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# Uplake Update

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## President's Message

Uplake Friends and Neighbors:

It's time to welcome another beautiful spring in Uplake. Even though the weather has not fully warmed up yet, signs of spring are in the air, including robins singing and blossoms and flowers blooming in our yards.

Before we leave last year behind, I want to thank former UNA Board member Gusty Lee Boulware, who resigned because of family and work obligations, for her service on the board. I also want to welcome new board members Lynette Petrie, Evelyn Williams, and Jon Rader and thank the rest of the UNA Board for their ongoing service. A big thank you goes to outgoing President, Jim Hurley, who will remain on the Board in an at-large capacity.

Our Annual Uplake Potluck Meeting in March was a great success and the UNA is grateful to the Uplake Women's Club for their hard work putting that together. Everyone appreciated all the delicious food shared at the potluck.

Finally, on behalf of the UNA Board, I want to remind all Uplake neighbors that the UNA Board meets monthly, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 7 PM at Aqua Club to discuss issues affecting Uplake. Everyone is welcome to attend. Check the Uplake website for the schedule. <http://www.uplake.org/>

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## A Bit of History

Have you ever wondered where the first school in Kenmore was? According to **Priscilla Droge**, children first started school in Kenmore in 1901 in one of the old mill shacks. The first proper school house was built in 1914 and was located next to the current Bethany Baptist Church parking lot on NE 181<sup>st</sup> St. Unfortunately it was moved in January 2009 and no one knows its current location. If you have heard of where it has gone, let Priscilla know. The school was only used for two years until Kenmore merged with the Bothell School District, Northshore SD.



The first Lake Forest Park School is still standing down at the bottom of the Goat Trail (NE 178<sup>th</sup> St.). It is the little white office that sits at the "Y" intersection. It was moved to that site after one year at the back of the Wurdemann estate (the big white house you can see from Bothell Way). It served as the local LFP School for two years until a newer school was built on the

## Aqua Club News

Did your family ever belong to Aqua Club? Do you have any former swim team members in your family? This is a call to all members and former swimmers that here is their chance to come to Aqua Club's birthday party. Aqua Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer on **July 2<sup>th</sup>** with a big party featuring swim events and food and fun. While it will be great fun to see some of those "old" members swim on a relay, this party is for all current and former members whether they swam on the team or not.

In the late 1950's when Lake Washington was too polluted to allow swimming, neighbors in Uplake and Lake Forest Park joined together to build this facility. For 50 years it has provided members and their children an opportunity to have fun and compete. The backbone of the local high school swim teams come from Aqua Club members and many area children earn college money working as guards and instructors in the summer. The **July 2<sup>nd</sup>** a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party will include swim meet events involving former and current swimmers. For more information check the website [aquaclub.org](http://aquaclub.org)

Here is the **schedule** for the **Aqua Club home swim meets and other events**. Parking is always a problem for area residents during those events.

July 2 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and Intrasquad meet  
 July 7 vs. Wedgewood  
 July 9 vs. Innis Arden  
 July 14 vs. View Ridge  
 July 16 vs. Sheridan Beach  
 July 22 vs. Kalyaha  
 July 24 "B" championships-an all day meet  
 August 5 Swim Team Banquet

## New Officers and Board Members

New officers and board members were elected at the recent UNA annual meeting. Here is their contact information:

President	Steve Knapp	485-0536
Vice-President	Mike McCloskey	485-2813
Secretary	Linda Ottmar	485-4637
Treasurer	Carrie O'Keefe	415-0781
Board Member	Colleen Anderson	485-2730
Board Member	MaryBeth Anthony	487-1113
Board Member	Craig Hopkins	486-3007
Board Member	Evelyn Williams	486-7113
Board Member	Lynette Petrie	485-4177
Board Member	Jon Rader	398-1410
Board Member	Susan Chase	415-1245



## Board Meeting Dates

The new UNA board has changed the monthly meeting dates to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. They continue to be held at Aqua Club unless there is a conflict with the club's rental schedule. The meetings are at 7 PM and generally last an hour. Occasionally meeting dates are changed to accommodate legal holidays, so watch for the sandwich board displays that are up during the week of the meeting. Be part of our efforts to help the area and join us at a meeting.

## In Memoriam

Uplake lost a long time resident when **Doreen Lapeyrouse** passed away in February. Doreen and her late husband, Jerry, moved into their home in 1958 and raised their three children here. Doreen was a faithful, long time lap swimmer at Aqua Club for years and was well known to many.

