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The Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

Summer has finally arrived in the Northwest. We all enjoyed seeing the beautiful Uplake yards during the spring. While we hope that we have a nice warm summer, it is amazing how quickly weeds, grasses, and trees dry out so beware of potential grass fires.

Our June UNA shredding event was well attended and we plan to sponsor that again for dues payers in two years. Thanks to **Sean and Diane Quinn** for allowing us to use the area in front of their centrally located home.

Lots of neighbors invited friends to watch the fireworks on the 4th from our prime viewing locations. A big thank you to the City of Kenmore for again sponsoring this event.

Remember that you are all welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, which are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We meet from 7-8 PM at the Aqua Club. Watch for the sandwich-board signs on the street. We hope you will come with your ideas and support for our wonderful neighborhood.

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Shredding Event Successful



About thirty UNA dues payers brought items to be shredded at our first shredding event. The large commercial shredding truck provided a secure place to have those important papers destroyed. You could even watch on closed circuit TV those old bank statements being cut up! This was a lot faster than standing over your own little shredder. It also cuts the papers horizontally and vertically.

The UNA Board plans to have this event every two years. Start saving your papers now!

Mail Theft

At the end of April, right when neighbors were mailing out those property tax payments, we experienced mail theft. Outgoing mail was stolen during the morning hours. Remember locking mailboxes only protect incoming mail. Only the large metal community boxes protect outgoing mail. Be sure to take any mail with checks to the post office. If you and your neighbors are interested in the securing your mail check our web site for information on mailboxes: www.uplake.org.

Old Dead Trees/ Blackberries / Help Available

Thank you to the **Charlene Ryan** and **Li Ping and Mei Lin** for cutting down the dead trees and shrubs in their yards, however there are other yards that also have trees, blackberries and shrubs which need to be removed. If it hasn't leafed out yet, it is a goner!

Watch out for those pesky blackberries. It seems they grow a foot a day. If your shrubs, weeds, blackberries are growing out onto the street they are causing problems for walkers or people parking cars.

If you are experiencing a difficult time and have no one in your family who can help you with your yard work, the UNA Board can request volunteers to help clean up a yard on a one time basis. There are also a number of services recommended in our "Reliable Worker List" published in the Spring newsletter.

Kudos to Laura Sevonty

What an honor to have her garden included with the 2010 Lake Forest Park Secret Garden Tour! Hope some of you got to see it.



Change Comes to Uplake Women's Club

The Uplake Women's Club is going through a metamorphosis. The club, composed of many long time area women, started in 1957 as the Uplake Garden Club. As the women's interests changed in the 1980's from gardening to more social and philanthropic endeavors, the club became the Uplake Women's Club. While still retaining the name, the club is giving up its evening meetings and becoming a luncheon club. Several times a year the ladies will meet at area restaurants to enjoy each other's company and have lunch.

Over the years the UWC has been responsible for much of the beautification of the area. In 1959 the group was instrumental in raising money for the lovely brick entrance on NE 60th. They spearheaded the efforts for the plantings and maintenance at the entrances and the signage at the 61st entrance. The mailboxes and the visible house numbers were other projects the women undertook. The Women's Club also paid for the fence on the south side of NE 181st and planned the annual meeting and potluck dinner held each March. Each December they coordinated placing the lights on the trees at the main entrance. Even currently they made a donation toward the annuals planted at the entrances.

Some of the original members continue to live here in the neighborhood. **Priscilla Droge** is the only founder of the club still here. Other long time active members are **Irene Conrad, Agnes Divoky, Connie O'Neill, Shirley Palm and Fran Owen.**

As the UNA takes over many of the projects the Women's Club supported, all of us will gain a new appreciation for their impact on our neighborhood.

Calling All Women

The final evening meeting of the Uplake Women's Club will be a salad supper at Joanne Jones' home on Sept. 28th at 6:30 PM. All current and former members of the club are invited to attend this final gathering. Any new neighbor is also extended an invitation as they plan for the future daytime luncheon meetings. Call Joanne Jones at 488-2382 for more information

New Residents

New to Uplake are **Randy Walls and Jeanie Colburn.** They purchased the **Hutchens/Akers** home on NE 181st. Randy and Jeanie moved in in April and formerly lived in Kirkland. Be sure to stop by and welcome them.

Another new resident is **Jackie Kralik** who bought the **Detrich** home on NE 180th. She is planning extensive remodel and redecorating work on the home.

Fourth of July

Did your family enjoy the prime viewing spot we have for the Kenmore fireworks? Several families had guests for parties and then went to the hillsides to watch the fireworks. 57th NE between NE 180th and 182nd was filled with lawn chairs and blankets.



Are You Speeding Through Uplake?

