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Uplake Update



Uplake Wildlife captured by Andrea Turner

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Board's Bulletin

I hope you had time to be with family and friends over the Thanksgiving weekend. There is a lot happening this time of year and we can forget to take a moment to appreciate the little things.

It's nice to see the holiday lights and decorations going up. I'm looking forward to what my neighbors will do this fine season.

As we move closer to winter, please remember to be safe. It's getting colder. It's wet and dark on the way in to work and school and on the way home. I've passed pedestrians and bikers with dark clothing on during my commute. I want to remind everyone to take the time to be seen. Wear lighter colored clothing, add safety lights or protection, and take those ear buds out. We had our first power outage. It was a good reminder to be prepared. Get your flashlights ready, candles purchased and warm blankets to snuggle up in. Compost those dead leaves and clear the storm drains.

Next up is the annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party on Saturday, December 9th at Aqua Club from 6-9pm. There is no admission charge but we do encourage everyone to make a \$5 donation to HopeLink.

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Congratulations, Kudos and Shout Outs!

Liam Madden, son of Patrick and Polly Madden graduated June 17th from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He graduated magna cum laude with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics. This fall he heads to University of Colorado Boulder for a PhD program in Applied Mathematics.

UNA Activity

We've had a lot of traffic woes, mattress dumpings and fence fixings to talk about, and we need your help and your voice! Are you too are frustrated with our current traffic problems during rush hour at the exit from Uplake at 61st NE and NE 181st? The board has reached out in emails with the City to voice our concerns. If you have experienced long wait times to exit Uplake at that intersection or at the intersection at NE 61st and NE 190th you can make a Citizen Action Request form(CAR) to voice your concern at: <http://www.cityofkenmore.com/reportaconcern>. Our next step will be to reach out to our council members.

Our board maintained fence along NE 181st approaching NE 61st is in need of repair. You may have seen a fallen section a month or so ago. We are working towards a solution and hope to have that taken care of soon.

Holiday Decorating Contest

It's that time again! The UNA is sponsoring the annual holiday decorating contest. Deck your house and property out by mid December so board members have time to judge homes during the week before Christmas. This is the fourth year for our contest and our three previous winners are not eligible to win again.

Holiday Wine Tasting Party

As I mentioned, the UNA will host the Annual Wine Tasting Party on Saturday, December 9th, from 6-9 PM at Aqua Club. Board member Shammara Estrada (206-427-2599) is the chairperson. Contact her if you can help with set up, decorating, or wine serving. We plan 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.

RSVP to Jon Rader at rader_jon@yahoo.com or 206.883.4310.

Do we have your email address?

We have 170 of Uplake residents' email addresses. These 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.

Storm and Power Outage

During the recent wind and rain storm Uplake was once again out of power. A portion was out for about 6 hours and in some areas for almost a day. 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
- 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.

Annual Meeting and Family Potluck

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 11th for the Uplake Annual Meeting and Family Potluck. It will be at 4:00PM at Aqua Club.

Reminders

- Northshore School District winter break starts 12/18
- Christmas Ships at Log Boom Park Monday, 12/18 at 8:25pm

