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the Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

If you didn't come to the Holiday Wine Tasting Party you missed a special event. This year Aqua Club and UNA co-sponsored this successful party. Especially heartwarming was the \$1000 we collected to send the Hopelink. Thanks again to the **Raders** for their annual support.

Plan to attend our annual meeting/family potluck on Sunday March 22nd. We encourage any resident to volunteer to be a board member. The time commitment is small and it is a great way to get to know other neighbors and keep Uplake such a great place to live. It's helpful to have new people on the board to keep our ideas fresh and current. Contact me, or any UNA Board Member if you are interested.

Some long time homeowners in the area have chosen to sell as the value of the homes increased during the past year. We well miss them.

We especially want to welcome the following new residents to Uplake at the potluck: **Kris and Melissa Gustafson, Susan Chang and Doug Nicholson, Shari Horne and Sam Mahmoud, Anya Settler and Nathan Weber, Andrea Westerhof and Sean Replogle.**

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New Neighbors!

Anya Stettler and Nathan Weber have purchased a home NE 180th and just recently moved in. They previously lived in downtown Seattle and are excited to buy their first home in Uplake. Anya was raised on Bainbridge Island and Nathan is from California. Nathan has already volunteered to help with December's Wine Tasting Party.

Andrea Westerhof and Sean Replogle have bought a home on 57th Ave NE and just moved in mid January. They come here from Salt Lake City, but Andrea is originally from Tennessee and Sean was raised in California. They met while stationed with the US Navy on Whidbey Island. Their family includes two sons, ages 5 and 3.

Shari Horne and Sam Mahmoud have purchased a home on 60th NE. They previously lived in Shoreline and are busy working on the house for the next few weeks.

Two other homes on NE 182nd and NE 187th have sales pending and the anticipated closing dates are in mid February. Both families are very excited to be moving into Uplake.

Wine Tasting Party

We hosted another successful wine tasting party. Thanks again to **Jon and Becca Rader** for all of their help in planning, buying the wine, decorating, building the fire, and much more! This year we partnered with Aqua Club and while we provided the wine, Aqua Club provided the appetizers. Thanks go to **Carrie O'Keefe and Linda and Neal Ottmar** for set up and decorating. **Kat Stimmel Leaty** planned and bought all the food. Helping with the clean up were **Lincoln and Jean Wilkes** and many others.



Fantastic Donation to Hopelink

Thanks to all who donated to Hopelink at the Holiday Wine Tasting Party as we received a record \$1,000. Many needy families were provided with food because of your generosity.

Holiday Lights Contest

What a bright and colorful holiday season we had in Uplake. Many homes went to extra effort to decorate outside this year. Here are some of the homes where the UNA board members found an especially nice display: **O'Keefe, Hunter, Ryan, Sobolewski, McCloskey, Heine, Kelly, Beaty, Montgomery, Rader, Donahue, Newman, Romeo, Hagan, Damerow, and Su/Miecznikowski.**

The overall winner was the **Mauer/Nambo** home on NE 182nd. They were awarded a gift certificate to Pagliacci's in Kenmore. Runners up were **Webers** on NE 58th and **Schultzes** on NE 55th.

Every year we will have a different winner, so start planning for the next holiday season.

New Grocery Stores

Have you heard the news? Albertsons at Lake Forest Park is going to become a Haggens grocery store. The conversion will take place sometime this spring. When Albertsons bought Safeway they had to divest some stores to increase competition. Haggens is a locally owned grocery chain out of Bellingham and will be a very good addition for shoppers.

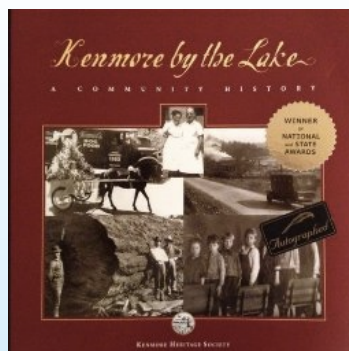
Trader Joe's, a specialty grocery store, is also opening this spring at a location in Shoreline at NE 175th and Aurora.



