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Uplake Update

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Board's Bulletin

After our mild winter, spring is in full bloom in Uplake. Neighbors have been working in their yards earlier than usual this year and their efforts are apparent. The Uplake Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce that after years of relying on volunteers to weed and plant our entrance gardens we have contracted with Rebecca Loveless to do our entrance maintenance for us.

The UNA Board wishes to thank the Uplake Women's Club for their help and planning for the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner in March. Several new neighbors were present to share the great food and entertainment.

Special thanks go to Jordi Bengtsson and Steve Tatick for opening their home and yard to the neighborhood's children for our first ever Easter Egg Hunt. Despite the cool, windy weather the youngsters had a ball. The parents had a great time watching the kids, meeting each other, enjoying the treats, and staying close to the bonfire!

Thank you also to Jim Hurley and Lynnette Petrie for serving on the UNA Board and welcome to Hugo Draye who was elected as a new board member. Craig Hopkins and MaryBeth Anthony have graciously agreed to serve another two-year term on the board.

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Easter Egg Hunt Success

What a thrill to see all of the “little” neighbors and their parents at the Easter Egg Hunt at the home of **Jordi Bengtsson and Steve Tatick**, who organized this huge event. About 30 youngsters searched for eggs in their backyard and they and their parents were treated to prizes, coffee, candy, and pastries. The Uplake Neighborhood Association and the Uplake Women’s Club helped sponsor this event. Special thanks go to **Steve and Jordi** for all the work they did preparing for this.



Fourth of July Celebration

Planning has just begun for a neighborhood 4th of July celebration. Since we have such a great view of Kenmore’s Fireworks, let’s have a neighborhood barbeque and gather to view the fireworks. If you want to help plan this, contact **Carrie O’Keefe @ 415-0781**. You’ll get more information by email when we get closer to the 4th of July.



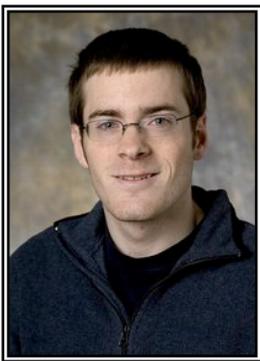
Lovely To Look At

Have you seen all the beautiful flowering trees in the area? Thanks to these families for planting and maintaining them: **Schultz, D and C Anderson, S and D Quinn, Grivas, Ryan, Wedlund, Palm, Noble, Melvin, Kabelac/Smith, Utela, and Detjen**.

Sue and Greg Gross were seen spending many hours working on their yard as were **Diane and Sean Quinn**. Both look park like.

Prestigious Math Award To Uplake Resident

Will Johnson, son of **Cal and Nanette Johnson**, was named a Putnam Fellow. This award comes as a result of Will being one of the top five finishers in the annual contest sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. Will is a junior at the University of Washington majoring in math and computer science and is the first UW winner since the contest started in 1938. This year’s other top finishers were from MIT, Harvard, and Yale. The award carries with it a \$2500 prize.



Will was also named the Junior Medalist at UW for the best overall academic record of all juniors. His other honors include being a Washington Scholar, Robert C. Byrd Scholar, National Merit Finalist, and a Mary Gates Honor Scholar his freshman and sophomore years.

Will is a graduate of Inglemoor High School and attended Kenmore Junior High, Kenmore Elementary, and Shelton View Elementary. His mathematical prowess was noted early when he began reading his mother’s college level math books in grade school.

Entrance Maintenance

The UNA has contracted with a garden maintenance firm to keep up our entrances. Rebecca Loveless, who has worked for neighbors, will now be weeding for all of us. She will also plant annuals that will be provided by the UNA and the Uplake Women's Club.

Over \$200 to Hopelink

Voluntary contributions at our Holiday Wine Tasting Party amounted to over \$200. A check was sent to Hopelink for their outreach efforts to provide food and housing.

