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the
Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

As we approach spring, it looks like we have escaped any major windstorms and had no power outages. However the UNA Board urges all of the area residents to be sure to look out for other neighbors who may need help during emergencies.

After years of volunteer work on our entrances last year the board voted to hire professional help. We were fortunate to find a person who did a great job of caring for the gardens, however she is cutting back her workload and we are actively looking for a replacement.

Our annual meeting/potluck is set for Sunday, March 27th at 4 PM. This year we are encouraging families to come and promise to have a very short business meeting. This will be a good chance for us to meet all the new neighbors and their children.

Remember you are all welcome to come to any UNA Board meeting. We usually meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at Aqua Club. Exceptions are March and December when we don't hold monthly board meetings.

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Annual Meeting/Family Potluck

Come with your families to our potluck dinner and annual meeting.

We are trying a new time and format for our annual meeting/potluck. The date is Sunday, March 27th, 4:00 PM, at Aqua Club. This will be our yearly chance to vote for board members and officers, briefly hear about our activities and read a treasurer's report.

Families are asked to bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to serve 8-10.

Election Ahead

Are you interested in spending one hour a month to help the neighborhood? That is all it takes to be a board member and come to the hour long monthly board meeting. Let Linda Ottmar-nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com-know so we can include your name on the ballot. We promise that you will be unopposed so no campaigning will be necessary!

Uplake Website

Have you looked at Uplake.org lately? **Dara Korra'ti** has done a beautiful job of building and maintaining our website.

Do you have events Kenmore or Uplake Events to add to it? How about pictures? Are there any forum topics you want to discuss?

Let Dara Korra'ti know at darako@murkworks.net

Find a Buddy Family

After reading about the Madison Park neighborhood in Seattle setting up a system to check on neighbors in case of emergencies, board member Evie Williams began a discussion about formalizing our plans in Uplake. Remembering our recent snow and wind storms your UNA board is asking each family to find another family to be a buddy. We especially urge younger families who perhaps drive 4 wheel drive cars to buddy with those neighbors who are more fearful to venture out during storms. Many neighbors already informally do this, but let's make sure we have taken care of all who might be in need.

Shredding Event

Last year's shredding event was successful as about 30 dues paying members took advantage of the large commercial shredding truck. We had planned to do this every other year, but will consider doing it again this summer if there is a large enough request. If you are in need of this service, let **Steve Knapp** know.

UNA Records

Thanks to **Steve Knapp**, UNA president, all of the UNA's past records have now been scanned and are on a computer disc. This eliminated the need for large boxes of stored papers cluttering up officers' basements! Thanks, Steve.

New Neighbors

Robin and Bob Hill have purchased the LeBreton home on NE 180th. They formerly lived in the Fremont district of Seattle and are already planning upgrades to the home.

Carl and April Lunak, former residents of the Arrowhead area of Kenmore, have purchased the Basanich home on 57th NE. They had two small children, Olivia and Clayton. April graduated from Bothell High School and Carl grew up in Shoreline. Already they are on the Aqua Club waiting list!

Mike and Tina Montgomery purchased the Petrie home on 58th NE. They moved here from Kirkland. Already members of Aqua Club, they were anxious to be closer the local swim facility. Their children are Dillon and Lucy.

Don Beaty, who purchased the Cayou home on NE 182nd, finished with the remodel work and has moved in. He formerly lived in north Seattle and is excited to be close to the Burke-Gilman Trail as he is a biker. He was happy to find a home in our neighborhood as he has been checking us out for a while.

Speeding Cars

With more families with small children living in the neighborhood and lots of walkers, remember that the speed limit is 25 MPH. Many, many cars are going much faster than that as they swoop down our hills. Some neighbors have even suggested that we request Kenmore to lower the limit in our area.

Update on Stoplight

The City of Kenmore hasn't forgotten the stoplight at NE 181st and 61st NE. The engineering studies are still under way. The money has not been received from the federal government or from the state yet, however Mayor Baker assures us that the light will be coming.

Oh Deer!

Last summer neighbors were very surprised to see a deer walking down NE 182nd and 57th NE. We thought this was a one time event. However during the fall and winter deer have been seen all over the area walking right through yards. Now the large shrubs at the 60th NE entrance have been eaten by deer. We will be checking to find plants that are more deer proof.

No one knows where the deer live. Maybe they come from the green belts in Lake Forest Park or as far away as Swamp Creek Park. Now we need signs that warn drivers about wildlife on the road!!



Deer walking on 60th Avenue NE

Ladies out to Lunch

Uplake women are lunching together a few times a year. If you would like to join the group contact Joanne Jones at 425-488-2382 and she will see that you are called with a reminder for the next outing. They plan to meet each other at the March 27th Potluck Dinner and in May will gather at Inglewood Country Club.

Trucks, Trailers, Campers, Boats and Cars

Do you have any of these parked indefinitely in front of your home? Did you know that no vehicle can be on the street for more than 24 hours? Citizens can call the police to have these tagged and then the vehicle has to be moved within 24 hours or it is towed.

Wine Tasting Party Successful

Our December Wine Tasting party was another success. Thanks to **Jon and Rebecca Rader** who again put on a lovely event. Wine Bow Group provided American and Australian wines for tasting. The UNA provided appetizers and desserts. Thanks to neighbors, **Judy and Gregg Nelson, Linda Ottmar, MaryBeth Anthony, Carrie O'Keefe, Evie Williams, and Ray and Nawal Sayah**, who decorated the Aqua Club for the occasion.

Next year we would love to have you extend an invitation to your friends who live near Uplake, but don't receive our newsletter or email. Have them join us at our Wine Tasting Party.

Holiday Lights

Driving around the neighborhood during December many homes had lovely displays. These caught our attention: **Nelson, Maurer/Nambo, Damerow, Weber, Swalin/Hill, and Tatick/Bengston**. The board promises that our own entrance lights will be put up next year!!

In Memoriam

Former Uplake resident, **Doris Clements**, passed away in November. She and her late husband, Glenn, were long time residents. Doris moved to a retirement home about 3 years ago. Many area residents attended her memorial service and Evelyn Williams received this nice thank you for Doris's daughter." Uplake people were all that way. They had such a wonderful sense of community in that neighborhood; it's rare to find that nowadays. People were really intentional about getting involved in their neighbors' lives and being supportive of their families. I always thought that was such a special part about living there. Please pass this thought on to the Uplake Ladies when you see them, and tell them thanks from all the Clements kids for coming to share in our memorial celebration. "

Another resident, **Ioworth Jones**, passed away in early December. He and his wife **Joanne** have lived here for about 12 years and have been terrific supporters of neighborhood activities. Many neighbors joined the Jones family and friends at the memorial service.

Longtime resident **Walt Carroll** died January 28th. He and his wife Margaret raised their family here and were always active participants in neighborhood activities.