March Potluck and Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 22nd for the annual UNA Family Potluck/meeting. We will gather at 4:00 PM. See the included invitation for details.

Kenmore History Book



Newer Uplake residents may not know that our very own Priscilla Droge compiled the history of Kenmore and it was published in book form a few years ago. The award winning book, Kenmore by the Lake, is available at Ostroms or Third Place Books. The book is filled with old descriptions and pictures of Kenmore.

Books will also be for sale at the Annual Meeting/Family Potluck in March.

School Attendance Boundaries for Northshore School District

Beginning in 2017 the Northshore School District has proposed new attendance boundaries for several of its schools. This is driven by the new North Creek High School under construction in the northern part of the district. Northshore is moving to 4-year high schools, grades 6-8 middle schools, and K-5 elementaries.

Fortunately, all of Uplake remains in the present attendance areas. Inglemoor High School will also retain the International Baccalaureate program. Area students will still attend Kenmore Elementary and Kenmore Junior High (soon to be a middle school).

Where are the Speed Bumps?

Neighbors are frustrated that it is taking so long for the City of Kenmore to install the planned speed bumps near Aqua Club. The city has promised that they will do so in the spring, giving the excuse that it wasn't in the 2014 budget and winter is not the time to do asphalt work. King County, who does Kenmore's transportation engineering work, still needs to consult the homeowners closest to the site about the exact location of the speed bumps.

Your board is in monthly contact with the city on this issue. You can help by letting the city know of our impatience by going onto the city's website and filling out a citizen action request.



Are You Planning to Sell Your Home?

As the market has improved several long time owners have decided to downsize and have listed homes for sale in Uplake. The ones that have sold quickly have been priced correctly and have been marketed for today's buyers. Knowledgeable real estate agents know how to stage homes, take flattering pictures, and sell our wonderful neighborhood.

It has been disheartening to read listings where the real estate agent didn't even know which school district we are part of. Being in the Northshore School District does help sell a home!! Also buyers with children are very often interested in an Aqua Club membership, even though there are over 200 families on the wait list! Just because you have a relative or a friend of a friend who is an agent doesn't mean they can market our special neighborhood.

Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date for the popular Uplake Annual Easter Egg Hunt for area children. It is planned for Saturday, April 4th. You will receive an email invitation closer to the date. Grandparents can even bring their grandchildren!



Can You Spare an Hour a Month?

If you can spare an hour a month, volunteer to be a UNA board member. We have short, one-hour meetings on the 4th Wed. of nine months a year. No meetings in March, July, and December. It's a great way to get to know your neighborhood and help keep it such a nice place to live. It's a minimal commitment that does so much good for Uplake. We'd really like to see some new members on the board, for fresh ideas. Let Linda Ottmar know if you can serve-425-485-4637.

Unsightly Garbage Cans/ Garages and Carports

Thanks to all the residents who bring in the cans after pickup. Unfortunately, a few families leave them street side and the rest of us have to see them the other 6 days of the week, sometimes overflowing with garbage. Please pull them in and hide them behind shrubs or the corner of your home.

Thank you also to neighbors who remove debris from their carports and close garage doors. Keeping a clean area around your home keeps the neighbors happy and rodents away!

Mailbox Theft Again and Again

Mail theft has been reported several times this winter. All but one case was from unlocked mailboxes. Locking mailboxes deter theft. Maybe thieves would leave our neighborhood alone if all of us had locking boxes. Again information is on our website: uplakekenmore.org about how to organize your street to get locking boxes.

Noxious Odor

Several Neighbors have reported an odor that is irritating them. It appears it is coming from the asphalt plant near the lake. If you are affected by this, simply call the City of Kenmore (425-398-8900) to register a complaint