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Happy New Year!



Presidential Message

Happy New Year to everyone in our Uplake community. As we take down our Christmas lights, we can look forward to the beauty of spring to bring us out of our homes and back to the joy of yard work soon. Also, a special thank you goes out to Warren Quinn and David Utela for decorating the Uplake entrance again this year.

The UNA Board has several items on our agenda:

- We will be recognizing several neighbors with an ***Uplake Neighbor of the Year*** award that will be presented at the Annual Potluck/General Meeting on March 25. Please send in your nomination as soon as possible. The details are in this newsletter.
- We are instituting an ***Uplake Neighborhood Grant Program***. The grant will provide cash for neighborhood improvement projects and community building activities. To apply please send a proposal to the UNA Board stating project scope, benefit to Uplake, cost, timeline and contact person. We hope to inspire fresh ideas to enhance our great neighborhood. The criteria will be the positive impact on our neighborhood, amount of money requested, and the number of other grant requests. Grant writer must be current on UNA dues.
- **Please consider joining the UNA Board.** There are many positions opening up in March. The time commitment is one meeting per month plus various committee activities. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and “make things happen.” We are a small community that has kept its original small neighborhood atmosphere due to the many folks who volunteered their time over the past 50 years. I plan to remain involved after my term as president expires in March and encourage others to join the UNA Board and/or a committee.

One last item. I had a recent disturbing “Goat Trail” experience. The residents of Uplake have permission to use the Goat Trail road and I have verified this personally with the Lake Forest Park Police Department. A Goat Trail resident tried to run me off the road and then did a “U- turn” and followed me home and yelled at me for using their “private drive”. I spoke with the LFP police and they “educated” this person as to the law. If you encounter any similar situation, please call the LFP Police. **DO NOT** confront the person personally.

Please feel free to email us if you have any other suggestions or ideas. Also, all neighbors are welcome to attend the UNA monthly Board meetings. They are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00PM in the Aqua Club Clubhouse.

Mike McCloskey
UNA President

Heavy Rain and Gutters

Have you cleaned out your gutters this fall? Heavy rain can cause full gutters to back up under the roof and water will leak down into the house on the walls. Even if you don't have leaves around your home, fir needles can cause accumulation in gutters. Many of the gutters sold promise to keep out leaves, but fail to mention that needles can get in.

If you are unable to do this chore yourself, perhaps you and neighbors can go together to hire a firm to do several houses at once. Can you recommend a company to do this work? We could add the name to our reliable worker list. Call Linda Ottmar @ 425-485-4637 or email @ nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net with suggestions.



Weather Emergencies

Let's all keep last winter's storm in mind and prepare for any and potential problems this winter by collecting items for an emergency survival kit together. Here is a list of ways to prepare:

- Flashlights and lanterns
- Supply of fresh batteries
- Portable radio
- Crank radio if you don't want to deal with batteries
- Learn how to open garage door if you have an automatic door
- Have a phone that connects to the wall jack.
- If a storm is predicted fill car with gas because gas stations need power also.
- If you use a generator, keep it outside.
- Use barbeques outside.
- Have frozen bottles of water in freezer to use to keep refrigerator and freezer cold during outage.
- If the weather is in the 30's, you can store food outside in an ice chest.
- Keep some cans of food that can be heated up on a gas stove or barbeque.
- Have a manual can opener.
- Have some heavy plastic sheeting to cover broken windows or to wall off rooms to retain heat a part of the home.

Check on your neighbors during extended outages. If you have a gas hot water heater in your home, offer them a shower. If you cook with gas, have them over for a meal or bring them a thermos of soup or coffee.

UNA Honored

The Kenmore Police Department honored the UNA with a plaque for our efforts to keep the neighborhood informed about safety issues. Officer Mark Childers is impressed with the efforts we have made to keep in touch with everyone by email and newsletter. We now have about 90 neighbors who are on our email notification system. If you want to join this list, email Linda Ottmar at nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

Save the Date for the UNA Potluck

Tuesday, March 25th is the date for the UNA annual meeting and potluck. Election of officers and board members is the only business. Good food and friendship are the important parts of the evening. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Entrance Work

Much work has been done on the 61st entrance to Uplake. **Warren Quinn** has coordinated these efforts to add plants, replace the watering system, and add mulch. **Lynette Petrie** was instrumental in planning, purchasing, and planting new shrubs. The planting was done with help from **Margaret and Walt Carroll** and **Bernice and Warren Quinn**. **Dave Utela, Neal Ottmar, and Warren** dug a 100 foot long ditch and installed a new waterline to get water to the 61st entrance. Special thanks go to **Stan and Orelli Madayag** who allowed the UNA to dig through their backyard to get the waterline to the garden.

