

the Uplake Update



Candy Chute Halloween Hack
Photograph by Jenny Rosenberg

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Board's Bulletin

Hello Uplake! What a nice few days we've had. I love these cold but sunny fall days. We have spent a lot of time outdoors, collecting leaves, making the most of the good weather, and watching all the Halloween decorations go up. We are very excited to see our neighborhood getting into the spooky spirit.

With this first frost I want to remind you that it's a great time for some fall yard and home maintenance. Check those storm drains and clear them of fallen leaves and needles. My own was completely covered and I cleared it off two weeks ago. Check gutters, drain and cover your exterior faucets, cover or bring in your outdoor furniture, fertilize your lawn, and check/change your smoke detector batteries.

Our board has started meeting again, virtually. As we have not been able to hold our traditional events, it's been so fun to see board members and neighbors taking things into their own hands organizing food trucks and extra special Halloween fun (thank you Shannon Gunderson and Melissa Pendleton).

Happy fall, and as always, stay safe and see you around the neighborhood.

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New Residents and New Additions

Noticed a new resident/owners in Uplake, please let Linda Ottmar know at nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com.

UNA Activity

The UNA board is resuming and meeting virtually. We will keep you posted on our next meeting in November. For any questions on the board or to volunteer, please contact our board president, Shannon Gunderson at shannonlarae@gmail.com or 425.770.3123.

Halloween

A few neighbors have gotten together to organize some fun and safe Halloween activities for our Uplake kiddos.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Submit your pictures from now until Halloween to Melissa.S.Pendleton@gmail.com. Multiple entries can be submitted.

Halloween Decorating Contest

Time is ticking to decorate your home! Houses will be judged the night before Halloween with winners announced Halloween day.

Distanced Trick or Treating

Please follow local COVID-19 restrictions. Some ideas are to set up a table/booth at the end of their driveway or in front of their garage. Lay candy out on a table, hung, etc. so people aren't fishing through a bowl. Please wear masks during, and wear masks and wash hands when they are putting candy out/making up treat bags. Melissa has sent out a great email to outline how this will work. Remember, you can always turn porch lights on/off to show if your home is participating.

Generally, kids are out from 5:30-8pm. Please maintain your distance and respect others space.

Reminders

- **Dues** are still being collected. Please mail \$60 check to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028 or pay by Venmo. Details in our President's note.

A note from our UNA President

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful fall weather. I am writing this letter in response to Facebook posts about traffic safety in our neighborhood. The UNA has this topic on every agenda. We have had many interactions with the City of Kenmore including studies they have led on speed and traffic control throughout our neighborhood. If this is a topic you are passionate about, I see this is an opportunity for you to partner with the UNA to help our community. Please reach out to me at shannonlarae@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the UNA or contributing your time. This is a team effort and our team is small. New members are very welcome.

Due to COVID-19, the UNA has not been meeting in person since March but we keep in regular communication to address and support many topics: entrance maintenance, traffic safety, crime (mailbox and package theft), community and events, the bus stop and 522 route, architectural committee, complaints, and newsletter. The UNA is a volunteer-led organization and we need your help! We have made numerous requests to the neighborhood looking for active participants to join us. I am very grateful for the support of all our board members and active neighbors and am thankful that past members continue to be active and mentor.

Our dues are \$60 per year for the association. This provides maintenance of both entrances (landscaping, electrical, water), funds activities such as our annual dumpster/donate trucks, shredding events, newsletter, welcome baskets, community service (wine tasting and fundraising for charity), and Easter Egg Hunt. Our collection rate for dues is very low and some of this is because currently we only take checks and cash. We are excited to say we now accept Venmo payments! Many thanks to Travis Doot for figuring that out. **If you would like to make your 2020 UNA Dues payment online - look for Uplake Neighborhood Association @uplake-kenmore.**

Since our shutdown, I have noticed many people out walking with their families and pets. It is nice to see folks even from a distance! And we have many new neighbors as homes are still selling. Welcome. I loved the Alphabet Scavenger hunt and other activities to keep our kids busy. Please send us your ideas or post on our FB page.

Thanks!
Shannon