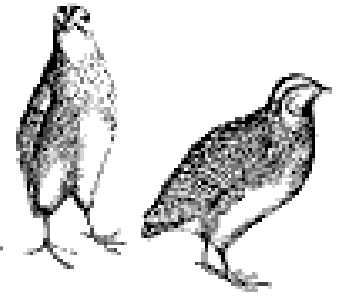


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Uplake Update

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President Message

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OUR GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

Houses sell quickly in our neighborhood. People are anxious to live here. Is it the great views, large yards, comfortable homes, good schools or is there something else? In talking with other residents it is often the sense of community that is unique to our area. There are several organizations that bring us together; we interact more than the usual subdivisions. UNA provides a structure that helps keep the residents' focus on the betterment of the area. The Uplake Women's Club has for years helped with this cohesiveness as the women keep in touch and help others in times of need. The Aqua Club certainly has allowed families to get to know each other and is a central meeting place for all of us, especially in the summer. We need to be vigilant to maintain our special community. As the weather warms, all of should step outside and go meet a neighbor, especially someone who recently moved here. Even better, join one of the groups which help us define our unique community.

Please join us at the **UNA Annual Meeting & Potluck on Tuesday, March 27, 6:30pm** at the Aqua Club. This is one of the best social events in the neighborhood. A representative from the City of Kenmore will be at the potluck to give us an update on the progress for a new library and other developments.

Annual elections will also take place at the Annual Meeting & Potluck. We want to extend a grateful thank you to outgoing board members **Dick Taylor, Carol Hol, Larry Simon** and **Allan Reed** for their dedicated service on the UNA Board. On a sad note, **Dick and his wife, Eleanor Taylor** recently sold their home of three decades and are moving to a condo in Edmonds. Dick is a former mayor of Kenmore and his wise advice has helped our community in many ways. At his final UNA Board meeting Dick mentioned how much Uplake meant to his family over the years and nothing can replace the peaceful view of the lake. We will miss both of you but you are welcome to "come home" at any of our events.

Mike McCloskey
UNA President



Entrance Work

Thanks go out again to **Jan Schultz** and **Diane Quinn** for their fall plantings at the main Uplake entrance. **Margaret Carroll** and **Lynette Petrie** have cleaned up the planting area at the 61st entrance. **Jim Palm** facilitated the repair of the fence at the 61st entrance and the Uplake Women's Club paid for it. **Dave Utela** and **Warren Quinn** continue to help with the electrical and water issues. Warren also installed the holiday lights. All of these residents have worked many times on these entrances and deserve our gratitude. If you want to lend a hand, give **Warren Quinn** a call at 425-481-6354

Stoplight on 61st

The City of Kenmore is finalizing its design for the stoplight at the intersection of NE 181st and 61st NE. Washington Department of Transportation has been providing input in order to coordinate with the signal on Bothell Way (Hwy 522) and 61st. The matter should go before the City Council sometime in April. You will be notified by email when the date is set so you can plan to attend if you are interested.

Be Careful

A large generator was stolen from the front of one our neighbor's homes during our recent power outage. Keeping valuable items out of view is a way to deter thieves.

There has been another report of a neighbor experiencing mail trouble. Outgoing mail was stolen and checks were "washed" and cashed. While the bank has helped correct the problem, much time has been expended solving this.

The mailbox stand on the corner of 57th NE and NE 180th has been modified to handle the extra width required for locking mailboxes. **Jon Rader** designed and rebuilt the stand for the surrounding neighbors. Take a look and maybe you can copy his plan for your mailbox.

Aqua Club

For nearly 50 years Aqua Club has been a part of our neighborhood. Many families have joined and watched their children learn to swim and play tennis there. While membership is not limited to those living close to the club, it is truly a benefit to be able to walk to the pool and courts in the summer. At this time, there is a waiting list of 116 for membership. It takes 4-5 years to get into the club now. If you anticipate wanting to join in the next few years, get on the list now! The only other way to join is to purchase an existing membership when you buy your home. For more information go to the Aqua Club website: www.aquaclub.org

A Bit Of History

In the early 1900's Kenmore was the site of a lumber business run by Pope and Talbot. The firm owned the land we now live on and it logged the old growth trees that covered the area. A few of the old stumps are still around. **Priscilla Droge** in her book, [Kenmore. By the Lake](#), tells that many of the trees were up to eight feet in diameter. Later during the depression years the company tried to sell the whole area for \$8,000. After WWII they logged the second growth timber and divided the area into lots. **Agnes and Charles Divoky** were the first to purchase a lot in 1953. Out on a drive, they spotted a sign on a truck at the entrance to Uplake advertising lots for sale. Driving on dirt roads, they picked out their lot high on the top of 58th NE where they built their home and still live.

