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# the Uplake Update

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## Board's Bulletin

Winter arrived in January this year. After our dry December we were wondering if we would get any snow at all.

Thanks to the **Raders** our annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party was another success. This party grows each year and we also raised a record amount of money for Hopelink. We are looking forward to the Family Potluck/Annual Meeting in March and the East Egg Hunt in April. More details about these two events are in the newsletter.

Consider becoming a candidate for the UNA Board. We have monthly meetings which last about one hour. In addition we help with the annual events that the UNA sponsors and keep up the entrances. Let one of the board members know if you are interested.

Whenever we have inclement weather be sure to check on your neighbors, especially those who are reluctant to drive on ice and snow. Just call them when you are going to the store or pharmacy and see if they need anything.

Thanks to all you who make Uplake such a special place to live and Happy New Year from the UNA Board.

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## March Annual Meeting/Family Potluck

The UNA's Annual Meeting/Potluck dinner will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at Aqua Club from 4-6 PM. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share (along with a serving spoon). Expect it feed about 10-12 people. A short business meeting will follow along with a chance to pay your yearly dues and get a new roster. In addition we will elect new officers and board members.

## Holiday Lights

A drive around the neighborhood to look at lights was a pleasure this past December. Again the overall best street was NE 187<sup>th</sup>. Near the top of the hill the **Hagen** home had the most outstanding display in Uplake. The most kid pleasing display was the **Nambo/Maurer** home on NE 182<sup>nd</sup> with its blow up figures. Other homes with very nice displays were the **Weber, Montgomery**, and **O'Keefe homes** all on NE 58<sup>th</sup>.

## Two New Libraries

How can we be so lucky? Two new libraries within half a mile from Uplake. The newly expanded Lake Forest Park Library in the mall opened on January 7th. It is 60% larger than the previous library. This library joins the new Kenmore Library which we touted in the last newsletter. Both of these are part of the award winning King County Library System. This end of the lake must be the home of lots of readers.

## Kenmore Police Department Moves

In January the Kenmore Police Department moved into the Kenmore City Hall from its former location on NE 73<sup>rd</sup> St. Kenmore's police force is really part of the King County Sheriff's Office. Kenmore contracts with the sheriff to pay for the officers who wear uniforms and drive cars which say City of Kenmore Police.

The King County Sheriff closed the area office to save money and also because there is less unincorporated area nearby for them to patrol. Fortunately the City of Kenmore planned ahead and left space on the second floor of city hall to house the police department and enough parking for the police cars.

## New Website – Uplakekenmore.org

Due to technical difficulties, UNA board member **Dara Korrat'i** had to rebuild our website. While the old site was lovely, the new one is even better. Dara has done a fantastic job. If you haven't ever looked at the site, do so for sure. Lots of informative, useful information is there. The forum section has been redone so residents can create their own topics. The historic pictures of the area are the best part!

## New Neighbors

More new neighbors have moved into our lovely Uplake. **Jillian and Ian Morell** have purchased the former Tran home on NE 180<sup>th</sup>. The Morells have gutted the main floor while they lived downstairs. Their next plan is to landscape the yard. They have two girls, one who is 7 years old and the other a baby. Both Jillian and Ian work in Kirkland which is where they formerly lived. Ian was raised in Everett and Jillian is from California. The whole neighborhood is thankful to the Morells for cleaning up this eyesore.

**James Colquhoun and Molly Keys** have purchased the Lapeyrouse home on 60<sup>th</sup> NE. They also moved here from Kirkland where James, or "JJ" as he is known, is a hospitalist MD at Evergreen Hospital and Molly is a Naturopathic Physician with a practice in Bellevue. They welcomed a son, Samuel, who was born in early January. JJ was raised in Spokane and Molly's hometown is Hermiston, OR. Both of them graduated from UPS in 1992.

**Bill and Amanda Belawski** are the proud parents of Grace who was born this past fall. She joins an older brother.

## Successful Wine Tasting Party

What a fun evening! A great way to start the holiday season! Never seen the Aqua Club look so inviting! Wow, very nice wines! Those were a few of the comments heard from the large crowd at our wine tasting party in early December.



