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Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

Are you wet enough yet? After our dry summer we are paying for it now. Make sure the drains on your street are free of leaves and other debris so you won't get flooded out from November rains.

The UNA board hosted an informative meeting in September with Puget Sound Energy. Hopefully they heard our concerns about our frequent power outages. In October the City of Kenmore came to explain the ballot measure for sidewalks and parks. I am personally shocked that our "public" utility supplier of gas and electric energy is actually owned and operated by an Australian For-Profit Corporation. I have expressed this concern to the City of Kenmore and encourage anyone else who is similarly concerned to do the same.

We are sorry to lose our long time treasurer, **Evelyn Williams**, as she has moved from Uplake. We will miss her very thorough and timely work. Board Member **Travis Doot** has agreed to fill the position.

We hope to see the entire neighborhood at the **Holiday Wine Tasting Party on Dec. 16th. (This is a change of date).** Remember you can bring guests to this festive candlelit event.

Uplake continues to attract new residents. Several homes have been sold as longtime owners decide that this is a good time to list their homes. Make sure to welcome any new faces you see.

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Annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party Now December 16th

On **Friday, Dec. 16th from 6-9 PM**, the UNA will again host the Annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party at Aqua Club. Board members **Shammara Estrada**(206-427-0781) and **Shannon Gunderson**(425-448-4019) are the chairpersons. Contact them if you can help with set up, decorating, wine serving, or clean up. We hope to set up and decorate on the evening of Dec.15th.

Jon and Becca Rader have again volunteered to oversee the selection, buying and serving of the wine. Aqua Club, co-sponsor of the party, is in charge of the food.



You are welcome to bring guests and following our tradition, we ask for monetary donations to Hopelink. Join us for this very festive fun party.

New Neighbors

We welcome **Ryan and Maria Rosensweig** to Uplake. They have purchased a home on NE 183rd St. Both of them are originally from Cincinnati, but have lived in Seattle for a few years. Already they have been working hard on their yard!

Gregor Purdy and Kathleen Juco-Purdy have purchased a home on NE 180th. They come originally from California, but have been living elsewhere in the Seattle area for a year. They have a son attending Seattle University and a daughter at Inglemoor HS who has already found work dog sitting for neighbors.

Other homes have been sold, but are being remodeled. If you see a moving truck at any home, let Linda Ottmar know about the new neighbors so they can be welcomed.

Traffic Improvements

About a year ago the city of Kenmore sent Uplake residents a postcard about a meeting to address traffic concerns in our neighborhood. Several area residents attended and pointed out problem areas. Kenmore has acted on some of our recommendations. There is a new stop sign at the bottom of NE 187th that makes it safer for the children crossing the street to get to the school bus stop and for drivers stopped on 56th NE to see if traffic is coming down the hill. Another recommendation was to paint more fog lines on streets and that has happened.

Unfortunately other suggestions that were made to Kenmore have not happened. One was the dangerous intersection at NE 190th and 61st NE and the need for traffic to be slowed down on NE 182nd/60th Ave. NE. The UNA will continue to work with Kenmore on solutions.

In Memoriam

Long time Uplake resident, **Bob Stimmel**, passed away in September just a few weeks from his 90th birthday. Living here since 1963, he and his late wife, Joan, were active in the UNA, the Uplake Garden Club/Women's Club and Aqua Club. They raised their children, Rob, Ed, Paul, Spencer, and Katherine here. Unfortunately Rob passed away in a plane crash earlier this year. Bob was still working several days a week at the University of Washington.

Former Uplake resident **Lea Warrior** passed away on October 4th. She and her late husband, Joe, built a home here in 1976. They were active in the UNA and Lea was the secretary of the Uplake Garden Club/Women's Club. Lea moved from Uplake about 6 years ago.

Former neighbor, **Eleanor Taylor**, passed away Oct. 10th at 88 years old. She and her husband Dick were huge supporters of Kenmore, the UNA, Aqua Club, and the Uplake Women's Club/Garden Club. They were presidents and board members of these groups as well as Dick being mayor of Kenmore. Dick and Eleanor sold their Uplake home in 2007 and moved to Edmonds. Eleanor's memorial service will be Jan 15, 2017 at the Edmonds Senior Center.