Many complaints have come from the homeowners along NE 182ⁿ, 60th NE and also on 58th NE. Are the speeders residents of our neighborhood or are they using the local streets as a shortcut? Remind your family members not to speed in the area. The Lake Forest Park Police have stopped one chronic offender on the "Goat Trail". Local residents are vowing to take down license numbers and report them to the Kenmore Police.

Warning About Parked Boats, Cars, Trucks and Trailers

Remember you can't park any vehicles for longer than 24 hours on the parking area in front of your home. Even if you paved the area you still can't have anything parked there for more than one day. The street right of ways in Uplake are very wide. Check to see where your water meter is as it usually is at the front edge of your property. Past that, it is probably city property. Any resident can notify the police and they will post a towing notice on the offending vehicle.

Garage Door Opener Issues

Several homes in the neighborhood experienced problems with their garage door openers working sporadically during April and May. The problem seems to have gone away for now, however it will probably reoccur and may be permanent.

It seems that the older openers operate on a frequency that is now assigned by the FCC to the federal government. At any time they can be used by the military or government agencies. Five to seven years ago the FCC assigned frequencies 350-400 to the federal government. The older openers (Liftmaster, Genie, Sears) operate at the frequency 390. New openers operate now at the frequency 315. Big thanks go to **Evie Williams** who spent many hours finding the answer to this puzzling problem.

May Display of Rhodies

Wow! Thank you to all the area residents who plant, prune, fertilize, and maintain those beautiful rhododendrons. During a quick drive through the neighborhood these yards were spotted having outstanding plants: **Palm, Kuhner, Weise, Maas, Noble, Newman, O'Neill, Surdyk, Carroll, Johnson, Sandum, and Mann.** The award for the most fantastic display goes to the **Jen family.**



Entertainment Books For Sale

Priscilla Droge of the Uplake Women's Club is again taking orders for Entertainment Books. The cost this year is \$25 and the books will come to Priscilla around August 20th. Her phone # is 425-486-4202.

Get Ready For Winter

Neighbor **Mike McCloskey** has seasoned firewood for sale. It is quality split Douglas Fir @ \$190 a cord (U-Haul). His # is 206-459-6872.

Treasurer's Report

At the June 2010 UNA Board meeting the treasurer, **Carrie O'Keefe**, reported a checking account balance of \$7,821.05 and saving account balance of \$5,622.15. This reflects many recent dues payments, however we will be paying for the entrance landscape work, water and lighting at the entrance, the shredding truck, newsletters, and the holiday wine tasting among other expenses.

Email Addresses

Do we have your email address? We now have about 150 families on our email list. We are able to notify you quickly of area concerns. Let Linda Ottmar know at nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net in order to be included. We always send out emails with your address hidden so no one else can see it.

Recently we have helped find lost garage door openers and cats among other things, reported on garage door openers not working, police activity in Uplake, and alerted residents to mail theft.

Have you paid your 2010 Dues???

Here are the dues payers as of July 13, 2010:

Alberda, G and M Allen, D and C Anderson, M and J Anderson, Anthony/Mostad, Ballard, J and V Baxter, Bean, Bengsston/Tatick, Berkman, Bez, Boulware/DeCamp, Carroll, Cayou, Chin, Clasen, Coffey, Collins, Conrad, Daniels/McClung, Detjen, Diekema, Divoky, Donahue, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Ellison, Fu, Glavin, Gray, Griner, Gunderson, Guy, Hammer, Hol, Hollingsworth, Hopkins, Hunter, Jensen, Jerguson, Johnson/Kronheim, L and J Johnson, I and J Jones, S Jones, Knapp/Goetz, Kaboul, Kim/An, Korra'ti, Kuhner, Lapeyrouse, Laverty/Schminke, Liberman, R and C Madayag, S and O Madayag, Madden, Matthews, McCloskey, McCuskar/Gehrman/Dujmovich, Moon, Moore, Moran, Murphy, Myint, G and J Nelson, R and D Nelson, Newman, Nixon, O'Keefe, Olsen, O'Neill, Ottmar, Owen, Palm, Petrie, Price, D and S Quinn, W and B Quinn, Rader, Reed, Reddick, Richards, Rieger, Russell, Ryan, Sayah, Schipanski, Scholdt, Schomaker, Schultz, Sevonty, Simon, Sheffield, Shi, Skold, Sobolewski, Stimmel, Swalin/Hill, Turner, Utela, Vermillion, Wang, Warrior, Weber, Wedlund, White/Adams, E Williams, K Williams, Wolf, Wright, Yushan

If you don't see your name here and think you have paid call **Carrie O'Keefe @ 425-415-0781**.

If you haven't paid, please send your \$50 to UNA, PO Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028.

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Address _____

Phone _____

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