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# Uplake Update

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## Board Bulletin

Again we were amazed by the 4th of July fireworks display. Every year more of our residents invite friends to share our wonderful vantage point. The streets were filled with others who have found our prime viewing spot.

After having just two homes listed for sale in the past year, we notice a few more "for sale" signs going up. Others realize what a jewel of a neighborhood we have here at the end of the lake. You can't beat the cohesiveness of Uplake, the proximity to the lake and bus lines, and good schools. Be sure to continue to welcome our new residents.

Thanks to all who continue to work hard on their yards and keep our neighborhood a very desirable place to live, even though the summer heat has made this a bit more difficult!

The UNA board will not meet in August, but will resume our meetings on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 :00 PM at Aqua Club. Please come with your concerns and ideas!

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## Fourth of July!

Thank you to the city of Kenmore and several business sponsors for the wonderful fireworks display. The show gets better each year. Many neighbors plan parties for the day and conclude with all guests getting a front row seat for a great show.



## New Neighbors

Welcome new neighbors, **Kris and Melissa Gustafson**, to Uplake. They purchased a home on 57<sup>th</sup> NE. Kris was raised in Tennessee, but Melissa is from the Edmonds area and even swam for Aqua Club's competitor, Klahaya.

## Is the Water Pressure Too High-Too Low?

Many homes in our neighborhood experience high water pressure. Because the Northshore Utility District gets its water supply from the City of Seattle's Tolt River at a high elevation in the mountains, it is at a higher pressure that most homes need. The water district recommends a pressure of 80psi. Above 100psi, the pressure could cause pipes to spring a leak. Some homes in our area have had pressure as high as 120psi or more.

The district will come and check your pressure if you suspect it is too high. The district can also tell you over the phone what the pressure is generally on your street. If a pressure relief valve needs to be installed, most likely it is a job for a plumber.

If you have the opposite issue of low water pressure, the cause may be corroding pipes inside your home or a shut off valve that is not fully open. If the pressure is fine at an outside hose bib near where the main line comes into your home, then the problem is with the pipes inside your home. This is another job for a plumber!

## Aqua Club News

Aqua Club's competitive swim season is over for the year. For 13 and ½ years the team had not lost a dual meet. They had 93 wins in a row until this year when they lost to Sand Point Country Club. At the Seattle Summer Swim League All City Meet they placed 4<sup>th</sup> among 16 swim clubs. The team is coached by several Uplake area residents, **Mike McCloskey, Pete Colella, Casey Colella, Chrissy Baumgartner, Claire McCloskey**, and 22 year veteran head coach **Matt Edwards**.



## Recent Graduates

**Nina Jouval**, daughter of **Tamara and Eric Jouval**, graduated from Inglemoor High School's medical science program and is now a licensed nursing assistant. In June she competed in Florida at the HOSA (for students interested in health occupations) convention. She is planning on attending community college while she explores prospective majors. This summer she is traveling to France to visit relatives.

**Kenny Surdyk**, son of **Tim Surdyk, and the late Lisa Surdyk**, graduated from Inglemoor High School and plans to attend University of California Davis on a Provost Award Scholarship to study Electrical Engineering. At Inglemoor he was captain of the swim team and the water polo team and won awards as the Best French student and Best AP History student. He currently is a guard at Aqua Club.

**Sarah Fu**, daughter of **Wayne Fu and Hway Ming Wang**, graduated from Inglemoor High School and is going to attend Edmonds Community College with plans to transfer to Western Washington University or Washington State University.

**Josiah Clarke**, son of **Katy Clark and Pete Colella**, graduated from Inglemoor High School with a full IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma. He is heading to Lake Forest College in Illinois to study business and economics. Admitted to the Honors Fellow program, Josiah received the Presidential Scholarship and the Patterson Academic Scholarship. Because of his IB Diploma he will be a semester ahead. While in college he will compete on the swim team.

**Mollie Hansen**, daughter of **Kai and Ann Hansen**, graduated from Inglemoor High School with an IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma and was a National Merit Scholar. While at Inglemoor she was on the swim team and co-president of Model United Nations. She is planning to attend the University of Rochester in New York to study biomedical engineering.

**Rima Kaboul**, daughter of **Sherri and Chaouky Kaboul**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Seattle University. She double majored in French and Philosophy and had the highest GPA in both departments. She was also awarded the President's Award for the graduating senior who had maintained the highest GPA throughout her four undergraduate years.

**Kevin Eiford**, son of **Don and Alice Eiford**, graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**Sam Berkman**, son of **Jeff and Lisa Berkman**, graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Geology and is teaching golf at Jackson Golf course while he looks for a position in his field.

**Emily Quinn**, daughter of **Diane Quinn and the late Sean Quinn**, graduated from Boston University with a major in English. She is going to be studying in London and hopefully do an internship with a publishing house, as that is her ultimate career goal.

**Lauren Elliott**, daughter of **Tom and Christie Elliott**, graduated from Washington State University with a degree Strategic Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations, and also a minor in Spanish. She passed the WSU writing portfolio with distinction, representing the top 10% of WSU students in terms of writing abilities. Her plan is to move to Los Angeles in the winter to pursue a career in Public Relations.

