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# the Uplake Update

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***“Summer afternoon –  
summer afternoon; to me  
those have always been  
the two most beautiful  
words in the English  
language.”***

***~Henry James***



## Board's Bulletin

**What a wonderful summer our area has enjoyed.** It was a fabulous 4th of July fireworks display put on by the City of Kenmore and we here in Uplake had the best seats in the house. It appears that more Uplake residents are inviting friends to share our prime viewing location. Some families had daylong parties that added to the festivities.

As we enjoy the summer weather remember to keep a careful eye out to avoid any potential fires. The last time we had such a dry summer we did end up having two grass fires in Uplake. Don't forget about your outdoor pets as they need lots of fresh water on these hot days.

Thank you to all who have kept your flowers and pots blooming. You must be watering more than once a day! Those and our colorful entrances continue to make our neighbor attractive for all of us.

Looking forward, the Uplake Neighborhood Association is planning to again have a candidate forum in October for all of us to meet those running for Kenmore City council. Watch for the announcement of the date.

**Steve Knapp, UNA President**

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## Kenmore Named One of Ten Best Family Towns

The August issue of Family Circle magazine named our city one of the 10 best towns in the US. Our good local schools and friendly citizens were two of the reasons we were selected.

### Fire Danger

When we have dry weather like this summer, we need to watch out for grass and shrub fires. The weather bureau says we have had only about .5 inches of rain since May 15th. Dry grass around homes, dead and dried out shrubs are all fuel that can ignite with even a piece of glass nearby. Let's clean up any of those areas for safety and esthetic reasons.

### Future Newsletter Story

Plans are in the works for a Veterans' Day story in our next newsletter about area residents who are WWII veterans. If you know of a veteran who is or was a resident of our area give Linda Ottmar a call @ 425-485-4637.

### Police Actions in the Neighborhood

In early May the Kenmore police pursued burglary suspects in our area and were able to catch them north of Uplake near the mini mart. We were reminded to keep our doors locked.

During the last week in June the Kenmore Police apprehended a robbery suspect in our area. With information received from the police we were able to notify the neighborhood via email that the police advised people to stay inside their homes. If you haven't signed up for UNA email list be sure to do you by letting Linda Ottmar know your email address. [nealandlinda.ottmar@veizon.net](mailto:nealandlinda.ottmar@veizon.net)

### Entertainment Books for Sale

Call Priscilla Droge @ 425-486-4202 to reserve a 2010 Entertainment Book. Proceeds benefit the Uplake Women's Club. This is a great way to make your entertainment dollars stretch. .



### Uplake Women's Club Fall Meeting

All area women are welcome to come to the September 22nd meeting of the Uplake Women's Club. The first meeting of the year is a 6: 30 PM salad dinner at Joanne Jones' home at 18029 58th Ave. NE. Call Joanne for more information @ 425-488-2382

Through out the year the club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at members' homes. An informative speaker follows a short business meeting. Over the years the club has helped pay for fences and plants at the entrances and coordinate mailbox stand installation and lighted house numbers.

## Welcome New Residents

**Kathy and Neal Hollingsworth** moved here from South Dakota and are renting Walter Odom's home on NE 180th. They hope to be able to purchase the home, as they would like to stay in the area. Before they moved to SD they lived in the Arrowhead neighborhood.

**Matt and Michelle Clasen** bought the VonBargen/Anderson home on 60th Pl. NE. They formerly lived in Lake Forest Park and Matt swam for Aqua Club in his younger days.

## Local Seniors Graduate

**Megan McCloskey**, daughter of Mike and Laurie McCloskey, graduated from Bishop Blanchet High School and is headed to the University of Idaho where she is planning to join the women's swim team.

**Elsa Watland**, an Inglemoor graduate, who wrote a column in the Kenmore Reporter, is headed to either Scripps College or UW. She is the daughter of Mary Hammons and Geir Watland.

