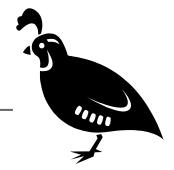
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#### **Uplake Update**



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# President's Message

Neighbors:

I am pleased to inform you that the current UNA Board is made up of a wonderful group who are committed to maintaining the neighborly spirit of Uplake.

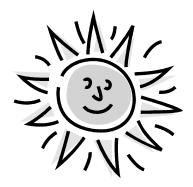
We want to thank the retiring board members, Warren Quinn and Elaine Sandbeck. They served on the UNA board for three years. Warren supervised the work on the entrances and put many man-hours into their care. He will be a hard act to follow. Elaine helped the board with her knowledge of real estate and kept us up to date on who was moving into the area. We welcome Craig Hopkins, Mary Beth Anthony, Gusty-Lee Boulware, and Susan Chase to the board.

We also want to give a huge thank you to Mike McCloskey for his years of service to the board as president and vice president. He will remain on the board as a past president. Mike's invaluable knowledge will be assistance was we move forward into the next year.

Also thanks to the Uplake Women's Club for their work in organizing the Uplake Neighborhood Association Annual meeting and potluck that was very well attended this year.

We encourage all of the area neighbors to join each other on the night of July 4<sup>th</sup> as we all view the fireworks from our perch here on the hill.

Jim Hurley



## 2009 Entertainment Books

**Priscilla Droge** reports that the Uplake Women's Club will be selling next year's Entertainment books beginning in August. Contact her at 486-4202.

# New Neighbors!

Welcome to **Scott Hunt** who has purchased the Schneider home at 5841 NE 180<sup>th</sup>. He is in the process of extensively remodeling and updating the home. Scott previously lived in the condominiums down on the lake.

If you are new to the neighborhood or know a house has changed owners, please contact Linda Ottmar @425-485-4637 to be sure we have your correct address. This helps us keep our address list up to date. If you are a renter and get this newsletter, please let us know also as we would like to make sure the owner gets a copy.

The UNA Board hopes to develop a pamphlet to give to new neighbors to help orient them to our area. What are your suggestions? All ideas are welcome. Share them with Dara Korra'ti at <a href="mailto:kahvlist@murkworks.net">kahvlist@murkworks.net</a> or call her at 425-398-0598.

## A Bit of History

It is a sure bet that no one in Kenmore really sleeps past about 7:30 AM during the weekdays. Our built in alarms are the planes taking off from Kenmore Air. Did you know that the facility at the north end of Lake Washington is the largest seaplane base in the country?

Kenmore Air started after World War II when Robert Munro started rebuilding seaplanes on vacant property at the head of the lake. The Munro family lived on the property and the children attended Kenmore Elementary with many neighborhood kids in the early 1960's.

Kenmore Air is now renowned for its seaplane maintenance activity and busy terminal. More information on this fascinating company can be found in a recent book, <u>Success on the Step: Flying with Kenmore Air</u> by C. Marin Faure, detailing the long exciting history of the Munro family and their enterprise. Included are many pictures that show what Kenmore looked like 50-60 years ago. You can even see the scalped Uplake hill before houses were built.

#### Honors for Area Students

Ian Quinn, son of Sean and Diane Quinn, won the pole vault at the state 4 A track meet while competing for Inglemoor. Ian has also received an appointment to the United States Military Academy. Jayme Swalin, daughter of Mary Lou Hill and Kent Swalin, was awarded a full swimming scholarship to the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. Chrissy Baumgartner, Aqua Club swimmer, received a basketball scholarship to Linfield College in Oregon. She was also named Inglemoor's Athlete of the Year. McKenzie Nakamura, daughter of Darla Nakamura received the Washington State Honors Award and will be attending University of Redlands. Ehren Sholdt, son of Dustin and Jan Sholdt, will be attending Cascadia Community College in the fall.

Alanna Schade, daughter of Steve and Carrie O'Keefe, was selected to the All Wesco Conference Softball team representing Shorecrest High School. Molly McCloskey won the Freshman Math Contest as the top frosh math student at Bishop Blanchet High School. Her sister, Meaghan, was named co-captain of the Blanchet swim team for next year. Younger sister, Claire, was awarded the Leadership in Faith Award from the Archdiocese of Seattle. The girls are daughters of Mike and Laurie McCloskey.

If we had missed other students call Linda Ottmar at 425-485-4637.

#### New UNA Officers and Board Members

At the annual meeting in March officers and board members were elected. Names, contact information and duties follow.

President Jim Hurley 487-2962
Vice president Steve Knapp 486-0536

Secretary Linda Ottmar 485-4637(newsletter)
Treasurer Colleen Anderson 206-310-5550(dues)

Member Craig Hopkins 486-3007(entrance maintenance)

Member Dara Korra'ti 398-0598(website and directory)

Member Mike McCloskey 485-2813(underground wiring)

Member Mary Beth Anthony 487-1113(traffic calming and new residents)

Member Gusty Lee Boulware 408-0572

Member Carrie O'Keefe 415-0781 Member Susan Chase 415-1245

If you are interested in assisting any board members with any of the area assigned to them give them a call. All help is appreciated.

