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**Uplake Update**

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## Board's Bulletin

Is Spring just around the corner or do we have to wait longer? We are all anxious to see those lovely flowering trees and shrubs in bloom. A little sun wouldn't hurt either.

If you missed the UNA Annual Meeting and Family Potluck in March, make sure to come to this fun event next year. Carrie O'Keefe, UNA treasurer, chaired the party and we all welcomed the change to a family affair. It was great to see the little tykes having fun at a craft table. The sprinkles outside didn't stop them from running off energy on the Aqua Club grounds either.

Reelected to the board at the annual meeting were the officers and many boardmembers who had served prior terms. Elected for the first time was Geri Sanford. She replaces Jordi Bengsston, a valued board member, who unfortunately is moving from the area. We will miss her.

Start planning now to use the large shredding truck that we will have in the neighborhood on Saturday, June 25th. Make sure your dues are paid before then so you can use the truck. A dues statement is in the newsletter.

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## Enjoyable Annual Meeting/Family Potluck

Lots of new faces joined the staunch neighborhood regulars. Several new families were present and were introduced to the neighborhood. The little kids were entertained at a craft table organized by **Gusty Lee Boulware and MaryBeth Anthony**. **Carrie O'Keefe**, who chaired the event., had a crew of helpers who decorated, set up the Aqua Club, and helped during the potluck. Thanks go to **Carrie, Dona Hunter, Colleen Anderson, Matt Mostad, Tina Montgomery, and Jacqueline Kralik..** New neighbor, **Mike Montgomery**, was seen barbequing the hot dogs for the kids while another new neighbor, **Don Beaty**, was found working in the kitchen. Long time regulars **Joanne Jones and Priscilla Droge** greeted the guests and collected dues at the entrance. Thank you to all who made it fun event.



## Award for Kenmore Elementary

Our local Kenmore Elementary School received the state's Washington Achievement Award for Overall Excellence. This award, given by the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, goes to the top 5% of all elementary, middle, and high schools across the state. Kenmore principal **Steve Hopkins** is the son of Uplake residents, **Sally and Craig Hopkins**.

## Five Homes for Sale

Do you know people who would love to live in Uplake? Let them know about the five homes for sale. **Johnson-58<sup>th</sup> NE, Morris-NE 187<sup>th</sup> St., Edgecomb-60<sup>th</sup> PI NE, Tatick/Bengsston-NE 182<sup>nd</sup>, and Chin/Lu-60<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.**

## Shredding Event

Due to popular demand, the UNA Board is again sponsoring the big shredding truck. It will be in our neighborhood on Sat., June 25 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This free event is for our dues payers.

This is a very secure way to dispose of important papers. You can even watch through a closed circuit TV as your papers are shredded. Large companies use this service to dispose of sensitive and private papers.

## UNA Officers and Board Members Elected

At the UNA annual meeting the current officers were reelected and also several board members who chose to run again were reelected. **Geri Sanford** is a new addition to the board. She replaces **Jordi Bengsston** who served a term and hosted a very successful Easter Egg hunt while she was a board member.

Here is contact information for the board.

### Officers:

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Sec. Linda Ottmar	425-485-4637	nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com

### Board Members:

Craig Hopkins	425-486-3007
Dara Korra'ti	425-398-0598
Geri Sanford	206-313-4967
Evie Williams	425-486-7113
MaryBeth Anthony	425-487-1113
Jon Rader	425-398-1410
Hugo Draye	425-485-5155

## In Memoriam

**Shirley Jones**, who was a very active participant in neighborhood affairs, passed away in March after a short illness with leukemia. She and her late husband Gary moved into Uplake many years ago.

**Harold Bean** passed away in March. He was the father of area resident **Elaine Sandbeck** and moved here to live with her. He then met neighbor **Nancy Muzzy** and they married. They were often seen taking their brisk early morning walks through the neighborhood. Harold was featured a year ago in the Uplake Update about his service in WWII.

Another neighbor, **Dennis Ross**, passed away a year ago. Unfortunately we didn't hear about his passing until just lately. He had lived in the area for several years in the former home of his late parents, **Joel and Leola Ross**.

