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# Uplake Update

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## Board's Bulletin

Uplake Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! The Uplake neighborhood spirit was alive and well during the holidays. This winter snow brought us outside to walk, sled, and most importantly check in with one another. We have heard countless examples of neighbors helping others by shoveling driveways, pushing cars out of snow ruts, and sharing firewood. Although the snow is gone, let's keep this neighborly "mojo" alive this year and beyond.

Please consider volunteering to be an officer or board member of the Uplake Neighborhood Association. The time commitment is not much, but the need is great to continue the helpful spirit and cohesiveness of our neighborhood.

Jim Hurley, President  
425-487-2962





## UNA Annual Meeting and Potluck

Mark your calendars for our **annual meeting and potluck dinner on March 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Aqua Club. A social hour, dinner and short meeting with election of officers are the agenda. You will receive another reminder in March.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Kenmore Police Department's volunteer house check program could use 2 more helpers. The commitment is 4 hours per month. Women and men are welcome. You need to pass a background check, be finger printed, and be able to drive a police traffic car in order to participate. You can contact Officer Mark Childers at [Mark.Childers@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Mark.Childers@kingcounty.gov) or call him at 425-398-8900. There is also information at <http://www.ci.kenmore.wa.us/dept/pd/HouseCheck.html>

## A Chance to Be of Service

Are you interested in helping the neighborhood? Can you spare one evening a month for an hour? The UNA Board wants interested neighbors to serve as officers and as board members. Call **Jim Hurley at 425-487-2962** or **Linda Ottmar at 425-485-4637** for more information. Board positions are two-year terms and officer positions are one-year terms. We promise that the meetings only last an hour!!!

## Entertainment Talent Needed

Can you juggle, tell jokes, sing or dance? Entertainment is needed for the annual meeting/potluck on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Give Linda Ottmar a call if you can help us have some fun that evening. Let us know of any entertainment you can suggest. We are able to give a small stipend as payment.

## Website

Don't forget to look at Uplake's wonderful website, **Uplake.org** We continue to get favorable comments on it. Board member, **Dara Korra'ti**, is responsible for its design and maintenance. There is a wealth of information, blogs, and pictures available on it. If you are planning to list your home for sale make sure your realtor knows about our website. Information about the UNA, Kenmore, Aqua Club, Women's Club, and



## Be Cautious

We continue to have reports of a person going door-to-door asking to do jobs for neighborhood residents.

Unfortunately, incidences of unsatisfactory work being performed have continued to be reported. We caution you to ask for recommendations from anyone before you hire workers.

Also there were reports made to the Kenmore Police on Dec, 16<sup>th</sup> regarding a stranger who was wandering early in the morning in the neighborhood. One home reported an attempted break in. Be sure to keep all doors locked.



## Safety Tips

**Officer Mark Childers** from the Kenmore Police Department met with the UNA Board at the October meeting. He outlined Kenmore house check program. While you are away on vacation, volunteers will check on your home about two times per week. They even walk around your property to check to see if anything is amiss. You may sign up for this program on line at or by going to the police station.

Officer Childers recommends having your home well lit. He even leaves his outside lights on all night. He suggests trimming shrubs up from the bottom, having no valuables in plain sight, and having an alarm system. Locking doors and windows is especially important. Car prowls have been a problem and again he says all valuables, CD's, tools, computers, and cell phones should be out of sight and removed from cars at night.

## Traffic Calming

Board members, **Mary Beth Anthony** and **Steve Knapp**, are working with Kenmore on ideas for traffic calming devices in the neighborhood. According to Officer Mark Childers, the Kenmore Police traffic car and radar gun are available to citizens who want to slow traffic down in neighborhoods. The UNA is planning to ask Kenmore to use the portable radar reader around the area of the Aqua Club early in the summer and near the intersection of 60<sup>th</sup> NE and NE 182<sup>nd</sup>. If any residents are interested in helping with traffic calming contact **Mary Beth** at 425-487-1113.

## Reminders on Street Parking

Just a reminder to neighbors that vehicles left parked on the street for longer than 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.

## Cats and Coyotes

Yes, we have wildlife in the neighborhood. Raccoons are nightly visitors all over the area, but the animals that give us the most grief are coyotes. Recent sightings this past fall have been on the goat trail and the pipeline. One was seen with a cat in its mouth right in the middle of the day. So much for the belief they are nocturnal.





## A Bit of History

Do you know the history of the Burke Gilman Trail? It started as the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad from Seattle in 1885 and reached Kenmore in 1887. It went on to Bothell, Woodinville, and Issaquah and as far as North Bend and Arlington. Although primarily used for logging, a daily passenger train did serve the area. There was a flag stop station in Kenmore across Bothell Way from where Kidd Valley now is. Seattle residents would come out on Sunday excursions to see the wilderness and could go as far as Snoqualmie Falls.