Puget Sound Energy Issues

At the September UNA board meeting representatives of PSE came to explain what they are doing to lessen our power outages. Many attendees expressed their frustrations with PSE. Many also expressed surprise that our electric and gas utility (PSE) is not a public utility but instead is owned by a for-profit corporation from Australia. If you are unhappy with this arrangement, we urge you to contact the City of Kenmore. The City of Kenmore was represented at the meeting also as they are in negotiations with PSE on the franchise agreement.

Four Hour Parking at the Entrances

Just a reminder that both of the entrances to Uplake from 61st NE and from Bothell Way NE have 4 hour only parking signs. This restriction extends for several blocks past the beginning point and were placed there the 1970's. Neighbors who live close to the bus stop on Bothell Way do not appreciate parking places near their homes being filled daily. However, we suspect that most of those cars belong to non-area residents and the police have been made aware of violations of the 4 hour limit.

Free Tetherball Stand

Do your kids want a tetherball stand? There is a free one on NE 183rd street near the mailbox. Pick it up or roll it down the street and it is yours!



Big Strom Scare

Fortunately, the BIG STORM of October fizzled out. However, part of Uplake did have a 10 hour power outage Friday, the 14th. If you haven't already checked out your winter supplies, now is a good time. Cover the outside faucets, charge the lanterns, and find the deicer and tire chains! Hopefully, we won't need any of that!

Here is a list to help you prepare:

- Fresh batteries for flashlights.
- Recharge any portable lanterns.
- 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
- Camp stove or sterno burner to heat food. (*Don't use in the house*)



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.

Goodbye to Evie

Many thanks go to **Evelyn Williams**, our long time treasurer, who has decided to sell her home and move to Anacortes. She will be missed on the UNA Board especially for her efficiency and thoroughness. Our incoming treasurer is **Travis Doot**, a new board member and very new neighbor. Thanks, Travis for stepping up to volunteer.

Kenmore History Book

All you new residents may not know we have a book for sale about the history of Kenmore. It was written based on the research and notes of **Priscilla Droge** who lived in Uplake until about 2 years ago. It is available at Third Place Books and we will have them on sale for \$25 at our winter potluck in February.

Birch Trees Dying

If you noticed this past summer that your birch tree was dead at the top, now might be a good time to have it taken down before the top breaks off during a storm and falls on houses, cars, or people. Now that the leaves are nearly gone, there will be less clean up. Contact a tree removal company or an arborist and have them assess your tree to make sure it is safe or if it should be removed.

Do You Want to Help out Uplake?

You can help out our great neighborhood by volunteering to run for a board position. We meet about 9 times a year unusually the 4th Wed. evenings from 7-8 PM. Other duties might include volunteering to help out other board members as they manage the care at the entrances, putting up holiday lights, delivering welcome baskets, or helping at social events. Let Linda Ottmar (425-485-4637) know of your interest by mid January.

Important Information on Uplake Website

Many questions about life in Uplake can be answered by checking out our wonderful website uplakekenmore.org designed and maintained by UNA's vice president **Dara Korra'ti**. All of the past newsletters are archived there including the reliable worker list. The covenants for the Uplake Plat are online on the website as are many wonderful historical pictures in the photo section. Check it out!

Do We Have Your Email Address?

We have 170 of Uplake residents' email addresses. Those 170 families get notifications in between our quarterly newsletters. We let them know of important events, City of Kenmore news, and emergency news. For those neighbors who don't have computers we are even happy to send emails to a family member with an email address so they can help keep you informed.

Uplake never shares your email address and sends all information out blind copy so no one ever sees your email address. Let Linda Ottmar(425-485-4637) or (nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com) know your email.

Dues for 2016

If you haven't joined the majority of Uplake residents who have paid their \$60 annual dues, here is your last chance to get an up to date roster and street index. Mail your check to UNA, PO Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028.