

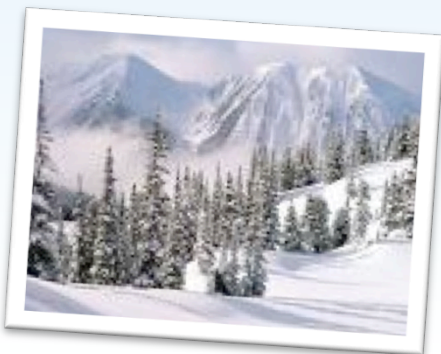
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the Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

Luckily it looks like we have made it through most of the winter without any big storms. Our weather has turned almost spring like at least temperature wise.

Looking back on early December if you missed the Holiday Wine Tasting party make sure you plan now to come next holiday season. We had a wonderful mix of long time and newer residents. It was a most pleasant evening and the UNA thanks the Uplake Women's Club, the Click Wine Group, and Jon and Rebecca for their efforts.

Please consider volunteering to be a board member. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd. The term of office is two years and the commitment is an hour or two a month. This isn't much time to give to continue the helpful spirit and cohesiveness of our neighborhood.

As new residents buy homes in the neighborhood a representative of the UNA welcomes them with a booklet and information about the area. Be sure to let us know of any new folks on your street.

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Emergency Kits

The recent earthquake in Haiti reminds to check our emergency kits and update any medications and supplies. Refill your water supplies and replace canned goods. Buy new batteries for radios and flashlights.

New Hardware Store in LFP

After years of having to go to the big box stores for home repair items, it is a relief to have the new Town Centre ACE Hardware store open. Many neighbors have patronized the store and are impressed with the quantity of items and hope others will shop there to help it be successful.

The Kenmore Heritage Society Award

The Kenmore Heritage Society gives the McMaster Award yearly to a person who has contributed to Kenmore over a period of several years. This year's award goes to a former Uplake resident, **Dick Taylor**, who now lives in Edmonds. Dick was also active as a board member of the UNA and as a Kenmore city councilman and mayor. He will receive the award in a ceremony at the Heritage Society meeting on Feb.3rd. A former recipient of the McMaster Award is our own **Priscilla Droge**.

Warning on Door-to-Door Salespersons

Beware of those folks going door-to-door. A recent window salesperson represented himself as the absent homeowner and then signed for and stole a package being delivered by Fed Ex. It is wise to be careful answering the door and to never buy anything without thoroughly checking out the company. Because of our email network we were able to notify many of you when this happened in early December.

Skateboarders ♥ Us

We have heard many comments about the young boys skateboarding in the area. After some investigation it appears that none of them live in the Uplake area, but in Lake Forest Park and Shoreline and have found our hills to be very attractive. They are dangerous to themselves as they come down hills so quickly that cars backing out of driveways or turning could easily hit them.

If you see them, say something to them about it being dangerous and encourage them to go to the skateboard park in Kenmore behind the old Ostrom's. Better yet call Officer Mark Childers to come and have a talk with them! He can be reached @ 206-205-7652.

In Memoriam

Unfortunately we have lost four of our long time residents. Many of you know and went to school with members of these families.

Recently we lost **Cecil Collins** who past away Oct. 28th. He and his wife, Vera, and family have lived in the neighborhood since the 1970's. His daughter, **Karan Swenson**, and her family also live in Uplake. In the past years Cecil has served on the UNA Board.

Lisa Surdyk passed away on December 6th. She leaves her husband, Tim, and four young children. Lisa was the daughter of Mary and Dick Klein, who were residents of Uplake for many years. Lisa and Tim bought their home.

Mary Mass passed away on Nov. 22nd and is survived by her husband, Norman, who still lives in the neighborhood. She moved into the area many years ago and raised her family here.

Cathy McCloskey, former resident and mother to current resident, **Mike McCloskey**, passed away Nov. 13th. Cathy moved into Uplake with her husband Tom and their seven children in 1961 and was active in the UNA, Uplake Women's Club and Aqua Club. The **Mostads** now own the former McCloskey home.

Nominations for UNA Neighbor of the Year Award

It is time to recognize those neighbors who have helped our area over the years. Send you ideas to the UNA Secretary, Linda Ottmar by phone @ 425-485-4637 or email nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

Annual Meeting and Potluck - Mark Your Calendar!

Join the neighborhood on **Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM** at Aqua Club for the UNA Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. A very short business meeting and election of officers will follow the social hour and potluck. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. You will hear more about this in March.



New Neighbors

Jennifer and Ben Griner have bought the Oberg home on 60th NE. They have a young son, Broden, and expect a new baby in February. They are moving here from another home in the eastern part of Kenmore. They extensively remodeled the home and moved in mid January.

Three sisters, **Kate McCusker, Meri Gehrman, and Pamela Dujmovich**, have bought the McCarthy home on 57th NE. Living with them are their three children. The family previously lived in Kirkland and is excited to be a part of a close-knit neighborhood.

Lyn and Charles Coffey's home on 58th NE is for sale because they have bought her father, **Andrew Houg's**, home on 57th NE. We are glad they are staying in the neighborhood.

The **Bielawski** family from Bothell has just purchased the Oncken home on 60th NE. Watch for news about them in the next newsletter. The **Onckens** are moving to a home on Crystal Lake north of Woodinville.

Are there any other new neighbors in the last few months that we have missed? If you see a house sold, let the UNA know so we can welcome them with our fantastic booklet about the area.

Holiday Party – A Well Attended Affair

The UNA and Uplake Women's Club hosted a very successful wine tasting party in early December. The Women's Club had decorated the Aqua Club beautifully, brought desserts, and the UNA furnished the appetizers. The selection of wines came from the Click Wine Group through the generosity of **Jon and Rebecca Rader**. The Raders have volunteered to host this event again next year and the neighborhood owes them a very big thank you.



Wonderful Holiday Lights

Did you take a drive through our streets in December? There were some lovely light displays. Here are some of the outstanding homes: **White, Coffey, Rader, Wadum, Wiese, I and J Jones, Gray, McCusker/Gehrman/Dujmovich, and Beckton**. The street that was the absolute best was NE 187th where nearly every home was well lit!

Do We Have Your Email Address?

The UNA sends out email when we have serious events happen in the neighborhood. OK, maybe we do notify you about missing pets, but we also let you know about suspicious persons and upcoming events. Emails are always sent out “blind copy”, which means no one else sees your email address. We also never share it with anyone. Send your email address to Linda Ottmar nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

Join the 140 other neighbors who have given the UNA their email address. Don't you want to be the first to know about happenings?

Volunteer for the UNA Board

Are you interested in spending one evening a month helping to keep our neighborhood a lovely place to live? The UNA board meets one night a month for about an hour. We work to keep the entrances maintained, publish the newsletter, plan social activities, and communicate with the City of Kenmore. Contact Steve Knapp @ 425-486-0536 or

New Reliable Worker List Coming

Do you have any additions to our reliable worker list? In the next edition of the Uplake Update we will be including new names. We are always interested in plumbers, electricians, and painters. Contact Linda Ottmar for any people you think need to be added.

More Dues Payers

Since the last newsletter dues have been received from
Laverty/Schminke, Olson,
Shahrazad, Wedlund,
D and C Anderson.