**Mary Klein**, a former Uplake resident, also passed away in February. She sold her home a few years ago to her daughter and son-in-law, **Lisa and Tim Surdyk**, who now are Uplake residents. Mary and her late husband, Dick, were past presidents of the UNA and Mary was an active member of the Uplake Women's Club.

## Uplake Women's Club

The UWC is concluding their year's activities with a May luncheon at Inglewood County Club. Watch for an announcement about the fall meeting in the next newsletter. For more information call **Shirley Palm @ 486-4481**.

## Helping Others

Many in the neighborhood do volunteer work. **Olga Rieger** was spotted playing the grand piano in the atrium at Evergreen Hospital. When she has free time, she calls and asks if she can come and play for a while. **Margaret Carroll** has done volunteer clerical work at Evergreen for over 30 years. **Bob Reddick** should be applauded for his work teaching the game of chess after school at Arrowhead Elementary. Not all of us have Olga's talent, Margaret's long term commitment, or Bob's skill, but let us know if you are or one of our neighbors is doing good things for others.

## Annual Meeting Honorees

**Charles and Agnes Divoky** were honored as Uplake Distinguished Neighbors of the Year. One of the early purchasers of a lot in 1955, they built their home two years later. Agnes has been a 50-year member and officer of the Uplake Women's Club and Charles was very instrumental in getting the underground wiring in the area. He also worked hard attempting to get sidewalks.

**Hugh and Sheila Weise** were also honored for their years of contributing to the neighborhood. Sheila has been active the Uplake Women's Club for years and Hugh served the UNA for a long time. He was especially involved in the planning for the renovation of Bothell Way and making sure that homeowners on NE 180<sup>th</sup> didn't lose any property to the expansion of the road.

Both of these couples have given countless hours of service to our area to keep it the pleasant, cohesive neighborhood it is.

## Mail Thefts, Break-ins, and Safety Tips

In the last month we have had mail thefts and one major burglary. A home on 58<sup>th</sup> NE just down from Aqua Club was broken into in the middle of the day. The family wasn't home and a rear window was jimmied. Many valuable items were taken. In this case the owners notified the police and fingerprints were obtained. Other than having an alarm system this type of burglary is hard to prevent. The rest of us need to be vigilant and report any strangers we see around.

Mail has been stolen from boxes on 58<sup>th</sup> NE and 60<sup>th</sup> Place NE. Be sure to remove your mail as soon as possible after it is delivered. Better yet get a locking mailbox!

Having the Kenmore Police volunteers check out your home while you are away on vacation is another crime prevention and safety technique. It is easy to do by just stopping at the police station in Kenmore and filling out a form. Also the post office will hold your mail and deliver it all to your front porch on the day you return. You can do this on line by going to the US Postal Service web site or by leaving a note for the mailman.

### FIOS vs. Comcast

Are you confused as to what to choose for your cable TV service, telephone, and internet provider? Read the comments from neighbors who have looked into this on the forum topic on our website.

### Ferry to Seattle?

That could have been a headline a hundred years ago. The City of Kenmore along with King County is looking into reviving that service. An informational meeting was held in Kenmore about exploring this idea. As early as 2010 some trial runs may take place.

### LFP Farmers Markets

The Farmers Market at Lake Forest Park opens for business on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Its hours are from 11 AM to 4 PM each Sunday until October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## A Walk Through the Neighborhood

Did you see the beautiful flowing cherry tree in **Palms'** yard on 60thNE? ? Even though we have had a very cold spring and many blooms are delayed, several yard had noteworthy tree displays. Many of the mature flowering trees have interesting trunks and limbs even when dormant. Other beautiful flowering cherries were in the these yards: **Johnson/ Kronheim** and **Laverty/Schmike** yards on NE. 181<sup>st</sup> , the **Bradley, Chernyak,** and **Schneider** yards on 60<sup>th</sup> Place NE and **Newman's** on NE 187<sup>th</sup> . Beautiful tulip trees (really magnolias) were seen in the **Filer** yard on NE 181<sup>st</sup> at **Meacham** on 57<sup>th</sup> NE and **Kabelac/Smith** on NE 182<sup>nd</sup>. Trees of this size are excellent for neighborhood yards and don't grow to the height of firs, hemlocks, and cedars which are really trees for the forest. Also deciduous trees don't block the sun during our gray winters.



