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**Uplake Update**

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## Board's Bulletin

Wow! What a summer we had. Lawns started going brown in June. Even our entrances suffered with the high temperatures and the drought. Everything is greening up now as the rains have returned.



We are anticipating the holiday season and our annual **Holiday Wine Party**. Thanks go to **Jon and Becca Rader** who are helping again this year. Put this **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** event on your calendar now!

New neighbors continue to arrive and houses for sale are snapped up quickly. If you live near a home that has sold recently, be sure to let the board know, especially when the new owners move in, so we can welcome them to Uplake.

Join us at our next **UNA board meeting** on **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** at Aqua Club. Topics that the board may be considering include: possible Uplake scholarship, pest control, emergency training for the neighborhood, and social activities. Meetings are only one hour long!

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## Winter is Coming

The days and nights are getting colder. The wind is starting to blow. We have had one early storm, but more may be coming our way. It's time to check out the flashlights and lanterns and cover the outside faucets. Prepare for winter ahead of time by locating the tire chains and stocking up on deicer.

### Here is a list to help you prepare:

- Fresh batteries for flashlights.
- Recharge any portable lanterns.
- Camp stove or sterno burner 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 in case of a big snow.

If you are comfortable driving in snowy weather or have a 4 wheel drive car, offer to help our neighbors who may need help getting out and about.

## Holiday Lights Contest

Plan ahead for the holidays and Uplake's decorating contest. The winner will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Every year we will have a different winner so get your ladder out and start stringing. The week before the holidays board members will drive around to select the best decorated homes.

## Entrance Holiday Lights

Can you help board member **Matt Clasen** put up the holiday lights at the 60<sup>th</sup> St. entrance. Contact him at [mattclasen@comcast.net](mailto:mattclasen@comcast.net) or 206-669-5000



## Holiday Wine Party

Mark your calendar for the 2015 Uplake Holiday Wine Party on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM. Again Aqua Club is co-sponsoring it with the UNA. See the invitation that is part of this newsletter and call to reserve your spot. If you can help with set up and/or clean up call **Carrie O'Keefe @ 206-898-6224**



## New Neighbors

More homes have been sold lately and new residents are moving into Uplake.

**Ian Hutchinson and Rachel Goldstein** purchased a home on NE 184<sup>th</sup>. Ian is a Washingtonian from Longview and Rachel was raised in New Jersey. They lived in Seattle and San Diego prior to moving to our neighborhood. Both of them work in downtown Seattle.

**John and Leena King** have purchased a home on 57<sup>th</sup> NE. They are moving here from Mill Creek, however are originally from Ohio and Florida. They have three young children and one more on the way!

We noticed that the **Korte/Dunaway** family has finished remodeling their home on NE 182<sup>nd</sup> and has now moved in.

## August Storm and Power Outage

An unusual summer windstorm took all of us by surprise. Some neighbors were out of power for up to 3 days while others got power back in as little as a day! Uplake is served by power from two or three different sources both through Puget Sound Energy. PSE restores power to the largest number of homes affected first. Only 53 homes were without power for 3 days. That was a small number when the original estimate for PSE outages was 500,000 homes.

Restoration of our power was also an issue a few years ago during the December storm where many of us were out of power for almost a week. It was much worse then as it was COLD too! This reminds us that we need to be prepared for emergencies. Some neighbors are considering talking to PSE about Uplake being at the end of the line during outages.



## Bothell Way/Hwy 522 Construction

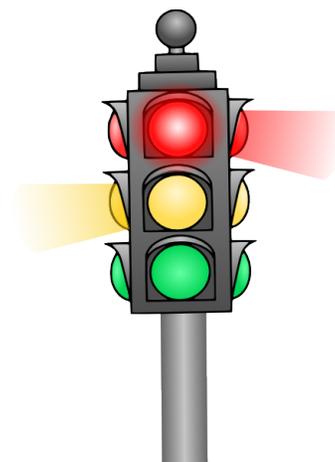
The construction on Bothell Way has been an inconvenience this summer. According to the state DOT work is scheduled to move to the south side of Bothell Way during October, as they will be finishing up on the north side. The curvy little part of NE 61<sup>st</sup> down to Log Boom Park will be closed to cars, but bikers and walkers will still be able to access the Burke Gilman Trail until about early November. Access to the trail at 61<sup>st</sup> is unknown after that, until construction is finished.