**Kyle Bogusz**, son of Mathew and Janice Bogusz, graduated from Inglemoor and is planning on attending Cal Poly at San Louis Obispo. Kyle has been a guard and competitive swimmer at Aqua Club.

Missed last year was **Emma Bendell-Berg**, daughter of Greg and Carrie Berg, who graduated from Shorecrest High School and is attending California State University East Bay.

**Ella Williams**, daughter of Kinnon Williams, graduated from Inglemoor last year, spent her freshman year at UW, and is going to Germany for her sophomore year. Her sister, **Ariel Williams**, graduated this year from Inglemoor and is also going to UW. Both girls graduated in the top ten in their class.



## Plantings at Entrances

A big thank you to the Uplake Women's Club for taking charge of the summer plantings at both entrances. **Shirley Palm** purchased the colorful geraniums and supervised the plantings.

Another thank you to **Craig Hopkins** and **Dave Utela** for the hours they put in on the lighting and watering systems at the entrances.

## A Bit of History

Have you visited Log Boom Park? Originally this was the dock for the rail cars and trucks carrying logs from the surrounding forests when they were logged in the early 1900's. The logs were dumped into the lake and then boomed up to be hauled by tug to sawmills around the area.

Now the park has been updated with a very interesting photo display called the "History Trail" highlighting the history of the area. Early photos of Kenmore with descriptive captions tell our early story. The Kenmore Historical Society was responsible for the installation of this display.



## UNA's Website

Due to unforeseen developments, the Uplake Neighborhood Association has changed the website address. You can find us now at:

<http://uplakekenmore.org>.

## Rodents and other Critters

Neighbors have noticed an increase in mice this year. Does it have any thing to do with the dry weather? No answer to that, but plug up any holes around your home to keep the varmits out. Rats are a continuing problem. Remove dog feces, keep pet dishes inside, and monitor bird feeders to clean up spilled birdseed. Those inch to two-inch holes you see in your flowerbeds often are the doorway to the rats' nest!

Raccoons are cute, but please don't feed them. They have become so bold that they parade across lawns and roads in the middle of the day. Some had even attempted to enter homes through open doors. They don't scare easily and hiss and bare their teeth at humans. Water lawns in the morning as late afternoon or evening watering encourages the grubs and worms to come to the surface. Those pock marked lawns are a sure sign that you had raccoon visitors digging during the night.

## Contact Info for UNA Board

You can now reach UNA by email. The new address is: [uplakekenmore@gmail.com](mailto:uplakekenmore@gmail.com)

President Steve Knapp 485-0536

Vice-Pres. Mike McCloskey 485-2813

Secretary Linda Ottmar 485-4637

Treasurer Carrie O'Keefe 415-0781

Board Member Colleen Anderson 485-2730

Board Member MaryBeth Anthony 487-1113

Board Member Craig Hopkins 486-3007

Board Member Evelyn Williams 486-7113

Board Member Lynette Petrie 485-4177

Board Member Jon Rader 398-1410

Board Member Susan Chase 415-1245

## Current Dues Payers (as of July 20<sup>th</sup>)

Alberda, M and J Anderson, Bengtsson/Tatick, Bez, Carroll, Divoky, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Filer, Gray, Guy, Hines, Holmes, Hopkins, Houg, Jen, Jensen, Jerguson, S. Jones, Kaboul, Knapp, Korra'ti, Kuhner, Lapeyrouse, Lebert, Lieberman, Madden, R and C Mdayag, McCloskey, Moore, Myint, Newman, Nixon, O'Keefe, O'Neill, Ottmar, Palm, Petrie, Price, W and B Quinn, Rader, Ragsdale, Reddick, A and L Reed, Rieder, Ryan, Sandbeck, Schipancki, Schomaker, Shi, Skold, Sobolewski, Stimmel, Surdyk, Swalin, Utela, Vermillion, Wadum/Chase, D and P Williams, E. Williams, K. Williams, Wittges

## Dues are Due

This is a reminder to pay your 2009-2010 dues. Send your \$50 check to Uplake Neighborhood Association, P.O. box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_