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the Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin



It was wonderful to see so many neighbors at our annual Holiday Wine Tasting. Many thanks to **Jon and Rebecca Rader** for again organizing the wine portion of the party and to **Carrie O'Keefe** for being chairperson.

Hope to see all of you at the February 28th Family Potluck/Annual Meeting. We will elect new officers and board members, however all current officers and board members have agreed to run for reelection! No need to listen to boring political speeches! It will also be a chance to pay your 2016 dues for which you will receive a current Uplake roster.

Several homes have recently sold in Uplake and we are busy welcoming the new owners. As the weather warms up we are sure all of you will get out to give a warm welcome to these newcomers. If you know of any new neighbors we have missed let the UNA Board know.

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Uplake's Annual Meeting and Family Potluck

Come to the family potluck and short annual meeting on Sunday. Feb. 28th, afternoon at 4 PM at Aqua Club. Gift certificates, wine, other items will be some of the door prizes! Bring a main dish, dessert, or salad to feed 10-12.

Carrie O'Keefe is the chairperson, but she needs help so call or email her to volunteer. 206-898-6224 or schadee@msn.com



Construction on Bothell Way

The City of Kenmore has received funding for the remainder of the construction on Bothell Way from 61st NE to the Lake Forest Park city limits, but it is not scheduled to begin for over a year or two as the funding is spread out over a few years.

Neighbors on our email list did receive information about the current construction project with a very thorough description of the intersection at 61st NE and Bothell Way when it is finished. Go to www.sr522kenmore.com to see it again.

New Neighbors

Please welcome **Carmen and Steve Ottavelli** to Uplake. They have moved into a remodeled home on NE 182nd. The Ottavelli's come from the Bothell area and having been looking for a home with a lake view.

Three other homes recently sold, but the families have not moved in yet as some remodel work is being done.



Another Wonderful Holiday Wine Party

Thank you to all the neighbors who helped with the annual holiday wine party. This early December event was a chance to celebrate the holiday season and visit with neighbors. Again **Jon and Becca Rader** chose and poured the wines this year. Board member Shammara Estrada assisted with the wine. **Carrie O'Keefe** chaired the event and she was helped out with decorating by **Gregg and Judy Nelson and Linda Ottmar**. This event was cosponsored with Aqua Club and their chairperson, **Kat Stimmel Leaty**, who with her husband, **John**, bought and served the food.

The best part of the party was the \$1000 we raised for Hopelink.

Holiday Light Contest

The UNA Board had a hard time picking a winner for this year's holiday decorating contest. Many families went to extra effort this year to light up their properties. There was a tie between the **Weber** home on 58th NE and the **Rader** home on 57th NE, so both earned a gift certificate to Mod Pizza in Lake Forest Park. Other homes under consideration were **Pendleton, Elliott, Hagan, Miecznikowski/Su, O'Keefe, Hunt, and Donahue**.

Holiday Lights at the Entrance

Thank you to board member **Matt Clasen** who with help from his family put up the light display at our 60th St. entrance. Matt also keeps the lights and water working at the entrances and coordinates the upkeep of the gardens.



Restaurant Reviews

Two newer dining options have come to our end of the lake. Everest Kitchen in the Lake Forest Park Center moved from its home near 145th. Many area residents have reported that the menu, featuring foods from the area of Asia around Mt. Everest, has many tasty items.

In addition, there is the Hodgepodge Café in the Uplake Towne Center, which has breakfasts, soup and sandwiches, and pasta items, has also received favorable reviews. Try them both out!

Uplake Traffic Issues

All of us were notified by postcard last fall about a meeting in early December to tell the City of Kenmore about traffic woes in our neighborhood. Two of your board members went to the meeting along with 10-15 other residents of the area bounded by NE 190th, 61st NE, Bothell Way and Lake Forest Park. Most attendees cited the same issues as concerns.

