

the Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

Hope you were able to attend some of our latest events. We had beautiful weather for our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt and also a lovely evening to celebrate the ribbon cutting of our STOPLIGHT with the City of Kenmore officials. We especially want to thank Kenmore Mayor David Baker who had taken a special interest in our safety concerns about that intersection.

Thanks to the board members and neighbors who chaired and helped with the Annual Meeting/Potluck and the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks also to Don Beaty who has been working with the city on how to proceed with the replanting of the garden near the stoplight. If anyone is able to help Don maintain our lighting and watering systems at the entrances, please let him or board member know.

Now is the time to get outside in the good weather to enjoy our yards and views of the lake, greet the neighbors, and be thankful we live in such a special neighborhood.

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Little Free Library

Have you noticed the wood stand at the bottom of the Goat Trail in Lake Forest Park? Ruthie and Thomas Williamson-Kirkland have built a little lending library on the edge of their property on 47th Ave. N.E.. You can add your used books to the library and take ones to read, all on the honor system. Neighborhood lending libraries are a national trend to encourage reading.

P.S. Ruthie is one of the hat ladies who walks through Uplake.

The Stoplight!!

Aren't we enjoying being able to get to Kenmore and out onto 61st without taking our lives in our hands? This very expensive project finally happened after about nine years of effort on the part of the UNA Board and the City of Kenmore. Money for this came from the City of Kenmore, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the federal government. Our tax dollars at work!

On April 24th we had the ribbon cutting ceremony with Kenmore officials at the corner of NE 181st and 61st NE followed by a reception at the April UNA board meeting where we were able to thank the city officials for making our lives less stressful.



Sad News

Jerry Bosma, a long time resident of Uplake, passed away this spring. He leaves his wife Mary and his son, John, and daughter, Paula, also. The Bosmas raised their children here and participated in the Aqua Club over the years. Jerry was often seen working at swim meets or cheering on his grandchildren more recently. We will miss him as he worked keeping his yard a picture of neatness.

Sean Quinn, another long time Uplake resident, passed away in February. Sean leaves his wife, Diane and three children, Ian, Emily, and Shannon. Sean had been active in the UNA, serving as president. During the last few years as his illness progressed favorite memories of him are seeing him watch the view of the lake from the top of the hill on 57th and his ever cheerful visiting as neighbors walked by his home.

Elections to the UNA Board

At the March 24th annual meeting the UNA officers and board members were elected unanimously! Contact them if you have neighborhood concerns.

Contact information for the officers and board members:

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Jon Rader	425-398-1410
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Colleen Anderson	425-485-2730
Lisa Berkman	425-485-7746
Tina Montgomery	425-424-0974
Jean Wilkes	803-414-5159

Burglary

A resident of the neighborhood had their home burglarized while they were out of town. The front door was kicked in. Remember to keep the front door visible from the street without shrubs blocking the view. Also have timers on lights and have a radio turned on. These are tips from Officer Mark Childers who spoke at our safety meeting in the fall.

New Neighbors

MaryAnn and Dan Heine moved into Uplake from Bellevue when they purchased a home on NE 181st. They were introduced to the neighborhood when they attended the Annual Meeting/Potluck. Neighbors near them also hosted a welcome party. MaryAnn's son, Aaron Baggenstos, is the author and photographer of a gorgeous new book, [Wildlife of Lake Washington](#). Check it out at Third Place Books.

Prescription Drop Box

The City of Kenmore now has a free and easy way to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs. They have installed a prescription drop box in the lobby of city hall that can be accessed M-F from 9AM-5PM.

Beautiful Trees and Yards

A drive through the neighborhood revealed many lovely yards. Some have gorgeous flowering trees, others have had complete make overs, and some are just beautifully maintained. A few of them are the following:

Lavery/Schminke, Ord/Wan, Jungquist, Anderson, Gross, Elliott, Palm, R and D Nelson, Sandbeck, Knapp, Shi/Young, Romeo, Ryan, Droge, Kabelac/Smith, Simon, Schultz. Thanks to all the neighbors who work so hard on their properties.



