocery store (Safeway), the Kenmore Post Office, Kenmore Library, Maser's Pet Supply, Kenmore Camera, the Jewel Box jewellery repair, and many other stores. And if you're a Christmas Story fan and need to eat Chinese food on Christmas, try Tai Ho.

On foot, most of this is about a 20 minute walk from the far western side of Uplake, via Bothell Way. You can also walk along Remington Drive/181<sup>st</sup>, but that's hillier and not well-sidewalked. You can also bike – particularly along Bothell Way – or drive.

Lake Forest Park Town Center – a more pleasant 20 minute stroll along Goat Trail Road/NE 182nd Street, or five minutes by bike – has the largest bookstore, Third Place Books, and a busy and popular commons area and food court. It's also host to the seasonal weekly Farmers' Market – a good place to get produce – on Sundays, 10am-3pm, a grocery (Albertsons), a Wild Birds store, two bakeries, a chocolatier, and other shops. Try Honey Bear Bakery and the BBQ place; Kitto's sushi and udon isn't bad, but skip the yakisoba. Several people in Uplake work out at Planet Fitness or Curves; it has the closest hardware store. Town Centre Hardware.



Remington Drive/NE 181st Street, towards Downtown Kenmore from Uplake

Uplake Town Center, just down the hill and between two and eight minutes
away on foot, includes a convenience store (Uplake Grocery), the closest restaurants (HodgePodge Café and Acapulco Fresh), a dry cleaner, nail salon, and a
few other shops. Next door, there's a pet daycare facility.

### An Easy Bus or Bike Away:

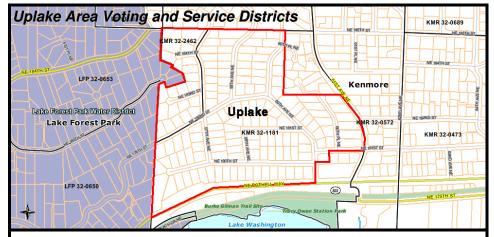
- Bothell: On the way to Downtown Bothell along Bothell Way you'll find the Yakima Fruit Market, a good place to buy in-season produce on weekdays. The closest Vehicle Licensing office is just north of Bothell's main street. Hana Sushi and Thai Pen are some of the good restaurants on Main Street; you may also be interested in the Hilltop Bakery.
  - Busses include Metro 372 and Sound Transit 522; to bike there, follow Burke-Gilman to the biking/walking bridge at Bothell Landing, cross the river, cut through the bike access provided through the construction zone, and you're at the intersection of Main Street and Bothell Way. It's about four miles by trail.
- Woodinville has the nearest large hardware store, a McLendon's, reachable by bike along Burke-Gilman Trail (six miles), or by bus (Metro 372, Sound Transit 522 come closest, but check the route maps). It also has Molbak's, a nice plant and garden store (seven miles by trail).
- In Ballinger (near I-5), you might stop at Thriftway, an unexpectedly good grocery
  with large organic goods and produce selections. This can be reached via paved
  trail by bike, or Metro route 331.
- Aurora Village in Shoreline has the third-closest hardware store (Home Depot), and also has a Costco, Office Depot, and other stores. This can be reached by bike on paved trail, or Metro route 331.

### And, of course...

...all of these destinations can be reached by car. Kenmore's downtown has a large central parking lot, pending its redevelopment; individual businesses have plenty of parking as well. Lake Forest Park Town Center has substantial parking areas, even on Farmer's Market Day. Bothell has a large parking lot between Main Street and Bothell Way, with free parking; Bothell Landing has a separate parking lot, also free, and Woodinville's Garden Way is made almost entirely of parking lot.