Thanks to **Jon and Rebecca Rader** for all their hard work on this event. **Geri Sanford** was the chairperson and her helpers were **Judy and Gregg Nelson, Carrie O'Keefe, Linda Ottmar**. The wines for the event were provided by Wine Bow and are available at Ballinger Thriftway.

The best part of the party was the \$720 raised for Hopelink.

## Coyotes in the area

In December coyotes were seen by the **Reed and Russell** families on 60<sup>th</sup> NE, NE 182<sup>nd</sup> and NE 57<sup>th</sup>. They are really probably everywhere. Do remember to keep small pets in sight as they can be appetizing for these predators.



## Christmas Caroling

Thanks to the local elementary children who went caroling in Uplake. **Gustylee Boulware** had some of the local kids and their families over for a bit of holiday cheer and the kids and their parents cheered up the rest of us. Hope they made it to your street.

## Entrance Lights

Thanks to the UNA board members who helped with the holiday lights at the entrance. **Carrie O'Keefe, Craig Hopkins, MaryBeth Anthony, and Geri Sanford** all worked to have our entry way bright and welcoming.

## Ladies with the Silly Hats

Do you giggle at them as you see the two women who frequently walk through Uplake? Have you wondered if they are neighbors? Ruthie and Lauren don matching hats often based on the current season. One occasionally carries her very small dog, Rosie, in a basket on her back.

These are two Lake Forest Park neighbors who have a walking route through our area. Ruthie and Lauren are thrilled with the reception they get from Uplake residents. They love the waves, smiles, and horn beeps. Their goal is to lift their spirits as they get some exercise. Do they know how much they lift our spirits?



## Burke-Gilman Trail

Trail users are pleased that that portion of the trail from Log Boom Park to Lake Forest Park has been open for a month now. The rest of the trail is expected to open by the end of January. The trail is wider, dangerous trees have been removed, and all of the troublesome cracks in the blacktop are gone.

There has been a lot of work done to shore up the steep sides of the trail especially in the Lake Forest Park portion. Evidently drainage in these areas has caused slides in the past.

This 35 year old treasure got a much needed replacement. Did you know that homes for sale often list being close to the Burke-Gilman as a big plus?

## Stoplight at 61<sup>st</sup> Ave NE and NE 181st

It is coming! According to the City of Kenmore, the work on the intersection will be put out to bid in March and work will start in May. By the end of 2012 the light should be functioning. Much work needs to be done to the east side of the intersection where a small stream flows down to Lake Washington. The city plans to install a retaining wall along this section and add left turn lanes also. It appears that we will lose only a minimal amount of our entrance garden on the west side. Thanks to all residents who helped bring this to fruition.

## Can you help out the Neighborhood?

Are you interested in helping out? Can you give an hour or two a month? You can be an Uplake Neighborhood Association board member!! We meet once a month on Wednesday evening from 7-8 PM. Most of our work in between meetings is done by email. Let **Linda Ottmar** know if you are interested or have questions. Call her @ 425-485-4637.

## UNA Easter Egg Hunt

Plans are being made to have another Easter Egg Hunt for the little members of the neighborhood on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of **MaryBeth Anthony/Matt Mostad**. **MaryBeth and Dona Hunter** are heading up this project. If you want to help them call MaryBeth at 206-790-0864.

There is to be a toddler friendly hunt as well as another more adventurous hunt for older kids. All ages are welcome to look for the golden egg. Come and enjoy the welcome to Spring, meet new neighbors, and have coffee and mimosas along with Easter treats.

Watch for more information via email as we get closer to the event.

## In Memoriam

**Gretchen Ragsdale**, long time Uplake resident, passed away in January. She and her family moved into Uplake in 1960 and lived in their first home until she sold it to the McCloskeys. Gretchen bought a home just two houses up the street so she could stay in the neighborhood. Her children Kathy, Greg, Sandy, and Mary were swimmers at Aqua Club and went to the local schools with many of the neighborhood children. Gretchen was a long time first grade teacher in the Northshore School District. She was preceded in death by her husband, Caryle, in 1994.

