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**Uplake Update**

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## Board's Bulletin

Fall has arrived and our lawns are green again. We need to be mindful that winter is just around the corner and prepare for any emergency weather situation. Check out the list on page 3 of this newsletter so you can be ready.



A thank you goes out to those neighbors who kept the City of Kenmore informed over the years about our huge safety concern with the intersection of 61st NE and NE 181st. The planned new traffic light there will keep us from worry as we use that intersection. Perhaps it will even keep traffic out of our neighborhood as those who use us as a bypass instead of waiting for the left turn light from Bothell Way won't be tempted to come through our neighborhood.

We welcome new neighbors as several of the homes for sale in the neighborhood have recently sold. Help keep us informed about any newcomers so they can be properly welcomed by the UNA.

Finally be sure to save Dec. 9th for our second annual wine tasting event. This very successful event has even had others outside our area wanting to know how they could join our neighborhood!

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## Local Graduates

Local high school graduates are now starting school at new places. **Rima Kaboul**, daughter of **Chaouky and Sherri Kaboul** is going to Seattle University. **Kate Beason**, daughter of **Dan and Kristina Beason** is at Washington State University. **Lauren Elliott**, daughter of **Tom and Christie Elliott** is attending the University of Portland. **Emily Quinn**, daughter of **Sean and Diane Quinn**, is going to the University of Washington/Bothell. **Robert Andrilla**, son of **John and Holly Andrilla** and grandson of **Graham and Margaret Allan** is at Western Washington University. **Travis Schade**, son of **Carrie O'Keefe**, is currently in the Coast Guard and is enrolling At Western Washington University in January. **Sam Fu**, son of **Wayne and Hway Ming Wang Fu**, is enrolled at Cascadia Community College.

## Major Burglary

Unfortunately a home on 58<sup>th</sup> suffered a forced entry and major burglary while the owner was away on vacation. Many valuable items were taken. There is evidence that these burglars tried all four doors to the home before they used a crowbar to break the lock on the back door.

This is a reminder to let your neighbors know when you leave town. Stop the mail and newspapers. Have a neighbor pick up the Kenmore Reporter too. Set timers on lights. Leave a car in the driveway. Have a friend move the car every few days. Hide your valuables. Get a safe. Have motion lights installed around the outside of the house. Put a radio on a timer. Have the Kenmore Police stop by your home every few days. Don't tell people you barely know that you are leaving town.

Suspicion is on the rude, pushy door-to-door sales persons since this happened right near the day they were seen in the neighborhood and they had called on homes next door to the home robbed. Were they able to suspect that no one was home?

The best protection is a snoopy neighbor or a large dog!!

## Aqua Club News

Aqua Club finished in first place again this year at the Seattle Summer Swim League Championships. They have won the league championship four times in the last 6 years. Area resident and nineteen-year veteran coach, **Matt Edwards**, reported that Aqua Club's swim team had 235 participants many of whom live in Uplake. The swim team has not lost a dual meet since 2001.

The pool is being remodeled this winter. Those who live close are probably already aware of the additional noise from the construction. When the work is finished, the pool will have a new liner and a state-of-the-art gutter system.

## Emergency Plans for the Winter Months

Be Prepared! We have had storms in recent years that caused our power to be out for days. Hopefully this won't happen this winter, but the forecast in this La Nina year is for colder, wetter, and snowier weather from November through March.

Here is a list to help you prepare:

- Fresh batteries for flashlights.
- Recharge any portable lanterns.
- Camp stove or sterno burner ready to heat food.  
(Don't use in the house)
- Firewood for fireplace
- Plastic to cover broken windows
- Keep prescription medication refilled
- Battery powered radio
- Extra cash
- Canned goods
- Manual can opener
- Keep cell phones charged
- Have one phone that does not require batteries
- Fill car with gas if a storm is forecast
- Extra pet food



Finally check on your neighbors! If you have gas hot water, gas cook top or a gas fireplace, invite neighbors over! Stay off the roads too in case of a big snow.

## Dumpster Planned for Storms

The UNA Board has decided that since residents are able to put out large amounts of yard waste that we may only bring a dumpster or a truck in when we have a large windstorm to help with the cleanup of fallen tree branches. Dumpsters are difficult to monitor and in the past we have had non dues payers using them and also incidents of non yard waste being dumped in which causes the price of the dumpster to skyrocket to the price of a garbage dumpster. In addition, the basic cost of a yard waste dumpster has doubled or tripled in price since we last had one.

## Bunnies-Bunnies-Bunnies

Neighbors are complaining about the rabbits that are loose in the area. They are eating vegetables out of residents' gardens. We don't want them to begin to BREED!!! Areas that have rabbit problems can't grow annuals in their flowerbeds or raise vegetables. If these bunnies are yours, please contain them.



## Door-to-Door Sales Persons

Beware of sales persons who come to your door. Many of them don't have the proper licenses from the City of Kenmore. The young men who sell magazine subscriptions are most likely a fraud. It seems that neighbors who have bought these subscriptions never receive the magazines!

In late August a group of people who were going through Uplake calling on homes were rude and pushy to many residents. One neighbor called 911 and the responding officer said this group had been warned because of similar behavior elsewhere in Kenmore that their license would be revoked if they did it again. No one was able to figure out what they were selling as they had different stories at each home. Were they just casing our area?

A year ago two window sales persons were canvassing the neighborhood and signed for a package from a FedEx driver by forging the homeowner's name and then stole part of the delivery.

