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the
Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

Our rainy wet, weather can be depressing, but at least we haven't had snow this year—so far. The kids may be disappointed, but the drivers aren't!

Your UNA Board is excited to see the progress on the spotlight on 61st NE. We have been working over the years to make this a reality, but are sorry for the inconvenience the construction is having on the neighborhood. We are also confident that it will be worth the trouble and expense.

We thank the Raders for again helping the UNA host a terrific Holiday Wine Tasting party. **Mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Meeting/Potluck on Sunday, March 24th at 4:00PM and the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th.** You will hear more about these two fun events in the next few weeks.

Come to our February 27th, 7:00PM board meeting to hear from Kris Overlease about the City of Kenmore's plans for more work on Hwy 522(Bothell Way). Mayor David Baker is also planning to attend.

If you are interested in helping out the neighborhood by volunteering for any of our activities give Steve Knapp a call.

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Annual Meeting/Family Potluck

Save Sunday, March 24th, for the Uplake Annual Meeting and Family Potluck. Carrie O'Keefe schadee@msn.com and Tina Montgomery tina@surfinseafood.com have agreed to co-chair this event. Contact them if you can help. People are needed for setup, clean up, and serving during the potluck.

Easter Egg Hunt

Plans are being made for the March 30th annual Easter Egg Hunt. Contact MaryBeth Anthony marybethanthony@comcast.net or Carrie O'Keefe schadee@msn.com if you want to help with this event.

Ideas for More Social Events

If you have ideas for more social events for the neighborhood, let any board member know. What fun events can you think of that we could do?

BEWARE of Door-to-Door Sales Persons

Kenmore Police Officer Mark Childers warned us at our October safety meeting that most door-to-door salespersons are not legitimate. Many are casing our properties to see if anyone is at home. To be legitimate, sales persons need to have a City of Kenmore solicitor's license, not just a verbal comment that they have checked with the police.

Many organizations drop off people in our area to sell magazines or solicit donations. An example is the man who was going around the neighborhood in January. He said he was from the United States Mission. This is a group who uses felons who go out in the evening to ask for funds. There was an expose` about the group two years ago on KIROTV <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/homeless-charity-mandates-panhandling-takes-big-cu/nDRq5/> They are not a charitable organization, but a religious one. That means their finances are not subject to any state overview.

Officer Childers says never to hesitate to call 911 even if you think it isn't an emergency. 911 operators screen the calls by asking, "Is this an emergency?"

Is the fact that we are so close to a major highway, that it seems easy for groups to drop their workers/solicitors off here? Maybe if our neighborhood were further away from Hwy 522 they would not come here as often.

Our Stoplight

Wow! We didn't know that this project was so monumental. At least we will all be safe when we cross 61st and there won't be any more T-Bone accidents there. There is still a lot of work to be done as the project was delayed by the rainy weather and the extensive work on the stream on the east side of 61st. Thanks again to the City of Kenmore for all of this.

Bothell Way/522 Plans

As Kenmore moves forward to do more work on Hwy 522 you can learn about the plans by coming to the February 27th UNA Board Meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM at Aqua Club. Kris Overlease will discuss the proposed work on the section between 65th NE and 61st NE. The section from 61st NE past our entrance to the west is not included in this work and is a few years in the future.

Reminder About Long Term Parking



Vehicles, including trailers, can't be parked in the same spot on our streets for more than 24 hours. If you have such a vehicle on your street, you can call 911 to report it. Police will leave a reminder on the car about moving it and if it isn't moved it will be towed. We have even had stolen vehicles abandoned on our streets!!

Entrance Gardens on 61st NE and NE 60th

The construction on the stoplight appears to have caused major damage our planting area on 61st. After the work is finished we will need to assess how to redo the garden. We also have a repair issue with the lighting on the east side of the NE 60th entrance. The board is looking for an answer to the problem that won't cost us too much. The estimate we got was \$2000. We certainly hope we can do it for less. Finally, with the plans going ahead for finishing the construction on Bothell Way from about NE 65th to our entrance on NE 60th we do have to be vigilant about maintaining our brick entrance and are seeking assurance from the city that it will be kept as is.

