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Happy Spring!



Presidential Message

It is time again for the UNA annual meeting and potluck. This is the end of the year...and the start of the year for our Association. We want to thank outgoing Board members Warren Quinn and Elaine Sandbeck for their service on the UNA Board. Warren has done an outstanding job coordinating the maintenance of the two entrances to Uplake. Elaine has lent her talents and real estate expertise to our group.

This year at the potluck, we will be honoring three neighbor couples as *Uplake Distinguished Neighbors of the Year* for their contributions to our community over the decades: Priscilla and her late husband Leonard, Droge; Jim and Shirley Palm; and the late Marge and Howard Dale. These folk have given of their time, talents and soul to make Uplake a better place to live. We invite everyone to attend to honor these very deserving people.

A few business items:

- If you have a complaint that includes a violation of the Uplake Terrance Covenants, you must file a written complaint with the UNA specifying the violation, and what impact it has on your property. The UNA will encourage you and your neighbor to try to find a friendly solution before holding a formal hearing on the matter. Many neighbors do not know they are violating the Covenants and readily make the necessary changes to comply. This is the best option in order to maintain good neighborly relations.
- If the violating neighbor still refuses to comply, a hearing will be held with both parties having the opportunity to state their case. The UNA Board will make a ruling and notify both parties of its decision.
- This ruling can be used in court if necessary. The UNA *does not* hire nor pay for attorney fees if a neighbor must file a complaint in King County Superior Court to enforce the ruling. The UNA operations budget is funded by a \$50 voluntary annual dues fee. Most of our neighbors volunteer to pay these dues. Our annual budget would not even come close to paying an attorney if a case needed to go to court. Expenses for legal matters are the responsibility of the parties involved.

The UNA does not actively look for violations of the Covenants but will act on each and every written complaint.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as President for the past three years. It has been an honor and it is refreshing to see many of our newer neighbors stepping forward to serve. Fresh ideas and new energy is healthy for every on going organization!

Sincerely,

Mike McCloskey
UNA President

Distinguished Neighbors of The Year

Come to the UNA annual meeting and potluck on March 25th to hear about those who have been honored with the first “Distinguished Neighbor of the Year” awards.

Priscilla Droge and her late husband **Leonard** have been doing good deeds in our area for over 50 years. The **Droges** built the brick entrance way and helped in numerous other ways. **Jim and Shirley Palm** have served as board members and officers of the UNA for many years. They always worked hard to keep our neighborhood attractive and safe. The late **Marge and Howard Dale** lived here for nearly 50 years and were active on the UNA board and in keeping the entrance gardens in shape.



A Bit of History

Have you noticed the new street signs in Kenmore? The city is adding a lower sign on the corner posts that give the historical name of the street. Many of these former street names are 100 years old. NE 61st was called Cat's Whiskers Road after the café which stood at the corner of 61st and Bothell Way. Other names came from early investors or settlers in the area. Look for Remington Drive, Porter Road, Lakeview Drive, and Pontius Road to reappear! Check in **Priscilla Droge's** book, [Kenmore by the Lake](#), to find even more.

Car Prowls and Mailbox Thefts

Recent car prowls remind us all to be on the alert. Always lock your car and remove valuables. Three known thefts occurred in locked cars parked in driveways or carports. The thieves bypassed alarm systems or broke windows. In two of the cases valuable objects were visible.

Despite many locking mailboxes are now in use in the area, there is still evidence that mail has been stolen. Remember to pick up your mail as soon as possible after delivery. Always have a neighbor bring your mail in if you are going to be out of town. You can also arrange for the post office to hold your mail.

Any time you have an incident be sure to call the police. If the police know thefts are happening in our area they will patrol more.

King County Library Kenmore Branch

King County Library has purchased the building housing the Kenmore Post Office. The plan is to build a new library on that site. The new building will probably contain provisions for underground parking. At the present time the post office has a lease that will not expire for two more years. From our area are **Marcia Utela** on the Friends of the Library board and **Ann Damerow** who is a member of the Kenmore Library Advisory Committee.



In Memoriam

Four long time residents of Uplake passed away recently. **Betty LeBreton** and **Marge Dale**, who were friends and neighbors on NE 180th and were both active in neighborhood affairs, died in January and February respectively. Marge and her late husband, Howard, were responsible for much of the work done for the UNA especially on the entrances. **Joe Warrior**, who lived on NE 57th and also had been a very active board member in the UNA, died in late January. **Louis Cohn**, who also lived on NE 57th, passed away in early January.

Honor For Ian Quinn

Ian Quinn, graduating senior from IHS and son of **Diane and Sean Quinn**, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Congratulations to Ian for all of his hard work.

Yards

Michael and Candace Bratcher have relandscaped their front yard. You can admire it as you walk by on NE 58th, Again this year **Blackburns** on NE 182nd provided all of us, especially children, with much enjoyment as we watched the changing holiday seasons in their front yard.

Email Address Needed

Join the almost 100 area residents who have turned in their email addresses. In addition to getting the newsletter by email (which saves printing and postage costs), you get updates forwarded to you from the City of Kenmore, the police report for our area, and other announcements regarding safety issues in Uplake. With the money saved from mailings, the UNA board will attempt to help fund traffic calming devices and beautification efforts. Send your address in with your dues or email it to nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

Uplake Website

Be sure to go and visit our very own website designed by talented board member Dara Korra'ti. You will find lots of local information, pictures, and discussion topics. Feel free to suggest new topics. www.uplake.org



Traffic Issues on NE 61st

The UNA board still has concerns about the terrible traffic issues at the entrances to the neighborhood on 61st NE at both NE 190th and NE 181st. If you are afraid to cross those streets, contact the city council and let them know your concerns. In the fall the city council voted to delay dealing with the 61 and 181st intersection until Bothell Way is redone. That phase of the project is not expected to start for 2-3 more years. Here is the information on how to email city council members. Let them know we don't want to wait 2-3 years to get out of our neighborhood safely.

<http://www.cityofkenmore.com/dept/council/meetcouncil.html>

Traffic Calming

The UNA board is working on ideas for traffic calming devices in the area. We need to show the City of Kenmore that we are very concerned about speeding traffic. The areas of primary concern are at the curve where N.E. 60th becomes 182nd N.E. and also where 187th NE curves into N.E. 58th in front of Aqua Club. Many neighbors in those locations are afraid to even cross the street to get their mail. For more information on this topic go to the City of Kenmore's web page on this topic. <http://www.cityofkenmore.com/dept/pw/traffic/trafficalming.html>

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