The intersection at NE 190th and 61st NE was the top issue due to sight line problems. Other problem areas mentioned were the intersection of 60th NE and NE 182nd, the lack of fog lines in all areas of Uplake, traffic using Uplake as a bypass to 61st NE, stop sign at the bottom of NE 187th, and the inability to turn left at the new stoplight(61st NE and NE 181st) during times of high traffic. Some of these issues may be resolved or lessened when construction on the Bothell Way intersection is completed.

The next step is to have another meeting to prioritize our needs. The City of Kenmore has authorized the spending of about \$17,000 to address Uplake's concerns. We will again be notified of the next meeting.

In Memoriam

Unfortunately, Uplake lost some long time residents recently. **Don Williams** passed away in November. He and his wife **Pat** moved into Uplake many years ago and Don lent his expertise to the UNA.

Samuel Rieger passed away also in November. He and his wife **Olga** had lived in Uplake for a number of years.

Rob Stimmel, son of **Bob and the late Joan Stimmel**, died in a Florida plane crash in November. Rob was raised in Uplake along with his brothers and sister.

A former long time resident known to many in the Uplake area, **Ted Kaltsounis**, passed away in December. His family of **Maria, George, Sophia, and Andreas** were well known to many area residents.

A Little Lending Library in Uplake

Have you spotted the little library on 60th NE? It is located just off 60th close to the entrance to the lower Aqua Club parking lot.

Built and maintained by the **Clasen Family** it contains books for preschoolers. Bring some and borrow some!



Trouble with White Bark Birch Trees

Have you noticed that birch trees seem to be dying from the top down? During our dry summers evidently these trees have not been getting enough water and the tops start to die out. In fact it is said that birch trees really like to grow in areas where their feet are wet like near swamps or rivers.

Several birch trees in Uplake have had this problem. What happens next is the dead top main trunk and limbs are prone to being blown off in winds. These are large and heavy and can cause damage. If you own one of these trees you may want to check with an arborist to determine if it is dangerous.



Garbage Cans out of Sight

This is a reminder to please take your cans in as soon as possible after pickup. Thank you to all residents who are diligent about this and who also hide their cans behind shrubbery, in the garage, or behind their homes.

RATS

Sorry about the topic-we have had neighbors report an unusual increase in RATS. We understand that when the weather turns cold we notice rats more as they try to find warmer places to live!! We have had residents see rats running across decks on top of railings and fences and even in cars! In addition to setting traps, some neighbors are calling exterminators. This problem is not limited to our neighborhood however, as other areas have noticed increases too.

One neighbor has had success with trapping them with a Victor Electronic Trap, available at Home Depot.

Vehicles Parked Too Long on Streets

If you notice a vehicle that has been parked too long on the street near your home call 911 to report it. The police will direct you to a non-emergency line and will want the make of the car, description, and license number.

2016
*Uplake Neighborhood Association
Family Potluck/Annual Meeting
at
Aqua Club*

Sunday, February 28th, 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

Visit with neighbors

Door Prizes

*Sponsored by the Uplake Neighborhood Association
Call Carrie O'Keefe 206-898-6224 for more information or to
volunteer to help*

*Kenmore history Book, "Kenmore by the Lake" by our own Pricilla
Droge will be for sale. Checks for \$25 can be made out to Kenmore
Historical society*

Ballot
Bring to Annual Meeting or mail with Dues

___ **President-Steve Knapp**

___ **Vice President-Carrie O'Keefe**

___ **Secretary-Linda Ottmar**

___ **Treasurer-Evelyn Williams**

___ **Board Member-Matt Clasen (2 year term)**

___ **Board Member-Lisa Berkman (2 year term)**

___ **Board Member-Hugo Draye (2 year term)**

___ **(Write In)**_____

2016 Dues Statement

Mail \$60 check to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028 or bring to potluck

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____EMAIL_____

Count on me to help at

- ☐ Holiday lights at entrance (Nov.or Dec.)
- ☐ March Annual Potluck Meeting
- ☐ Wine Tasting Party(Dec.)