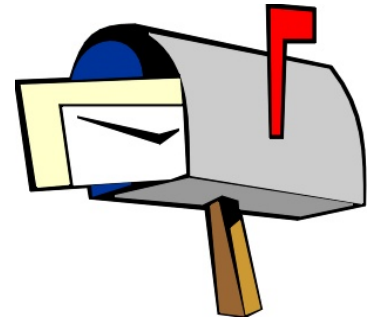
If you are interested in planning or working on our garden on 61stNE, let any board member know or call Steve Knapp. You can also come the next UNA board meeting on Feb. 20th at 7 PM at Aqua Club.

In Memoriam

Marley Anderson passed away in November. He leaves his wife Joyce here in Uplake. They moved into the neighborhood about 30 years ago and raised their sons, Mark and Tad here. Marley was a retired King County Police Sergeant, who in his working days patrolled our streets.

Mailbox Tampering/Theft

We had another incident in January when mail was found on the ground and a mailbox was left open. This is another reminder that locking mailboxes and quick removal of mail are the answers to this problem.



Single Family Home Issues

One of the concerns in many neighborhoods is the ruling by the courts pertaining to the definition of a single family home. In Kenmore and other cities the definition now reads that a home can have up to eight unrelated adults in residence. This has resulted in single family neighborhoods having boarding houses, group homes, and half-way houses. This link to an article in the Seattle Times tells of the struggle the City of Normandy Park is having with this issue: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2018798999_mentally_ill_homes29m.html.

In Uplake, a portion of our area is covered by covenants that say it is a “single family” area. Although that phrase is not defined in the covenants, we believe that while it might not be defined as broadly as Kenmore’s definition, there is no way to know for sure until someone pays to litigate it in court.

Wonderful Holiday Wine Tasting

Many thanks go to the Raders for their work on our Holiday Wine Tasting party that again attracted many neighbors. We collected \$500 for Hopelink through the generous gifts of those attending. Thanks also go to the board members who helped set up and clean up.

Holiday Lights

This holiday season we had another wonderful display of lights on many homes. Streets with outstanding efforts were 57th NE, and NE 182nd. Special crowd pleasers were the **Blackburn** and **Nambo/Maurer** homes.

Did You Know?

Have you wondered what your \$50 dues go for? Many people are volunteering their time and talents for the benefit of the neighborhood. 134 out of 220 residents paid their dues this past year. We are facing landscaping and lighting costs at the entrances this coming year, so perhaps the cost of dues need to go up or more residents need to pay their voluntary dues. Let us hear from you.

Here are some of our major costs:

Utilities (water and electricity for the entrances)	\$ 960.00
Landscaping (weeding and plants)	1970.00
Newsletter (postage and printing)	1002.00
Social Events	1374.00

Board Members and Officers

The current UNA board Officers have agreed to run again for another year. They are president Steve Knapp, vice president Carrie O'Keefe, secretary Linda Ottmar, and treasurer Evie Williams.

Current board members whose terms are up are Jon Rader, Don Beaty, Tina Montgomery, Colleen Anderson, and Dara Korra'ti. Jon, Tina, Dara, and Colleen have agreed to run again. Jean Wilkes has also agreed to be a candidate. Hugo Draye, Lisa Berkman, and MaryBeth Anthony have one year remaining on their terms. .

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*Uplake Neighborhood Association
Family Potluck/Annual Meeting
at
Aqua Club*

Sunday, March 24th, 4:00 PM

Bring your favorite Main Dish, Salad, or Dessert
(To Serve 8-10)

And a serving spoon or fork

Election of Officers and Board Members

Chance to pay dues

Opportunity to socialize with your neighbors

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Call Tina Montgomery 425-424-0974

*or Carrie O'Keefe 206-898-6224 for more information or to volunteer
to help*