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# the Uplake Update

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## Board's Bulletin

Our fall weather has arrived and winter is probably not far behind. We went from summer to fall almost overnight. Summer was so long and delightful that no one was left with green unripe tomatoes in their gardens! A few of us have dead or dying shrubs from lack of water though. Unfortunately they may need to be replaced.

Some homes have sold recently in the neighborhood. When you visit with new homeowners be sure and let a board member know so the UNA Board can formally welcome them.

Next up is the annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party on Dec. 4th at Aqua Club. Plan to come to this popular event. There is no admission charge but we do encourage everyone to make a contribution to Hopelink.

Be thinking about volunteering for the UNA Board. We meet once a month for an hour about 9 months out of the year. You can help keep Uplake a pleasant place to live.

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# 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
- 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
- Camp stove or sterno burner to heat food (Don't use in the house)



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.

# Holiday Wine Tasting Party

Come to the Holiday Wine Tasting Party on Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Included here is the invitation. RSVP so we will know how much wine to purchase.



## New Neighbors

Welcome to **Susan Chang and Doug Nicholson** who purchased a home on NE 182<sup>nd</sup> St. In addition to being newlyweds, they are new to the Seattle area. Doug is from Idaho and Susan from Vancouver BC, although she lived for a while in the Wallingford area of Seattle.

## Speed Bumps Coming-Hopefully Will Ease Traffic Concerns

The UNA has been successful in our effort to get speed bumps installed near the driveways to Aqua Club. Starting in January a committee of interested neighbors met to discuss the traffic issues in Uplake. The conclusion was that too many cars are using Uplake as a convenient way to avoid 61<sup>st</sup> NE.

The group discussed the most troubling spots in the neighborhood and then contacted the City of Kenmore to ask for help. The two intersections that we asked for help on were the one near Aqua Club and the one at 60<sup>th</sup> NE and NE 182<sup>nd</sup>. The city agreed that the Aqua Club site was the most dangerous and asked King County to do a traffic study there. The conclusion was that speed bumps were warranted.

An informational meeting for the neighborhood was held on July 23 at Aqua Club to explain the process. The city next asked the UNA to get signatures from 62 residents in the area surrounding that intersection. With the help of these volunteers, **Rob Nelson, Bill Weber, MaryBeth Anthony, Tina Montgomery, Colleen Anderson, John Osborn, Eileen Ballard, Courtney Gebhardt, and Linda Ottmar**, we were able to get enough signatures to OK the speed bumps.

In the meantime we have had another accident at the intersection of 60<sup>th</sup> NE and NE 182<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to let Kenmore know about our safety concerns there. If this area concerns you, you can go onto the City of Kenmore website and fill out a Citizen Request Form found under the "contact Info" tab.

## RATS, RATS, RATS

Neighbors have reported many sightings for these pests. They have been seen eating vegetables and fruits in gardens, climbing trees, and running across the streets even in broad daylight. In fact, Seattle has been listed as one of the top 10 rattiest cities in the nation! Not an honor we want to boast about.

There are several things we can do to keep the pests under control. Be sure to feed your pets inside. Rats love dog and cat food. Unfortunately, they also love birdseed. Compost piles unless tightly covered attract rats. Be sure to clean up after your dog because that is another favorite!!

Neighbors have had success with snap traps and baits. Just make sure that if you use poison that it is in an enclosed trap so that pets and children do not touch it. As cold weather comes they try to find ways into our homes. Check around your roof and foundation and caulk or place screening on any even very small openings. Stuffing steel wool into opening also helps.

## In Memoriam

Uplake lost **Kent Swalin** when he passed away from cancer in early September. He and his wife **Mary Lou Hill** moved into Uplake in 1988 and raised their two daughters, **Jenna and Jayme**, here. Kent was a very active man who pursued sailing, mountain climbing and open water swimming. He was well know for his support of Aqua Club and swam there in the early morning workouts.



## Another Graduate

Because of an error, **Hanni Feldheger**, was left off the list of graduates. She is the daughter of Jon Feldheger and granddaughter of Connie Feldheger. Hanni graduated from Inglemoor High School in June.

## Another Uplake Resident- A New Baby!!

Justin and Jamie Kelly welcomed their new son, Greyson, this past summer. He joins his three-year old sister.

## Plan for the Christmas Ships

Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:25-9:45, the Christmas Ships will be in front of Log Boom Park for their annual concert.

## Overgrown Yards

The blackberries evidently did not mind the dry weather as some are even growing out into the street. Remember to keep your vines and shrubs trimmed back to the edge of your property.

Many neighbors work very hard to have a colorful, neat, and tidy property and it saddens us to see that others let their property become overgrown and weed infested. In fact, when properties get too overgrown and run down it is a violation of the City of Kenmore code. If you feel that a neighbor is not keeping up a property, you can notify Kenmore via a phone call to the code enforcement officer.

Let the UNA know if you have an emergency situation and could use some help with your property.

## Reliable Worker List

The UNA does not endorse anyone listed here, but these are persons who have been hired by area residents.



