

the Uplake Update



Bring on the tomatoes!

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Board's Bulletin

Hello Uplake! What a gray and cool June we are having. I am looking forward to the fourth of July and the official Puget Sound start to summer. I am making a mental shift to summer vacation as kids are officially out of school - and out and about. They are riding bikes and scooters up and down streets and taking walks with new furry friends. Please be sure to slow down when driving through the neighborhood.

On my own walks, I love seeing the graduation signs for our 5th graders, high schoolers and college graduates. Congratulations! These are unique times and it is heartening to see how our community continues to come together to celebrate. I've also noticed how all this forced time at home has really brought out our home improvement spirit. Everyone's yards and homes are looking great!

My family and I also participated in the General Strike 2020 in support of Black Lives Matter. After a few month absence, the Lake Forest Park for Peace group returned with their weekly Saturday protest on June 6, to support this important issue. They are there every week from 11am-noon. There are many resources available to get involved and to help talk to your family about race. It is amazing to see our neighborhood be a part of this important movement.

As always, stay safe and see you around the neighborhood.

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New Residents

A huge welcome to all our new Uplake Neighbors!

KaLynn and Trevor Gates purchased a home on NE 180th St last July and we are sorry for the delayed welcome. Previously they lived in downtown Seattle for 4 years. Originally, they are from Oregon.

Originally from Florida and Alabama, Derek and Christina Schiefer moved here with two children age 6 and 8 from Kirkland where they have lived for the past two years. They bought a home on 57th Ave NE.

Nathan Lauffenburger and Anna Valore purchased a home on 56th Ave NE. Anna was raised in Kenmore and graduated from Inglemoor in 2002. Nathan is an oceanographer who works for NOAA at Sandpoint and Anna is a manager with Starbucks and they have already heard about Aqua Club.

Bill and Bridget Weber come from Detroit and have five children who all moved to Seattle from Michigan. They had to follow their children and grandchildren and purchased a home on 58th Ave NE across the street from their son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Sherry Weber! How lucky to have all their family so close by. Bill says he doesn't mind the rain since you don't have to shovel it!

Morgan Lucey and Josh Modrzynski have purchased a home on NE 184 th St. They lived in Seattle for 2.5 years after coming here from Wisconsin and Kansas.

Lee Vogstad and Yuki Watanabe have purchased a home on NE 181st St. They moved here from Bothell where they lived for a few years. Yuki is from Japan and Lee was raised in Canada. They

have an 8 year old son who goes to Lockwood Elementary.

Christine and Clint Hass are the new owners of a home on 60th PI NE. They are former Seattleites having lived in Ballard. They have two children a four year old girl and a 14 month old boy. Anxious to join Aqua Club they have already added their name to the wait list.

Laura Stewart and Bradley Mott have purchased a home on NE 180th. They moved here from Queen Anne, but Laura was raised in Mount Vernon and Brad is from Wisconsin where they met in dental school. They each have a dental practice in the new building across from Kenmore City Hall and behind Safeway. They have two daughters ages 4 and 14 months.

New Additions

We have a new Uplake Baby! Maria and Ryan Rosensweig welcomed another son, Hart Benjamin, just before the holidays. He joins his almost 2 year old brother, Red.

If you have noticed other new residents/owners in Uplake, please let Linda Ottmar know (nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com).

Graduates!

Billy Surdyk (son of Tim Surdyk, Nancy Markham, and the late Lisa Surdyk) is an Inglemoor High School graduate, valedictorian, 3x waterpolo captain, and 2x swim captain. He is an Aqua Club swimmer, lifeguard, and instructor. Billy is headed to University of Rhode Island to study data science on a President's Scholarship for 4 years.

Zach Anderson is graduating from Blanchet High School and will be attending University of Washington in Bothell in the fall.

UNA Activity

The UNA board typically meets on the last Wednesday of every month at the Aqua Club. These days we're sending emails but still keeping our eyes out for our neighbors. If you have any questions, see something you want to report, or have any ideas, just shoot us an email. When we've returned to normal we would like to see more neighbors get involved either as a board member or an occasional visitor. We are always happy to have a fresh voice and volunteers. We will keep you posted on our next meeting.

Our two **Uplake entrance improvements** are proceeding. We are working with our landscaper on dates. We are also hoping to have our **annual Spring Clean Up**. We are working out logistics for the dumpster and donation trucks. Stay tuned. We will send out an email with additional information.

Neighborhood Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our winners!! Charlotte (age 12) submitted an awesome video of neighborhood wildlife. The King children submitted deers and this bold racoon below. David (age 10) shared a Garter snake which has put me on edge! Thank you everyone who participated. We'll have another challenge for the Fall.



For any questions on the board or to volunteer, please contact our board president, Shannon Gunderson at shannonlarae@gmail.com or 425.770.3123.

Reminders

- **Dues** are still being collected. Please mail \$60 check to UNA, P.O. Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028.