## Mail Theft Again And Again

In early summer we had another case of mail theft. Neighbors spotted a person, driving a blue 2 door blue Lexus, stop and pull mail from boxes along NE 187<sup>th</sup>. The same day mail was stolen along the "Goat Trail" in Lake Forest Park. Within a week a neighbor found discarded junk mail in shrubbery. Later in July more stolen mail was found on a property on the "Goat Trail". Neighbors also reported mail stolen on NE 57<sup>th</sup> on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Much of the found mail had Kenmore addresses. Again this is a reminder that those who have locking mailboxes don't experience this problem.

Locking mailboxes are a real deterrent to thieves. If all of us had locking mailboxes the thieves wouldn't even come into Uplake! You can purchase locking boxes at most hardware stores. Some of the wider boxes will not fit on our current wooden stands, especially if the whole stand converts to new boxes.

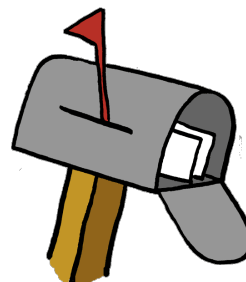
The mailbox brand, Mail Boss, is a very sturdy box that is difficult for thieves to break. This brand is manufactured by Epoch, headquartered in Redmond. They offer discounts to groups of neighbors who convert to these boxes. For those residents who want a new mailbox, but just don't want to have to install it on their stand, you can hire Mark Woislegel of Mark'll Fix It (425-775-0104) to do the installation.

Another solution is the CPU type box which one street in Uplake went together and installed about 5 years ago. It also protects outgoing mail from theft. Check out this unit on NE 183<sup>rd</sup> St. While there is an initial expense, this stand is very popular with those residents.

Look here for information about locking mailboxes:

Uplake website: [www.uplakekenmore.org](http://www.uplakekenmore.org)  
(Under reference tab)

Epoch Manufacturing: [www.mailboss.com](http://www.mailboss.com)



## A New Reliable Worker List

One of the most frequent questions the editor gets is, "Who is a good .....?" Fill in the blank with gardener, electrician, plumber, roofer, or contractor. You get the idea. The last time we did this was 2-3 years ago, so we need our list refreshed. Send your ideas to **Linda Ottmar** (425-485-4637) or email [nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com](mailto:nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com)

## In Memoriam

In the past few months three residents passed away and unfortunately we did not hear about these until recently.

**Mark Swenson** died in December 2013. He leaves his wife, **Karan** and son **Jacob** in the neighborhood. His mother-in-law, Uplake resident, **Vera Collins**, also survives him. Mark and his family had lived in the area since 1997.

**William Montgomery** passed away in October 2013. His wife, Joanne (Beckton), survives him. He had been living in Uplake during the last few years after he and Joanne had married.

**William Schoening** passed away in February 2014. He and his wife, **Carm**, who survives him, had lived in the area for many years, as he grew up in Lake Forest Park.

## Traffic Improvements Coming

A committee of board members, **MaryBeth Anthony, Linda Ottmar, Steve Knapp, and Rob Nelson**, and a representative from Aqua Club, **Bill Weber**, met in the winter to discuss traffic concerns in Uplake. Several problem areas were identified. Traffic avoiding 61<sup>st</sup> was a major topic. Morning rush hour traffic enters the area at NE 190<sup>th</sup> and then exits up NE 187, 60<sup>th</sup> NE or NE 182<sup>nd</sup>. In the evening this is reversed. Speeding cars and the volume of traffic are the complaints.

After meeting with the City of Kenmore, an agreement was reached to ask King County do a survey of the issues in Uplake. King County's report was made available to residents by email this summer. The major recommendation is to install speed humps near the driveways to Aqua Club. The intersection near Aqua Club is thought to be the most dangerous in the neighborhood due to the pedestrian traffic.

Our next step is to obtain signatures from the neighbors affected by the speed humps before construction can start. **During August and September we will attempt to contact all residents who live on 58<sup>th</sup> NE, 56<sup>th</sup> NE, 55<sup>th</sup> NE, and NE 187<sup>th</sup>. The city would like all neighbors on those streets affected by the speed humps to sign a petition asking for them to be installed.**

While this isn't the solution to all of our traffic concerns, it is a step forward. Up to this time we have been told that the City of Kenmore would not install speed bumps or humps. With this decision the hope is that traffic will decrease. If it doesn't, more speed humps might be a solution.

## Kenmore Business Registration

The City of Kenmore now requires, as of March 2014, businesses that have gross incomes of over \$12,000 to register. The fee ranges between \$21-29 and can be done online. This requirement is in line with many other cities in the state. To apply online go to:  
<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/citycounty.aspx>

## Is Your Name of the Dues Payers List?

Thank you to all of the area residents who have paid the \$60 annual dues. You are helping maintain the entrances and pay for social events. If you think you have paid in 2014, but don't see your name, check with treasurer Evie Williams at 425-486-7113.

## Dues Statement

**Join many others in the neighborhood in paying your UNA dues. Help pay for the upkeep of the entrances, the newsletter and our social events.**

2014 Dues Statement

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

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

Count on me to help at\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday lights at entrance (Nov.or Dec.) \_\_\_\_\_March Annual Potluck Meeting\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Egg Hunt \_\_\_\_\_Wine Tasting Party(Dec.)





## 2014 UNA Dues Payers as of August 5, 2014

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