

President Message

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It was great to see our UNA Safety & Security meeting so well attended in October at Aqua Club. We especially want to thank Officer Mark Childers of the Kenmore Police Department for taking the time to share many helpful tips on how to reduce the risk of burglaries and thefts in Uplake.

The UNA Board is making the following items a priority to help better protect our neighborhood. The key to success depends on each home participating.

- **Locked Mail Boxes** – Get together with your neighbors and purchase a set of locking mail boxes. Home Depot and Loews have attractive boxes starting in the approximately \$70 - \$140 range. These boxes will deter most of the mail thefts and more importantly send a message to thieves that “we are watching.” If a thief drives into Uplake and sees that everyone has locked boxes, they will move on to an easier target. If you are a victim of mail theft call the police, your bank and the Post Office.
- **No Soliciting Signs** – Neighbors are encouraged to post “No Soliciting signs on the doors or driveways. Burglars routinely scout a home out by acting as a solicitor for a worthy cause or product. Several North Seattle neighborhoods are identifying “aggressive solicitors” who knock loudly to see if someone is home. If you answer they go into their sales routine. If not they break in or scout out your house for a future break in. If our local school kids are doing a food collection drive, we can send an email to the UNA list for donations.
- **Block Watch Program** – We encourage everyone to form a Neighborhood Block Watch Program. Contact the Officer Mark Childers at 206-296-5020 for information on how to get one going. It’s free!
- **House Checks** – The Kenmore Police Department will visit your home and give you tips on how to make your home more secure. They will also check on your home when you are on vacation but you have to notify them in advance.
- **Lock your Doors & Windows** – Unfortunately, we live in a time when we have to lock doors even if we are home. Several of our neighborhood burglaries over the past year have occurred when the resident is home. Also, remember that sliding doors can be lifted out of the guides from the outside. Check with your hardware store for products that will prevent this.
- **Lighting** – Thieves do not like lights. Installing light sensors on outside lights will discourage most thieves.

Report all Burglaries/Thefts – The police department charts areas that are having problems. If we do not report break-ins or suspicious activities/people, they will not raise Uplake on the priority list. Unfortunately, the police are spread thin in Kenmore, like most cities, but they will respond if we all report problems. They even encourage you to call if you are not sure something is amiss. Officer Childers said to report suspicious strangers in the neighborhood too. They get to “know” certain people and see if there is a pattern of crime occurring when the stranger is present. It does not mean they question each stranger but the police do know a lot of problem characters already and can scare them off before a crime occurs.

We hope these tips help and please call us know if there is anything more we can do for you. Over 90% of residential crime is meth/drug related. It is not going to go away anytime soon so it is up to us to make adjustments.

Mike McCloskey
UNA President

A Bit of History

Present day Bothell Way is a descendant of the “Old Brick Road” which connected Lake Forest Park and Bothell. Constructed in 1915, it connected Bothell and Kenmore to Seattle via what is now Lake City Way, which formerly was called Bothell Boulevard. Everett was connected to Bothell via the Bothell-Everett Highway so all traffic from the north wound through Bothell, past Kenmore, through Lake City and the University District, and on to downtown Seattle. A portion of the brick road can still be seen next to Wayne Golf Course. Until the construction of US 99 in 1939 the only way between Everett and Seattle was to take the Interurban or drive right past Uplake. Aren’t we glad there is a more direct route today?

For more information on Kenmore’s history you can purchase Priscilla Droge’s book, [Kenmore by the Lake](#) at Ostroms.

Traffic On N.E. 187th

There has been concern about speeding traffic coming down N.E. 187th(steep hill) and then rounding the blind corner near the Aqua Club. Especially in the summer there are children walking on the sides of the streets. Board member, **Elaine Sandbeck**, has agreed to circulate a petition asking the city of Kenmore to devise a traffic calming device. If you are interested in this project and perhaps helping Elaine, call her at 206-390-9781.



Holiday Displays

Blackburns, on NE 182nd, again had a fantastic display for Halloween. Their Christmas decorations are up and putting the rest of us to shame. Children, and those not so young, enjoy the extra effort these neighbors put forth.



New Board Members and Officers

At the annual meeting March 27th new board members and officers will be elected. If you are interested in any of these positions be sure to contact **Mike McCloskey** at 485-2813. The board meets about 10 times a year for a meeting that lasts just about an hour. The meetings are conducted in a very business like fashion since most board members work and don’t have a lot of extra time. Some board members are asked to take on a project that benefits the neighborhood. Examples of some past projects are heading up the entrance committee, being the contact person with the city, researching new mailboxes, rewriting the bylaws, or exploring traffic calming devices.

Trees and Hedges

Kudos go to those neighbors who have taken down trees. They are setting an example to others. Not only do trees block views, they also take sun away from property owners who live to the north side of trees. Some yards become so shady that plants, gardens, and lawns no longer thrive as they should.

Hugh Weise helped organize a group who paid for trees to come down on N.E. 180th in order to improve views. Thirteen families helped pay for a project to top and remove trees from **Walter Odom’s** property. The **Knapps** and **Palms** took trees down and are pleased with how the project opened up their yards. Thanks to all the thoughtful residents.

Remember when you choose trees to plant those whose growth habits will make you a good neighbor. Forest trees should not be planted in urban neighborhoods. You are also responsible for damage done to a neighbor’s home if your tree should fall on it. With the wet weather and strong winds blowing up the lake, this is a risk. There are many beautiful trees that grow slowly, mature to a more manageable height, and provide privacy for your yard. Possible smaller trees are: Korean Dogwood, various small maples, Redbud, Smoketree, Sumac, Witch Hazel, and Flowering Plums or Crabapples.

