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Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

You don't need to go to the New England area to see fall colors. Just drive around Uplake and look at the beautiful dogwood and choice maple trees. These trees have turned various shades of coppery red, orange and yellow. Drive further north in Kenmore on 61st NE to see a magnificent display of fall color from the trees planted on the sides of the street.



A reminder that we need to check on our neighbors whenever we have inclement weather, snowstorms, or power outages. If you have a 4 wheel drive car and feel comfortable going about in the ice and snow, be sure to ask if anyone needs help getting out. If you are someone who does need help, don't hesitate to call one of the board members. We know folks who like to drive in the snow!

Set aside the evening of Thursday, December 8th for our Holiday Wine Tasting Party. This is a festive evening for the neighbors to visit and taste wines presented by Rebecca and Jon Rader.

Our next board meeting is Wed., Nov 16th at 7 PM at Aqua Club (November's meeting will be held one week earlier due to Thanksgiving falling on November 24, 2011). There is no December meeting, but we next meet on January 25th. We welcome and encourage your attendance.

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Kenmore's New Library

If you haven't had a chance to visit our new library, make a stop soon. Some of us remember the first Kenmore Branch of the King County Public Library. It opened in 1958 in a small red barn on property adjacent to the lower entrance of Kenmore Elementary. Because the school had a very small library with few books, students went once every two weeks to the little red barn to check out books. Later in 1976 the library moved to a doublewide trailer on 73rd NE. That was its home for the next 35 years.

Because the citizens of the county voted for library bonds, the King County Library System was able to build the lovely new building. Our countywide system was named "Library of the Year" for 2011 and was the second busiest library system in the country in 2010. Keep Reading!



Be Cautious

An area resident has come to the doors of a few neighbors asking for the loan of money or equipment. Beware of this person as they rarely return the money or the borrowed items.

City of Kenmore's Help

A thank you goes to the City of Kenmore's Public Works Department. Long time neighbors, who because of health reasons, couldn't keep the plants in front of their home out of the street. A call to Kenmore resulted in a clean up the next day and the street is now safer for walkers.

Mailbox Problems Again

We have had issues with mail theft again. At the end of the summer a mailbox was knocked off its stand and found 2 blocks away. About the same time mail from boxes in Lake Forest Park was found stuffed in Uplake boxes. Also some mail was scattered on the ground. These incidents happened on 58th NE and NE 180th. None of the residents were aware if any of their mail had been stolen. Locking mailboxes are a partial solution to these problems.

Check out our website to find answers about how to secure your mail. Check under the reference section for information about going together with your neighbors to install a new metal mailbox stand.

Join us for the Holiday Wine Tasting to be held Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Aqua Club. Again the UNA together with **Rebecca and Jon Rader** will sponsor the Holiday Wine Tasting Party. Becky's company, Wine Bow, showcases their wine. As in the past we accept donations for Hopelink. Last year we were able to raise over \$300. **Geri Sanford** is in charge of this event this year and welcomes help in set up, decorations, and clean up. Contact her at 206-313-4967 or gladysanford@gmail.com

Thanks to the Unsung Helpers

Many neighbors help keep the Uplake Neighborhood Association afloat. Whenever we have to pass out flyers to remind the neighbors of an upcoming event we rely on the **McCloskey family**. **Mike** drives around the neighborhood and his children fan out and place flyers in the mailboxes.

Board member **Craig Hopkins** works to keep the lighting and watering systems operational at the entrances. He also supervises the work of the gardener there. Craig gets lots of help from volunteer **Dave Utela** on these projects.

Jenna and Jayme Swalin, daughters of Mary Lou Hill and Kent Swalin, have done the layout of the newsletters for several years. Their creativity and expertise make the newsletter so attractive and readable.

Board member **Dara Korra'ti** built and manages our beautiful website. She also keeps a backup copy of our roster and email addresses. When we need mailing labels she provides them.

Vice president **Mike McCloskey** keeps the roster current and up-to-date, adding and deleting names and making corrections as changes come in during the year.

Board member **Evie Williams** keeps daily track of mail at our Uplake email address and forwards any mail to the appropriate officer. She also regularly checks on some older residents in the neighborhood.