## Theft of Package from Porch

We always need to be aware of the possibility of the theft of packages delivered to our doors. This is especially important during the holiday season. One family on 60<sup>th</sup> NE did have two packages stolen after a delivery by UPS. No one else reported a problem however. If you aren't going to be home during delivery, ask a neighbor to watch for the delivery. Some people have packages delivered to their place of work if they are never home during the day. Others leave a note for the delivery person to hide the package behind an object on the porch.

## South Snohomish County Break-ins

The cities of Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and especially Edmonds have suffered a surge in the number of home burglaries. Since the beginning of the fall there have been over 200 break ins. The pattern seems to be that persons drive through neighborhoods casing houses that look empty and then ring the doorbell. If no one answers they find an out of the way door and force it open. Much of this happens in the daytime when residents are at work. They often take expensive items that can be sold quickly on Craig's List.

Here are some recommendations to help keep our homes safe. Some of these are for when you go out of town, but others can be done on a daily basis.

1. Avoid advertising, especially in front of strangers, that you will be leaving home (this includes social media sites).
2. If available, use the phone company's call forwarding to forward all of your calls.
3. Suspend newspaper deliveries and have your mail held at the post office. Or get a neighbor to take in mail and papers.
4. Have a trusted neighbor watch your home while you are gone.
5. Make sure your home looks occupied while you are away and make it difficult to break in.
6. Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway.
7. Use timers on some lights and leave a radio on to a talk station.
8. Keep the outside of your home well-lit and keep window curtains closed so no one can see valuables inside.
9. Get a large dog or even better an alarm system.
10. Be a snoopy neighbor and watch for anything suspicious. Call 911 if you are the least bit concerned.

## The Black Cat Saga

Remember the black cat that was a stray in the neighborhood. Thanks to **Erna Somoff and Barbara Homes** the cat is now with a loving family. Erna and Barbara captured the cat and paid for the cat to go to the Kenmore Veterinary Hospital. After treatment the vet was able to place the cat with a family who has named the cat "Harry Potter". We understand that it now sleeps on their bed.



## Learn More About Police Work

Do you want to be a policeman in your next life? You can learn about it now by going to the **Kenmore Police Department's Citizen's Academy** that is taught with the King County Sheriff's Office. Once a year they offer a 10 week course which covers a variety of topics including: Defensive Tactics, K9, Major Accident Investigations, Homicide and Major Crimes, Automatic Fingerprint Identification System, Guardian One Helicopter, and Marine Patrol.

This no cost course is held at the Kenmore City Hall and begins March 21<sup>st</sup>. Class size is limited. You can get more information at <http://www.kenmorewa.gov/Page.aspx?nid=329> or by calling **Officer Mark Childers at 206-205-7652**.

## A Visit to Kenmore Air – Chance for a Quick Trip

All of us hear the planes take off from Kenmore Air daily. Some of us have even had the chance to go on a seaplane ride. Did you know that Kenmore Air is the largest floatplane operator in the country? They have scheduled flights daily to the San Juans, Gulf Islands, and Victoria. During the summer months flights take them far into Canada's west coast.

Founded by the Munro family, the company began in 1946 at the north end of Lake Washington. Descendants still run the firm. Originally begun as a flight school and charter operation they have evolved into scheduled passenger service and a huge aircraft repair business. They own 20 floatplanes and employ almost 200 people. Ten of the planes are the famous de Havilland Beavers which were last manufactured in 1967. They have rebuilt 135 Beavers for customers over the years including one derelict one owned by actor Harrison Ford. Many private planes are also stored on the property.

Are you interested in a seaplane ride? Kenmore Air has offered a special rate to Uplake residents for a 15 minute scenic flight for \$59. If you are interested contact UNA board member Evie Williams at [ewilliams@annuitieswest.com](mailto:ewilliams@annuitieswest.com) or call her at 486-7113. She will take requests from interested residents and schedule a Saturday in May for this adventure!