New Residents

Welcome to the neighborhood two new families. **Bill and Sherry Weber** bought into the former Coffey home on 58th NE. They have two small children and formerly lived in the Arrowhead area of Kenmore. They are already acquainted with many of the neighbors since they are members of Aqua Club.

Amanda and Bill Bielawski and their young son moved from Bothell to Uplake recently. They purchased the former Oncken home on 60th NE. Already the Bielawskis have been at the potluck and the Easter Egg Hunt!

2010 Dues are Due

Those who have paid as of 4/ 13 include:

D and C Anderson, Anthony/Mostad, J and V Baxter, Bengsstom/Tatick, Berkman, Bez, Bielawski, Carroll, Coffey, Collins, Detjen, Draye, Droge, Griner, Hol, Hunter, Jensen, Johnson/Kronheim, I and J Jones, Knapp/Goetz, Korra'ti, Lapeyrouse, Laverty/Schminke, Liberman, McCloskey, Moore, Moran, Myint, G and J Nelson, O'Keefe, Ottmar, Owen, Palm, Petrie, Price, W and B Quinn, Rieger, Ryan, Skold, Sobolewski, Stimmel, Vermilion, Warrior, Wedlund, E Williams

Additional neighbors may have already paid, but have not yet been processed, and we apologize for not yet including those names in this newsletter. They will be listed in our next newsletter.

If you haven't paid your 2010 dues of \$50 please mail them in. Send to UNA, PO Box 82644, Kenmore, WA 98028

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Annual Meeting and Potluck

Thanks to the Uplake Women's Club who did the planning and set up for the annual meeting and potluck dinner. Colorful decorations and wonderful food greeted neighbors. **Dara Korra'ti** entertained us before dinner and neighbor, **John Osborn's** Dockside Quartet sang after dinner.

Hugo Draye was elected as a new board member and **Craig Hopkins** and **MaryBeth Anthony** were reelected, as was the entire slate of officers. Thank yous were extended to **Lynette Petrie** and **Jim Hurley** for their services on the UNA board. Contact information for officers and board members follows.

President	Steve Knapp	485-0536
Vice-Pres.	Mike McCloskey	485-2813
Secretary	Linda Ottmar	485-4637
Treasurer	Carrie O'Keefe	415-0781
Board Member	Colleen Anderson	485-2730
Board Member	MaryBeth Anthony	487-1113
Board Member	Craig Hopkins	486-3007
Board Member	Evelyn Williams	486-7113
Board Member	Hugo Draye	485-5155
Board Member	Jon Rader	398-1410
Board Member	Jordi Bengtsson	424-3180



Please contact board members if you have a concern or if you would like to volunteer to help on any issue in the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report

The latest treasurer's report as of February 2010 showed a balance of \$3666.05 in checking and \$5608.18 in savings. Your \$50 dues help pay for the maintenance, water, electricity, and plants at the entrances; the printing and mailing of newsletter to residents; printing the roster; liability insurance for the board members; website costs; and social events. In addition, after years of relying on volunteers to maintain the entrances the UNA Board has now entered into a contract with Rebecca Loveless to maintain the two entrances at a cost of \$1620.

Do you want to help?

The UNA would like to spread bark or topsoil at both entrances after the planting of summer annuals is finished. If you would like to help out give Craig Hopkins a call @ 486-3007.

Emails Needed

If you aren't on the UNA's email list send your email address in. We currently have 140+ emails. You get updates on any emergencies and reminders about neighborhood events. We never share your email with anyone else as all messages are sent out blind copy. If you aren't getting email notices from the UNA send your email address to Linda Ottmar at nealandlinda.ottmar@verizon.net

Aqua Club's Swim Meets

Every summer there are a few nights we really have parking issues in Uplake. When Aqua Club hosts home swim meets, parking becomes a problem for those who live within 2-3 blocks of the pool. Crowds start to gather as early as 4:00 or 4:30 PM as some of the younger swimmers have their own "pre"meet. Here is a list of the home meets.