Before Lake Washington was lowered 16 feet due to the construction of the Ballard Locks, the rail line ran right next to the shore of Lake Washington. After 1916 lake bottom was exposed which provided more room for buildings. Sheridan Beach homes, Kenmore Air Harbor, and the cement plant are all built on former lake bottom land.

Thomas Burke and David Gilman were the principal owners of the early railroad that was later sold to Northern Pacific and then Burlington Northern. In the 1970's it was abandoned and Seattle and King County acquired it for a bike/walking trail naming it after the railroad's early owners.

*Some material for this article was taken from Priscilla Droge's book, Kenmore by the Lake, which is still for sale at Third Place Books, Ostroms. and from Priscilla. It is also available at the King County Library.*

## Restaurant Reviews

A recent Seattle PI review of the new restaurant in Bothell, **Preservation Kitchen**, was very positive. It is located in the old brick home next to Yakima Fruit Market. The phone # for reservations is 425-408-1306. See [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/food/395265\\_rest09.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/food/395265_rest09.html)

Another area lunch and breakfast favorite is the **Maltby Café**. Also the Seattle Times and the Seattle PI both recently touted **The Breakfast Club** in Lake City. See [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/food/395262\\_eat09.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/food/395262_eat09.html)



## In Memoriam

Uplake lost long time resident, **Lu McCarthy**, in December. Lu moved here in 1970 and lived on 57<sup>th</sup> NE with her late husband, Bob, and 5 children. Lu was an avid tennis player who was known to many on the Aqua Club courts.

An early resident who passed away also in December was **Ella Jane Detrich**. She and her family moved into their home on NE 180<sup>th</sup> in 1955. Ella Jane and her late husband Bob were some of the organizers of the UNA and the Uplake Women's Garden Club.



## New Residents

**Jeff and Lisa Berkman** and their three children have purchased the Dale home on 180<sup>th</sup>. They are moving from Bothell and are very familiar with our neighborhood as they have been active at Aqua Club.

**Al and Connie Spann** are renting the home at 5834 NE 181<sup>st</sup>. They moved from Minnesota to be closer to their new twin grandsons.

Coming from Seattle, **Amy and Brad Adams** purchased the former Lyons home on 184<sup>th</sup> NE. We welcome them and their new baby to the neighborhood.

If there are other new area residents, please let the UNA know by calling Linda Ottmar at 425-485-4637.

## Thank You

Thank you to **Craig Hopkins** for his work on the main entrance. He and his helpers, **Dave Utela and Warren Quinn**, work to keep the lights on and the watering system functioning. Craig also installed the holiday lights.

Thank you to all of the neighbors who checked on all of the rest of us during the recent snowstorm. Those with four-wheel drive made calls to others asking if they needed anything at the store. Neighbors were seen shoveling snow for elderly residents, helping cars stuck in the snow, and delivering hot meals to those house bound. All of this makes it a wonderful place to live.

## Uplake Neighbor of the Year Award

Last year the UNA honored long time residents, **Marge and Howard Dale, Priscilla and Leonard Droge, and Jim and Shirley Palm** for their years of service to our neighborhood. Please submit your nominations for the 2009 award to **Jim Hurley** at 425-487-2962 or **Linda Ottmar** at 425-485-4637

## More Dues Payers

Since the last newsletter more dues have been received for the 2008 year. The latest dues payers are: **M and J Anderson, Baxter, Blackburn, Cayou, Collins, Eiford, Gunderson, Holmes, Hunt, Jouval, Kaboul, Kou, Matthews, Olson, Rader, Shahrazad, Turner, Wedlund, Wolf, Wright, and Yushan.**

## Reliable Workers List (clip and save)

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

**Noble Appliance Inc.**

(Repairs all major appliances)  
425-501-3127

**Mark'll Fix-It**

(Does small repairs)  
425-775-0104

**Collin's Landscaping Service**

(Does weekly maintenance and large projects)  
425-486-0719

**Deann Reeves**

(Window Washer)  
425-941-1483

**Hillside Roofing**

(Roofers)  
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

**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)

**Gwaz Electric**

Electrical Contractors  
John Gwazdauskas  
(Lives in LFP)  
206-362-4710

**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 Iowie and Joanne Jones' son-in-law)  
206-713-1748

**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

**Shine-a-Blind**

(Cleaning and repair of all blinds-on site or drop off)  
425-771-7799

**Sound Chimney**

(Cleaning and Repair)  
425-672-0946

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