## Traffic Woes in Uplake

The UNA was successful in getting speed bumps near Aqua Club to slow traffic on that dangerous curve. We are aware that that is not the only concern in our neighborhood. The intersection of NE 182<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> NE is a place where two accidents happened in recent years. It is a safety issue, being a school bus stop, and cars come around the curve too quickly. More traffic tries to avoid the light at Bothell Way NE 61<sup>st</sup> by cutting through Uplake. They come as far north as NE 190<sup>th</sup>.

Kenmore is planning to add a double left turn lane on Bothell Way at 61<sup>st</sup> and close off the turn lane at 60<sup>th</sup> NE which should cut down on some of the cut through traffic. This probably won't happen for 2 years though.

In the meantime, the City of Kenmore is hosting a meeting regarding traffic problems just in the Uplake area on **Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7PM** at City Hall. Let's pack the meeting



## RATS, RATS, and MORE RATS

This is an on going problem in many neighborhoods. Uplake is not immune. Keep you bird seed cleaned up, pick up dog droppings, have a tight garbage can lid, and keep vegetable waste in your compost heap covered. Don't feed squirrels, rabbits, or raccoons either. You can also set rat traps. Be very careful using poison as pets and children can be harmed.

If you have a concern about the rats that might be coming from a certain property, you can contact the City of Kenmore using a Citizen Action Report.

## Trees!!!

How can anything as beautiful as a tree cause problems? Well, when neighbors see your tree whipping around in a windstorm and hope it doesn't fall on their home in the dead of night. Or when they paid for view property, and your tree now blocks their view, trees become less beautiful.

Douglas firs, hemlocks, western red cedars, pines, and big leaf maples are really forest trees. They are usually too big for suburban lots because very little can grow under them due to lack of water and too much shade. If you see pictures of Uplake back in 1950's most of these trees are gone because they were logged off. Many of the ones in the neighborhood now have grown up from seedlings. Now they restrict views and are threats during storms. They even send their leaves, cones, and needles into other's yards. Remember those cute little trees grow up to be monsters long after you are gone from Uplake.

Other nuisance trees are cottonwoods, alders, and poplars. These trees really do not fit into the beautiful category! These short-lived trees have brittle branches that leave continual debris around them. Cottonwoods growing along Bothell Way in Lake Forest Park recently have fallen across the highway taking down power lines, one time without the wind even blowing.

If you have any of these trees, and neighbors ask you to trim or cut them down, be neighborly and work with them to do so. When choosing trees for your yard, pick ones at the nursery that stay a reasonable size. Examples are Japanese maples, flowering trees, alpine firs, or vine leaved maples.



## Do We Have Your Email Address?

Of the 220 homes in the Uplake area we have email address for about 170. We send out announcements or emergency warnings about 2-3 times a month. The newsletter comes to you by email also. All mailings are sent out blind copy so no one else sees your address and we never share it with anyone. If you are one of the 50 neighbors who aren't getting this service, send your email address to Linda Ottmar :[nealandlida.ottmar@frontier.com](mailto:nealandlida.ottmar@frontier.com)

## Board Members Needed

Are you willing to spend about a few hours a year to help keep Uplake a very pleasant place to live? Volunteer to be a UNA board member. We meet for ONE hour a month on Wednesday evenings about 9 months during the year. Contact Linda Ottmar at 425-485-4637 or email her at [nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com](mailto:nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com) for more information.