Pruning Trees

Remember your uphill neighbors and their views when you are planting trees and pruning them. Large forest trees like Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock, Western Red Cedar, and Big Leaf Maple aren't really suitable for suburban lots. They are very hard to prune and usually end up looking nothing like the tree they were meant to be. Skilled pruners and tree arborists need to be consulted before you hire someone. Without professional help trees end up looking butchered. Most area residents had done a thoughtful job of this, however we have seen a few that look like someone was really having fun with a chainsaw!

Think about planting smaller scale trees that will keep your neighbors happy and still provide shade for you. They also don't fall on houses during wind storms.

UNA Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. We had 26 neighbor kids take part in the egg hunt. In addition to the egg hunt the kids also made bunny ears at the craft station, guessed how many jelly beans were in the jar, had a raucous balloon stomp game with coin filled balloons, and played basketball and other sports on the court. While the kids enjoyed playing together the adults also enjoyed a "grown-up egg hunt" and fellowship as we shared in tasty spring treats.

Thanks to the **Anthony/Mostad** family for hosting the event in their yard and to **Dona Hunter, MaryBeth Anthony, Colleen Anderson, Gustylee Boulware, Crystal Nelson Towle, Sherry Weber, and Carrie O'Keefe** for being the organizers.

Aqua Club Swim Meet Schedule

Note the following dates for Aqua Club home swim meets. Parking for a few blocks around the Aqua Club are heavily impacted for several hours before and during meets.

Saturday, June 8	Time Trials	7:30-10:30 AM
Saturday, June 15	Time Trials	7:30-10:30 AM
Tuesday, June 25	Intrasquad meet	6:00PM
Tuesday, July 2	View Ridge	6:00PM
Tuesday, July 9	Klahaya	6:00PM
Thursday, July 18	Innis Arden	6:00PM
Tuesday, July 23	Wedgewood	6:00PM
Wed., August 7	Team Banquet	6:00PM



Bothell Way Construction

At the February UNA Board meeting we hosted Kenmore Mayor David Baker, City Engineer Kris Overlease, and Senior Civil Engineer Kent Vaughan. They filled us in on the current proposal for working on the third phase of construction on Bothell Way and also answered our questions. The work on the portion from 68th NE to 61st NE is in the final stages of planning and right of way acquisitions. Part of the project will be an improvement to the part of 61st NE which goes down the hill to the Burke Gilman Trail and NE 175th St. No work is planned in front of our neighborhood yet, but that part will be done when there are funds available.

Part of the presentation was a large aerial map with a view of the whole neighborhood showing the exact route for widening of Bothell Way. The Kenmore officials were complimentary about their ability to work cooperatively with our board members and officers.

Annual Meeting/Potluck

The UNA hosted a wonderful potluck in March. We introduced two new families who have moved into the area, **Gebhardtts and Heines**. This year we had displays by solar energy and home security firms. This was our own little “Uplake Home Show”. We know of a least one resident who is going to be installing a solar system as a result. Thanks to **Carrie O’Keefe** and **Tina Montgomery** who co-chaired the event. They were helped by **MaryBeth Anthony**, **Matt Mostad** and **Steve O’Keefe**.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Have you turned in your email address to the UNA? Are you getting all our announcements? Usually about once a week you will receive reminders about local events or warnings about safety concerns. Area residents say they love this UNA service, feel more connected to their neighbors, and appreciate hearing prompt safety warnings.

If you don’t have email, we can include the email address of a relative or friend who does have email. They can then let you know when we have an immediate safety issue like we did last summer when the police asked us to stay inside while they searched for a fugitive.

Send your email address to UNA secretary, Linda Ottmar at her email address. No one ever sees your email address as all announcements are sent out blind copy.

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Those Ugly Garbage Cans

Thanks to all the neighbors who bring their cans in quickly after the trucks come. Thanks also to those who hide them behind shrubs or the back of the garage. Looking at an overflowing can is not a pleasant sight and they attract rodents, raccoons, and coyotes.



