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Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

What a glorious summer and dry fall we have had, except for our one downpour. Have you taken a drive around the area to see the brilliant fall trees? You don't have to go far, as Uplake has its own autumn show.



We are pleased to finally get our landscaping project at the 61st St. entrance finished. Thanks to the efforts of several neighbors and the support of the former Uplake Women's Club we have replanted that corner. We had to obtain a permit from the City of Kenmore and comply with its conditions and regulations. Now as the winter rains descend we hope our new plants will take root and blossom into a beautiful entrance into Uplake.

Mark your calendars to come to our annual Wine Tasting event on December 5th. Invite other friends to share in this lovely event we host each holiday season.

Remember we can always use your help for our projects and events. You are always welcome to come to our board meetings (schedule in the newsletter).

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Wow, Wonderful Fall Colors

Is it because we had such a dry October that the leaves on the trees are so spectacular this year? Thanks to all the neighbors whose yards have had such bright red and gold trees this fall. All of us enjoy the colors while you rake the leaves! Especially nice fall foliage was in these yards: White, Swalin/Hill, Melvin, Kablec/Smith, Jungquist, Reed, Sayah, J Jones, Longley, Jacobsen, Garrett, C and N Johnson, and Nixon. Deciduous trees like many of these are great for our yards. They are big enough for shade in the summer, short enough to protect views, and bare enough to let in light in the winter.



Our Entrance Garden On 61st NE

It seems like it has been at least two or three years since the UNA started planning to improve the 61st NE entrance garden. The UNA waited until all the work on the stoplight was finished and then through our dry spring and summer months before attempting to replant this area.

Many thanks go to board members and neighbors who worked on the design, chose and bought the plants, and did the heavy work of moving the rocks and the planting. In addition, the plants were paid for by money held in reserve by the former Uplake Women's Club. If you see any of these neighbors who did the work on the project give them your thanks: Lisa Berkman, Steve Knapp, Carrie and Steve O'Keefe, Diane Quinn, and Jan Sholdt. Earlier in the year Shirley and Jim Palm took down our "Uplake" sign and repainted and reinstalled it. They even took it down again during the construction to keep it from being damaged.

Fall Yard Work

As the years go by many of our 40-50 year old front yards have become over-grown. Filled with large rhododendrons and juniper tams, some of them have become just one big green mass during most of the year. Many new plants and shrubs have been developed over the years that provide an infusion of color year around into yards. Some neighbors have been tearing out old out-dated landscaping and replacing overgrown juniper tams with a fresh look. Take a trip to the end of NE 183rd St to see what Nelsons and Ottmars have done recently to their front yards. Go to NE 181st and see how the Laverty/Schminke yard has been updated.

Other neighbors have taken down some dead shrubs and done pruning. Take a look at your shrubs and if they have turned brown there is a very high chance they are dead. Our very dry summer was the culprit.

News About Bothell Way And The Goat Trail

The speed limit on Bothell Way has been lowered from 45 to 40 mph. Also, Lake Forest Park police have been spotted parked at the top of the Goat Trail (at the end of NE 182nd) watching for drivers who don't come to a full stop at the stop sign on the barricade.

According to the City of Kenmore, they are in the final stages of acquiring the wider right of way to begin work on the next phase of improvements on Hwy 522. The work will cover the area from 68th NE to 61st NE. Kenmore advised us that the area west of 61st Ave NE, (including our entrance at 60th Ave NE) will not be under construction until further budgeting occurs.

Four-Hour Parking Limit

Many years ago four-hour signs were installed on portions of the streets near Bothell Way to keep those streets from becoming park and rides. We have noticed that there are some cars taking advantage of those areas and leaving cars parked there to take the bus. If this is you, remember that no homeowners want the street in front of their homes filled with cars 5 days a week. We will be contacting the Kenmore Police to patrol the area for violations.



Trucks, Trailers, ETC

Remember that there is 24-hour limit on vehicles parked in front of homes. If there is such a vehicle left for longer in front of any home, any neighbor can call 911 and will be referred to non-emergency phone number to make a complaint. You will need the license number and a description.

Beware of Person Who Borrows Tools

By email neighbors were notified of this recent incident.

In the last newsletter there was an article about an Uplake resident who has been asking to borrow money, do odd jobs, and/or borrow tools. We have just learned that he did borrow a lawnmower from a neighbor and never returned it. When the neighbor called the Kenmore Police about it, the lawnmower was located at a Lake City pawnshop. Evidently this person has pawned other items at the same place. Kenmore Police Detective Roberta Wilcox is asking for any other Uplake resident who believes they may have had items "borrowed" (mainly tools) from their home to contact her at 206-205- 1858 or by email

roberta.wilcox@kingcounty.gov

Winter Is Coming

The days and nights are getting colder. The wind is starting to blow. We have had one early storm, but more may be coming our way. It's time to check out the flashlights and lanterns and cover the outside faucets. Prepare for winter ahead of time by locating the tire chains and stocking up on deicer.

Here is a list to help you prepare:

- Fresh batteries for flashlights
- Recharge any portable lanterns.
- Camp stove or sterno burner to heat food
(*Don't use in the house*)
- Firewood for fireplace
- Plastic to cover broken windows
- Keep prescription medication refilled
- Battery powered radio
- Extra cash
- Canned goods
- Manual can opener
- Keep cell phones charged
- Have one phone that does not require batteries
- Fill car with gas if a storm is forecast
- Extra pet food



Finally check on your neighbors! If you have gas hot water, gas cook top or a gas fireplace, invite neighbors over! Stay off the roads in case of a big snow.

If you are comfortable driving in snowy weather or have a 4 wheel drive car, offer to help our neighbors who may need help getting out and about.