**Marisa Morgan**, daughter of **Kim and Terry Morgan**, died recently in an automobile accident. She grew up in the neighborhood and swam for several years on the Aqua Club swim team. She was a Western Washington University and University of Montana Law School graduate.

## Aqua Club Construction Project

Will the Aqua Club pool be ready for the summer? The large construction project is finishing up and the answer is yes! The plastering of the pool was finished the last week in April. Now the pool will feature an infinity gutter system along with many other improvements.

## Aqua Club Home Swim Meet Schedule

Saturdays, 6/4 and 6/11 Time Trials 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Thursday, 6/16 Time Trials 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

Wednesday, 6/22, Special meet for those swimmers not on the traveling squad to the Sheridan Beach meet the next night.

Tuesday, 6/28 Innis Arden at Aqua Club

Thursday, 7/7, Klahaya at Aqua Club

Tuesday, 7/12, View Ridge at Aqua Club

Tuesday, 7/19 Wedgewood at Aqua Club

Wednesday, 8/3, Swim Team Banquet



The home meets start at 6 PM, however there is usually a premeet for the younger swimmers that starts at 4:30. Be prepared for lots of cars in the neighborhood.

Aqua Club swim workout schedule starts in the evening beginning May 25-June 21 and begins in the mornings when school is out.

## Late and Wet, but Pretty Yards

Driving around the area it was evident that Spring is late this year. Still lots of trees are flowering and tulips are in bloom. Some neighbors have large, mature, beautiful flowering trees. Catching the eyes of neighbors were the displays at the following homes: **Berg, Droge, Gross, Elliott, Weiss, Schneider, Utela, Bosma, and Bradley.**

## Welcome to new US Mailcarrier

Uplake has a new permanent mail carrier. After Jeff retired a year or two ago we had Chet who transferred to Mill Creek to be closer to his home. We are now served by Marsha Kriney. She has just started and is getting used to our neighborhood. Be sure to welcome her.

## Telephones and Power Outages

*Thanks go to UNA board member Hugo Draye, an electrical engineer, who researched and wrote the following article.*

### **Will your telephone work in an emergency with a power outage?**

Just a decade ago that question would have been a resounding “of course.” The telephone system was designed to deliver the power to the telephone in your house or office even during a power outage. What has changed?

Well, mainly two things have changed: (1) many of us are enjoying the freedom to roam through the house with a wireless handset and (2) the telephone company delivers more than just a voice connection over a pair of copper wires. The telephone company now provides a high capacity (bandwidth) connection to our homes that delivers fast internet access, video and voice over fiber optic cabling.

### **The wireless telephone handsets**

These handsets liberate us from the long, coiled telephone cable that kept us within range of a telephone wall outlet. Such a handset maintains a radio connection with the base unit while we freely roam through the house, the back deck and probably most if not all of the back yard. The handset itself is powered by a rechargeable battery while the base unit is connected to a power outlet as well as to the telephone wall outlet. If power goes off, the base unit no longer operates and the wireless telephone set is no longer of use until the power is restored.

This also means that it is important to keep the battery in the handset properly charged. Return the handset to the base unit for charging after a long telephone call or after the handset has been away from that base for a long time (12 or more hours).

We recommend that you have one “old-fashioned” telephone in the house. You do not even have to plug it in during normal times when power is available. Just have it in the house so that when we experience a power outage you can plug this telephone in a wall outlet to maintain a connection with the outside world. Or will it? This leads us to take a closer look at what has happened since we have been connected to the telephone office with a fiber optic cable.

### **The effects of high speed communication over fiber optic cabling**

A couple of years ago, Verizon installed FiOS in our neighborhood and many switched to the FiOS system to enjoy the benefits of this faster communication system. You remember how Verizon crews did a fair amount of digging to install (bury) fiber optic cabling. Fiber Optic cabling provides a huge bandwidth increase over the copper cabling but the glass fiber does not conduct electricity like the older copper wires were able to do.