June 5 Time Trials(Sat. AM)
 June 12 Time Trials(Sat. AM)
 June 24 vs. SandPoint
 June 29 vs. Blue Ridge
 July 6 Aqua Club(intra squad meet)
 July 13 vs. Sheridan Beach
 July 27 Northern Division Girls' Prelims (very large meet which starts about 2:00PM)



Dead Trees and Shrubs

Every year in the Spring we all notice those shrubs and trees which didn't make it through the last year. Last summer's very hot and dry conditions seemed to take a toll on some yards. Unfortunately your leafless tree or brown shrub is probably not alive and needs to be cut down or taken out. Please call your favorite gardener or check out some of the yard services listed in this issue to give you a hand.

Shred Your Paper Documents

Do you have papers too important to put out for recycling? The UNA has the solution. Sometime in early summer there will be a paper shredding event! A large commercial shredder will be made available for **dues paying members**. Watch for further notice by email. If you don't have email, ask a neighbor who does to let you know when the date is announced.

Water Pipe Problem

As our homes age we encounter more maintenance problems. One expensive issue is the deterioration of the main water line coming into our home. Several homes in the neighborhood have recently faced this issue.

A very large water bill is a sure sign you have a water leak somewhere between the meter and your house. It is the homeowner's responsibility to have the line repaired. This often entails digging a trench to the home to replace the line. A temporary solution is to just fix the leak. That really doesn't do anything to help the deteriorating pipe though. A way to check if you have a leak is to turn off all the water in your home and then check to see if the meter is still spinning. We hope it isn't!

The Northshore Utility District is quite understanding about the problem and will adjust your bill somewhat if you repair the leak within 30 days of finding it.

New-More Names Added Reliable Workers (clip and save)

Remember to get recommendations before hiring anyone. The following names were suggested by UNA residents based upon satisfactory experiences. The UNA does not endorse nor assume any 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
425-486-0719
(Does weekly maintenance
and large projects)
425-486-0719

Deann Reeves
(Window Washer)
425-941-1483

Zoltan Marton
Green State Painting
425-876-8207

Hillside Roofing
206-362-7663
(Roofers)

Ellison's Carpet Care
(Lives in the neighborhood-
does carpet and upholstery
cleaning)
206-240-9163
206-526-7903

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)

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 lowie 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

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

Patrick Gniot
Window washing
BBS, Inc.
(425) 770-2271

Unique Custom Painting
(Craig Hopkins'nephew)
Omar Thurston
206-218-9037 (c)
253-856-0638

Reliable Workers List Continued:

Chuck Owens

Painter interior and exterior
1-425-747-2516

A Step Above Window and Gutter Cleaning

Steve Lovejoy
425-802-4489

Harley Exteriors-Window Cleaning

Ask for Adam
866-981-5982

Paul's Fixit and Repair

Handyman: Carpentry, Decks, Electrical
Plumping and General Repairs
Paul Denham
206-226-4406

Masterpiece Gardens

Artistic and Healthy Tree Trimming
Randall Routt
425-232-4177

Loberg Roofing

Based in Lynwood-25years experience
425-775-2276

Chris Smith

Housecleaner
206-683-9095

Randy Iwen

Remodeler (Kitchens, bathrooms)
206-412-0487

Tim McGruder

General Contractor
425-457-0465
tmcgruder@gmail.com

Bladeworks

Hugh Lade
Knife and Tool Sharpening
206-524-7591
www.bladeworkseattle.com

Fischer Plumbing

Major work (new water lines, big leaks,
etc.)
206-285-4081

Steve Ryder

Gutter and Window Cleaning
425-422-9754
ryderinc@msn.com

Doug's Wasp Collections

Doug Cheney
No charge wasp and bee removal
425-485-0103

The Garden Coach

Rebecca Loveless
Design consultation/fine gardening
360-563-2774
206-290-9301

Bell Wallcovering

Bob Bell, Jr. (grew up in Kenmore)
Wallpaper and Painting
206-367-3037