Wine Tasting Holiday Party



Make sure you join us at the annual UNA Holiday Wine Tasting party. It is set for Thursday, Dec. 5th from 6:30-8:30 at Aqua Club. Don't miss this festive party! During the dark days of December the Aqua Club glows with candle light and decorations as neighbors and their friends gather to visit and sip wines chosen by Jon and Rebecca Rader. Every year we collect cash donations for Hopelink. Last year we raised \$300. See the enclosed invitation for the particulars. If you would like to help, call Carrie O'Keefe @206-898-6224 or email her at schadee@msn.com

Christmas Ships

The Christmas ships are scheduled to come to Log Boom Park on Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 PM. You can usually hear the strains of Christmas carols from your home, however if you are a few blocks up the hill you may need to open your windows.



Tree Lighting Ceremony In Kenmore

Join the citizens of Kenmore at the annual tree lighting at city hall on Friday, Dec. 6th at 6 PM. There will be crafts and pictures with Santa too. Bring nonperishable food to donate to the Hopelink Food Bank.

Restaurant Reviews

Although Kenmore has a shortage of restaurants there are two in Bothell that are worth the short trip. Both of these located on Main Street in downtown Bothell. According to some of our neighbors, Pen Thai serves very good Thai food, does a big takeout business, and is full of satisfied customers. Alexa's is well known for its breakfast and lunches, but is now open for dinner too. This is another restaurant that has many loyal customers.

New Driveways

Over the past few years several neighbors have replaced old worn driveways with attractive new ones. Some homeowners have added decorative touches to the cement work and other have opted for brick pavers. Notice the work done at the following homes: Beaty, Newman, Damerow, K Williams, D and P Williams, and Wright.

Sad News

One of the "hat" ladies who walk through Uplake has passed away. Ruthie Williamson-Kirkland, who also installed the little lending library at the west end of the Goat Trail, died on Oct. 22nd. Her wacky hats brightened our days.

Some Uplake History

If you are old enough to remember the Cold War, you know about air raid sirens, drills in schools, evacuation routes, Nike missile sites and bomb shelters. Did you know there are two homes in Uplake with bomb shelters? One home has a concrete enclosure in the basement. However, the second one has a shelter that is visible from the street. Take a walk and see if you can spot this one!

2013-2014 UNA Board Meeting Dates:



Thursday, Nov. 20th, a week early due to Thanksgiving
 Dec.-No meeting due to Wine Tasting Party on Dec. 5, 2014
 January 22, 2014
 February 26, 2014
 March- no date set - Annual Meeting/Potluck. Possible dates March 23 or 30th
 April 23, 2014
 May 28, 2014
 June 25, 2014
 July 23, 2014 (Usually skip July or August meeting, no decision yet)
 August 27, 2014
 September 24, 2014
 October 29, 2014
 November 19, 2014- a week early due to Thanksgiving
 December 2014 -Wine Tasting party-no date set

All meetings at 7:00 PM at Aqua Club

Dues Can Still Be Paid

Our fiscal year goes from April 2013-March of 2014. If your name is on this list you are one of the many neighbors who has paid your \$60 yearly dues and we thank you. If you have overlooked paying your dues, consider dropping a check in the mail. If you think you have paid and your name isn't on the list give treasurer Evelyn Williams a call at 425-486-7113 or evelyn@wiseelder.com

Adams, Ahern, Alberda, Allen ,P, Anderson, L and C, Anderson, J, Ballard, Baxter, C, Beaty, Berg, Berkman, Bielawski, Carroll, Clasen, Coffey, Collins, Colquhoun/Keys, Conrad, Coombs, Daniels, DeCamp/Boulware, Detjen, Diekema, Divoky, Dolan/Hines, Donahue, Donovan, Draye, Droge, Eiford, Feldheger, Fu, Garrett, Gebhardt, Glavin, Griffith/Yakovleva, Griner, Grivas, Gross, Guy, Hagan, Hammer, Hammons/Watland, Hansen, Heine, Holmes, Hopkins, Hunter, Jen, Jensen, Johnson,L, Johnson, O and S, Jones, J, Jungquist, Kaboul, Knapp/Goetz, Kralik, Kuhner, Korra'ti, Lai, Laverty/Schminke, Lebert, Madayag, R and C, Madayag, S and O, Madden, Mann, Matthews, McCloskey, McCusker/Gehrman/Dujmovich, Montgomery, Moon/Mailheau, Moran, Morrell, Mostad/Anthony, Murray, Murphy, Myint, Nelson G and J, Nelson R and D, Newman, Nixon, O'Keefe, Olson, O'Neill, Ord/Wan, Ottmar, Palm, Price, Quinn, D, Quinn, W and B, Rader, Ragsdale, Raiford, Reddick, Richards, Rieger, Ryan, Russell, Sandbeck, Sayah, Schipanski, Schlumberger, Schoening, Shomaker, Schultz, Scott, Sevonty, Shahrazad, Shi/Young, Skold, Sholdt, Simon, Smith/Oldenburger, Sobolewski, Somoff, Stewart, Stimmel, Surdyk, Swalin/Hill, Turner, Utela, Vermillion, Wang, Walls/Colburn, Weber, Wedlund, Wilkes, Williams, D and P, Williams, E, Williams, K, Wittges, Wolf, Wright, Yushan

Dues Statement

This year's dues are \$60, an increase of \$10. Dues have not been raised for about 12 years and expenses have increased. Our postage and water, electricity, landscaping and maintenance for the entrance have increased. We have also added social events like the Wine Tasting and Easter Egg Hunt. In addition, our electrical system at the 60th St entrance needed some repairs as it was decades old. If even more residents pay their dues we won't have to consider increasing them for another 12 years!

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

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