The incident in September regarding men who wanted work taking down trees has proved to be legitimate. It seems a neighbor sent these men to the house, but neglected to tell the homeowner they would be coming. Naturally this alarmed the homeowner.

DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO STRANGERS!!!

## Stoplight at NE 181<sup>st</sup> and 61st NE

Good News!! The City of Kenmore announced in August that a stoplight would be installed at this very dangerous intersection in January 2011. The city was able to get some federal help with this expensive project through Sen. Patti Murray's efforts.

It can't happen soon enough as there was another serious accident there in September.

## Parking Vehicles on the Street

Again a reminder that you can't park any vehicle on the street for more than 24 hours without moving it. The UNA Board had to call some families to remind them of this as the board became aware of residents planning to call the police and have these vehicles ticketed and towed.

## Entertainment Books

**Priscilla Droge** is again selling 2011 Entertainment Books. The price is \$25 and the Uplake Women's Club uses the proceeds to benefit the community. For example, last year's profits helped pay for the plantings at the entrance. Call her at 425-485-4202.

## New Neighbors

Moving from north Seattle **Jackie Kralik**, the new owner of the **Detrich** home on NE 180<sup>th</sup>, has moved in. Living with her is her niece, **Olivia Rowe**.

The **Filer** home on NE 181<sup>st</sup> has been purchased by **Shaun and Dinh Tran**. They are planning some remodeling before they move in. Their son is a student at UW and daughter is out of college.

**Teri and Jim Cayou** are moving to a condo in Edmonds and have sold their home on 182<sup>nd</sup> to **Don Beaty** who heard about the home through the Uplake grapevine so the house was never even listed.

## Holiday Wine Tasting Event-Help Needed



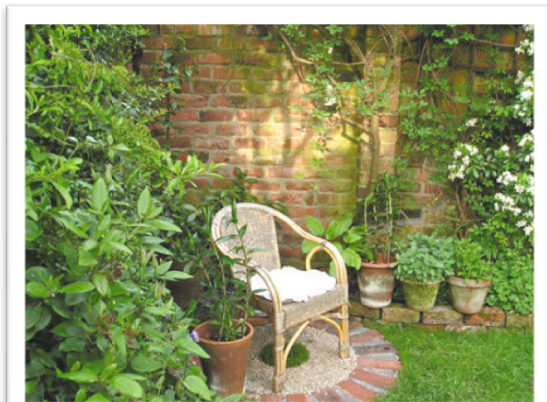
The UNA is sponsoring the Holiday Wine Tasting Party on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Last year the Uplake Women's Club did the decorating and set up. They also provided some sweet treats. This year the UNA is in charge of the affair and is asking for those attending to bring a small plate of cookies, candy, or dessert to share. Help is also need to set up and decorate. **Judy Nelson and Linda Ottmar** need volunteers to decorate the tables on the morning of the party. Call Judy @ 425-485-7765 or Linda @ 425-485-4637 if you can come for the hour it will take to do this.

This party is coordinated by **Rebecca and Jon Radar**. Rebecca is employed by Wine Bow, Inc. and they will be furnishing the South American wines we will be tasting.

## Entrance Gardens

This past spring the UNA Board hired Rebecca Loveless from The Garden Coach to do the work of weeding and planting at the entrance gardens. We received many compliments on how nice the areas looked. Mark Wolslegel of Mark'll Fix It repaired the brickwork at the 60<sup>th</sup> entrance that had been damaged by the car that skidded into it last winter. Mark did a fantastic job repairing the broken bricks.

Both of these people are listed in our reliable worker list that was published in last spring's newsletter. It is still available online on our website-uplake.org





## Single Family Residences-Uplake Plat

Just a reminder to the homeowners in the Uplake Plat that you are subject to the covenants that state that we are an area of single-family homes. This means your home can't be a boarding house. This is especially important if you are renting your home to others. The renters need to know about that requirement. We have had several issues with young people renting a home together. It causes much more traffic, party noise, parked cars, etc. Also owners are not allowed to rent out rooms in their home to non-family members.

## House Remodels, Paint Jobs, and Yard Cleanups

How nice it is to see families remodel, paint and prune. Doing this helps keep all of our property values high. The **Allen** family on NE 181<sup>st</sup> just had a new roof put on their home. **Alberdas** on 57<sup>th</sup> NE are adding an addition to their home. **Carrolls** on 58<sup>th</sup> NE painted their house a lovely shade of green. The **Kralik** home on NE 181st has been painted outside and remodeled extensively inside. **Stanfords** on 58<sup>th</sup> NE have been working for more than a year to remodel their house and just put on a new metal roof. **Olsons** on 60<sup>th</sup> had their yard extensively pruned and the **Somoff** home on 182nd recently gave all of the shrubs a nice haircut! Seen working on removing their blackberries was the **Swenson** family on 60<sup>th</sup>.

## Former Verizon Email Addresses

If you have a Verizon email address you will have to change it by the end of the year. Let Linda Ottmar know your new email address so you can continue to receive our email alerts. [nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com](mailto:nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com)

## Treasurer's Report

At the September UNA Board Meeting treasurer **Carrie O'Keefe** reported a checking account balance of \$5755.01 and saving account balance of \$5646.05

## Dues

New dues payers are **Sandbeck, Blackburn and Jen**. About 60% of the neighborhood has paid their 2010 dues. If you haven't had a chance yet, please mail in your \$50 to UNA, P.O. 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028. The money goes in part to help keep the newsletter coming, the website operating, and the entrances beautiful.

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