Treasurer **Carrie O'Keefe** monitors the post office box, pays bills, and deposits dues. In addition she has volunteered to chair social events.

Thanks to all of these people whose work behind the scenes is not always noticed.

Neighborhood Talents

If you have a talent or service you would like others to know about let Linda Ottmar know. (nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com) We can put a list of those who reply in our next newsletter. We do have in our midst two talented musicians who both offer music lessons in their homes.

Matt Edwards teaches beginning piano and guitar in group lessons.

His website is www.mattedwardsmusicstudio.com

Amy Rubin teaches intermediate and advanced piano, sight singing and theory, and beginning accordion. Her website is www.amydrubin.com



New Neighbors

Welcome these new neighbors. If there are other newcomers to the area let Linda Ottmar know so they can be introduced also.

Bill and Suzanne Murray purchased the Mooney home on 55th NE. They moved here from further north to be nearer their work. Bill is a PE teacher at Kellogg Middle School in the Shoreline district and Suzanne is a psychiatrist on the UW faculty. They have three young daughters.

Also new on 55th NE are **Pat and Janice Romeo** who purchased the Mathisen home. Originally from New Jersey, they have lived in the Seattle area for seven years and moved further north to be close to grandchildren who live in Brier. Pat is a psychiatrist who is in private practice.

Ryan Mooney and Beth Highland have bought the Morris home on NE 187th. They moved here from Queen Anne hill in Seattle, however they came here from northern California four years ago. Beth is the drama teacher at The Overlake School in Redmond and Ryan is with Hydroacoustic Technology, a sonar fisheries research firm, in Seattle.

Kevin Ord and Ida Wan have purchased the former Harvard home on 56th NE. The home had fallen into total disrepair and the new owners are taking the house down to the studs and doing a wonderful upgrade.

In Memoriam

Carolyn Basanich, former Uplake resident, passed away in October. She and her late husband Bob raised their family here and Carolyn lived in her home on 57th NE until about 2 years ago when she moved to live with her daughter in Auburn.

Priscilla Droge lost her granddaughter, Kalimba Karstan, in October. Kalimba had been close to Priscilla and had lived with her occasionally.

Entertainment Books

Do you want to buy a new Entertainment Book. The cost is \$25 for one and call **Priscilla Droge @ 425-486-4202**. The proceeds go to a fund, which the Uplake Women's Club still uses to send flowers and cards to those in need in the neighborhood.



Did You Know?

When you take a picture with a GPS enabled cell phone camera, the photo is then imprinted with the Global Positioning System ("GPS") Address of where the photo was taken. If that photo is then sent to someone via email, or uploaded onto an internet program like Facebook, the "GPS Address" (Longitude and Latitude) can be found by others.

If the photo contains information that might entice potential crooks, you may have a problem. Perhaps they might notice items that could be stolen. In addition sometime young people put photos of themselves on the internet that could attract the wrong type of admirer.

Parents might want to tell their children that posting photographs on the internet, even if no contact information is included in the message, could still allow anyone viewing those photographs to find out where the photo was taken. If it was taken in your home, then they would know where you live.

This is fairly new technology (for us, anyway) and we certainly are not experts about it. But we want you to at least be aware of it so you can do your own research and take whatever precautions you believe might be necessary. It appears to be very easy to remove the "geo tags" from your photographs before sending them via email or posting them on an online site.

Any More Deer?

Looks like the deer sightings are down, but our resident quail have been here all summer and into the fall. If you have ever wondered why we have a quail on the front of our newsletter, it's because quail have been seen in Uplake since the 1950's.

During the summer a buck was seen in back yards, munching on rose bushes and apple trees. After your editor's little dog chased it out of the yard it hasn't been seen since.



Contact Information for the Uplake Neighborhood Association

If you have neighborhood concerns, call or email an officer or board member.

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Uplake's Website and Email Address

Be sure to look at our website Uplakekenmore.org. You can find old pictures of Uplake and Kenmore, news of upcoming events, copies of past newsletters and much more.

If you need to reach someone on the board, you can use our email-uplakekenmore@gmail.com.

Dues

Recent Dues payers are J Jones, Romeo, Robinson, deCamp/Boulware. We have had a record number of dues paying members this year.

Send your \$50 dues to UNA, PO Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____