Lake Forest Park Farmer's Market



The thickly-outlined area is **Uplake Terrace**, where the covenants apply. (If you have a color version of this booklet, it's in red.) Greater Uplake includes several areas outside of those boundaries, such as **Uplake Manor**, **Uplake Park**, and parts of **Lakemore Terrace** and some houses in **Lake Forest Park** that used to be in Uplake proper, some of which are still in on the Covenants, despite being annexed. (See that three-lot extension of Lake Forest Park in the upper part of the map? Those three.)

#### Voting:

KMR and LFP numbers indicate voting precincts; as you can see, Uplake spans multiple precincts, so where you vote will depend upon your specific address. However, all Uplake Kenmore residents are in Fire Protection District 16, Public Hospital District 2, the Northshore School District, the Northshore Utility District, the Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area, and Northshore Fire Department. We are in the Seattle Port District, the 1st County Council District, the 46th Legislative District (state), and the 1st District (for Federal elections).

#### Schools:

The nearest public elementary school is **Kenmore Elementary**, which feeds to **Kenmore Junior High School**, and from there to **Inglemoor High School** in southeastern Kenmore. Go Vikings!

#### Services:

Uplake has **King County Library** service, with a small branch in Lake Forest Park, and a full branch in Kenmore. We're serviced by the **Northshore Utility District**, the **Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area**, which includes swim facilities in Bothell, and the **Northshore Fire Department**, a direct descendant of the old Kenmore Fire Department (1905).

**Garbage**, **yard waste**, **and recycling pickup** are Wednesday mornings. There are also **Kenmore Recycling Events** about once every three months, usually at the Kenmore Park and Ride, which accept material not accepted curbside, like **batteries**, **computer equipment**, and **televisions**, some free, some for a small fee.

# Here're some hopefully useful phone numbers and website addresses. Enjoy!

Organization Phone Number and URL

Metro Transit 206.553.3000

http://metro.kingcounty.gov/

Sound Transit 888.889.6368

http://www.soundtransit.org/

Aqua Club 425.486.5758

http://www.aquaclub.org

Kenmore Library 425.486.8747

http://www.kcls.org/kenmore

Kenmore City & Roads 425.398.8900

http://www.cityofkenmore.com/

Northshore Schools 425.408.6000

http://www.nsd.org/

Land Use/Permitting 425.398.8900

(none)

Animal Control 206.296.7387

http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/animalservices/

Hazardous Waste 206.296.4692

http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/hazwaste.asp

Recycling 206.296.6542

http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/transfer.asp

Trash Collection 206.682.9730

http://www.republicservices.com/

Water/Sewer 425.398.4400

http://www.nud.net/

Gas and Electric (PSE) 425.454.2000

http://www.pse.com/

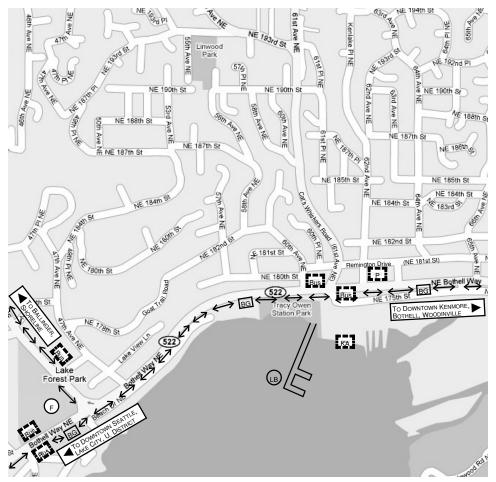
Kenmore Community Club 425.486.1555

http://www.orgsites.com/wa/kenmore/

Kenmore Heritage Society http://www.scn.org/kenmoreheritage/

Kenmore Blog: News & Events http://kenmoreblog.net/ Uplake Neighborhood Association http://uplakekenmore.org

More phone numbers and URLs you don't have to type in by hand are at the website, http://uplakekenmore.org.



Paved, off-road trail route

Burke-Gilman Trail

Major Bus Stops

Park-and-Ride

Ken Kenmore Air Harbor

Log Boom Park (and daytime moorage)

Farmer's Market