Annual Meeting and Potluck

Join your neighbors for the UNA annual potluck meeting. We will hear from a spokesperson from the City of Kenmore regarding the plans for a new library, city hall, and downtown business area. At the very brief business meeting you will get an update of the neighborhood affairs and elect new UNA officers and board members. Most of the time will be devoted to socializing and eating! Join everyone on Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 PM at Aqua Club. Thank you to the Uplake Women's Club who help arrange and sponsor this event.

New Neighbors

The **Shahrazad** family has purchased the former Burkhardt home at 5677 NE 180th and are remodeling before they move in. The Drain home at 5807 NE 180th has been purchased by **Kenneth Kavran**. **Shih Jen Hall** bought the home at 18300 57th NE. The Taylors sold their home at 18243 58th NE to **Jerianne Jerguson**. **Stan and Orelli Madayag** have purchased the Hone home at 18104 60th Pl NE. Please welcome these families to our neighborhood. We hope they attend the potluck on March 27th so all of us can meet them.

Other neighbors who have moved in during the past year are **Anderson, Madden, Davis, Roos, Mathisen, Chuang, Bez, Mostad/Anthony, and Garnich/Huntley**. A special invitation is extended to them to join us at the Annual Meeting/Potluck on March 27th at 6:30 PM at Aqua Club.

If you know of other recent new residents please email Linda Ottmar at nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net or call at 425-485-4637.

Crime Information Alerts

Officer Mark Childers of the Kenmore Police Department sends out, via email, monthly information on recent property crimes in our neighborhood. If you are interested in this, contact him at Mark.Childers@METROK.C.GOV

“Thanks” “Gracias” “Merci” “Danke”

In the last newsletter residents were reminded about the covenants regarding trees and hedges for those area residents in the Uplake Plat. Hedges need to be kept to 6 feet in height and trees that form a hedge also need to be kept to that height.

Charlene Ryan was extremely responsive to this issue and immediately had her trees cut back. **Irene Conrad, Stan Madayag, and Bob and Pat Reddick** all have had trees that blocked others views or sun, removed or cut back. It would be wonderful to be able to add other names to this list. Working with your neighbors in a cooperative manner is beneficial to all.

Neighborhood Letters and Comments

Some of us remotely lock or unlock our cars with buttons that honk the horn each time. Please ask yourself, “Do I need to sound an alarm each time I unlock or lock my car? Am I disturbing my neighbors?”

The sound of a horn can carry more than a block away, especially at night when it’s quiet. Are you waking your neighbors up? People work all different shifts and may be trying to sleep at any time of the day. Unless there is some kind of emergency, where you need to sound your car horn, let’s turn off the optional “horn honking” feature on our cars, so our neighbors can enjoy the peace and quiet of our beautiful Uplake neighborhood.

-From a concerned neighbor

Big Windstorm

On the night of December 14th many residents of the neighborhood were kept awake by the huge windstorm. Unfortunately a few homes did suffer some damage. The **Donovan** home at 18214 60th Ave. NE had a large maple tree fall on their house and the **Price** home at 5669 NE 180th had damage to their garage. Other families had trees fall into yards and shingles blown off roofs. Many other neighbors were out of power for up to nine days.

Thank you to those who reached out to help our powerless neighbors. Extension cords were strung across backyards to keep refrigerators and small heaters going. Others checked on some of our older residents and even brought warm food to them. Neighbors with chainsaws helped cut up downed trees.

Loss of an Neighbor

Betty Hines Hough passed away in February. Betty was a long time resident who was a tireless supporter of the UNA. She wrote the newsletter and served as secretary and president more than once. She also was an active member of the Uplake Women’s Club since its inception in 1957. Betty set an example to us to step forward to take roles in our neighborhood organizations.

2007 Dues Statement

Send your \$50 dues to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028 or bring to the annual meeting. Including your email address will allow us to notify you of important happenings and send you the newsletter via email. Your email will be sent blind so others don’t see your address.

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