Diane Quinn and Jan Sholdt cleaned up the 60th entrance and planted colorful fall plants. **Warren Quinn** put up the holiday lights.

When you see these neighbors, thank them for their continuing efforts to keep our entrances attractive.

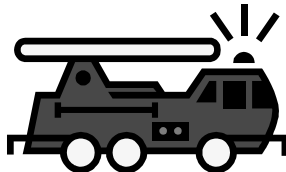


A Bit of History

The recent passing of Robert Bannister, the long time Kenmore Fire Chief, spurs us to look back at the history of the local fire department. Chief Bannister lived close to Kenmore Elementary School and his many children were school-mates of the children of our neighborhood.

The fire department was organized in the 1940's and the first station was in the building now housing Kenmore Camera. Many local children visited the station and were allowed to sit in the fire trucks. The firemen were volunteers and when the siren went off workers from local businesses would come running. More than once the butcher from the A and P grocery store in the Kenmore Village was seen hurrying across the parking lot with his white apron flapping.

In 1977 the new fire station was built on NE 73rd and with the passage of the recent bond, a newer station will be built across the street. In the 1980's the fire district changed its name to the Northshore Fire Department and now covers Kenmore and Lake Forest Park.



Athletic Honors

For the fourth year in a row, the Inglemoor High School Girls' swim team won the state 4A championship. Again local Aqua Club swimmers formed the backbone of the team. Especially outstanding was **Jayme Swalin** who broke IHS record in the 500 yard freestyle. This earned Jayme headline recognition in the Seattle Times and also being named 4A swimmer of the meet. Other area swimmers who lead IHS to victory were **Chrissy Baumgartner**, and **Mackenzie Nakamura**.

Meagan and **Molly McCloskey** swam for Bishop Blanchet High School as part of their 3A team at the state swim meet. The girls swam in individual and relay events. During the summer they are also part of the Aqua Club swim team

Inglemoor's football team made the playoffs this year. Members of the team from our neighborhood were **Ian Quinn**, **Ehren Sholdt**, **Jacob Swenson**, and **Gary Koukal**.

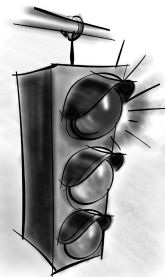
61st Traffic Issues

In September the Kenmore City Council decided to delay any work on a stoplight at 61st and 181st until the state DOT does work on Bothell Way/Hwy 522. It will be several years until that work is done.

Residents continue to experience trouble crossing the intersection to go into Kenmore or to turn right to get into the left turn lane at the stoplight. It is very difficult during heavy traffic times and dangerous the rest of the time due to the speed of the cars on 61st and the poor sight lines.

The city did install permanent radar readers on 61st in an effort to slow down traffic. It appears to have had very little effect. It is also still hard to turn left from NE 190th onto 61st NE or to cross 61st at that intersection.

If you feel that these intersections are hazards to you and your family please contact City Council members. Their names and email addresses are at this website. <http://www.ci.kenmore.wa.us/dept/council/meetcouncil.html>



In Memoriam

The neighborhood has lost two long time residents recently both of who lived for many years on NE 180th Street. **Leonard Schneider** died in September and **Colleen Houg** passed away in December. Their neighbors and friends will miss them.

New Neighbors

Matthew and Jenny Wang have purchased the home at 18011 60th Ave. NE. Stop and welcome them to the neighborhood. If there are other new arrivals, please let Linda Ottmar know @ 425-485-4637.



Honor for Priscilla Droge

Priscilla Droge will be honored at the Wednesday, February 6th meeting of the Kenmore Heritage Society. She will be given the McMaster Heritage Award, which goes to a local person who has aided the efforts of the society. Priscilla is the author of [Kenmore by the Lake](#), a book detailing the local history of our city and area. She is a long time chronicler of all manner of local lore. Come to the meeting at 6:30 P.M. at the Kenmore Community Club to honor Priscilla. The club is located on the corner of 73rd and 175th N..E. next to the Burke Gilman Trail.

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Uplake's Website

If you haven't visited Uplake's website, go right now and see the beautifully constructed pages done by UNA board member, **Dara Korra'ti**. There are historical pictures, current photographs, a discussion forum and much more. The address is <http://uplake.org/>



Uplake Neighbor of the Year Award

Send your nomination by March 1, 2008 to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028 or contact Mike McCloskey at 425-485-2813 or sanjuanbooks@yahoo.com

I nominate _____ for the

Uplake Neighborhood Association Neighbor of the Year Award because

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