## New Meeting Dates

Due to commitments some board members have, the monthly meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday in the month with an occasional exception due to school and summer vacations and holidays. Generally the meetings will be held at the Aqua Club. If there is a change of meeting site, a sign will be posted at the Aqua Club giving the new location and an email notice will be sent to the members. Here are the scheduled meeting dates: July 29, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

#### Email Address Needed

The UNA now has over 100 email addresses for neighbors. Do we have yours? Hear about neighborhood news, safety alerts, and other useful information. Many positive comments have been received about this service. No one but the UNA board will ever see your email address so there is no concern about spam. Send your email address to lindaandneal.ottmar@verizon.net

#### Uplake Website

Take a good look at Uplake's website <a href="www.uplake.org/">www.uplake.org/</a> designed by **Dara Korra'ti**. Everything you need to know about our area is at your fingertips. Be sure to look at the pictures. They show our area even before houses.



# Big Problem at 61st NE and NE 181st

Neighbors continue to worry about how to exit the neighborhood to the east across 61st NE. On June 17th there was another accident during the morning commute times. The Kenmore City Council has declined to make any major improvements to the intersection until the construction work is done on the Bothell Way in that area. This could be a few years!

The city did install a device on 61<sup>st</sup> NE that reads the speed of cars to remind drivers to slow down. Unfortunately, even if the driver is going the speed limit there is really only 2-3 seconds to make it across the intersection going east. This does not even begin to address the concerns about how to cross when traffic is backed up. Our only recourse is to contact council members. On the City of Kenmore website you can email city council members. The address is <a href="https://www.cityofkenmore.com/">www.cityofkenmore.com/</a> or call the city at 425-398-8900.

## Parking at Entrances

For a few blocks, near our entrances, there are 4 hour only parking signs. These were placed there in the 1970's to keep our neighborhood from becoming a park and ride area. As more people use the bus we are experiencing problems with cars being parked in front of homes. If you notice cars which park there daily, let Officer Mark Childers at 425-398-8900 know and he will ticket them. A reminder to anyone in the neighborhood who is taking the bus, that walking the few blocks to Bothell Way is excellent exercise and also there is a park and ride lot at Bethany Bible Church just across 61st.

### Watch Out For Kids

A reminder that with school out for the summer, many children are riding bikes and walking on our streets especially around Aqua Club. Please be mindful and slow down as you go through the neighborhood. An especially dangerous area is the curve in front of Aqua Club.



## Single Family Neighborhood

Those residents living in the Uplake plat are reminded that the covenants restrict our homes to single family occupancy. That means we cannot rent out a portion of our home to an unrelated person. It also means that we cannot modify our home to add another living facility. If you suspect a neighbor is doing this, please notify the UNA board so the proper action can be taken.

# Dumpster In The Neighborhood

For the convenience of **dues paying members**, the UNA will have a dumpster in the area starting Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. **Only yard debris is allowed to be placed in the dumpster.** Look for it at the corner of NE 181<sup>st</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> NE.

# Aqua Club Meet Schedule

Now that summer is here there will be a few evening swim meets when parking and traffic are congested near the Aqua Club. Events are scheduled on these dates: Thursday, June 26; Thursday, July 3; Tuesday, July 15; and Tuesday, July 22; and Wednesday, August 6.

## In Memoriam

Long time Uplake area resident, **Walter Odom,** passed away in April. He had lived on NE 180th for 24 years. His wife Katherine had preceded him in death.



## Pretty Yards

Many spring yards have captured our eyes as we strolled through the neighborhood. Kudos go to those families who continue to upgrade and beautify their properties. Special praise to these residents: Surdyk, Hammons/Watland, Conrad, Garrett, Wang, Weise, Kuhner, Moore, Glavin, Ross, Griffith, Gross, Berg, Jen, Sandbeck, Kabelac/Smith, W and B Quinn, R and D Nelson, and M and J Anderson.

### Dues Are Due!

A reminder that your \$50 annual dues are now due. Mail a check to UNA at P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028.

Name	
Address	Phone
Email Address	

The following residents have paid their dues. If you don't see your name, please send a check. If you believe you have paid, but don't see your name call Colleen Anderson, treasurer, at 206-310-5550. Dues paying members receive a current roster for our neighborhood. Call Colleen if you have paid, but haven't received your roster.

Berg, Bez, Bosma, Bradley, Carroll, Conrad, deCamp/Boulware, Detrich, Divoky, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Feldheger, Filer, Fu, Glavin, Gray, Hol, Hopkins, Jensen, L and P Johnson, I and J Jones, Kavran, Knapp/Goetz, Korra'ti, Kuhner, Lapeyrouse, Lee, Lin, S and O Madayag, Maylor, McCloskey, Moore, Moran, Myint, G and J Nelson, R and D Nelson, Newman, Nixon, O'Neill, Ottmar, Owen, Palm, Petrie, S and D Quinn, W and B Quinn, Ragsdale, Reddick, Reiger, Ryan, Sayah, Schipanski, Schultz, Sevonty, Sheffield, Shi, Sholdt, Skold, Stewart, Stimmel, Surdyk, Swalin/Hill, Tatick. Utela, Vermillion, Wadum/Chase, D and P Williams, E Williams

Why should you pay your dues? Dues cover the cost of maintaining the two entrances. Costs there include water, electricity, maintenance, and seasonal plantings. The board also designs and maintains the Uplake website. Board members advocate for our area with the City of Kenmore. Once a year a dumpster is brought into the area for yard waste. A large expense is the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. In addition, you will receive a current roster for the neighborhood. Finally for the residents of the Uplake plat the board enforces the covenants.

P.O. Box 82644 Kenmore, WA 98028