If you switched to the FiOS system for the so-called triple play – telephone, cable TV and Internet – the copper cabling connecting your residence to the telephone office was disconnected and replaced by one fiber cable connection. The Verizon crew installed a FiOS network interface or Optical Network Terminal (ONT) in your house. This collection of boxes on the wall contains a rechargeable battery that is to be connected at all times to a non-switched electrical outlet. This battery provides stand-by power to operate the telephones in your house for up to 8 hours in case of a power outage.

Thus, that old-fashioned telephone you keep in the closet will work when we experience a power outage for up to eight hours. We have certainly seen worse than 8 hours in Uplake. Beyond the capacity of that battery associated with the ONT, you won't have telephone service during a power outage unless you have maintained the copper telephone service (wires) to your residence.



*(Telephones and Power Outages Continued)*

In summary, keep a working old-fashioned telephone on hand, one that connects the handset to the base to the wall with copper cables. If you still have the copper telephone lines connecting you with the telephone office, this set will provide full service. If you are subscribing to the fiber optic system, make sure that the battery associated with that interface is always plugged in and fully charged. It will at least provide service during power interruptions of eight hours or less.

## Update on Stoplight

Kenmore is still committed to the installation of the stoplight at the intersection of 61<sup>st</sup> and 181<sup>st</sup>. The city engineer, Ron Loewen, said the state of Washington DOT authorized the spending of federal money on the project. The city has done the survey work, but reached the conclusion that the project is a bit larger than previously planned. There is a need to deal with the small stream on the east side of 61<sup>st</sup> that will necessitate building a cement wall on the NE corner of the intersection. This brings the cost up so the city will have to decide if they need to modify the scope of the project.

## Homes Remodeled and Updated

The neighbors are following the progress on homes being remodeled and improved in the area. The **Scott's** on NE 183<sup>rd</sup>, **Alberda's** on 57<sup>th</sup>, and **Tran's** on 182<sup>nd</sup> have been spending months working on their homes. When neighbors improve their homes it helps all of our property values.

## Dog Owners-Carry Plastic Bags Please

Be sure to pick up after your dogs when you walk your pet. Pick up even in your own yard. It is known that RATS are attracted by dog droppings. Yuck!!!

## Ladies' Luncheon – All Welcome

The women of the neighborhood will gather on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at noon for their spring lunch at Inglewood Country Club. This is always a beautiful setting for this annual affair. Let **Joanne Jones** at 488-2382 know so she can save a place for you.

## More Wildlife

Evie Williams had a female pheasant fly into one of her large windows. After being stunned for a day or so it eventually left. Over the years pheasants have been heard and seen a few times, but not recently. This bird joins the resident quail who are frequently seen wandering through yards. Has anyone seen the deer lately?



## Treasurer's Report

Carrie O'Keefe, treasurer, reported at the April board meeting that we have a balance of \$6161.78 in checking, the large increase due to yearly dues being received. The savings account balance is \$5649.79.

## Dues Payers

Thank you to the following families who have paid their \$50 annual dues to the UNA. As of April 27th the list includes these names:

**Adams, Alberda, Anthony/Mostad, M and J Anderson, Beaty, Berg, Berkman, Bez, Coffey, Daniels, Divoky, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Goetz/Knapp, Gray, Griner, Gross, Guy, Hammer, Hines/Ragsdale, Hopkins, Hollingsworth, Korrat'I, Kralik, Kronheim/Johnson, Kuhner, Laverty/Schmink, Lapeyrouse/Dowd, Lebert,, Liberman,R and C Madayag, McCloskey, McCusker, Montgomery, Moon/Moore, Moran, Myint, G and J Nelson, Newman, Nixon, O'Keefe, Ottmar, Price, D and S Quinn, W and B Quinn, Rader, Raiford, Reddick, Rieger, Ryan, Scholdt, Schomaker, Sevonty, Skold, Sobolewski, Stewart, Surdyk, Swalin/Hill, S and D Tran, Vermillion, Utela, Walls/Colburn, Watland/Hammons, Weber, E. Williams, K. Williams, Wittges, Wright**

When you pay your dues you will get a copy of the current roster and will be **ON THE LIST** to use the shredding truck.

### 2011 Dues Statement

Mail \$50 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.) \_\_\_\_\_