## Website and Historic Pictures

Be sure to check out our wonderful website. Much local information is included there. Pictures from the "olden" days of Kenmore and Uplake are on the site including some recent pictures courtesy of the Shoreline Historical Museum. The address is [www.uplake.org](http://www.uplake.org)

## Reminders on Street Parking

Just a reminder to neighbors that vehicles left parked on the street for longer that 24 hours are subject to being ticketed by the Kenmore Police. Our streets in this area are wide and so this restriction includes anything past the edge of your property line. This includes travel and utility trailers and RV's.

## Update on Damage at Entrance

During the winter there was a serious accident at the main entrance to Uplake. A car slid and rolled into our entrance garden. The car ended up in the middle of Bothell Way after damaging plants, lighting and watering systems, and brickwork at the entrance. Fortunately the driver did not suffer serious injuries. **Craig Hopkins** and **Dave Utela** have repaired most of the damage, but work still needs to be done on the brick sign. We have received payment from the driver's insurance for our costs, however Dave and Craig have put in many unpaid hours doing the actual work and buying supplies. **Steve Knapp** did all the legal work dealing with the insurance company.

## Spring Cleanout and Garage Sale Time

Are you interested a community garage sale? Post your comments on that forum topic on our website to coordinate with other neighbors interested in doing the same. Maybe all can agree on an area wide date.

## Neighborhood Email Alerts

Over 50% of the neighborhood is now getting email from the UNA. The newsletter, emergency information, and general announcements come to you quickly. The email is sent "blind copy" which means that no one else but the UNA sees your email address. Be a part of this and send in your email address when you pay your dues.

## New--More Names Added Reliable Workers (CLIP AND SAVE)

Remember to get recommendations before hiring anyone. The UNA assumes no responsibility for any one from this list whom you hire.

**Appliance Express Service**  
Repairs all major appliances  
*10% off to Uplake residents*  
425-784-5234

**Adams Tree Service**  
Tree Removal  
*15% off to Uplake residents*  
Ask for Jeff to bid job.  
425-823-1846

**Pro Trim Tree Service**  
Peter Salamousen  
425-771-5006  
425-218-3694(cell)

**Paragon Design**  
Building and Remodeling  
Bill Wadum *Lives in the neighborhood and has done work for neighbors*  
206-779-6109

**BDH Construction**  
Homes and Decks  
Jerry Bannister *Lives in Bothell, has done work for neighbors, and is Lowie and Joanne Jones' son-in-law*  
206-713-1748

**Gwaz Electric**  
Electrical Contractors  
John Gwazdauskas  
*Lives in LFP*  
206-362-4710

**Noble Appliance Inc.**  
Repairs all major appliances  
425-501-3127

**Mark'Il Fix-It**  
Small repairs  
425-775-0104

**Collin's Landscaping Service**  
Weekly maintenance and large projects  
425-486-0719

**Deann Reeves**  
Window Washer  
425-941-1483

**Hillside Roofing**  
206-362-7663

**Ellison's Carpet Care**  
*Lives in the neighborhood-does carpet and upholstery cleaning*  
206-362-7663

**Jim Steele**  
Plumber  
425-451-8334

**Shine-a-Blind**  
Cleaning and repair of all blinds-  
on site or drop off  
425-771-7799

**Chuck Owens**  
Painter, interior and exterior  
425-747-2516

**Custom Touch Electric**  
John Gary  
425-248-3868

**Kinsey Pressure Washing and Painting**  
Exterior and interior painting  
Kevin Kinsey  
206-715-3193(cell)  
425-776-4782

**Tanya Clarke Landscape**  
Maintenance, pruning, planting,  
weeding, pressure washing  
425-335-4849

**Painting America**  
Exterior and interior  
Pam Brookes and Dave Rushing  
*Live in Bothell*  
425-488-1192

**Intermountain Glass**  
Windows  
425-486-6162

**Sound Chimney**  
Cleaning and Repair  
425-672-0946

**Patrick Gniot**  
Window washing  
BBS, Inc.  
425-770-2271

**Unique Custom Painting**  
Omar Thurston  
*Craig Hopkins' nephew*  
206-218-9037 (cell)  
253-856-0638

## Dues Statement

2009 dues are now due. Mail \$50 to UNA, PO Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028

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