Uplake's "Honey Do List"

Uplake neighbors, we are starting a new column in our quarterly newsletters, with some tips for household issues. We hope these help remind you to do certain maintenance tasks and give you some helpful ideas for your homes.

TIP 1: Houses need regular maintenance to keep them safe and secure for you and your loved ones. Most maintenance items only need to be done once or twice per year. So the trick is just remembering when to do them. Make a list somewhere you will see it, and make a list of regularly occurring tasks, indicating the last time each task was done, and when it needs to be done again. This list can easily be programmed into your computer calendaring system, which will send you reminders when they are due. Another, low tech, way to remember is to make a checklist. Blackboards work great for this, since you can easily erase the old information and update it as tasks are completed. And if you don't have a blackboard, you are in for a treat. Did you know you can buy blackboard paint (spray cans or brush on) and create a blackboard on any smooth surface? Making your own blackboard is not only easy, but also rewarding. I have made several on the inside of our garage door. All you need to do is use masking tape and newspaper to block out the area around where you want the blackboard. Then spray or brush on at least two coats of blackboard paint and like magic, instant blackboard. Once it's in place, you can use ordinary chalk to monitor oil changes for your car, garage door maintenance, smoke detector battery replacements and any other maintenance item reminders you can think of.

TIP 2: May or June is a good time to lubricate your garage door tracks and rollers. This should be done annually to prevent premature wear and tear and to keep your doors working properly. A spray-on lubricant goes on the easiest and can be found at your local hardware stores. Find one that is a spray-on "grease" and not just a lubricant like WD-40. WD-40 is a great product, but it evaporates quickly. Whereas a grease spray will remain on your garage door tracks, ball bearings and moving parts, providing protection much longer. It wouldn't hurt to apply this to your exterior door hinges and locks, too. The grease spray works well for hinges. But you should ask the clerk at your hardware store for the best product to spray inside your lock mechanisms to keep them working smoothly.

Dues Payers 2013-2014

Are you on this list? As of May 1 we had 90 dues payers. Join with these people to help keep Uplake a great neighborhood. By paying your dues you help keep the cost down for all the neighbors.

Anderson, L and C, Anderson, J, Baxter, C, Beaty, Berg, Berkman, Coffey, Colquhoun/Keys, DeCamp/Boulware, Detjen, Diekema, Divoky, Dolan/Hines, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Gebhardt, Griner, Gross, Guy, Hammer, Hammons/Watland, Heine, Holmes, Hopkins, Jen, Johnson, L, Johnson, O and S, Jones, J, Jungquist, Knapp/Goetz, Kuhner, Korra'ti, Lavery/Schminke, Lebert, Madayag, R and C, Madden, Mann, McCusker/Gehrman/Dujmovich, Moon/Mailheau, Moran, Morrell, Mostad/Anthony, Murray, Murphy, Myint, Nelson G and J, Nelson R and D, Nixon, O'Keefe, Olson, O'Neill, Ord/Wan, Ottmar, Palm, Price, Quinn, D, Quinn, W and B, Rader, Ragsdale, Reddick, Rieger, Ryan, Sandbeck, Schipanski, Schlumberger, Schoening, Schultz, Scott, Sevonty, Shi/Young, Skold, Sholdt, Simon, Smith/Oldenburg, Sobolewski, Somoff, Stewart, Stimmel, Surdyk, Swalin/Hill, Turner, Utela, Walls/Colburn, Weber, Wilkes, Williams, E, Williams, K, Wittges, Wright

Dues Statement

This year's dues are \$60, an increase of \$10. Dues have not been raised for about 12 years and expenses have increased. Our postage and water, electricity, landscaping and maintenance for the entrance have increased. We have also added social events like the Wine Tasting and Easter Egg Hunt. In addition, our electrical system at the 60th St entrance needs some repairs as it is decades old. If even more residents pay their dues we won't have to consider increasing them for another 12 years!

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Count on me to help at:

☐ Holiday wine tasting

☐ Easter Egg Hunt

☐ Annual Meeting/Potluck

☐ Summer Street Party