## Uplake Website

Did you know that Uplake has a wonderful website? Many questions can be answered by looking there. All past newsletters are archived on the site. Historical photos have a home there also. Check it out and thanks to board member, **Dara Korra'ti** who built and maintains the site. [Uplakekenmore.org](http://Uplakekenmore.org)

## Last Chance to Pay 2015 UNA Dues and Get an Uplake Roster

### 2015 Dues Statement

Mail \$60 check to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

Count on me to help at

- Holiday lights at entrance (Nov.or Dec.)
- March Annual Potluck Meeting
- Wine Tasting Party(Dec.)
- Easter Egg Hunt

## 2015 Dues payers as of Oct. 1, 2015

Here is the list of all of the neighbors who have paid their 2015 UNA Dues. Thanks for your support.

|                    |                  |                 |                    |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Ahern              | Gustafson        | Moran           | Sholdt             |
| Alberda            | Hagan            | Morell          | Simon              |
| Allan              | Hall             | Mostad/Anthony  | Skold              |
| Anderson, J        | Hammer           | Murphy          | Smith/Oldenburg    |
| Ballard            | Hansen           | Murray          | Sobolewski         |
| Baxter             | Heine            | Myint           | Somoff             |
| Bean               | Hill, R and R    | Nelson, G and J | Stimmel            |
| Beaty              | Hines/Dolan      | Nelson, R and D | Stockham/Winquist  |
| Berg               | Hol              | Newman          | Surdyk             |
| Berkman            | Hollingsworth    | Nicholson/Chang | Swalin/Hill        |
| Bez                | Holmes           | Nixon           | Terpsma            |
| Blackburn          | Hopkins          | Noble           | Turner             |
| Carroll            | Horne/Mahmoud    | O'Keefe         | Tran               |
| Clasen             | Hunter           | Olson           | Utela              |
| Collins            | Hurley           | O'Neill         | Vermillion         |
| Colquhoun/Keyes    | Jensen           | Ord/Wan         | Walla/Colburn      |
| Daniels            | Johnson/Kronheim | Ottmar          | Wang               |
| Decamp/Boulware    | Johnson, L       | Palm            | Watland/Hammons    |
| Detjen             | Jones            | Price           | Weber, W and S     |
| Diekema            | Kaboul           | Quinn, W and B  | Weber/Stettler     |
| Divoky             | Kelly            | Quinn, D        | Wedlund            |
| Donovan            | Kim              | Rader           | Westerhof/Replogle |
| Draye              | Knapp/Goetz      | Raiford         | Wilkes/Pendleton   |
| Dujmovich/McCusker | Korra'ti         | Reddick         | Williams, D and P  |
| Eiford             | Korte/Dunaway    | Reed            | Williams, E        |
| Ellison            | Kuhner           | Reiger          | Williams, K        |
| Estrada            | Kuo              | Richards        | Wittges            |
| Feldheger          | Laverty/Schminke | Russell         | Wolf               |
| Fu                 | Lebert           | Ryan            | Wright             |
| Garrett            | Lee, A           | Sandbeck        | Yushan             |
| Gebhardt           | Lee, P and B     | Schipanski      |                    |
| Glavin             | Madayag, R and C | Schlumberger    |                    |
| Griffith/Yakovleva | Madayag, S and O | Schoening       |                    |
| Griner             | Madden           | Schomaker       |                    |
| Grivas             | McCloskey        | Schultz         |                    |
| Gross              | Miecznikowski/Su | Sevonty         |                    |
| Gunderson          | Moon             | Shi/Young       |                    |





What **Wine Tasting and Appetizers**  
Where **Aqua Club**  
When **December 3, 2015 6:30pm to 8:30pm**  
Why **Raise funds for Hopelink; \$5 (or more) suggested donation**  
Suggestion **You are welcome to bring a guest**  
RSVP **rader\_jon@yahoo.com or 206.883.4510**

Sponsored by Uplake Neighborhood Association & The Aqua Club.  
Must be 21 years of age to attend.