According to our covenants, hedges need to remain at the 6 foot height allowed for fences. Trees planted as a hedge also need to be kept at the 6 foot level. Several neighbors have had to be reminded of this part of the covenants.

Uplake Terrace Covenant Reminder

Remember we are a neighborhood of **single family homes**. We cannot rent out portions of our homes to an unrelated person. **That means we can't turn a basement into an apartment and rent it to a non-family member.** Also our covenants prohibit using our yards to run a business. **No vehicles, equipment, or other paraphernalia related to a business can be stored on any part of a lot.** We may have a home business provided there is no visible portion of it outside the home.

If you have questions regarding covenants refer to the title to your home where the covenants should be attached. If you suspect that a neighbor may be violating the covenants, be sure to let a board member know so it can be investigated.

Neighborhood Thefts

In August our neighborhood experienced thefts from open garages and carports. Again in October there was an attempted theft where a car window was smashed. We also had mail stolen from mailboxes in May and neighbors on the "Goat Trail" in Lake Forest Park had mail stolen again last month. It is important to call 911 to report all thefts to the Kenmore Police Department and file a police report. By doing this Kenmore will be able to track where thefts are happening and perhaps patrol those areas having trouble.

Many neighbors are installing locking mailboxes. Some have been purchased from Home Depot and others have been ordered online from Steel Mailbox Company. It is difficult to find boxes that are narrow enough to fit on our stands. Be sure to measure before you order. Website- <http://www.steelmailbox.com/index.htm>

IHS Girls Swim and Dive Team

For the third straight year the Inglemoor Girls' Swim team won the 4A State Championship. Many of the team members also swim for Aqua Club in the summer time. From our area are **Jayne Swalin, McKenzie Nakamura, Chrissy Baumgartner, Kelsey Bresnick, and Katherine Ratliff.**

Meaghan McCloskey also swam in the state meet for Bishop Blanchet High school in the 500 Free, 100 Fly, and anchored the 200 Free Relay.

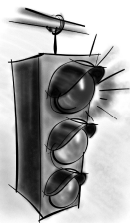
Landscaping Projects

The **Bratcher** and **Coffey** homes are re-landscaping their front yards. As our homes age, so do our yards and new looks perk up the whole neighborhood. Thank you for your efforts.



Stoplight on 61ST N.E.

Installation of a stoplight at the intersection of N.E. 181st and 61st N.E. is on the agenda of the Kenmore City Council meeting in January. Residents will be notified by email for when and where the meeting will occur.



Email Addresses

The UNA board has been able to use our email notification system a few times this fall. We used it to remind residents of the security meeting in October and also about the thefts from yards and garages, the mail thefts, and the newsletter. We send our the emails "blind" which means no one else sees your email address. If you want to be included on the list send your address to UNA secretary, Linda Ottmar, at nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

List of Reliable Workers

Here is a list of people who have done work for some residents and come recommended. The UNA Board does not imply any responsibility for these recommendations. If you have any others you would recommend, please contact Linda Ottmar at 425-485-4637

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

Washington Energy Service
(Window, furnace, AC
installation)

Mark'll Fix-It 425-775-0104
(Does small repairs)

Collin's Landscaping Service 425-486-0719
(Does weekly maintenance and large projects)

Bill Small 206-367-2747
(Large and small remodeling)

Jim Berg 425-742-5392
(Large and small remodeling)

Deann Reeves 425-941-1483
(Window Washer)

Paragon Design
(Building and remodeling)
Bill Wadum
(Lives in the
neighborhood and has done
work for UNA members)
206-779-6109

Hillside Roofing 206-362-7663
(Roofers)

Ellison's Carpet Care 206-240-9163
(Lives in the neighborhood-does
carpet and upholstery cleaning)

George Pala 206-369-8438
(Electrician and Plumber)

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

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

Pro Trim Tree Service
(Tree Removal)
Peter Salamonsen
425-771-5006
425-218-3694(cell)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the UPLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Passings

Margaret Alexander passed away last spring and **Bill Filer** died in November. We extend condolences to both families.



Coyotes and Small Animals

Coyotes are always present in our neighborhood, but recently one was seen in the broad daylight and it had killed a cat in a back yard. Small animals are particularly susceptible to these predators, so keep an eye on your pets.

Your \$50 2006 Dues are Overdue

Dues Paid

A. and P. Allen, Alexander, C. Anderson, M. and J. Anderson, Ballard, Basanich, J. Baxter, Berg, Bez, Blackburn, Bradley, Carroll, Cayou, Chang, Chin, Clements, Coffey, Conrad, Divoky, Donahue, Donovan, Droge, Dublin, Feldheger, Filer, Glavin, Gray, Guy, Hol, Holmes, Hopkins, Houg, Hough, Hunter, Hurley, Jen, Jensen, I. and J. Jones, S. Jones, Jungquist, Kablec/Smith, Kite, Korra'ti, Knapp, Kuhner, Lapeyrouse, Lebert, LeBreton, P. and C. Lee, Lieberman, Lin, Madayag, Madden, McCloskey, Moon, Moore, Moran, A. Myint, Y. and S. Myint, G. and J. Nelson, R. and D. Nelson, Newman, Nixon, Oberg, Odom, O'Keefe, Olson, O'Neill, Ottmar, Palm, Petrie, Price, S. and D. Quinn, W. and B. Quinn, Ragsdale, Reddick, Reed, Richards, Reiger, Ryan, Sandbeck, Schipanski, Schomaker, Schultz, Sevonty, Sheffield, Shi, Sholdt, Schoening, Simon, Skold, Sobolewski, Somoff, Stimmel, Stockham, Surdyk, Swalin/Hill, Taylor, Turner, Utela, Vermilion, Von Bargaen, Wadum/Chase, Warrior, Werth, D. and P. Williams, E. Williams, K. Williams, Wolf, Wright

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