- BHD Construction  
(Joanne Jones son-in-law)  
425-877-1825 (office)  
206-713-1748  
[www.bannisterdecks.com](http://www.bannisterdecks.com)
- Bob Hasson  
R.T.H. Construction  
206-940-8626
- Ben Gebhardt (Uplake resident)  
[www.bluesoundconstruction.com](http://www.bluesoundconstruction.com)  
206-854-6042
- Ron Maack  
Construction and Handyman  
425-205-8349  
[maackconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:maackconstruction@gmail.com)
- Window Washing  
Bothell Building Services  
425-770-227
- Rick Dilian  
Handyman  
206-729-2294
- Loyalty Gutter Service  
Contact Kevie Russell (owner)  
425-260-5465  
<http://loyaltygutter.com/>
- A Better Roofing Company  
Michael (general manager)  
Alan Scott (sales)  
206-362-3278  
<http://www.abetterroofing.com>
- Top Rated Lawns  
Felix Blanco  
425 321 8982  
[Felixrblanco@gmail.com](mailto:Felixrblanco@gmail.com)
- Lake City Plumbing  
206-546-8843
- Mark'll Fix It  
Handyman  
425-775-0104
- Collin Hards  
Yard Maintaince and Landscaping  
425-486-0719
- Back Forty Gardens  
Landscape design and installation,  
Landscape maintenance and  
renovation, Container gardening,  
Landscape consulting  
Mark Sevonty  
[msevonty@comcast.net](mailto:msevonty@comcast.net)  
206-854-4534
- Ellison Carpet Care  
Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning  
Mark Ellison (Uplake Resident)  
[206-240-9163](tel:206-240-9163)
- West Side Tree Care  
Pruning and tree removal  
Patrick  
206-280-1067

## Trees, Lawns and Shrubs Suffered

After such a wonderful summer it is hard to give in to the rains, but our shrubs, trees, and lawns need it. Some of the victims of the dry weather are the lovely white bark birch trees. If yours is dead on the top, it did not get enough water this summer. Birch trees like to have their feet wet.

## Mail Box Theft

We continue to have thefts from mailboxes. This time it happened on NE 180<sup>th</sup> and a locking box was destroyed. Make sure you buy sturdy mailboxes. Having a non-locking mailbox just encourages thieves. Residents on NE 187<sup>th</sup> have bought locking boxes and rehabbed their stand. **Cal Johnson** was seen working it one sunny day.



## Does the UNA Have Your Email Address?

Over 75% of the households in Uplake have given the UNA their email addresses. We never share your email address and always send out every announcement blind copy so no one else can see your address either. This is absolutely the most popular service the UNA has. We receive many, many kind comments on the emails we send out.

This past year we united several families with pets, sent out announcements, warned about mail theft, and caught a burglar. If you want to be added to the list just email Linda Ottmar at [nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com](mailto:nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com)

## Dues Statement

**This year's dues are \$60.**

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_





## 2014 Dues Payers

Thank you to all those who have paid their \$60 annual Uplake dues. If your name is on this list you are one of the 144 neighbors who paid this calendar year! If you think your name should be on the list call Evelyn Williams at 425-485-7113 to double check.

Adams	Gebhardt	McCloskey	Sandbeck
Ahern	Glavin	McCusker,	Sayah
Alberda	Griffith/Yakovleva	Gehrmann,	Schipanski
Allan, G and M	Griner	Dujmovich	Schoening/Bracht
Anderson, J	Grivas	Miecznikowski/Su	Schomaker
Anderson, L and C	Gross	Montgomery	Schultz
Anthony/Mostad	Guy	Moon/Mailheau	Sevonty
Ballard	Hagan	Moran	Shahrazad
Baxter	Hammer	Morell	Shi/Young
Beason	Hammons/Watland	Murphy	Sholdt
Beaty	Heine	Murray	Simon
Bean	Hines/Dolan	Mynit	Skold
Berg	Holmes	Nelson, G and J	Smith/Oldenburg
Berkman	Hopkins	Nelson, R and D	Sobolewski
Bez/Jacobsen/Carreiro	Hunt	Newman	Somoff
Bielawski	Hunter	Nixon	Stimmel
Blackburn	Hurley	Noble	Stockham
Carroll	Jen	O'Keefe	Surdyk
Clasen	Jensen	Olson	Swalin/Hill
Coffey	Johnson/Kronhein	O'Neill	Tran/Lieu
Collins	Johnson, L	Ord/Wan	Turner
Colquhoun/Keys	Jones, J.	Ottmar	Utela
Coombs	Kaboul	Palm	Vermilion
Daniels	Karvan	Price	Wadum/Chase
deCamp/Boulware	Kelly	Quinn, D	Walls/Coburn
Diekema	Kim	Quinn, W and B	Wang
Divoky	Knapp/Goetz	Rader	Weber
Detjen	Korra'ti	Ragsdale/Hines	Wedlund
Donovan	Kralik	Raiford	Wilkes
Draye	Kuhner	Reddick	Williams, D and P
Droge	Kuo	Reed	Williams, E
Eiford	Laverty/Schminke	Richards	Williams, K
Ellison	Lebert	Reiger	Wittges
Estrada	Madayag, R and C	Romeo	Wolf
Feldheger	Madayag, S and O	Roziewski	Wright
Fu	Madden	Russell	
Garrett	Matthews	Ryan	